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# **Project Update and Public Open House**

# **Alexandria Waterfront Implementation Project: Flood Mitigation and Lower King Street Improvements**

March 26, 2024

# Introductions





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# **Key Objectives**

#### The City seeks to implement the Waterfront Implementation Project to:

- Mitigate stormwater and the most frequent tidal and riverine flooding
- Replace aging and failing shoreline infrastructure, where practicable and affordable
- · Improve public accessibility and public amenities within key waterfront locations of Old Town Alexandria
- Actualize the goals of the Waterfront Small Area Plan



# **Update on Site Investigations**



#### Cultural Resource Investigations

- Supplemental documentary study by Waterfront Historian.
- Informed team of higher risk of encountering historic wharf structures and/or ships at historic shorelines for PS2 in Founders Park.

#### Environmental Investigations

- Additional quantification of soil contamination informed us of higher than anticipated costs of disposal.
- Additional groundwater table monitoring documenting higher than previously recorded water table.
  - Additional challenges and risks with underground storage (higher dewatering costs, risk of losing storage capacity and potential risk of water contamination).

#### Structural Assessments

- Bulkhead condition at Waterfront Park has continued to decline from prior assessment.
- Additional scope and cost to repair or replace now anticipated, if feasible within funding.

## Pump Station Location Assessment

- PDB Team re-evaluated pump station size, location, and permanent impacts to park areas.
- Identified opportunity to reduce capital costs, risk, and asset management costs with alternative pump station approach.

# Site Investigations and Evaluations



#### Structural Assessments

- Bulkhead condition at Waterfront Park (H) has declined from prior assessment.
- May require additional scope and cost to repair, or replace, if feasible and within funding.

# **Scoping to Budget**



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#### • City is realizing the anticipated Benefits of Progressive Design Build!

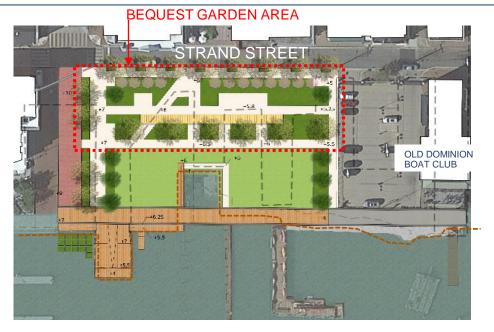
- · Cost reduction and innovation with expert designer and builder input
- Builder input on assessing and pricing risk, means and methods, and cost estimates
- Primary Cost Saving and Risk Mitigation Measures:
  - Eliminate Underground Storage
  - Single Pump Station Alternative
- Scoping To Budget Continues to keep project costs within Funding:
  - Includes Primary Cost and Risk and saving measures above
  - Currently both Baseline and Alternate Approach excludes replacement of aging and/or failed bulkhead from Cameron to Queen St
  - Park/Street Restoration (in-kind) and potentially limited park improvements.
  - Maintains most of Waterfront Park Improvements in current condition (as previously anticipated).
- Additional strategies will be further evaluated:
  - Alternative/Hybrid Shoreline within Point Lumley Park to minimize impacts and cost of new bulkhead
  - Reducing Overhead Power Line Undergrounding (Prince Street and Strand Street)
  - Minimizing landscape and bulkhead improvements north of King Street (while still incorporating riverine flood protection elements)

# Point Lumley Park – Shoreline Alternatives

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**BULKHEAD OPTION\*** 



HYBRID SHORELINE ALTERNATE\*

## **Alternative – Single Station Approach**

DUKE STREET



#### PUMP STATION

Founders

#### RETAIN WATERFRONT PARK AT KING 3 STREET

**....** STREETSCAPE AND STORMWATER INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS (STANDARD ASPHALT PAVING)

- ···· STREETSCAPE STORMWATER INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS (MATERIALS TO MATCH EXISTING)
- FLOOD PROTECTION AT ELEVATION 6 (New bulkhead Duke to Prince St)

#### TREE SAVE AREA AROUND GROVE

PORTIONS OF FOUNDERS PARK **ARE STILL ANTICIPATED TO BE REQUIRED FOR TEMPORARY ACCESS AND MATERIAL STORAGE** 



# **Baseline - Two Pump Station Impacts**

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#### PUMP STATION 1 – WATERFRPONT PARK



- Above-grade Size: ~35'x60' footprint
- Total Impact: ~4,800 SF
- Long side facing Prince Street
- Two Stories internal stair

#### PUMP STATION 2 – FOUNDERS PARK



- Above-grade Size: 35'x40'
- Total Impact: ~4,100 SF
- Long side facing to Founders Park
- Two Stories internal stair

#### Total Combined permanent impact to public space: ~9,000 SF



PS1

- Above-grade Size: ~53'x88'
- Total Impact: ~6,000 SF
- Long side facing to Founders Park
- Two Stories internal stair

## Total permanent impact to public space: ~6,000SF

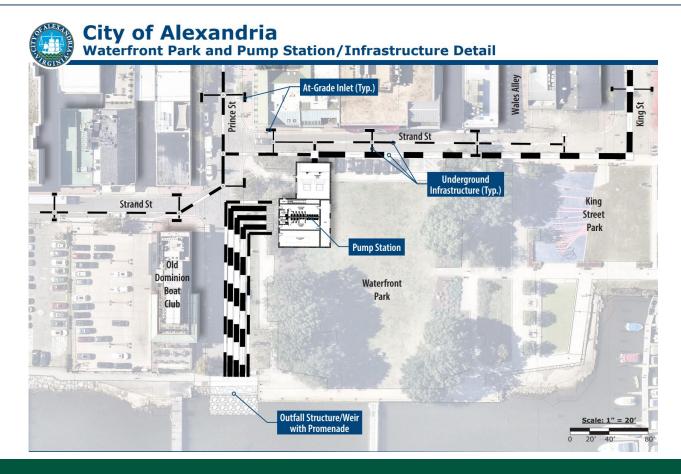
#### Net reduction of permanent impacts: ~3,000 SF

- Significantly reduces capital cost and risk:
  - Contaminated soil in Founders Park
  - Cultural Resource Implications/Risks
  - Eliminates excavation next to an existing building (211 Harbor Center)
  - Single building site / building crew
  - Lowers dewatering costs
- Anticipated reduction in Operating Budget Impacts:
  - Single Asset to operate and maintain
  - Lower replacement and lifecycle costs roof, pumps, generators, etc.
- Maintains/Maximizes Open Space
- Eliminates visual impacts to Founders Park
- Responsive to points of known community concern

**City of Alexandria** Waterfront Flood Mitigation - Stormwater Infrastructure Plan



# Stormwater Infrastructure Plan



# **Point Lumley Park**



# Point Lumley Park – Shoreline Alternatives

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**OPTION A: BULKHEAD** 





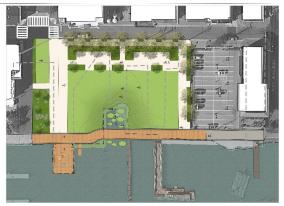
**OPTION C: BUILT UP SHORELINE** 



**OPTION D: BUILT UP SHORELINE** 



**OPTION E: NATURAL SHORELINE** 



**OPTION F: NATURAL SHORELINE** 

# Point Lumley Park – Precedent Images



## **Boardwalk**



Structure



**Trellis** 



Steps



Cribbing

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# Waterfront Park



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**OPTION 1A** 







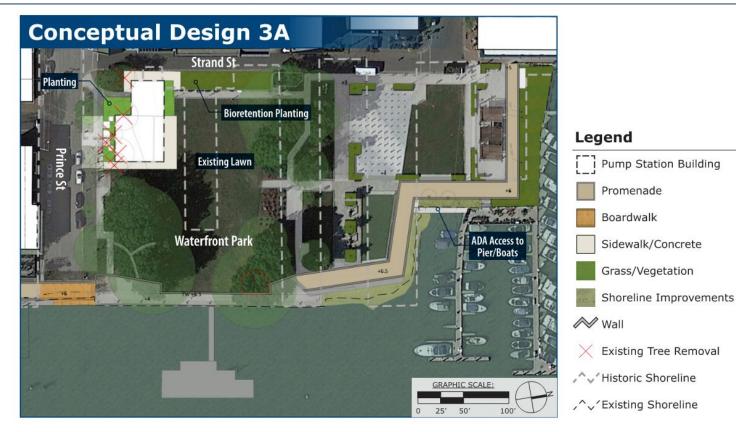


#### **OPTION 1B**

#### **OPTION 2B**

**OPTION 3B** 

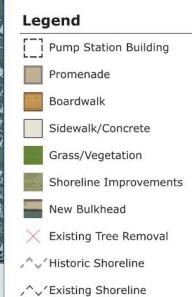
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# Waterfront Park: PS1 – Pump Station Concept (Single Station Alternative - Development Ongoing)



NORTH ELEVATION

# PS1- WATERFRONT PARK (Single Station)

Study to determine scale and mass if only a single pump station were to be constructed:

- Two story Pump Station <u>required</u>
- 30-35' max height anticipated
- Coordination ongoing with Dominion Energy
- Coordination ongoing with National Park Service for deed modification of height limitations
- BAR Concept Review anticipated seeking input on architectural features
- Materials are conceptual coordination with BAR and budget affordability required

#### EXCEEDS 15' HEIGHT RESTRICTION PER NPS SETTLEMENT / DEED



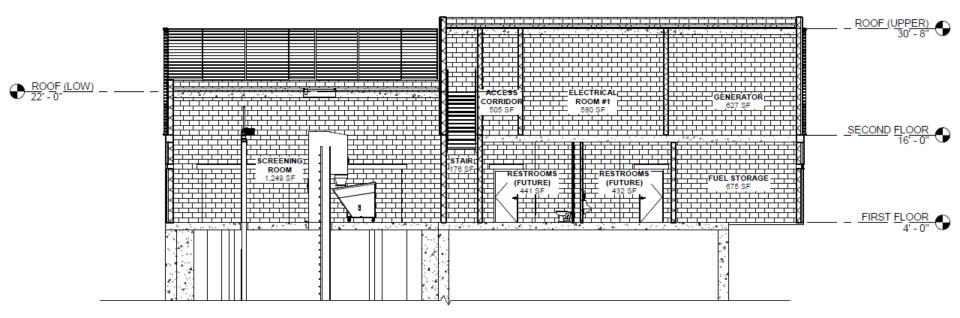
- Team assessing further reduction in footprint
- Location of exterior walls structurally tied to underground wet-well structure
  - Informs minimum footprint dimensions
- Materials are conceptual coordination with BAR and budget affordability required.



#### SOUTH ELEVATION



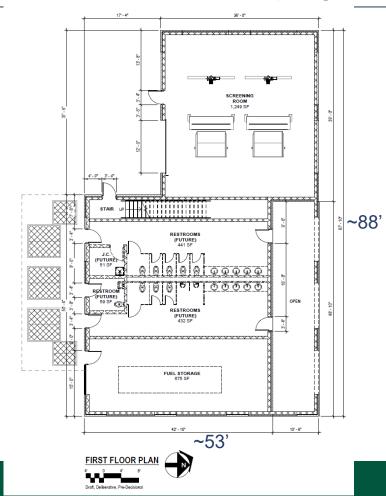
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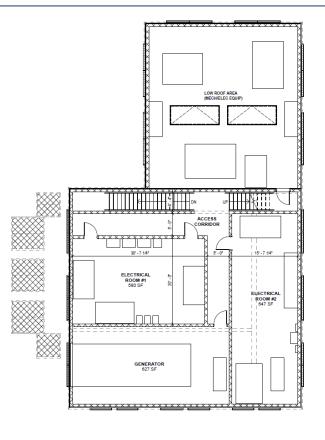


#### LONGITUDINAL SECTION



# PS1-WATERFRONT PARK (Single Station)





SECOND FLOOR PLAN

# **PS1-WATERFRONT PARK (Single Station)**

footprint

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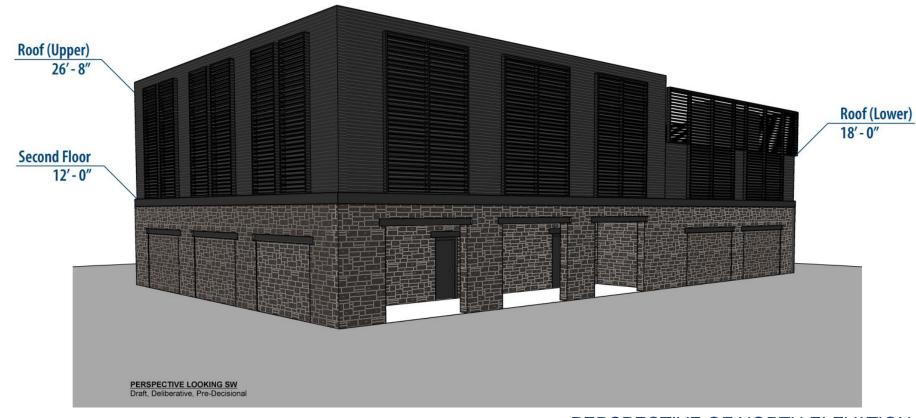
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#### PERSPECTIVE OF SOUTH ELEVATION

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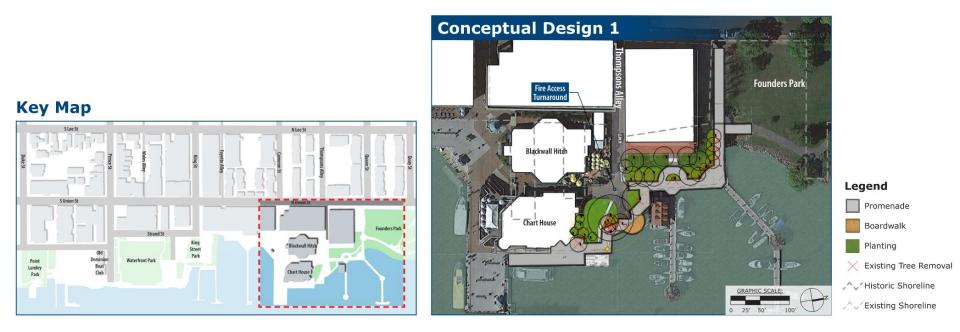


#### PERSPECTIVE OF NORTH ELEVATION

# Chart House and Thompsons Alley

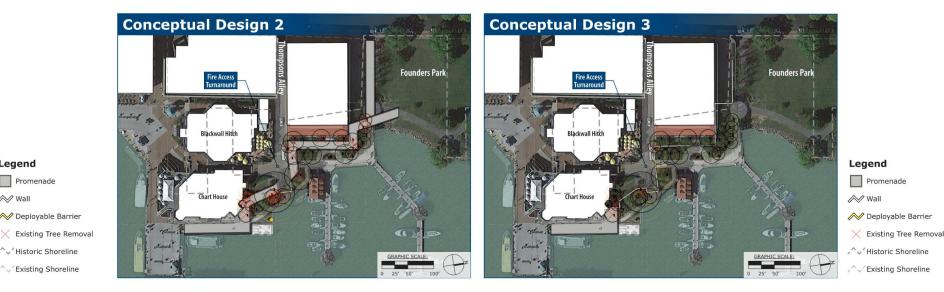


# Chart House and Thompsons Alley Concepts



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Legend Promenade

N Wall

No Deployable Barrier

A Historic Shoreline

/^\_/ Existing Shoreline

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# Lower King Permanent Design

Use Diagrams

City of Alexandria Department of Transportation & Environmental Services & Department of Project Implementation

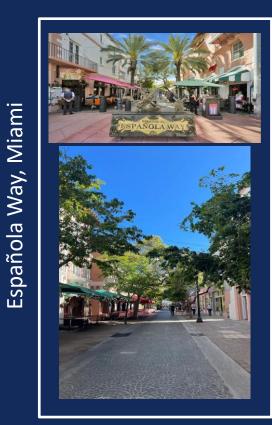
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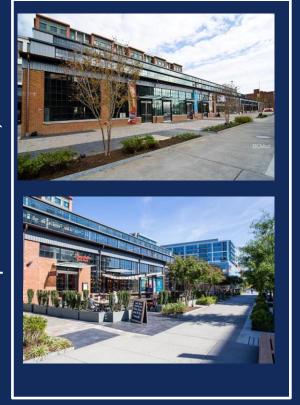
# **Guiding Principles**

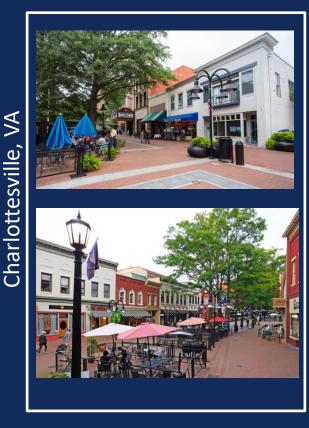
Utilize quality, affordable, durable and easy-to-maintain materials for construction. Implement a cohesive streetscape design that creates a unique sense of place. Build a pedestrianized area that protects users while maintaining access for emergency services. Create a balanced space that supports all users, including pedestrians, shoppers, and diverse businesses.

# **Illustrative Pedestrian Streets**

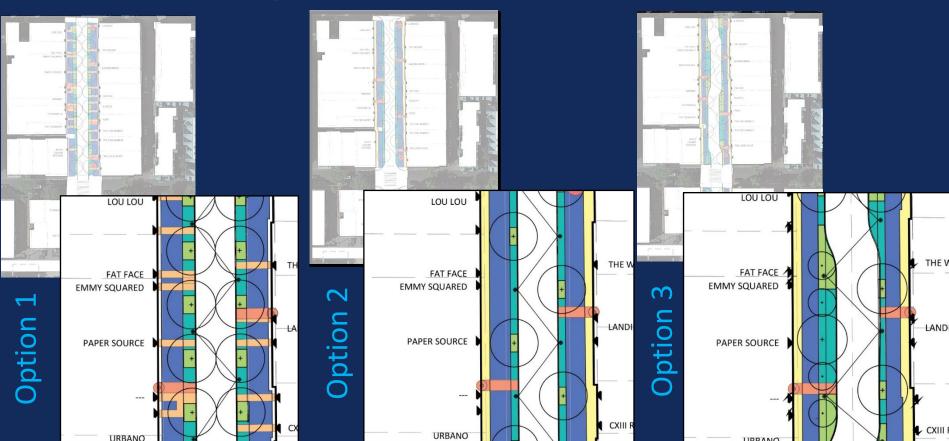


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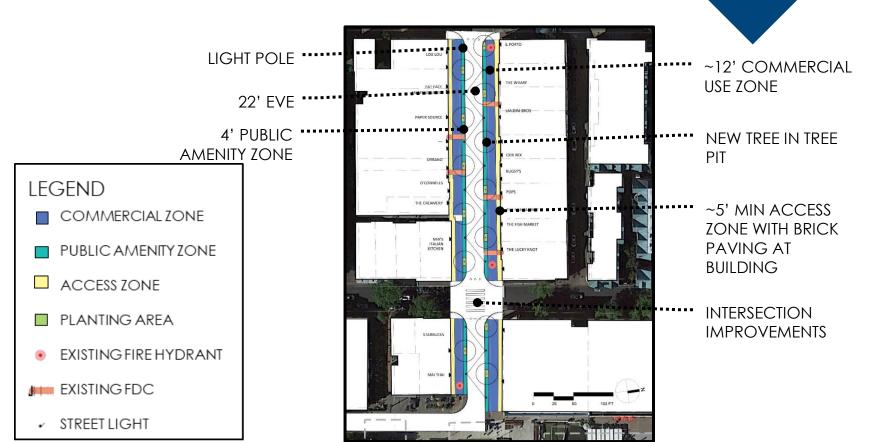




# **King Street Use Studies**



# Staff Recommendation: Option 2



# **Street Materials & Design**



## Managing Community Impacts & Good-Neighbor Practices



Our Values



### **Good-Neighbor Practices**

- Reduce traffic impacts by utilizing designated haul routes.
- Pause work in advance of and during holidays and major events.
- Shield the community by confining work within designated, fenced-in work areas with visual barriers.
- Control dust through active use of water trucks.
- Protect water quality using silt fencing, floating booms, and other control measures.
- Workers will park only in designated off-street locations.
- Coordinate work with adjacent project(s).





### What Neighbors Can Expect During Construction

- Daytime pile driving, concrete/asphalt saw cutting, jack hammering, and other noise-producing work.
- Truck traffic on local streets.
- Back-up alarms will be audible, particularly due to working within a highly confined space.
- Periodic weekend work, if necessary, to maintain schedule.
- Portions of the Waterfront will occasionally be off-limits for public use.
- One-to-two-block segments of City streets will intermittently be closed to vehicular traffic for multiple-week periods.
- Pedestrian access to residences & businesses will be maintained.



### **Civic Engagement**

- Direct outreach to businesses and residents
- In-person and virtual public meetings
- Community tours
- Construction inquiry phone lines & email
- Webpage updates
- E-newsletter
- Flyers & door hangers
- Pop-up events



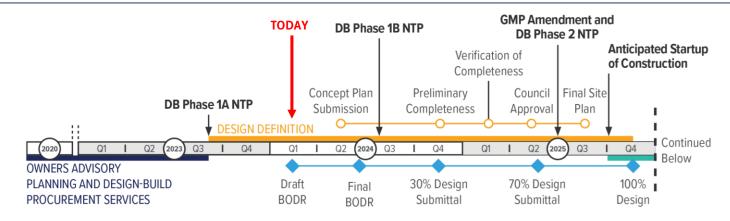
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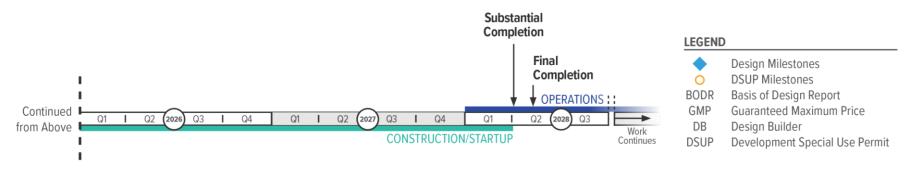


#### • March:

- 19th Updates to Waterfront Commission
- 21st Updates to Parks and Recreation Commission (VIRTUAL)
- 26th 7pm Public Open House Charles Houston Recreation Center
- April & May
  - April 10 Old Town Civic Association (in person)
  - OHAD BAR Concept Review (Station Only) Anticipated April/May Date TBD
  - o Additional Public Meetings, as new information and updates available

#### **Baseline Project Schedule**





Construction will commence AFTER City's 275th birthday celebration

## **Open House Portion**

Email Questions or Comments to: Matthew.Landes@AlexandriaVA.gov

Project Website: www.AlexandriaVA.gov/Waterfront



#### **Anticipated Project Schedule**

