


# Historic Downtown Bangor Route



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- P** Parking
-  Start/Stop

..... Distance 1 Mile

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## **The Strand Theater (10 Broadway)**

The Strand Theater was the brainchild of Ralph Sobelson, a Hungarian immigrant, who also opened the Strand dress shop on Broadway and two other movie theaters in Bangor and Roseto. Mr. Sobelson started showing “talking” pictures in 1929 and continued to show movies here until he retired in the 1970s.

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## **Original Merchant’s National Bank (39 S. Main St.)**

The original Merchant’s National Bank was designed by Philadelphia architect T. Frank Miller in 1890. When the bank relocated in 1939, Robert H. Steinmetz donated the building to the Borough as a permanent home for Bangor Library and as a memorial to his wife. The library continues to serve the Slate Belt community today.

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## **Lehigh and New England Railroad Freight Depot (29 N. Main St.)**

The station at 29 N. Main was actually the Lehigh and New England Rail Road Freight Depot. Built in 1909, the Lehigh and New England Railroad Freight Depot connected Bangor’s products to major markets via sidings that ran through the Flory Milling and Manufacturing properties and took a northern route on tracks that roughly followed Route 191 toward Roseto.

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## **Original Bangor Town Hall (30 N. 1st St.)**

The original Bangor Town Hall was designed by Philadelphia architect William Bretherick in 1907. It housed community services like the Borough offices, the fire and police departments, and a four-story clock tower that continues to ring every hour. Today it is home to the Slate Belt Heritage Center and the Bangor Police Department.