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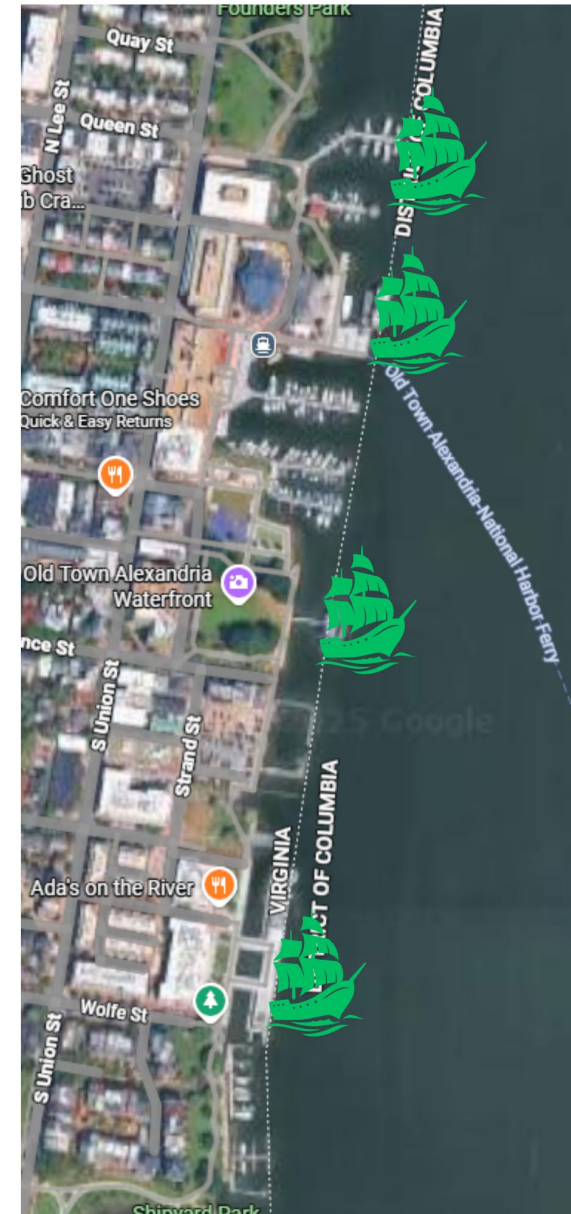
- June 12 to 14, 2026
- Alexandria's Signature 250th event
- Free admission includes tours of four tall ships, ALX Jazz Fest performances, 250th activity stations with NoVA museums and more
- Timed tickets and walk-up lines, 12 to 6
- Saturday night fireworks, 9:30 p.m.
- Largest event of this kind in NoVA



The ***Kalmar Nyckel*** is a full-scale, accurate reproduction of a ship that served alternately as a colonial vessel and a warship in the Swedish Navy. Swedish colonists arrived in what became Delaware in 1638. (Wilmington, DE)

The ***Sultana*** is a full-scale reproduction of a Royal Navy schooner that served in the American colonies from 1768 to 1772. *Sultana* transported thousands of troops to Boston to subdue rebellious colonists in 1768. She also patrolled the Atlantic Coast to enforce the Townsend Acts and search ship cargos. (Chestertown, MD)

Gazela is an original Portuguese vessel with records dating back to 1901. She fished in the Grand Banks off Newfoundland, Canada until 1969, when she was retired due to damage. In 1971, the Philadelphia Maritime Museum purchased the *Gazela* for maritime and STEM education. (Philadelphia)



Map 1 – Founders Park/Torpedo Factory Art Center



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Friday June 12 – Sunday June 14, 2026

**ALX Jazz Fest/
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Waterfront Park/Founders/Robinson Landing

Key

	Entrance/Exit with Security
	APD Barricade
	Security Checkpoint
	10x10 Info Tent
	24x20 Stage
	Reserved Parking
	Barricades
	Handwash Station
	Restrooms 4 Deluxe, 1 ADA
	Event Signage (A frame)

Map 1A – Founders Park/Torpedo
Factory Art Center Close-Up



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**Kalmar
Nyckel**

Alexandria
G/H Pier Gazebo

← 150' →

Regus

1 ADA
4 Deluxe
1 HW

Seaport Foundation
Old Town
Alexandria Harbor



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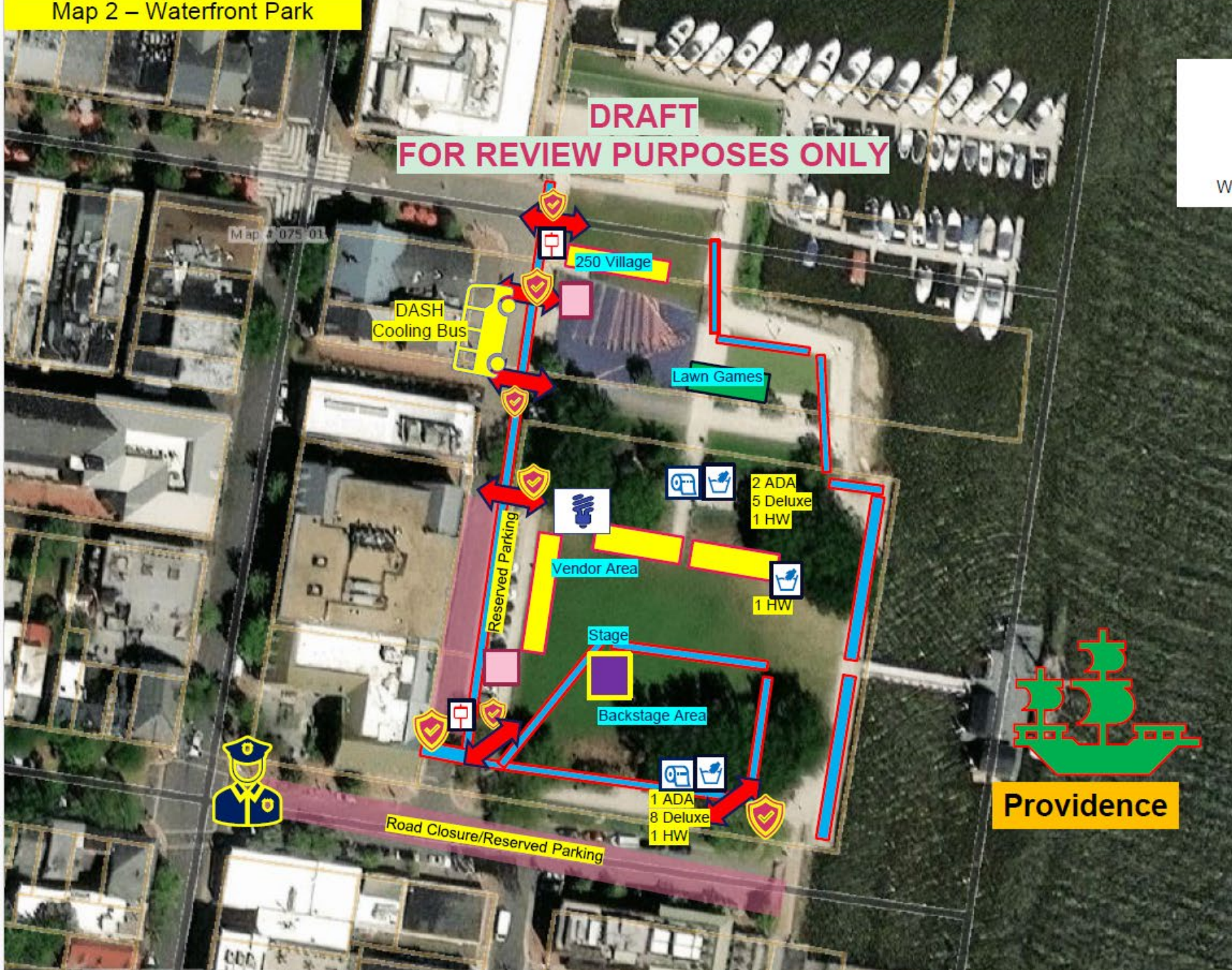
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- 10x10 Info Tent
- 24x20 Stage
- Reserved Parking
- Barricades
- Vendor Tents (10x10)
- Lawn Games
- Handwash Station
- Restrooms
- Light Tower
- Event Signage (A frame)














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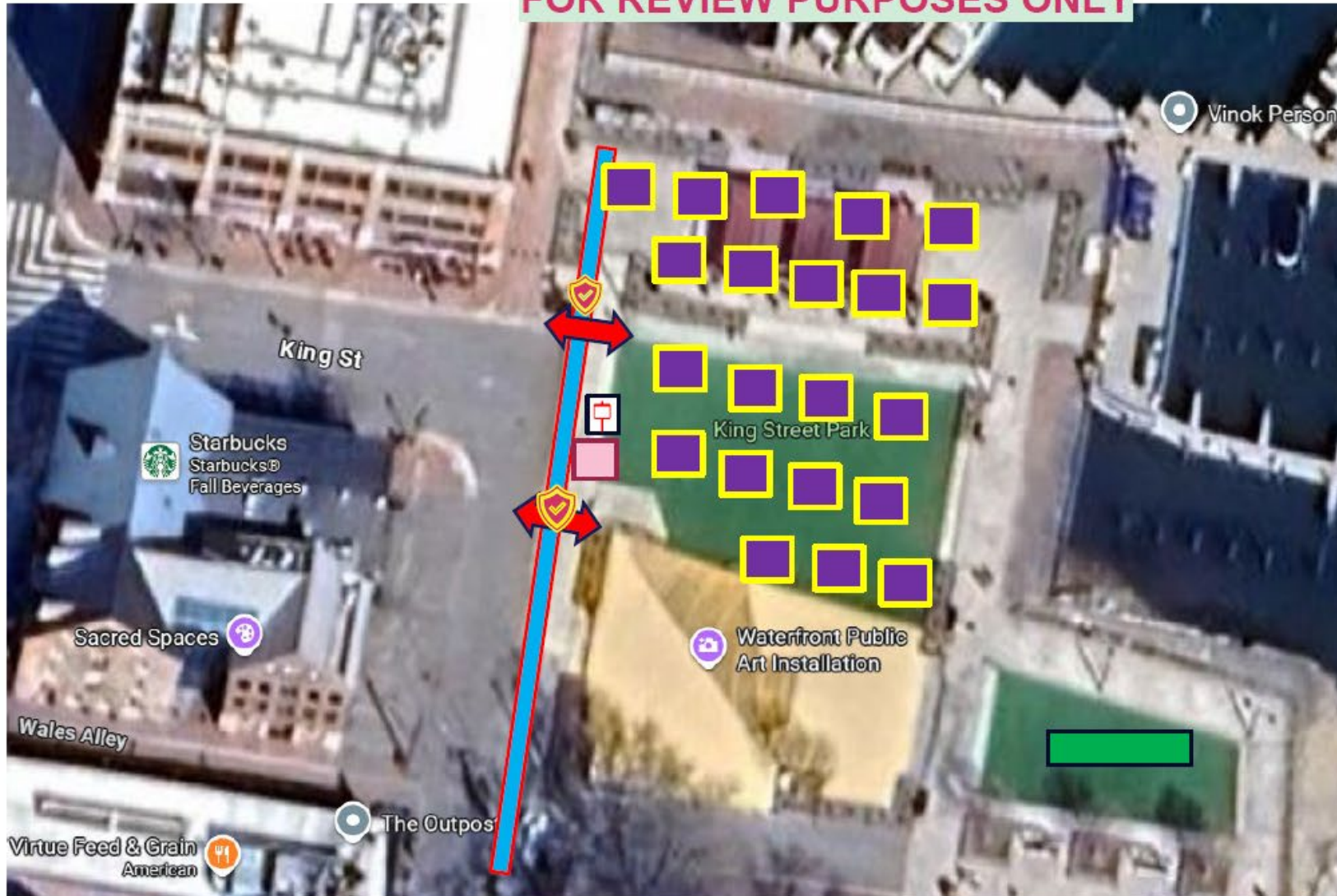
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-  APD Barricade
-  Security Checkpoint
-  10x10 Info Tent
-  10x10 Tents
21 Tents
-  Reserved Parking
-  Barricades
-  Lawn Games
-  Event Signage (A frame)

Map 2A – Waterfront Park -
250 Village Pt 1 Close-Up

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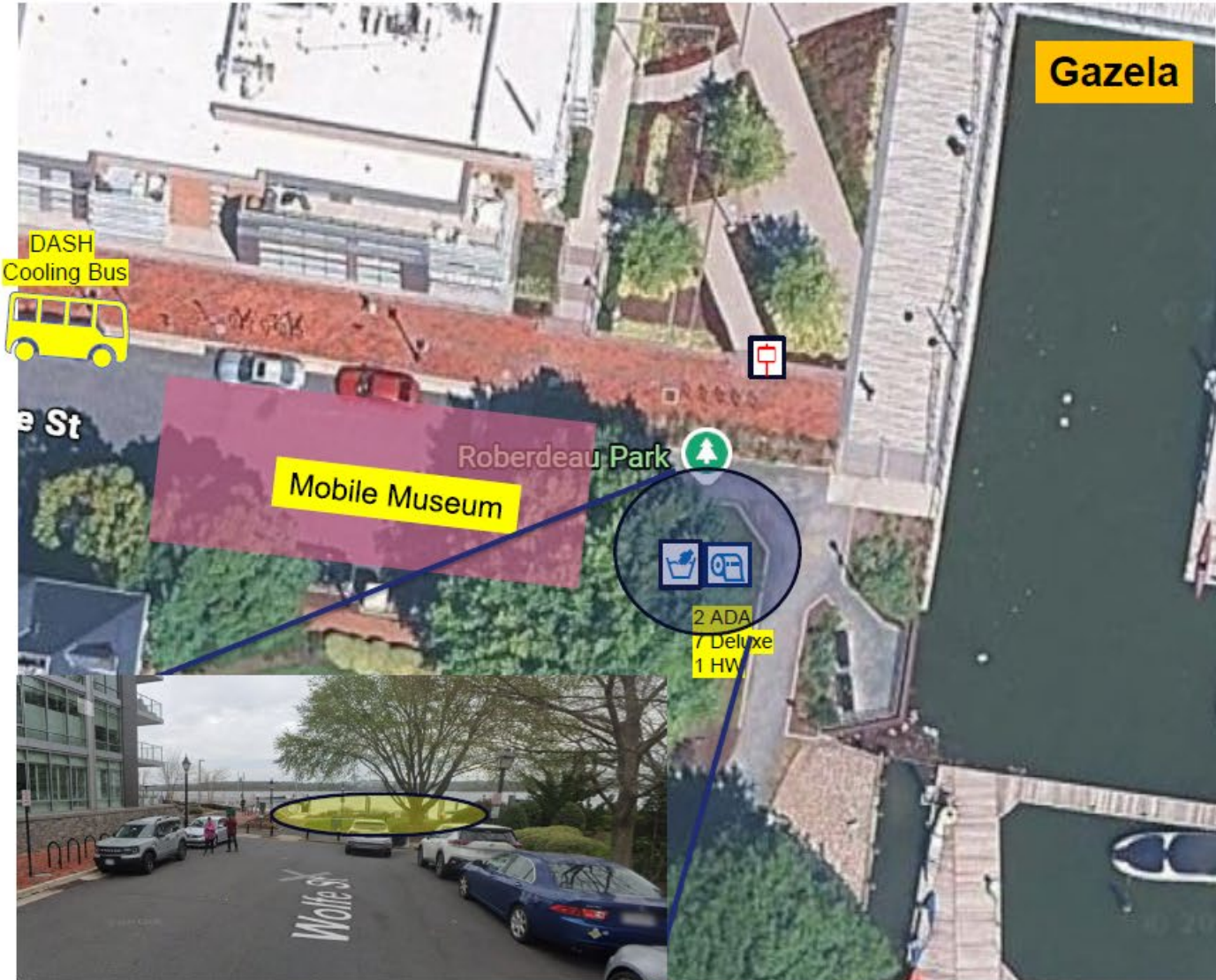
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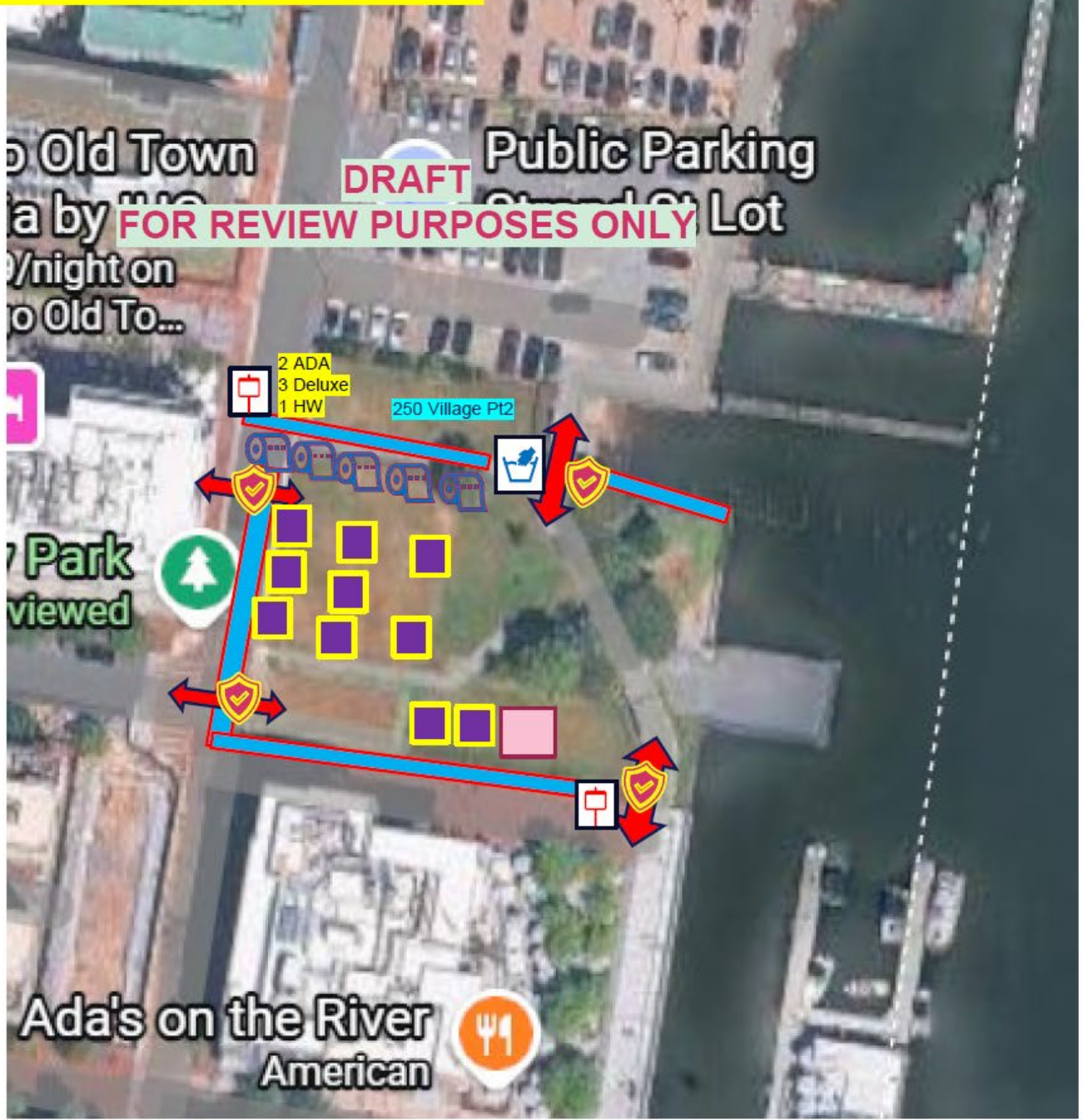
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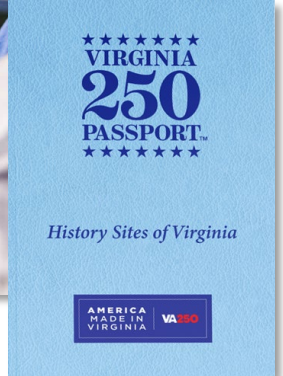
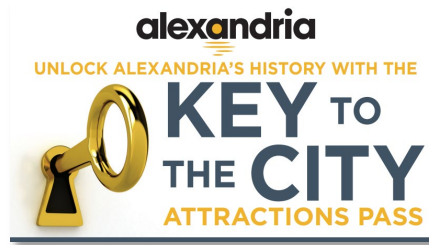
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	Restrooms 2 Deluxe, 3 ADA
	Event Signage (A frame)

Virginia250 Passport featuring:

- George Washington's Mount Vernon
- Alexandria Black History Museum
- Alexandria History Museum at The Lyceum
- Gadsby's Tavern Museum
- Woodlawn & Pope-Leighey House



The passport will be available at select Historic Alexandria museums, the Alexandria Visitor Center and Mount Vernon

250th exhibition at the Alexandria History Museum at The Lyceum

- Stories of US

Alexandria 250-themed merchandise

2026 Historic Alexandria Ornament

Updated *Guide to Historic Alexandria*

Key to the City Attractions Pass at the Alexandria Visitor Center



Red, White and Blue Native Plants

The Alexandria Beautification Commission is encouraging both residents and local businesses to plant patriotic-themed gardens/small plots or pots with red, white and blue flowers.

Museums, parks, city government buildings, local businesses and community and resident gardens will participate.

Learn more at [Alexandria.gov/Beautification](https://alexandria.gov/Beautification)


PLANT FOR AMERICA250

To celebrate America's 250th anniversary of independence in 2026, the City of Alexandria is commemorating America250 by encouraging residents and businesses to plant red, white, and blue native plants. These "patriotic gardens" were also planted in 1976.

The Beautification Commission hopes this effort will inspire a small patch of grass and plant natives. With the City, we've encouraged property owners to plant patriotic natives in...


WHITE

- White wood (or New England) aster (*Eurybia divaricata*)
- Virginia sweetspire (*Itea virginica*)
- White coneflower (*Echinacea*)
- White yarrow (*Achillea millefolium*)




RED

- Wild or eastern red Columbine (*Aquilegia canadensis*)
- Cardinal flower (*Lobelia cardinalis*)
- Red trillium (*Trillium erectum*)
- Scarlet beebalm (*Monarda didyma*)
- Indian pink (*Spigelia marilandica*)



BLUE

- Blue false indigo (*Baptisia australis*)
- Wild blue phlox (*Phlox divaricata*)
- Virginia bluebells (*Mertensia virginica*)
- Eastern blue star (*Amsonia tabernaemontana*)/blue ice
- Great blue lobelia/blue cardinal flower (*lobelia siphilitica*)
- Blue mist flower (*Conoclinium coelestinum*)
- Wild petunia (*Ruellia*)
- Blue-eyed grass (*Sisyrinchium atlanticum*)
- Giant hyssop/hummingbird mint (*Agastache*)



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CITY OF ALEXANDRIA VIRGINIA





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