African American Waterfront Heritage Trail Update

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Thank you to members of the African American Heritage Trail Committee past and present: Councilman John Chapman, Susan Cohen, Gwen Day-Fuller, Indy McCall, Maddy McCoy, Krystyn Moon (Chair), McArthur Myers, and Ted Pulliam.

- Overall Project Goal: To highlight the contributions of Black Alexandrians, free and enslaved, to the history of Alexandria’s waterfront. Guided by principles of the Waterfront History Plan (2012).
- Two trails spanning just over 3 miles linking OTN (Montgomery Street) and Jones Point Park. North Trail launched 2021. South Trail will launch Feb. 4.
- Available as a website and as a self-guided online StoryMap that allows you to walk the trails with your phone and experience 30 stops covering over 2 centuries of history.
• Currently have funding to transition approximately ten stops along the virtual African American Heritage Trail into physical signage this fiscal year

• Seeking quotes from a vendor to provide design, fabrication, and installation of the signs

• Anticipate 10 signs and 2 orientation stations

• Some of the signs are proposed to be installed in City parks – bringing history to residents and visitors as they enjoy our popular outdoor open spaces

• Each sign correlates to a stop on the north or south route of the African American Waterfront Heritage Trail
African American Heritage Trail Signs

https://www.alexandriava.gov/historic-alexandria/alexandria-heritage-trail
Proposed Orientation Station Locations

1 – Outdoor Orientation Station
2 – Indoor Orientation Station
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Proposed Sign Locations

1 – Retrocession Sign, facing east

2 – Fishtown Sign, facing west

Founders Park
Proposed Sign Locations

3 – African American Neighborhoods, sign facing west

* - RiverRenew signage for historic West’s Point
Proposed Sign Locations

African American Heritage Trail
South Waterfront Route from the Foot of King Street
4 – George Henry, Enslaved Ship Captain
5 – The River Queen
6 – Point Lumley and Ship building
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Windmill Hill Park

7 - Hayti
8 – Civil War Neighborhoods

9 – Zion Baptist Church  10 – Torpedo Factory
African American Heritage Trail
CELEBRATE THE LAUNCH OF THE NEW SOUTH ROUTE OF THE AFRICAN AMERICAN WATERFRONT HERITAGE TRAIL

FREE EVENT
SATURDAY, FEB 4
10 A.M. - 12 P.M.
ALEXANDRIA HISTORY MUSEUM AT THE LYCEUM
Questions or Comments?

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