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ALEXANDRIA, VA

Waterfront Commission Meeting
November 18, 2014

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PROPERTIES

4075 WILSON BOULEVARD, SUITE 650
ARLINGTON, VA 22203



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2900 K STREET NW, SUITE 401
WASHINGTON, DC 20007



1023 31ST STREET, NW
WASHINGTON, DC 20007



1700 MARKET STREET, SUITE 2800
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19103

PERSPECTIVE SITE AERIAL



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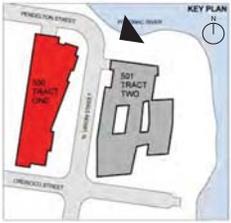
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NORTHEAST PERSPECTIVE WEST BUILDING



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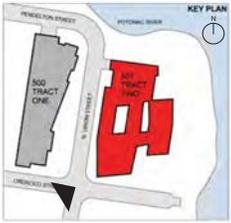
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SOUTHWEST PERSPECTIVE EAST BUILDING



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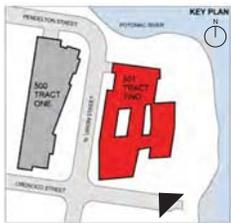
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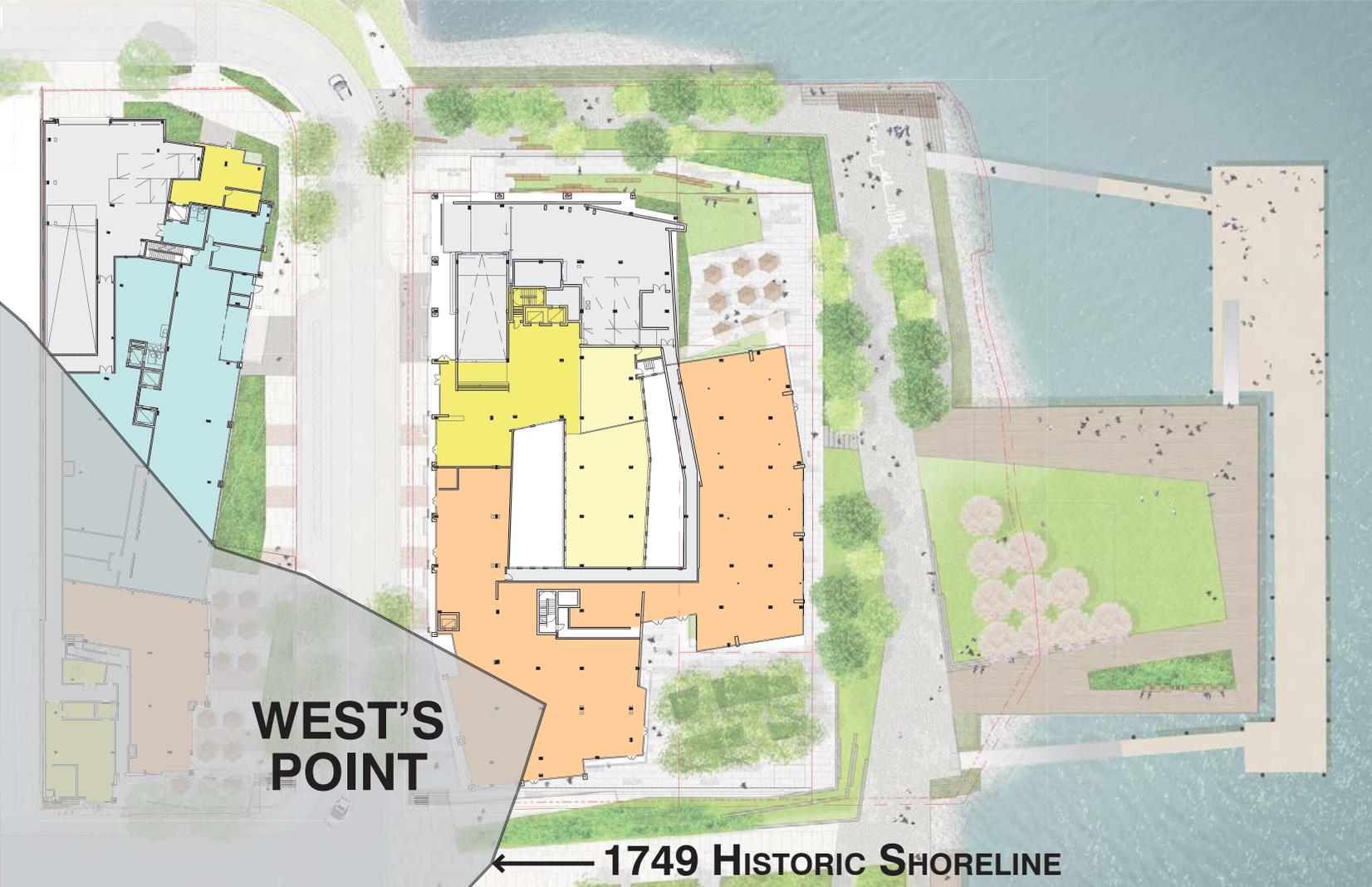
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WEST'S POINT LOCATION



**WEST'S
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← **1749 HISTORIC SHORELINE**



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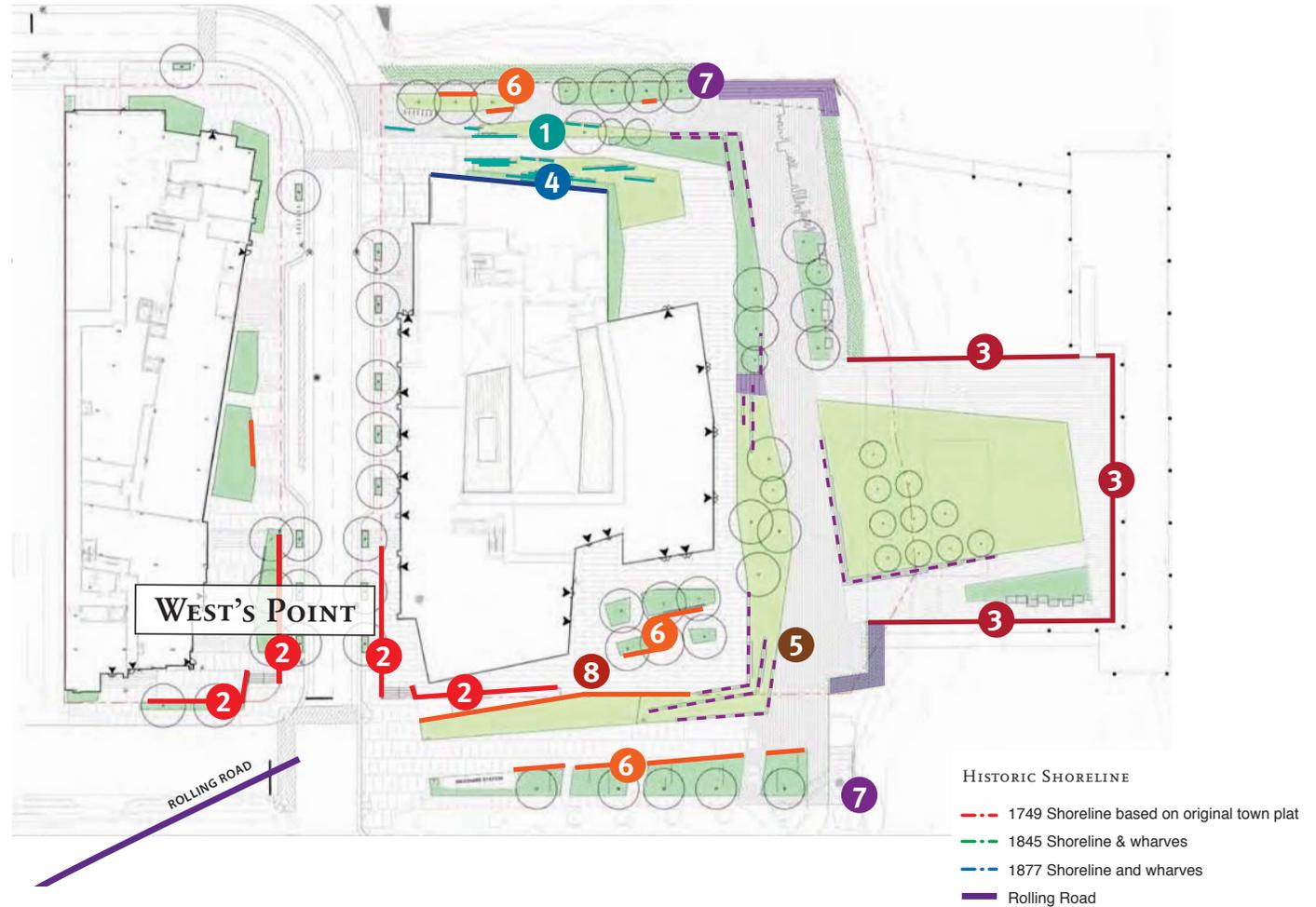
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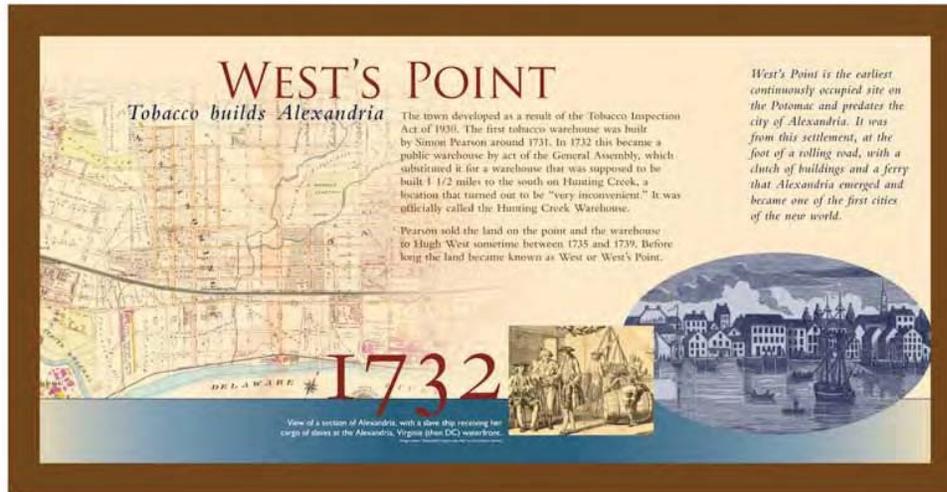
ENVIRONMENTAL ENHANCEMENT LOCATIONS

- 1 Seating**
Inscriptions in bands inset into seating
- 2 Rail elements**
Abstracted movement of hogshead barrels being rolled to ships (by enslaved African Americans)
- 3 Wayside panels incorporated into railings**
Panels set into railings that tell West's Points stories
- 4 Glass panel wall installation**
Series of wall-mounted art glass panels reflecting various persons of West's Points history with related quotes or historical occurrences in West's Point history.
- 5 Ship's mast at West's Point**
Ship's mast with integrated lights, may have a permanent pennant or banner forms – more nautical in nature. Around the base, inset into the ground plane, could be circular bands that indicate distances to local, regional and eastern seaboard points or a timeline of events. In ground lights may be focused on point. Alternately, digital circular bands could be considered that show temperature, wind speeds and patterns.
- 6 Planters**
Graphic translations of native plants, fish, birds and wildlife, etched or cut into materials representing the native wildlife theme
- 7 Then and Now: Views of the Potomac**
Then and now frames – left frame show current view, right frame shows historic view. Views of things you would have seen from a specific point looking out.
- 8 Hogshead barrel sculpture with interpretive explanation**
Artist interpretation of a Hogshead barrel set into landscape
- 9 Tour Markers (locations not shown)**
Markers set into the pavement or walls keyed to a brochure or an audio cell phone tour

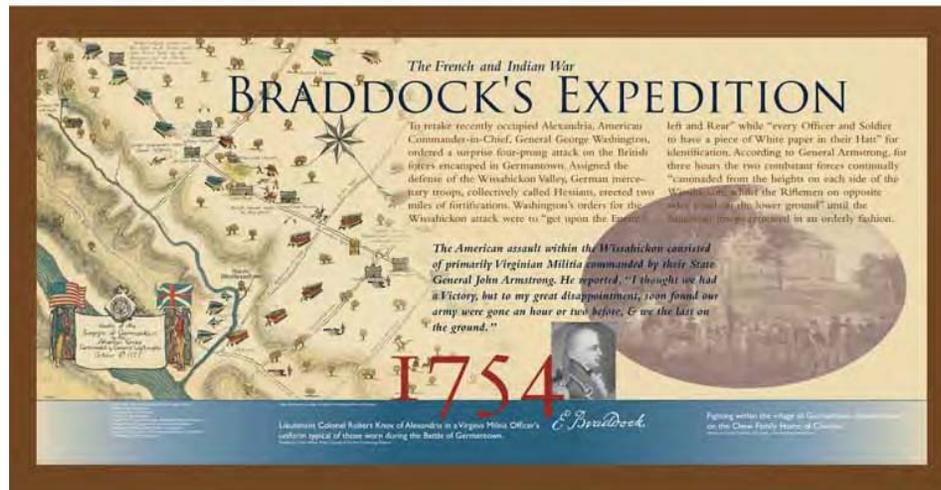


INTERPRETIVE THEMES PANEL CONTENT

Commerce



Military



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INTERPRETIVE THEMES PANEL CONTENT

Transportation

THE POTOMAC RIVER

brought Alexandria to life

From the very beginning, the Potomac River brought life and wealth to Alexandria. Early settlers, followed by waves of immigrants, sailed up the river to build their fortunes here. Generations of fishermen and shipbuilders found work on the river and along its shores. Alexandria became a thriving port as sailing ships, then steamships, then oil tankers, came and went over the centuries.

With the coming of the industrial age, the city prospered as the river and its tributaries powered mills and factories. The river continues to play a vital role here, providing most of the city's drinking water and supporting trade and commerce.

Centuries of commerce and industry took their toll on the Potomac, as the river became an open sewer.

In 1972, the Clean Water Act spurred a cleanup of the river. Since then, fish returned to the cleaner waters, greenways were built, and the riverfront is once again a vibrant place to live, work and play.

1736-1836

A ferry was present at West's Point prior to the wharf being built during the spring of 1734.

Recreational BOATING on the Potomac

The river is home to dozens of yacht clubs representing thousands of recreational boaters.

Recreational boating has been a popular pastime on the Potomac since the early 1900s. People still take to the river in watercraft ranging from canoes and rowboats to motorboats, sailboats and yachts. Boating groups—some of which formed nearly a century ago—host annual races, regattas, cruises, picnics and educational programs for boaters.

While ferries no longer cross the Potomac, recreational boaters still use their skills to reach on the river.

Environment

TIDAL WETLANDS

Tidal wetlands once lined the banks of the Potomac. Some were large and marshy; covered with grasses, sedges and other plants. Others were little more than patches of mud exposed at low tides. But all provided important habitat for wildlife.

Most have been lost to development. But those that remain are still home to an amazing diversity of plants and animals.

By filtering out sediments and chemicals, wetlands also play a key role in reducing water pollution.

Tidal wetlands like this were once common along the Potomac River.

DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT

Flocks of double-crested and great cormorants line along the river. These dark, long-necked birds eat fish and can dive 100-feet deep to find a meal. After they dive, they often dry their feathers by perching on rocks or pilings with their wings spread wide.

STRIPED BASS

Look at the rows of stripes along the sides of a striped bass and you'll see why they're often called "stripers." Adult stripers live in the ocean. But in spring, they swim up the Delaware and other rivers to lay their eggs.

DIAMOND WILLOW

Thickets of diamond willows spring up on riverbanks and marshes. Once there, they hold their ground, growing a dense network of roots which help keep the banks from washing away in floods. And where willows grow, animals move in. Mice, muskrats, birds and others eat willow bark, buds, leaves or catkins.

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WHITE PERCH




1864



NOT TO BE FORGOTTEN

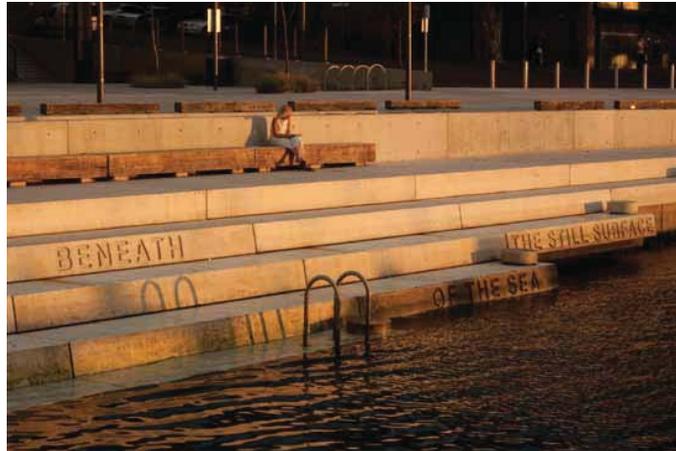
43RD USCT REGIMENT
After being assembled at Camp William Penn, the 43rd USCT Regiment composed mostly of Pennsylvania recruits, was assigned in April 1864 to the North Camp of the Army of the Potomac.

Continuing on through Washington, where the African-American regiment "attracted special attention," the regiment became involved in the Wilderness Campaign in rural Virginia.

On July 30, 1864, at the Battle of the Crater during the Siege of Petersburg, the regiment stepped in after the confusion of the explosion that caused the division leading the charge to take cover: the Colored Division was ordered to advance. It was a forlorn hope; but the division moved gallantly forward, in the face of a decimating fire, and passing to the right of the crater, charged towards the crest beyond.

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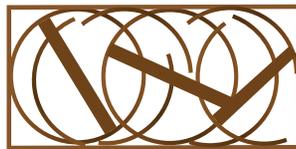
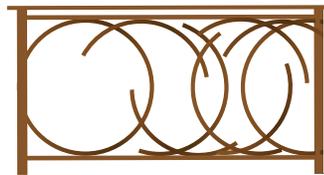
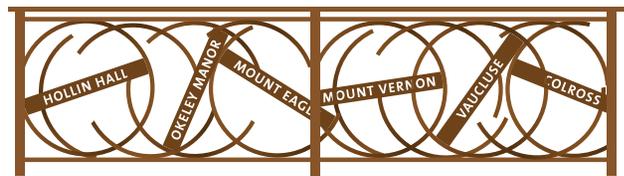
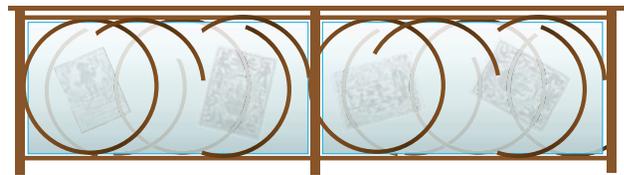
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ENVIRONMENTAL THEMES RAIL ELEMENTS



Gears from 1931 bridge incorporated into pedestrian railing, South Park Bridge, South Park, Seattle, June 29, 2014 HistoryLink.org Photo by Priscilla Long



A tobacco hogshead was used in British and American colonial times to transport and store tobacco. It was a very large wooden barrel. A standardized hogshead measured 48 inches (1,219 mm) long and 30 inches (762 mm) in diameter at the head (at least 550 L or 121 imp gal or 145 US gal, depending on the width in the middle). Fully packed with tobacco, it weighed about 1,000 pounds (454 kg).

ENVIRONMENTAL THEMES VIEW OF THE POTOMAC: THEN AND NOW



Frame for comparison of past and present views.

