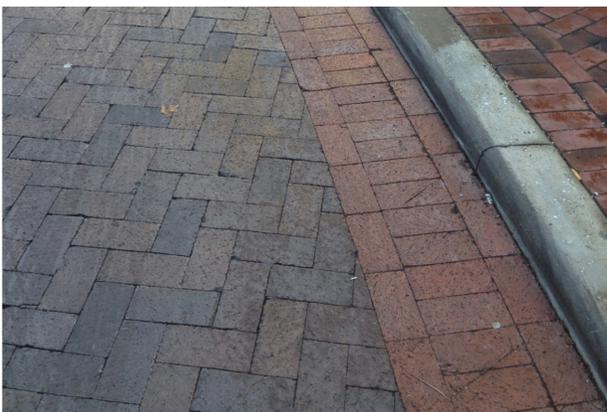




# ALEXANDRIA WATERFRONT



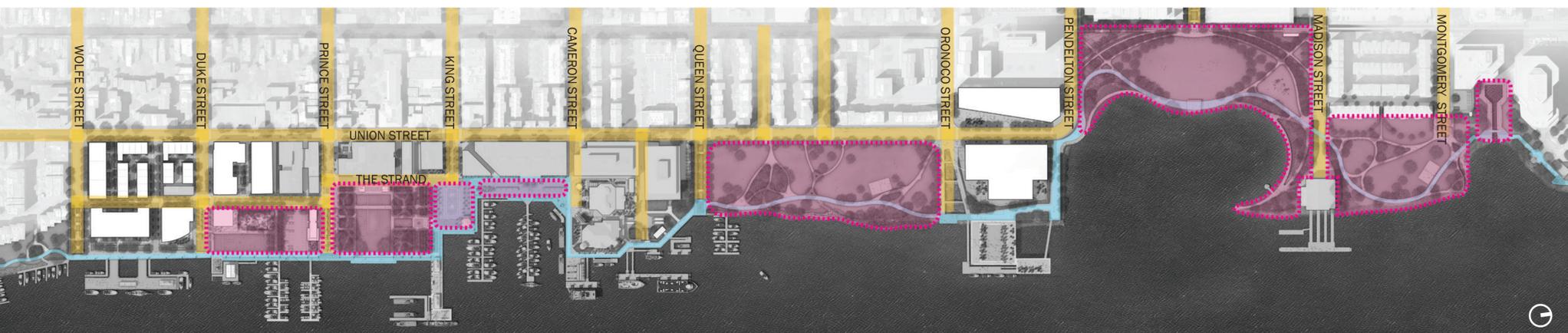
PAVING



ART AND HISTORY



LIGHTING



## THE COMMON ELEMENTS

A goal of the Waterfront Small Area Plan is the design and selection of common elements to create a cohesive waterfront district.

The Alexandria Waterfront is comprised of three key components: the **streets** connecting the city fabric to the waterfront, the **promenade** as a cohesive and connective line along the waterfront, and the **waterfront rooms** that celebrate the unique character of individual areas within the waterfront district.

These three components all contain **common elements** that unite and distinguish the waterfront as its own district and destination, but tie to the existing character of Alexandria.

Design guidelines create standards for future design and implementation of waterfront projects, contextualize the waterfront in Old Town Alexandria, and create a cohesive character to the district. Common element guidelines include:

- standard **paving** colors and materials for streets, sidewalks, and the pedestrian promenade
- continuous banding that bisects multiple properties and displays inscriptions related to Alexandria **art and history**
- consistent street and promenade **lighting**

### WATERFRONT SPACES

#### STREETS

Connect the City of Alexandria to its waterfront through the street grid. Use these corridors to bring City Standard elements (site furnishings, paving, street trees, and lighting) into the waterfront spaces to create a strong visual connection between the City and its waterfront.

#### PROMENADE

Emphasize the water's edge as an organizing element. The promenade at the water's edge has a unique and consistent set of materials and elements that allows visitors from the land, as well as the water, to better recognize the connectivity of the waterfront's variety of spaces and amenities.

#### WATERFRONT ROOMS

Celebrate the variety of experiences (existing and proposed) along the entire waterfront. These rooms will visually support the distinct programmatic elements, historic themes, and opportunities proposed within the specific sites.

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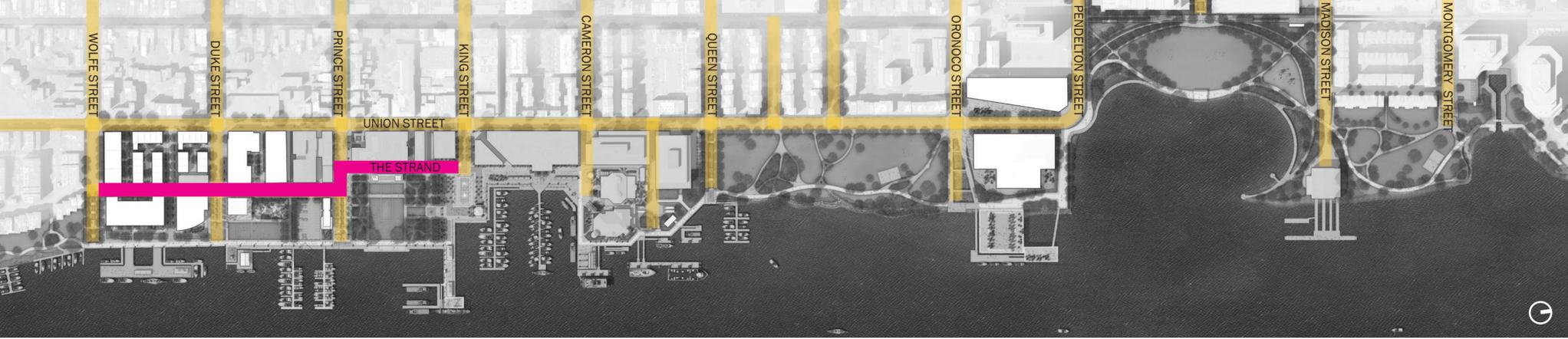
### COMMON ELEMENTS

Standard materials, fixtures, elements, and applications that unify the design and appearance of the Alexandria Waterfront and set it within the context of Old Town.

#### PAVING

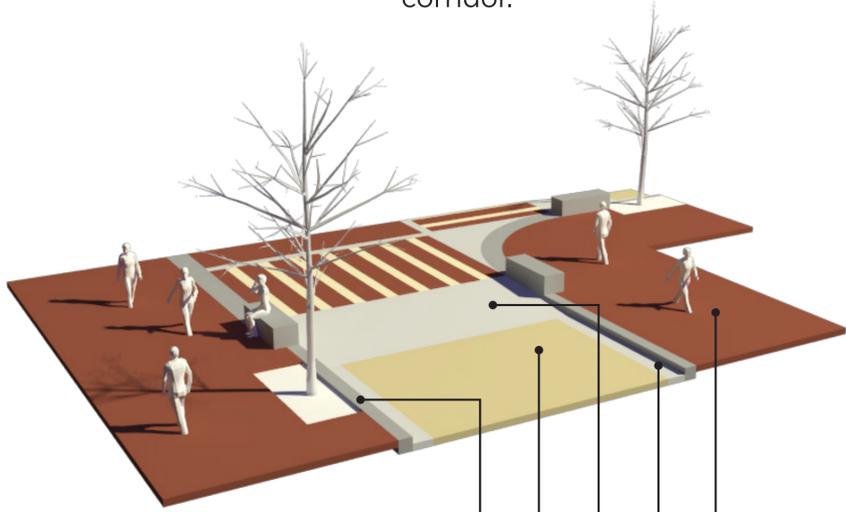
#### ART AND HISTORY

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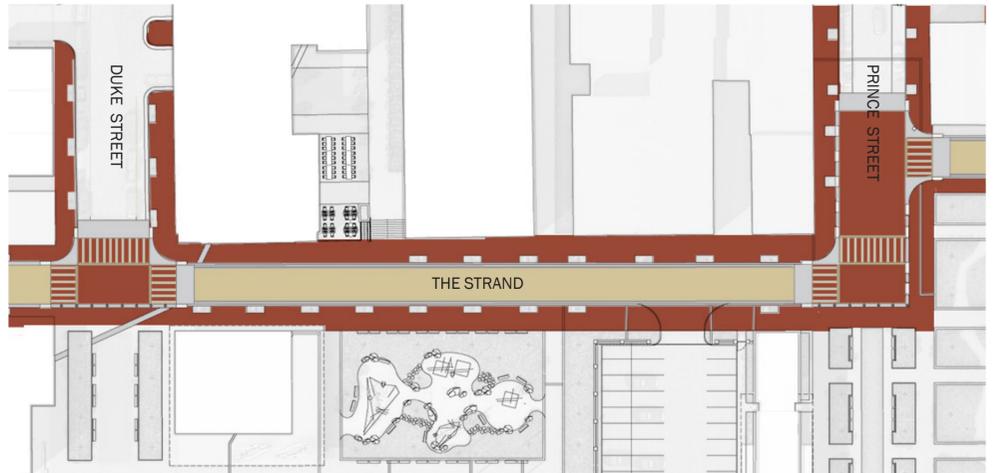


# PAVING THE STRAND

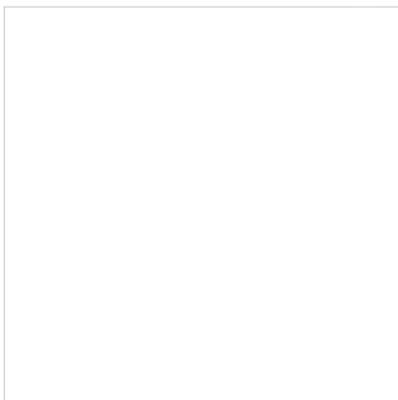
City standard paving materials, street lighting, and site furnishings are used along the streets to carry the historic character of Alexandria toward the Potomac River and knit the city with the Waterfront district. Streets and sidewalks use the iconic red brick found throughout Old Town. The Strand is highlighted with a beige brick that recalls the historical paving found on Prince Street, yet distinguishes this street as a unique corridor.



STREET INTERSECTION



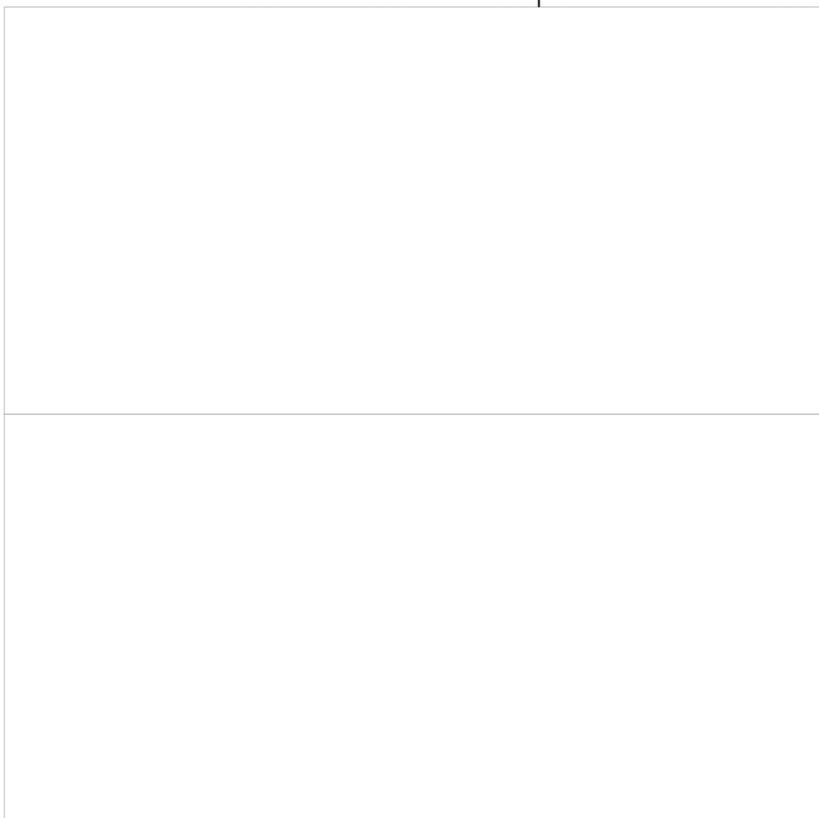
BEIGE BRICK STREET WITH RED BRICK SIDEWALK RECALLS HISTORICAL PAVING ON 200 BLOCK OF PRINCE STREET.



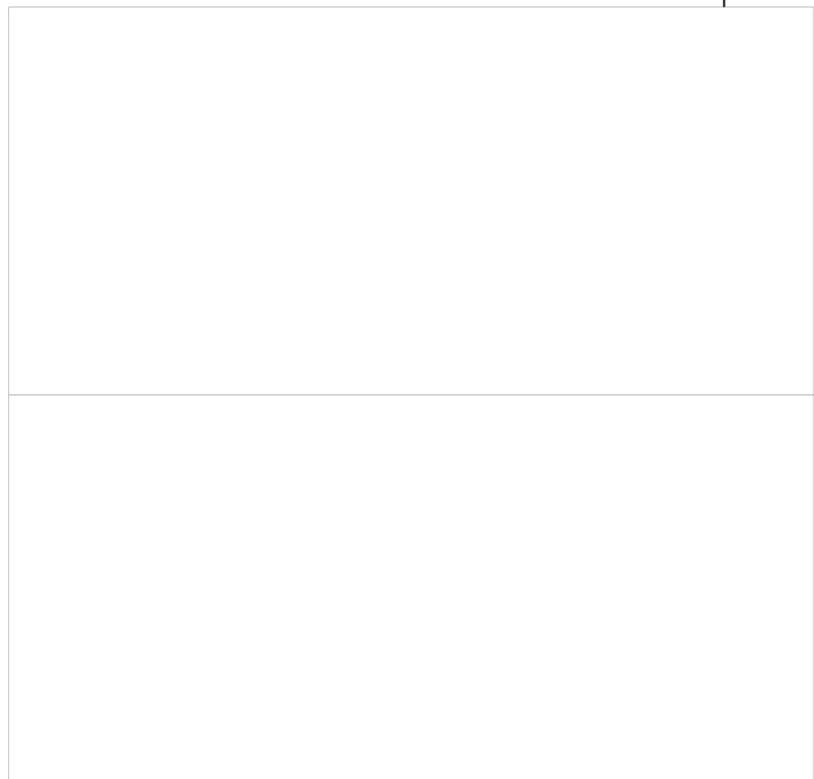
NEUTRAL LIGHT GRAY GRANITE THERMAL FINISH



NEUTRAL LIGHT GRAY GRANITE COBBLES TUMBLED OR SPLIT-FACE FINISH



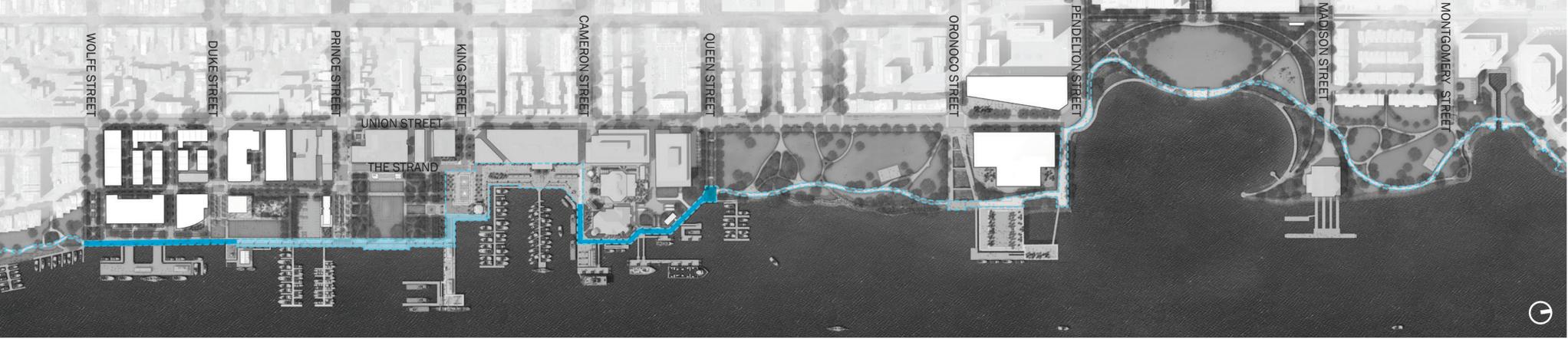
VEHICULAR BRICK PAVER YELLOW/TAN/BEIGE - 2-3 COLOR RANGE, LOW CONTRAST



ALEXANDRIA CITY STANDARD BRICK PAVERS RED - FULL RANGE

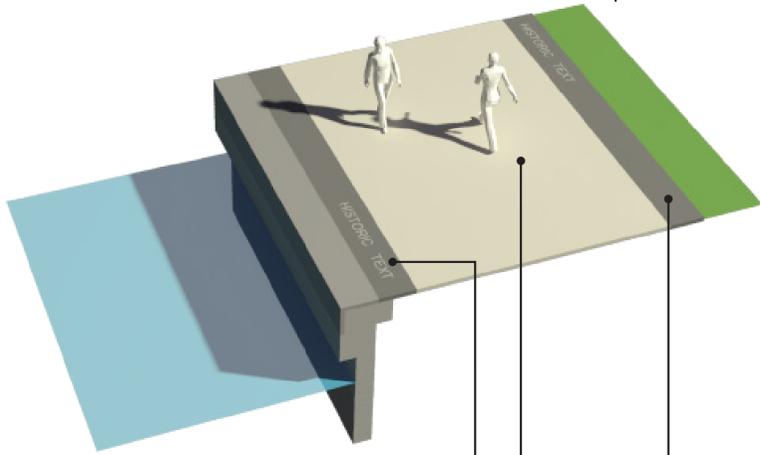
## ALEXANDRIA STREETS - STANDARD & PRECEDENT MATERIALS



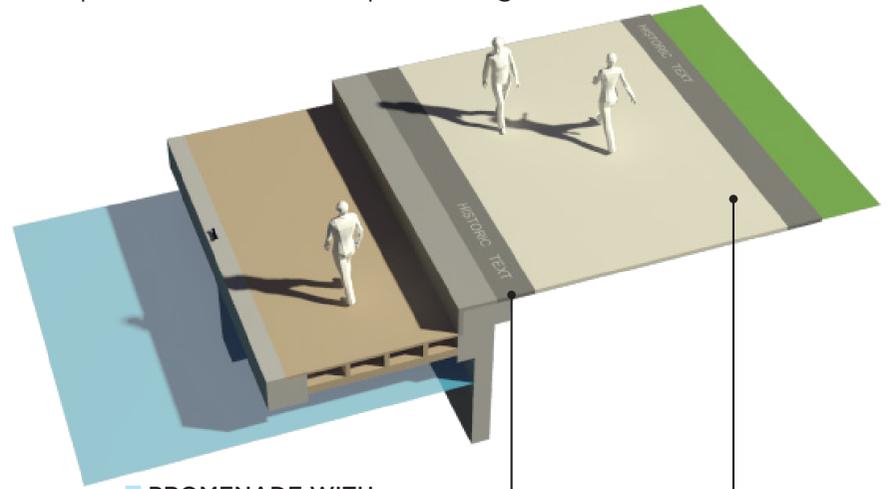


# PAVING WATERFRONT PROMENADE

The promenade will be a continuous path along the entire waterfront. Unique paving materials will distinguish it from the streets in the Waterfront district and throughout Old Town Alexandria. Granite bands on either edge of the promenade frame the infill paving and provide a continuous element for commemorative inscriptions. The mix of gray concrete “plank” pavers used as the promenade infill paving in the core area was selected to recall the planks of wood used on docks in the historic, working waterfront and provide visual interest and a unique character to this space along the water.



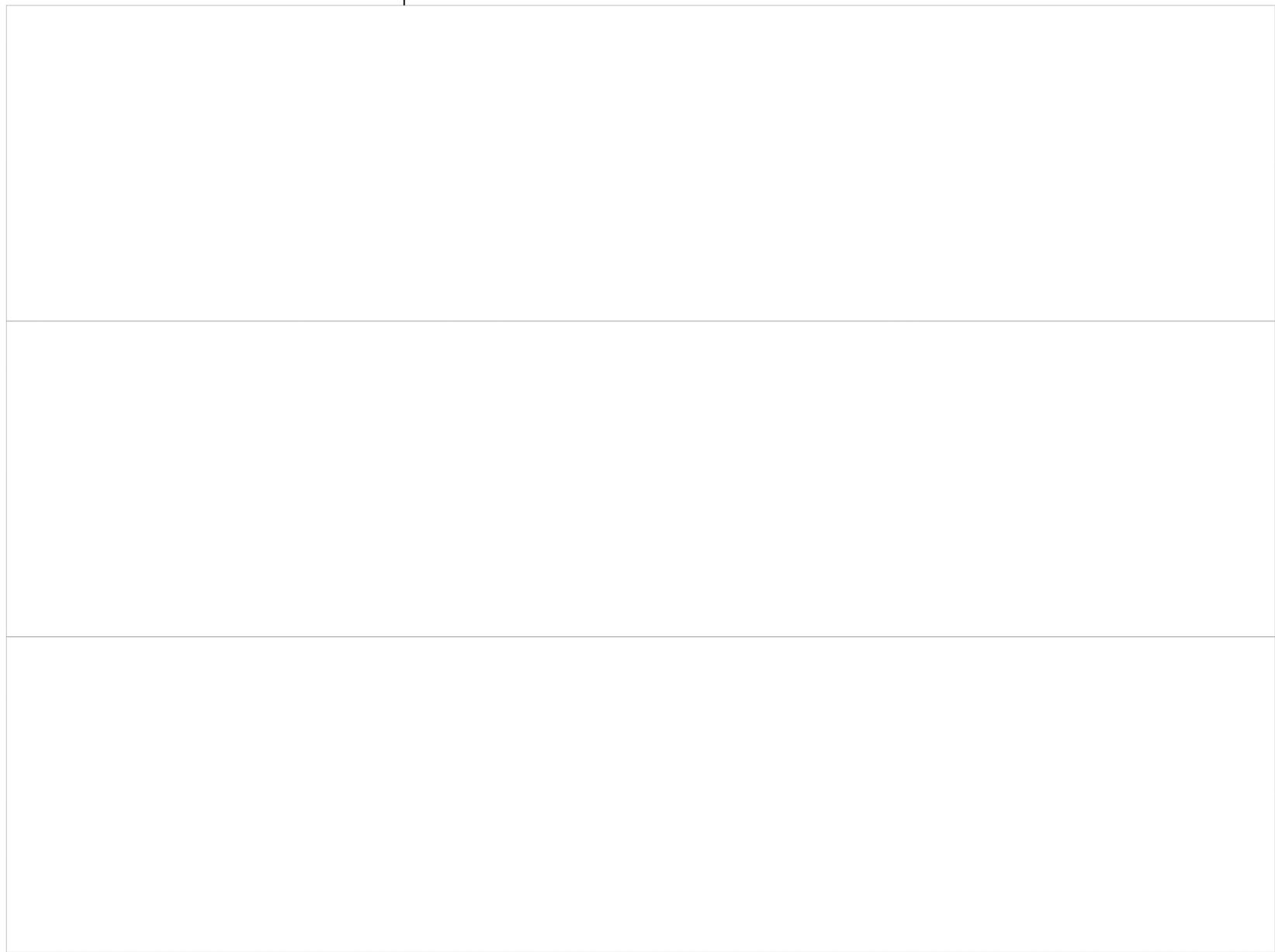
PROMENADE WITHOUT LOWER BOARDWALK (CORE AREA)



PROMENADE WITH LOWER BOARDWALK (CORE AREA)

COMMEMORATIVE INSCRIPTIONS OR OTHER HISTORICAL TEXT

DARK GRAY/CHARCOAL GRANITE THERMAL FINISH

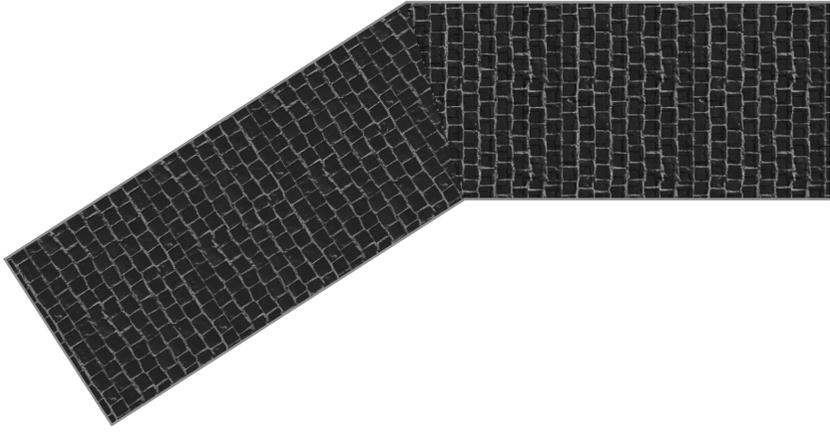


CONCRETE PLANK PAVER GRAY/WHITE COLOR MIX

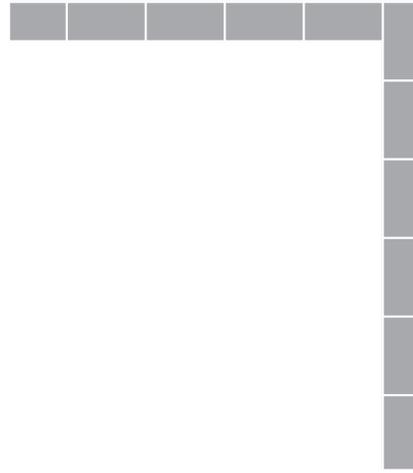


# ART AND HISTORY CONTINUOUS BANDING

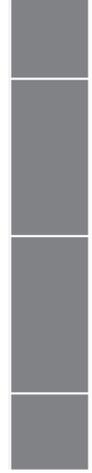
Two shorelines from the history of the Alexandria Waterfront will be delineated in the paving materials of the Waterfront district. Each band is unique and contributes to the character and wayfinding of this historic area.



**1749 HISTORIC SHORELINE**  
2 FT. - 4 FT. WIDE  
WITH 4"X4" COBBLES

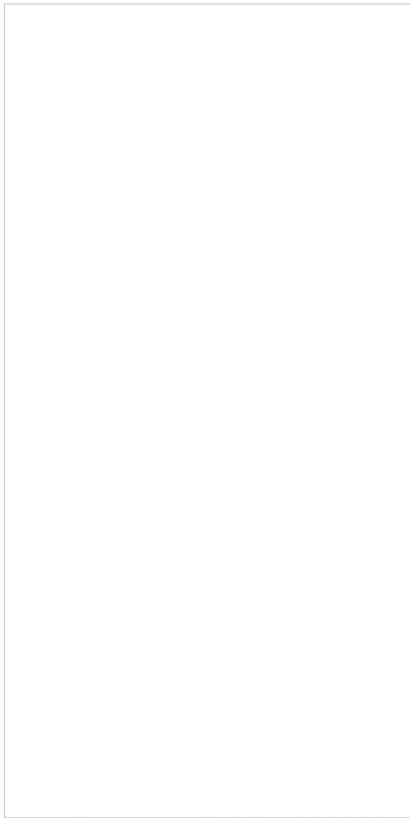


**1845 HISTORIC PIER LINE**  
6 IN. WIDE

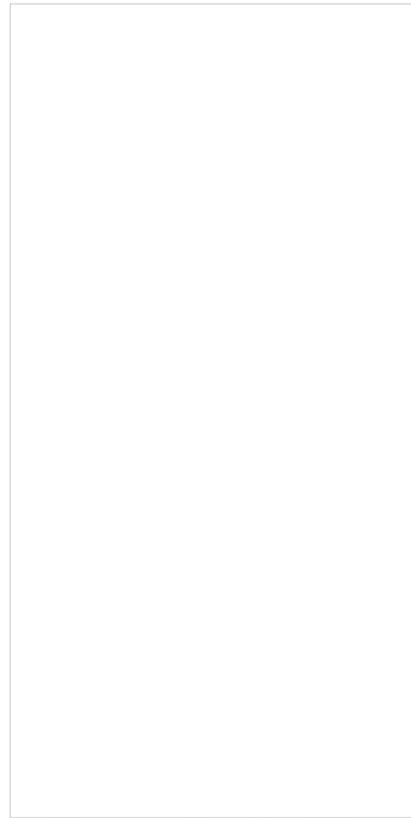


**PROMENADE BANDING**  
1 FT. - 2 FT. WIDE

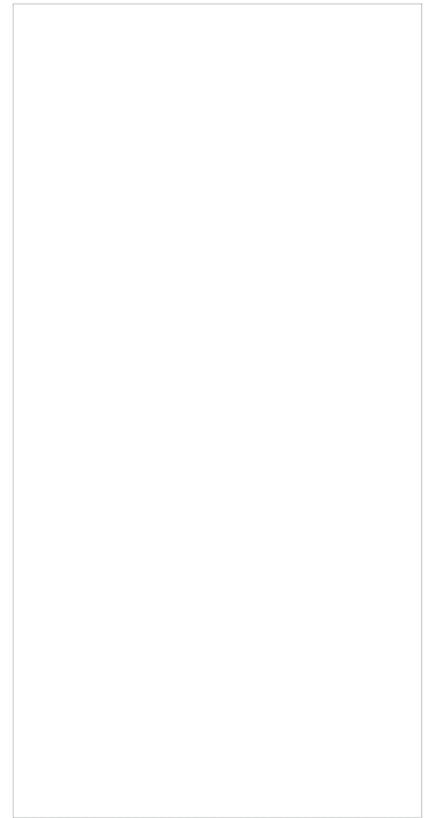
## BANDING MATERIALS



DARK/BLACK GRANITE COBBLES  
TUMBLED FINISH



MEDIUM GRAY GRANITE  
THERMAL FINISH



DARK GRAY/CHARCOAL GRANITE  
THERMAL FINISH

## LABEL & INSCRIPTION OPTIONS

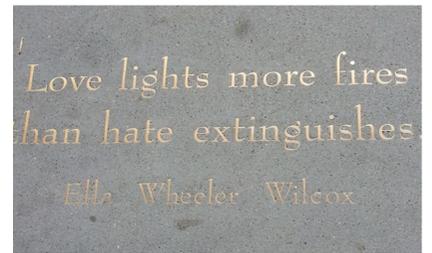
Examples shown for future consideration. Commemorative inscriptions, dates, and other historical text will be incorporated in promenade edge bands and shoreline bands.



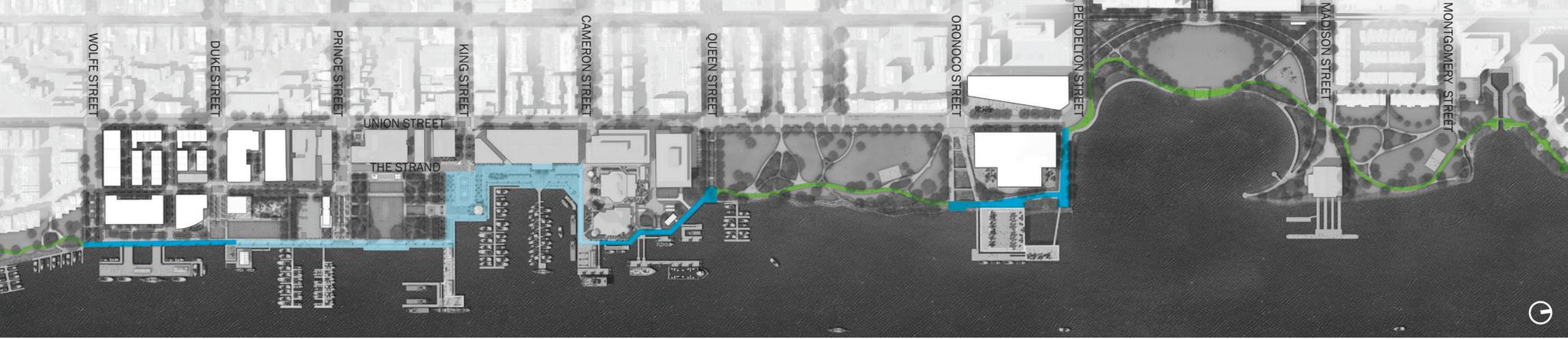
INSET PANEL



INSCRIPTION



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# LIGHTING

## PROMENADE LIGHT

### ALTERNATIVE 1 - URBAN

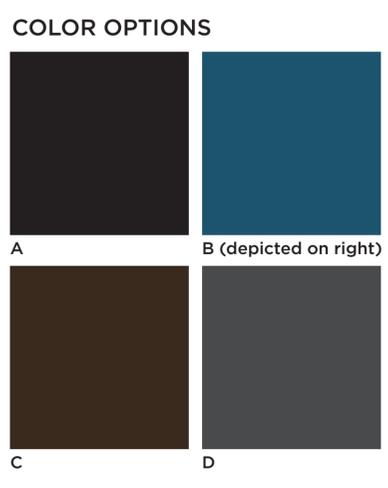
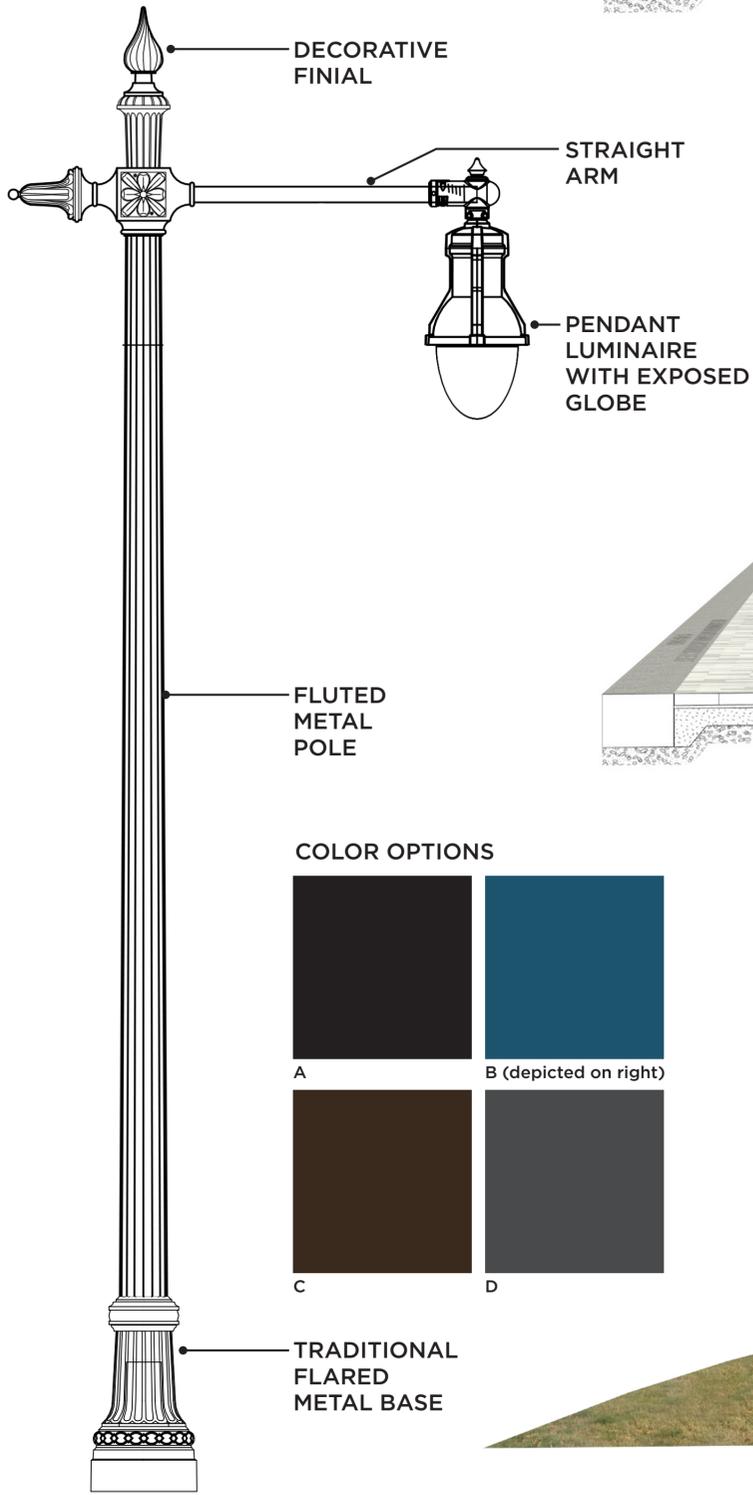
The promenade light will distinguish the promenade as a consistent experience along the waterfront. The light is unique to the promenade and can be configured to reflect the varying conditions of this path. A double arm fixture is provided in areas where there is a lower deck and in more active areas around the Torpedo Factory and Marina. In areas where there is no lower deck or in more passive areas of the waterfront (i.e., through the parks) only a single arm is used. The poles can also be utilized for banners or signs that can be varied seasonally. There are two promenade light alternatives under consideration, which are both shown here.



The period-inspired, historic light is a pedestrian-scaled variation of the street lights found along Washington Street. This fixture provides a more "urban promenade" aesthetic to the waterfront. It was selected to convey a historical quality that distinguishes the waterfront from the streets in Old Town and the standard Gadsby light fixture.



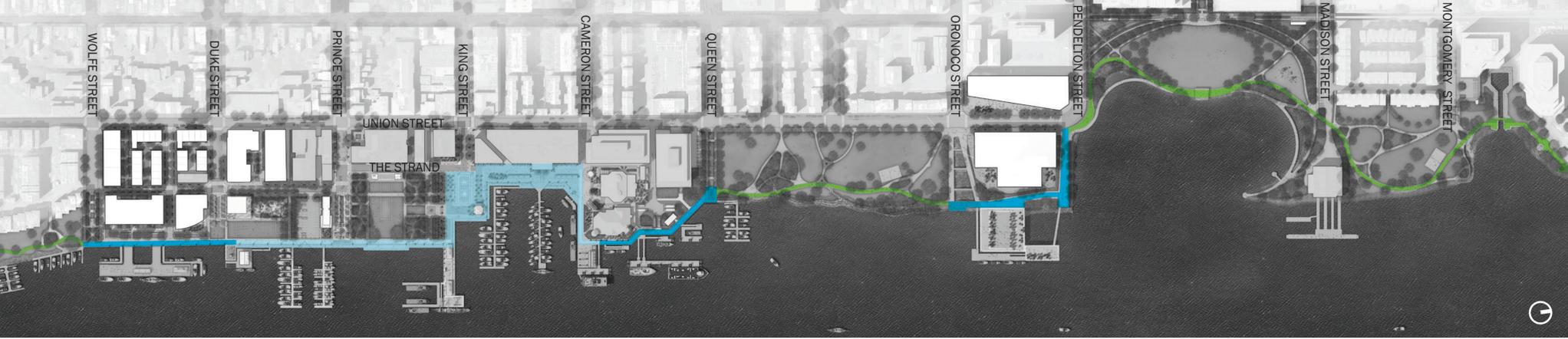
PROMENADE WITH LOWER BOARDWALK



PROMENADE WITHOUT LOWER BOARDWALK



PROMENADE THROUGH PARK

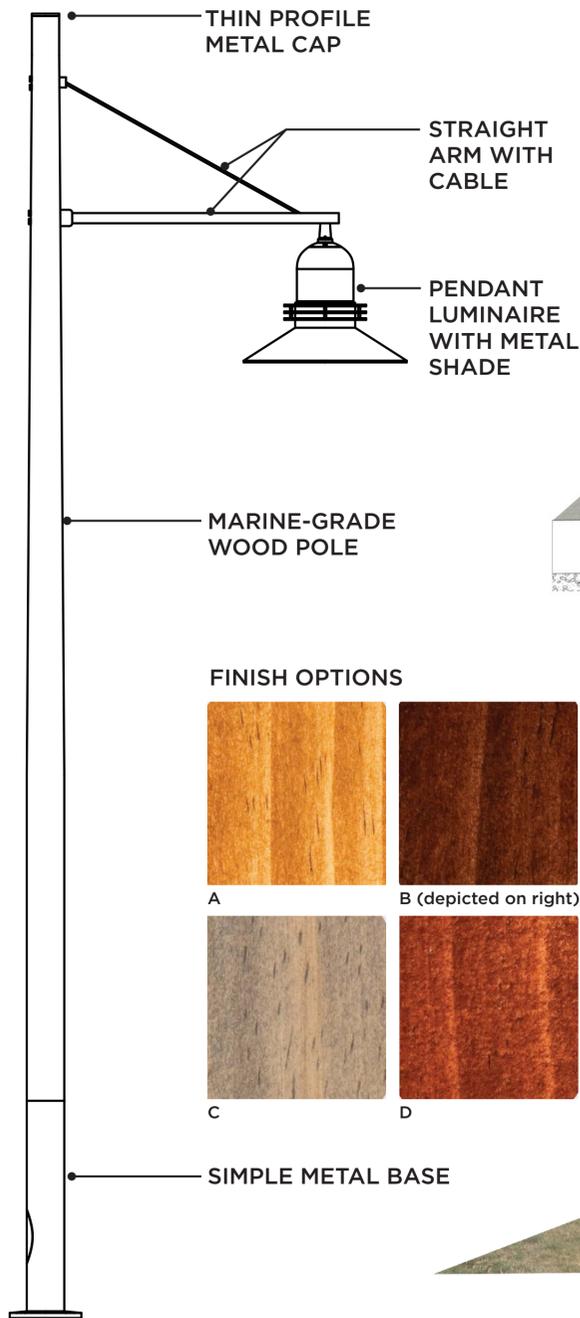


# LIGHTING

## PROMENADE LIGHT ALTERNATIVE 2 - NAUTICAL



The nautical light fixture recalls the wood masts and poles found along the working waterfront in Alexandria throughout the 19th and 20th Centuries. This fixture consists of a marine-grade wood pole with steel base. The wood component both nautical and natural, allowing the fixture to coordinate with the promenade and its surroundings in the more urban core area as well as through the waterfront parks.



### FINISH OPTIONS

