

WALK ROUTE



- 1 Waystation & The Wilson**
 187 Church St – Year-round program shelter & permanent housing. This is the first building COTS purchased in the early 1980s.
- 2 Main Street Family Shelter & Main Street Family Housing**
 278 Main St – Emergency Family Shelter for 10 families opened in 2002. Adjacent is Main Street Family Housing, permanent, deeply affordable housing for families opened in 2024.
- 3 First Congregational Church of Burlington**
 38 S Winooski Ave – Rest & refreshment stop.
- 4 Smith House**
 30-32 N Winooski Ave – Transitional housing opened in 2002.
- 5 St. John's Hall**
 184 Elmwood Ave – Permanent housing opened in 1991.
- 6 Firehouse Family Shelter (walk-by)**
 120 N Champlain St – Emergency Shelter for 5 families opened in 1988.
- 7 COTS Main Facility**
 95 North Ave – Housing Resource Center with homelessness prevention services, Daystation, COTS administrative & development offices



Battery Park

Before the Walk, meet Champ, grab water from the Timberlane Dental tent, and enjoy music by Jenni Johnson & the Jazz Junketeers. After the Walk, groove to Goldhammer while Ben & Jerry's treats you to ice cream.

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Waystation & The Wilson

Music by Joe Cribari, Summit Properties water station

The Waystation is a 36-bed overnight shelter for adults age 18 and older. The Waystation is open 6:00 p.m. - 8 a.m., 365 days a year. The Wilson has 22 single-room occupancy units (SROs) and a manager apartment, all providing permanent affordable housing.

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Main Street Family Shelter & Main Street Family Housing

Music by 95 Triple X, greeted by Ted E Bear, UVM Medical Center water station

Opened in 2002, this facility provides emergency shelter for 10 families. It is open and staffed 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Adjacent is Main Street Family Housing, a multi-family apartment building that provides 16 units of permanent, deeply affordable housing for families. Opened in 2024.

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First Congregational Church of Burlington

Performance by Dixie Six, beverages by Starbucks, snacks by Sugarsnap VT, North Country FCU water station

The first COTS Walk kicked off April 1, 1990 from First Congregational Church of Burlington.

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Smith House

Music by Star 92.9, small water station

This COTS facility, opened in 2002, provides seven transitional SRO units and two permanent apartments to formerly homeless individuals and families.

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St. John's Hall

This COTS facility, opened in 1991, offers permanent, low-cost housing. There are 18 SROs and four apartments.

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Firehouse Family Shelter

Music by Mikahely, Lake Champlain Chocolates

This former fire station became COTS' first emergency shelter for families in 1988. Five families can stay here. Firehouse is open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

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COTS' Main Facility

Music by The Willoughbys, greeted by Rally Cat, Birdseye water station

This is COTS' main program facility which was fully renovated and expanded in 2017. The building includes:

The Daystation is a daytime drop-in center open 9 a.m.-5 p.m., 365 days a year. A noontime meal is served daily and staff connect guests with an array of COTS services and community resources. The program also offers to guests access to mail, internet, laundry and shower facilities.

The Housing Resource Center is COTS' homelessness prevention initiative. We help people at risk of becoming homeless retain their housing. We also help people move more rapidly from shelter into sustainable, permanent housing. Housing Navigators help guests overcome obstacles to housing, too.

There are 14 permanent affordable apartments for people who have experienced homelessness.

COTS Administrative and Development offices are also located here.

During the Walk, scan the QR code on the posters at each site to learn more and see inside!

WALK SAFETY TIPS:

- Stay on sidewalks.
- Cross **ONLY** at designated points with crossing guards.
- Wait for traffic lights.
- Snacks and water available at designated stops.