



Parks and Recreation Commission Update

Alexandria Waterfront Implementation

March 21, 2024

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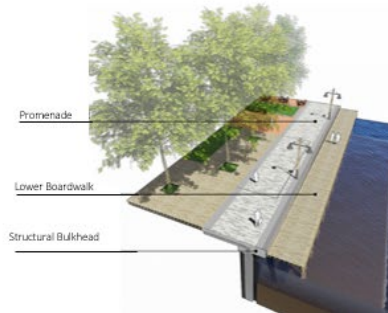
The City seeks to implement the Waterfront Implementation Project to:

- Mitigate stormwater and the most frequent tidal and riverine flooding
- Replace aging and failing shoreline infrastructure, where practicable and affordable
- Improve public accessibility and public amenities within key waterfront locations of Old Town Alexandria.
- Actualize the goals of the Waterfront Small Area Plan

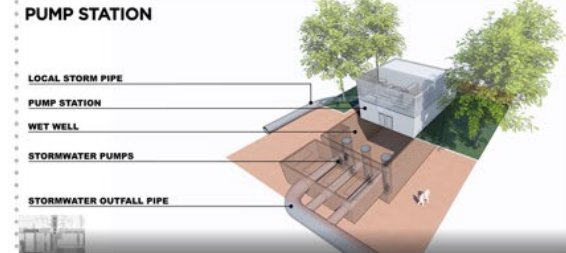
BACKFLOW of River Outfalls



OVERTOPPING of Bulkhead



INUNDATION of Storm Sewers



- **Cultural Resource Investigations**

- Supplemental Phase 1A documentary study by Waterfront Historian
- Informed team of higher risk of encountering historic wharf structures and/or ships at historic shorelines for PS2 in Founders Park

- **Environmental Investigations**

- Additional quantification of soil contamination – informed us of higher than anticipated costs of disposal
- Additional groundwater table monitoring – documenting higher than previously recorded water table.
 - Additional challenges and risks with underground storage (higher dewatering costs, risk of losing storage capacity and potential risk of water contamination)

- **Structural Assessments**

- Bulkhead condition at Waterfront Park has continued to decline from prior assessment.
- Additional scope and cost to repair or replace now anticipated, if feasible within funding.

- **Pump Station Location Assessment**

- PDB Team re-evaluated pump station size, location, and permanent impacts to park areas.
- Identified opportunity to reduce capital costs, risk, and asset management costs with alternative pump station approach.



• Structural Assessments

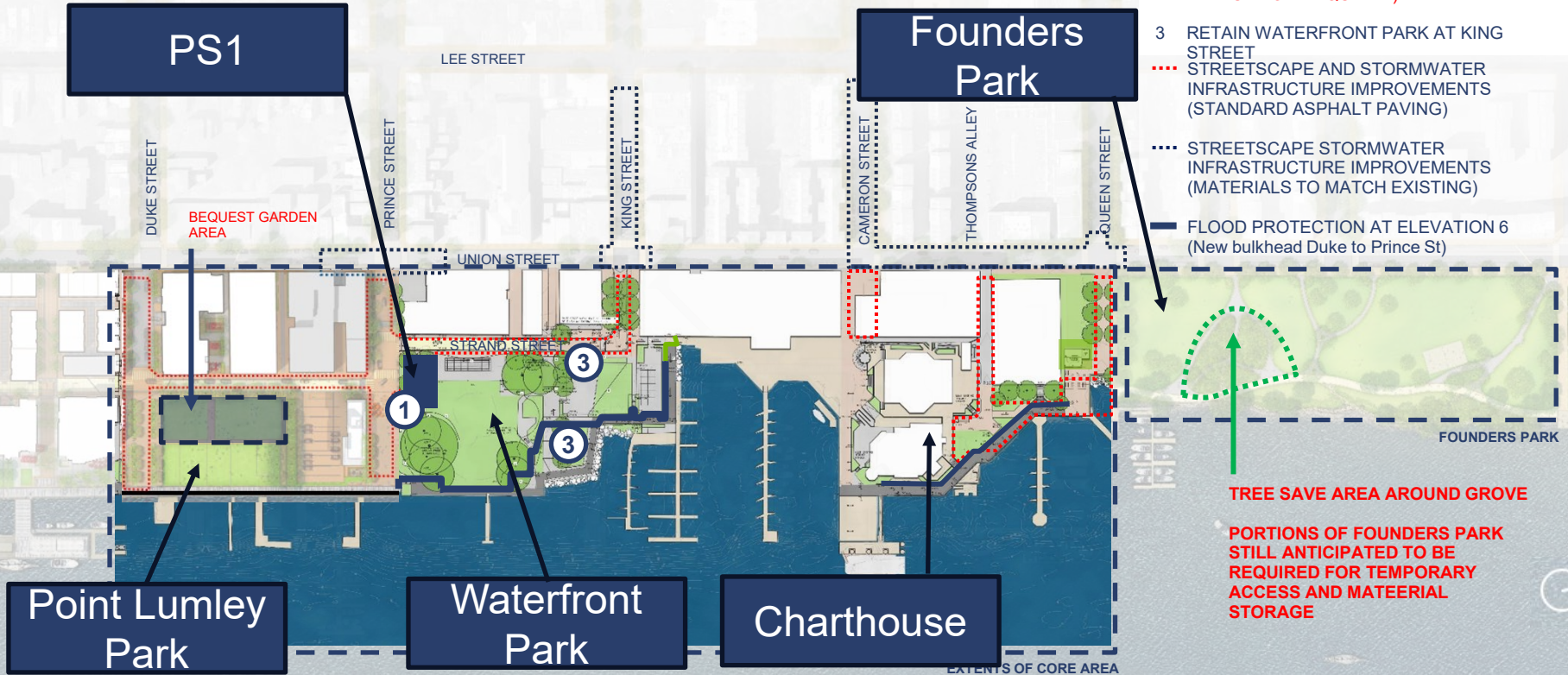
- Bulkhead condition at Waterfront Park (H) has declined from prior assessment.
- May require additional scope and cost to repair, or replace, if feasible and within funding.

- **City is realizing the anticipated Benefits of Progressive Design Build!**
 - Cost reduction and innovation with expert designer and builder input
 - Builder input on assessing and pricing risk, means and methods, and cost estimates
- **Primary Cost Saving and Risk Mitigation Measures:**
 - **Eliminate Underground Storage**
 - **Single Pump Station Alternative**
- **Scoping To Budget Continues to keep project costs within Funding:**
 - Includes Primary Cost and Risk and saving measures above
 - Currently both Baseline and Alternate Approach **excludes replacement of aging and/or failed bulkhead from Cameron to Queen St**
 - Park/Street Restoration (in-kind) and potentially limited park improvements.
 - **Maintains most of Waterfront Park Improvements in current condition (as previously anticipated).**
- **Additional strategies will be further evaluated:**
 - Alternative/Hybrid Shoreline within Point Lumley Park to minimize impacts and cost of new bulkhead
 - Reducing Overhead Power Line Undergrounding (Prince Street and Strand Street)
 - Minimizing landscape and bulkhead improvements north of King Street (while still incorporating riverine flood protection elements)

Alternative – Single Station Approach

LEGEND **Draft, Deliberative, Pre-Decisional**

- 1 PUMP STATION
- 2 ~~POTENTIAL~~ UNDERGROUND STORMWATER DETENTION CHAMBERS (FURTHER EVALUATION REQUIRED)
- 3 RETAIN WATERFRONT PARK AT KING STREET
STREETSCAPE AND STORMWATER INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS (STANDARD ASPHALT PAVING)
- STREETSCAPE STORMWATER INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS (MATERIALS TO MATCH EXISTING)
- FLOOD PROTECTION AT ELEVATION 6 (New bulkhead Duke to Prince St)



Baseline - Two Pump Station Impacts

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PUMP STATION 1 – WATERFRONT PARK



- Above Grade Size: ~35'x60'footprint
- Total Impact: ~4,800 SF
- Long side facing Prince Street
- Two Stories – internal stair

PUMP STATION 2 – FOUNDERS PARK



- Above Grade Size: 35'x40'
- Total Impact: ~4,100 SF
- Long side facing to Founders Park
- Two Stories- internal stair

Total Combined permanent impact to public space: ~9,000 SF



- Above Grade Size: 36'x100'
- Total Impact: ~6,000 SF
- Long side facing Prince Street
- Two Stories- internal stair

PS1

Total permanent impact to public space: ~6,000SF

Net reduction of permanent impacts to park areas: ~3,000 SF

- Significantly reduces capital cost and risk due to:
 - Contaminated soil in Founders Park
 - Cultural Resource Implications/Risks
 - Eliminates excavation and construction next to an existing building (211 Harbor Center)
 - Single building site / building crew
 - Lowers dewatering costs
- Single Asset to operate and maintain
- Lower replacement and lifecycle costs
- Maintains/Maximizes Open Space
- Eliminates permanent visual impacts to Founders Park

PS1 – Pump Station Concept

(Single Station Alternative - Development Ongoing)



PS1- WATERFRONT PARK (Single Station)

Study to determine scale and mass if only a single pump station were to be constructed:

- Two story Pump Station required
- 30-35' max height anticipated
- Coordination ongoing with Dominion Energy
- Coordination ongoing with National Park Service for deed modification of height limitations.
- BAR Concept Review anticipated – seeking input on architectural features
- Materials are conceptual – coordination with BAR and budget affordability required.

EXCEEDS 15' HEIGHT RESTRICTION PER NPS SETTLEMENT / DEED



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- Team assessing further reduction in footprint
- Location of exterior walls structurally tied to underground wet-well structure
 - informs minimum footprint dimensions
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SOUTH ELEVATION

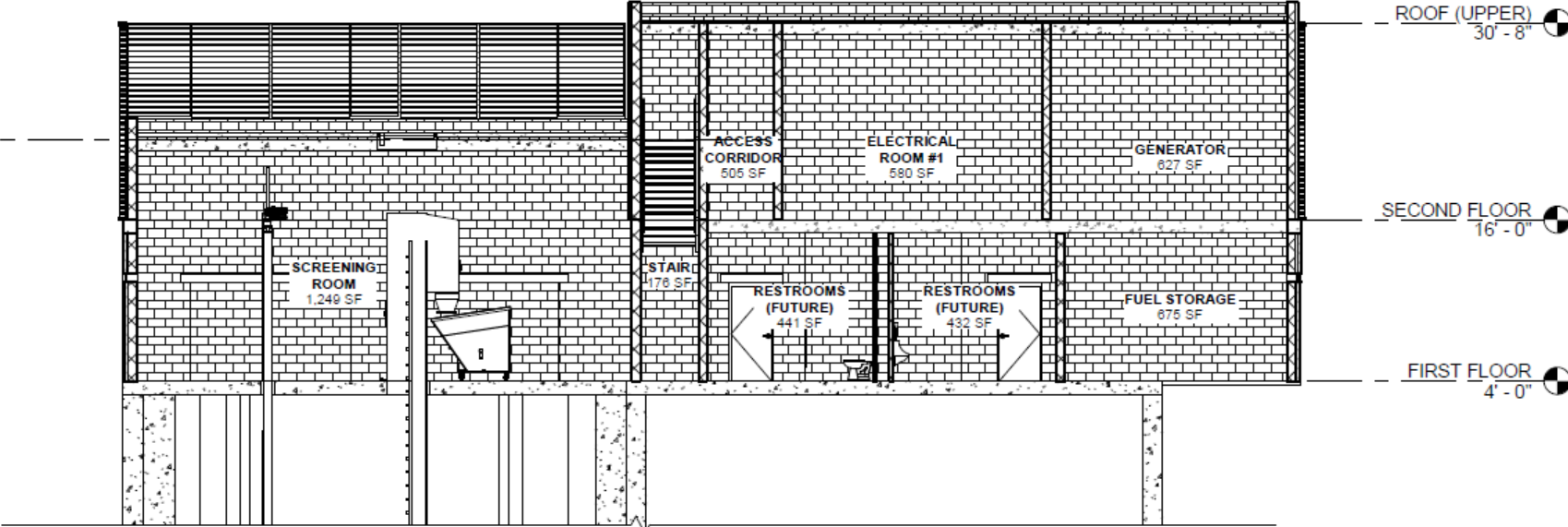
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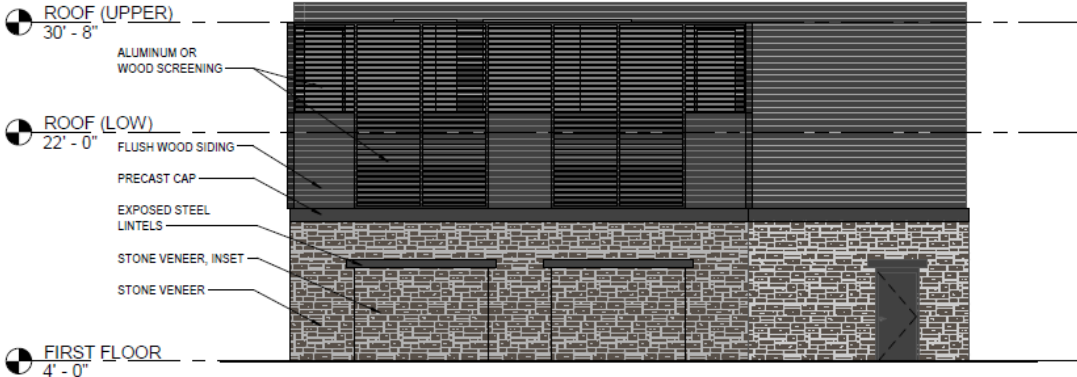
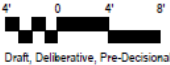
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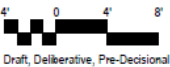
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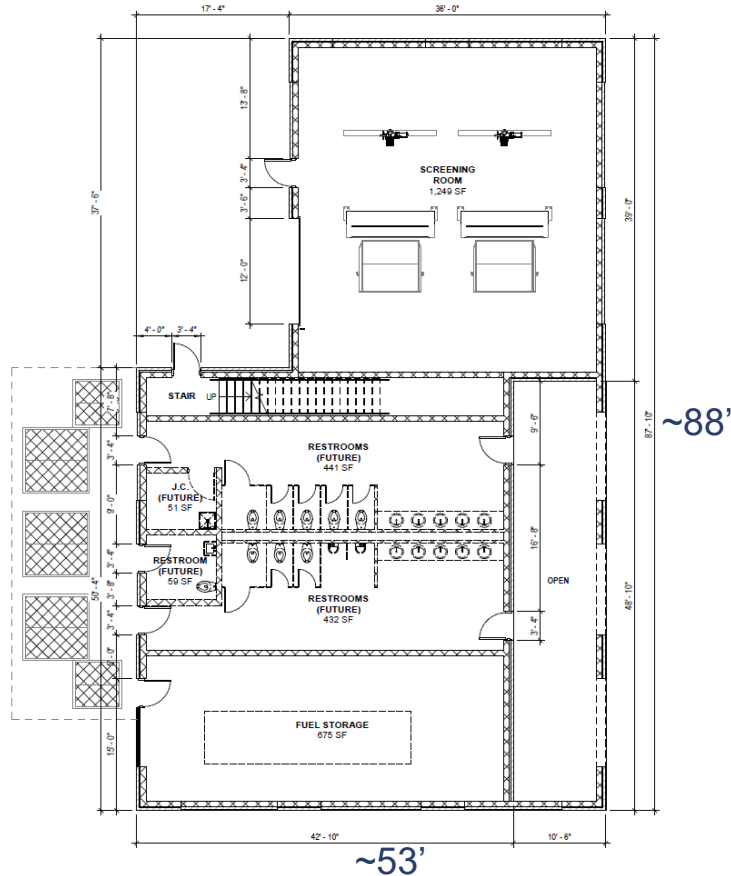


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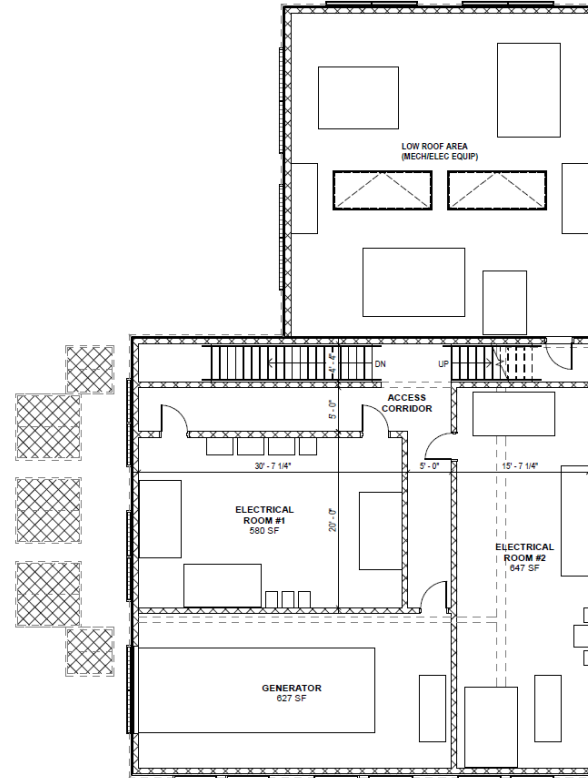
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FIRST FLOOR PLAN



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SECOND FLOOR PLAN



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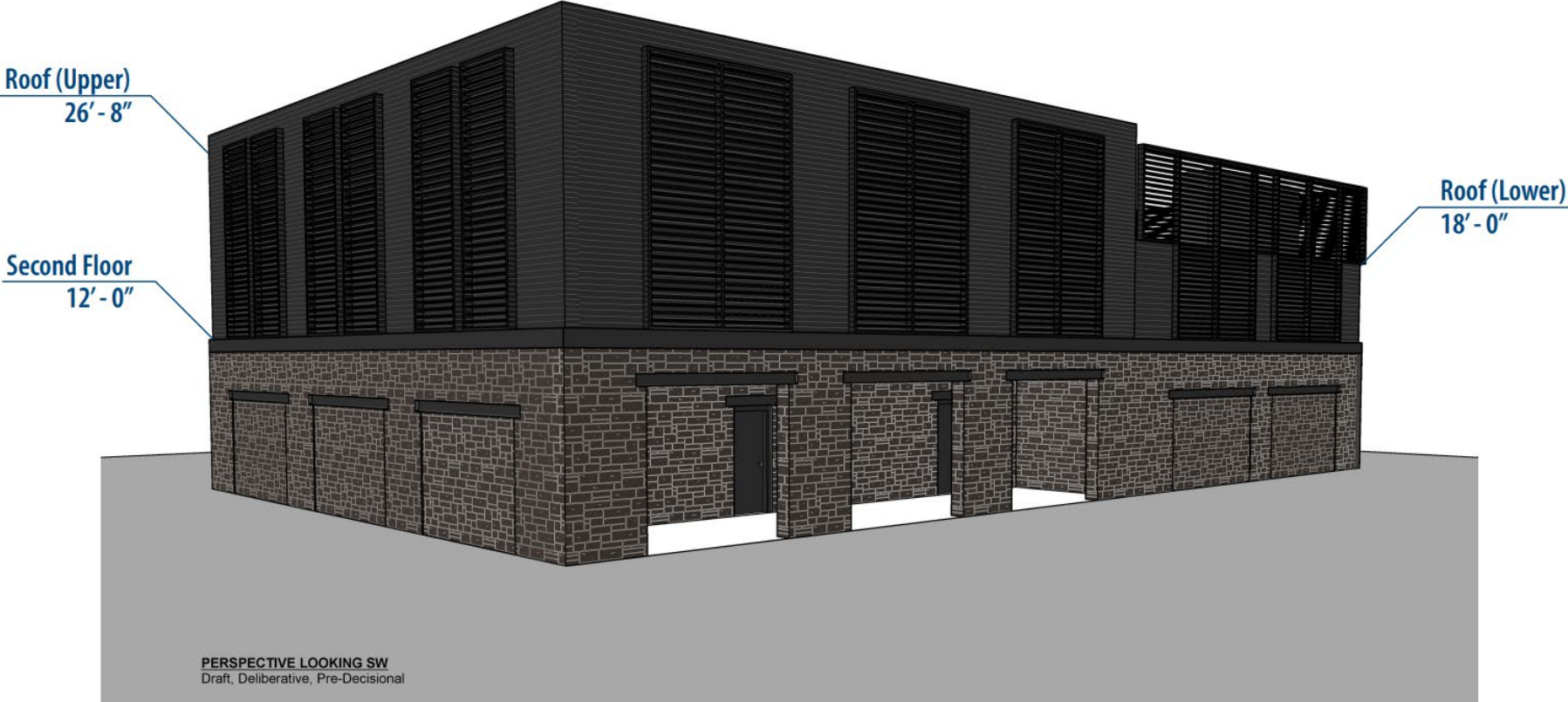


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PERSPECTIVE OF SOUTH ELEVATION

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Lower King Street

Lower King Permanent Design

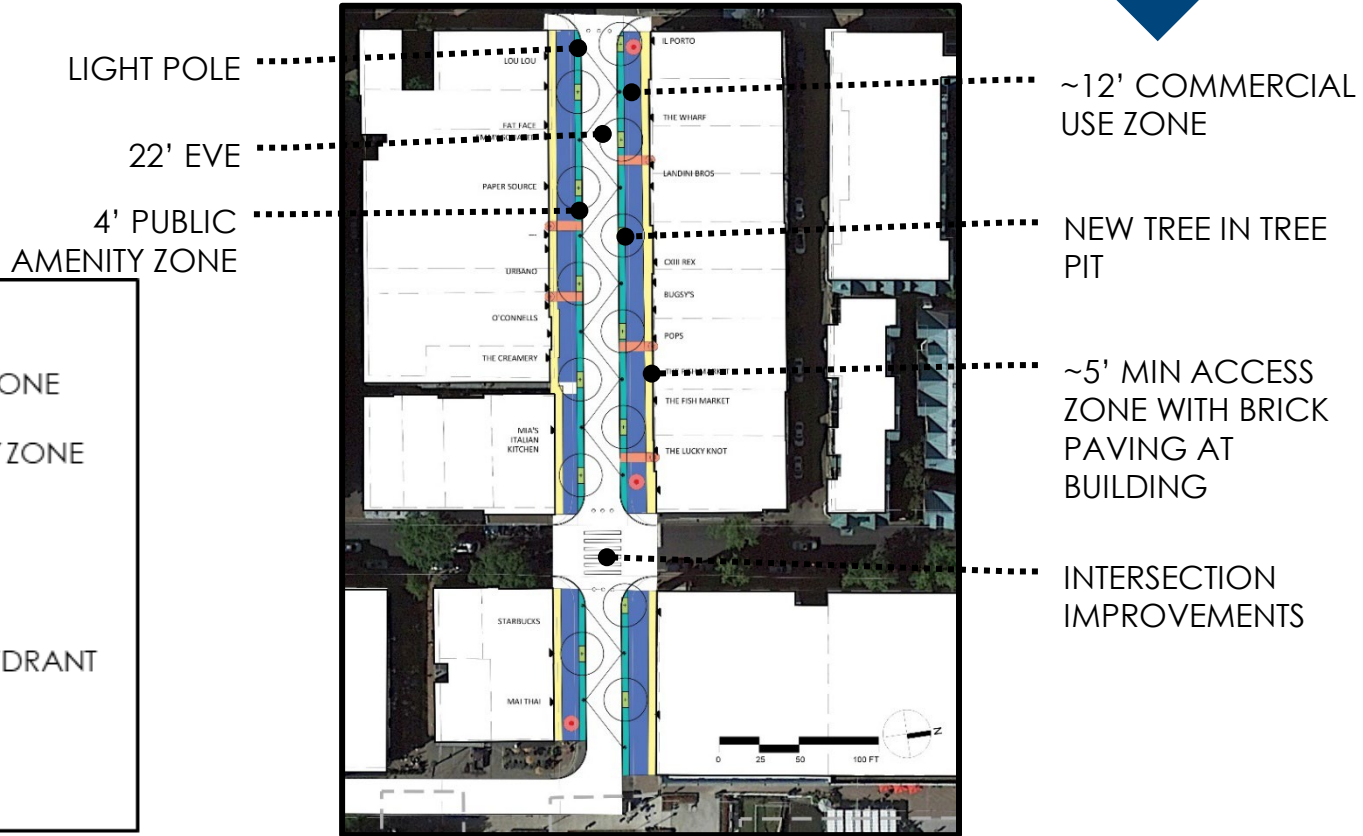


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Project Boundaries



Staff Recommendation



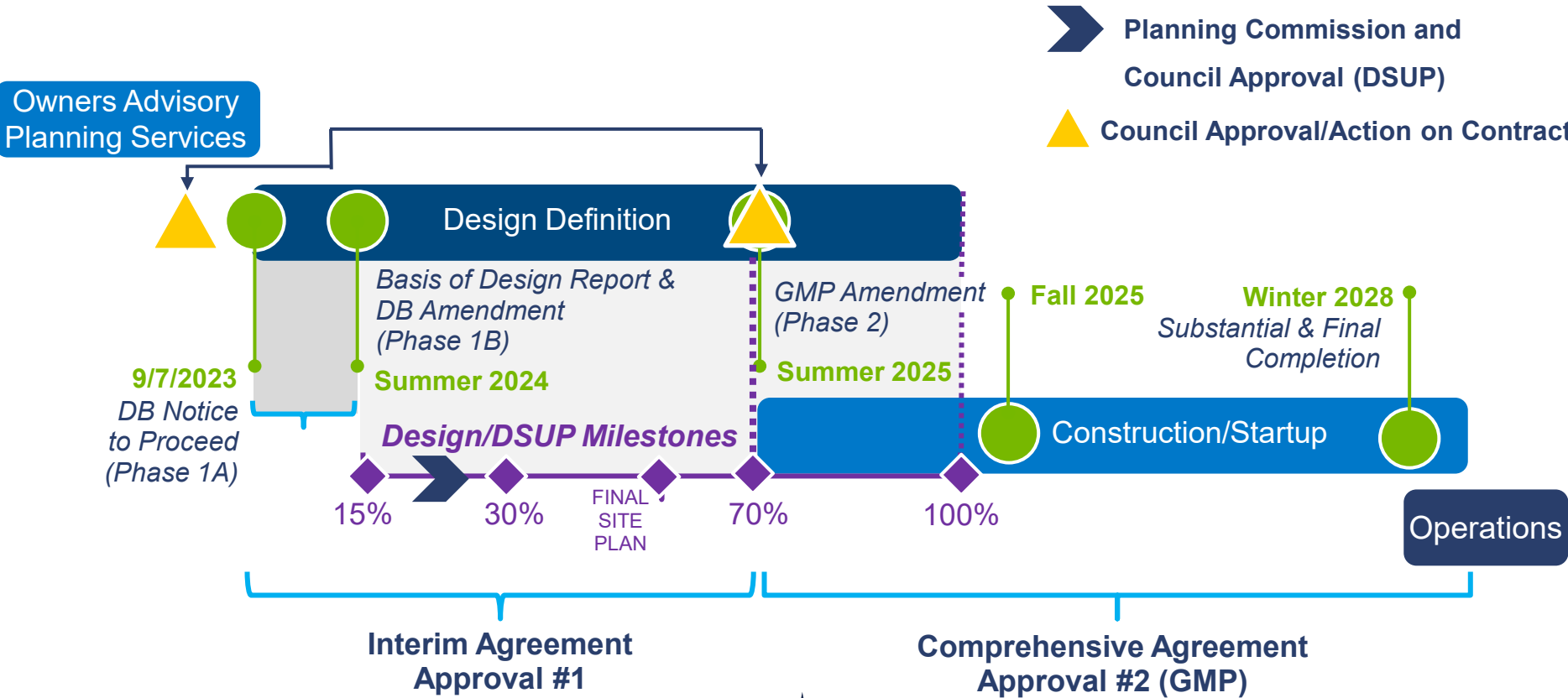
LEGEND

- COMMERCIAL ZONE
- PUBLIC AMENITY ZONE
- ACCESS ZONE
- PLANTING AREA
- EXISTING FIRE HYDRANT
- EXISTING FDC
- STREET LIGHT

Project Schedule



Baseline Project Schedule



★ Construction will commence AFTER City's 275th birthday celebration

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