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**Garden Atrium,
Burlington, Vermont,
United States**

Altro Stronghold™ 30

Dependability sprouts at the Garden Atrium

Fire pits. Greenery. Heavy timber. The Garden Atrium at the University of Vermont Medical Center didn't just fill the final shelf space – its project design embraced elements of the Vermonter way.

The Ambulatory Care Center, constructed 12 years ago, left a blank space to eventually house a cafeteria and lounge. Now, providing a calming, restorative space, the Garden Atrium connects visitors and family members to the outdoor gardens, and some produce, herbs and spices used in the food can be seen growing from the cafeteria.

Scott + Partners Architects of Essex Junction, VT chose Altro Stronghold 30, and not just for its excellent slip resistance. Being right above a laboratory space and adjacent to a formal meeting room, they needed quiet flooring. Altro Stronghold 30 provided the necessary acoustics – it's much quieter than quarry tile.

The other hospital kitchens use quarry tile, so Scott + Partners sought a higher quality product for the Garden Atrium – mainly due to grout

joints, which deteriorate over time and can become a hotbed for germs and bacteria. With welded seams and an integral coved base, Altro Stronghold 30 avoids all of quarry tile's issues, looks much better than unappealing grout and performs better.

Choosing the color Russet for a room that both embodied gardening and looked out over vegetables was inconsequential dressing atop their greenery theme.

"The installer was briefed on all necessary technical details and specialty items like floor sinks, seams, coving up the walls, terminations, etc., and the installation went flawlessly," said John Alden, a Principal at Scott + Partners Architects.

Responsible for this flawless installation was Future Floors of Colchester, VT, doing a superb job with the flooring.

According to Alden, the dependability of Altro throughout the many years they've used our products brought them to using them once again.