“If there is magic in this planet, it is contained in water.”
Loren Eiseley
American essayist and philosopher (1907 – 1977)
Art on the Waterfront Committee

- Formed April, 2008
- Subcommittee of Public Art Committee
- Reporting to Alexandria Commission for the Arts
- Composed of artists, architects, art administrators, and Alexandria residents

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Alexandria’s Art Policy

- Integrate art into the City
- Promote public awareness of and interest in art
- Promote Alexandria’s cultural heritage
- Foster tourism and encourage economic development
- Enhance Alexandria’s reputation as a national leader in the arts
- Provide for future artistic endeavors

From Policy on Acquired Art, first adopted in 1987 and revised in September 2008
Art Concepts

• To encourage economic development and foster tourism by making *Alexandria’s waterfront* an *arts destination*

• To explore the potential of an *Art Walk* along the river’s edge
Examples of public art pictured in this proposal come from all corners of the world. **It is of critical importance that art along the waterfront must work for Alexandria.** Public Art succeeds when it creates a sense of place and complements its environment.

“Wedded Rocks,” Ise Peninsula, Japan

Sol LeWitt, Metropolitan Museum of Art, NYC, temporary exhibit, July 2005
The Art Walk

A walking path along the river
The parks and the residential and commercial properties between Tide Locks Park to the north, Ford’s Landing to the south, Fairfax Street to the west, and the Potomac River to the east.
Tide Lock Park...north
Roppongi Hills Lights, Tokyo, Japan
Interactive light sculpture, London, England
Tide Lock Park...middle
(Promenade Classique)
Tide Lock Park...south
(The Tide Lock)
Holmberg Footbridge leading to Hunter Museum of Art, Chattanooga, Tennessee

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Rivergate City Park
Nancy Holt, Dark Star Park, Rosslyn, Virginia
Bus Stop, Mexico City, Mexico

Altina, Cleopatra, Alexandria, Virginia
Oronoco Bay Park
Concept image for the Boxcar Theater

Bosma Dance
Alexandria, Virginia
La Jolla Playhouse grounds, University of California at San Diego
Temporary sculpture for Buddha’s birthday, Seoul, Korea
Outdoor festival: “WaterFire,” Providence, Rhode Island
Yayoi Kusama, “Pumpkin,” Naoshima, Japan
West’s Point
Dale Chihuly, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Marta Pan, Hakone Open Air Museum, Japan
Founder’s Park
“Paint Alexandria,” Alexandria, Virginia

Franklin Ghost Tours, Franklin, Tennessee
Benches, San Francisco
David Smith, Hudson River Landscape, Whitney Museum of Art, 1951
Alexandria City Marina (North)
Screening fences at the DeYoung Museum, San Francisco, California
Alexandria City Marina (South)
Seascape Canopies, Searsport, Maine

Fence, DeYoung Museum, San Francisco, California
Torpedo Factory Art Center

Ice Rink, Detroit, Michigan
Lucette deRugy, Omni William Penn, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania,
Reflecting Pool, Barcelona, Spain

Patrick Blanc, “Vertical Garden,” Madrid, Spain (copyright)
Waterfront Park
Robert Irwin, “Two Running Violet V Forms, ” University of California at San Diego
Courtyard, Museum of Modern Art, New York, New York
Antonio Gaudi, Barcelona, Spain
New City property along the Strand
National Maritime Museum, Cornwall, England
Garden Maze, Hakone Open Air Museum, Hakone, Japan
Labyrinth, Maryland Hall for the Creative Arts, Annapolis, Maryland

Water sculpture, Darling Harbor, Sydney, Australia
Elizabeth Poole, Drawings on the Water, Noosa, Queensland, Australia, temporary exhibit, 2005
Dale Chihuly, “Float Boat,” Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
The Art League School

Madison Street Annex, Alexandria, VA

Duke Street Annex, Alexandria, VA
Space for The Art League School along the Waterfront

New Hampshire Institute of Art, Manchester, New Hampshire
Point Lumley
Aristides Demetrios, Joyous Resonances  ARS
Fountain, Bergen, Norway
Carlos Dorrien, “Nine Muses,” Grounds for Sculpture, New Jersey
Noguchi, Black Sun, Olympic Park, Seattle, Washington

Alexander Calder, Eagle, Olympic Park, Seattle, Washington
Roberdeau Park
Yerba Buena Park, San Francisco, California

Massimo Ghiotti, Turin, Italy
Shipyard Park/Harborside City Park
Nancy Schon, “Hare and Tortoise,” Boston, Massachusetts
Poppies, Tasmania, Australia
Windmill Hill Park
Play area, Hakone Open Air Museum, Japan

Climbing Ropes, Santa Fe, New Mexico
Concept image of Alexandria crosswalk
Solar Tree, Taos, New Mexico

Helix Wind Turbine
Pomander Park
Dog/Horse Fountain, Stanford White, Norfolk, Connecticut
Ed Carpenter, “Grasshopper Bridge,” Phoenix, Arizona
Joost van Santen, Mill, Ede, Netherlands

Jean-Louis Charpentier, Antibes, France 2007
Green Roofs

Green Roof, Chicago City Hall, Chicago, Illinois
California Academy of Sciences
San Francisco, California
Future Infrastructure

Benches, bike racks, manhole covers, street signs, highway privacy walls....all subjects for art
Parking, Seoul, Korea

Elliott Pinkney, “Running for the Blue Line,” Los Angeles, California
Bike rack, Ian Mahaffy and Maarten DeGreere,  New York, New York

Bike rack, DeYoung Museum, San Francisco, California
San Francisco, California

Yosemite National Park, California
Burle Marx, “Sidewalk,” Copacabana Beach, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
Directional plan, Paris, France
It is our hope that Art on the Waterfront will:

- Bring new vitality and growth to the waterfront
- Generate new business for the community
- Provide an exciting environment for residents and tourists