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## **Protecting & Preserving a Back Bay Brownstone** *Restoration Success at 393 Commonwealth Avenue - Boston, MA*



**Property Manager:** Clarke Property Management  
**General Contractor:** Alpha Weatherproofing Corp.

**OVERVIEW:** It's essential to perform routine and long-term building envelope maintenance at regular intervals in order to protect and preserve valuable historic buildings.

**THE ALPHA SOLUTION:** The Alpha team performed several services to protect and preserve the prominent Back Bay Brownstone building at 393 Commonwealth Avenue in Boston, MA.

### **PHOTO DESCRIPTIONS:**

#### **FRONT ELEVATION (1)**

Aging sealant was removed and proper backing material and sealant was installed around the window perimeters. Step cracks were repaired and minor repointing was performed.

#### **SIDE ELEVATION (2)**

A vine growth covered the side elevation with many roots 2-3 inches in diameter, which kept the masonry constantly damp.

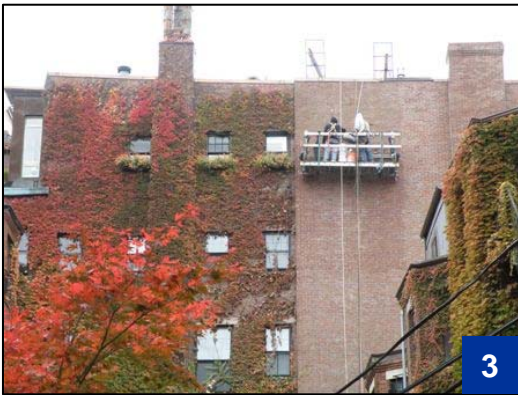
To restore the masonry to like-new condition, the Alpha team removed the mortar and repointed the brick masonry.

Alpha also replaced masonry on the upper 15 feet of the wall damaged from the vines.

#### **(3 & 4)**

As the project progressed, the vines were removed and the surface was pressure washed to remove a layer of mold and dirt.

This project was successfully completed before winter's harsh elements and freeze-thaw cycles began.



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