

How does the Plan address museums and other cultural institutions?

The plan addresses museums and other cultural venues in detail.

The Waterfront Plan places a great deal of importance on museums and other cultural venues. The Plan proposes a civic/cultural building to house a museum, performing arts space, or other cultural activities, possibly up to 10,000 square feet and costing \$3.6 million. The Plan also notes that these funds can be used to support history and culture on the Waterfront in ways other than a new building, if desired.

The plan recommends exploring the establishment of a history center in the Waterfront area as recommended by the Alexandria Waterfront History Plan and notes that this center “may include a maritime museum, elements from Alexandria’s existing history museums (and be a starting point for further exploration of Alexandria’s history) and a museum shop. The History Center could also include a relocated or expanded Archaeology Museum, if an assessment determines that relocation is the best option for the Archaeology Museum.”

The Plan also identifies historic structures as possible museums, history center, or cultural space. A plan for restoration of the historic buildings, including a plan for how the buildings will be used, must be prepared before development is approved for the Cummings/Turner block.

Museums and performing arts spaces are a permitted use for all of the redevelopment sites in the plan.

Both Oronoco Bay and Waterfront Park are recommended for changes that would make them better suited to host performances.

There are numerous specific recommendations throughout the Plan for art elements as well as for historic interpretation – both physical elements and programming.

For more information about how the Waterfront Plan addresses museums and cultural venues:

- [Chapter 3 of the Waterfront Plan](#), including recommendations for Oronoco Bay Park, Torpedo Plaza, Waterfront Park, and The Strand
- [Chapter 5 of the Waterfront Plan](#), especially pages 135-141
- [Alexandria Waterfront Public Art Proposal](#)
- [Alexandria Waterfront History Plan](#)