

City of Alexandria, Virginia

# OLD TOWN NORTH SMALL AREA PLAN UPDATE STATUS

**BAR OLD & HISTORIC ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT**

**Wednesday, January 20, 2016**

**7:30 – 9:30 PM**

**City Council Chamber**

**City Hall**



# OTN SAP UPDATE STATUS REPORT



## Summary of Topics Covered:

- Old Town North Planning Area
- Historic Preservation Maps
- Charrette
  - Reference Document – Project Brief
  - Reference Maps
  - Charrette Draft Graphics
- Next Steps

# OLD TOWN NORTH PLANNING AREA

## OLD TOWN NORTH Small Area Plan Boundary Map

0 0.0275 0.055 0.11 0.165 0.22 Miles



POTOMAC RIVER

# OLD AND HISTORIC ALEXANDRIA AND PARKER-GRAY

## OLD TOWN NORTH

LOCAL HISTORIC DISTRICTS

October 22, 2015



0 250 500 1,000 Feet

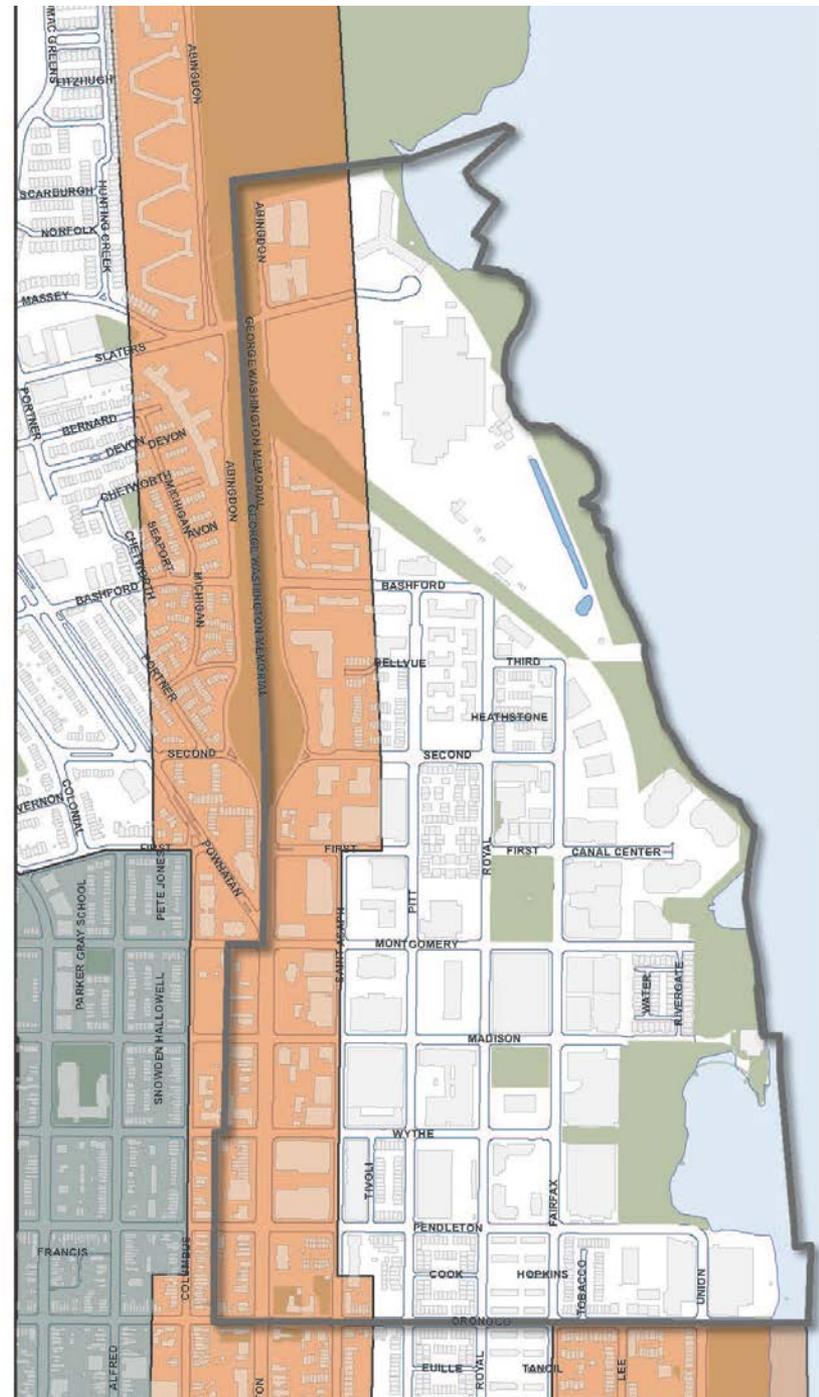


### LEGEND

 Old & Historic Alexandria District

 Parker-Gray District

 Old Town North  
Small Area Plan Boundary



# OLD TOWN NORTH HISTORIC EXHIBIT

To kick-off the Charrette Week, an electronic exhibit of Old Town North historical sites and the area's evolution over time was presented at a Community Open House on November 12, 2015.

**1929 Aerial Map**



# CHARRETTE WEEK



**Definition:** The National Charrette Institute™ defines ‘Charrette’ as *“a multiple-day collaborative design and planning workshop held on-site and inclusive of all affected stakeholders.”*

**Purpose:** The Charrette is proposed as one of the planning tools to be utilized during Phase 1 of the OTN SAP Update and as part of the Work Plan for this planning process

## **HISTORICAL NOTE**

The term "charrette" is derived from the French word for "little cart." In Paris during the 19th century, professors at the Ecole de Beaux Arts circulated with little carts to collect final drawings from their students. Students would jump on the "charrette" to put finishing touches on their presentation minutes before the deadline.

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## PROJECT BRIEF

A Compilation of Existing Conditions, Plans, and Policies for Reference during  
the Old Town North Small Area Plan Update Planning Process

FINAL  
DECEMBER 2015



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# REFERENCE DOCUMENT



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# Project Brief Historic Preservation



The Historic Preservation section of the Project Brief included a summary of the below plans and policies:

- 1992 City Master Plan – Historic Preservation for Old Town North Small Area Plan Objectives and Preservation Recommendations
- Washington Street Standards, Zoning Ordinance 10-105-3
- Archaeological Protection Code: Alexandria City Zoning Ordinance, 1992, 11-411
- Design Guidelines for the Old and Historic Alexandria District and Parker-Gray (including Chapter 7 Washington Street guidelines)
- Wayfinding Guidelines
- Buildings of Merit on the George Washington Memorial Parkway since 1932
- Washington Street: A review of Washington Street and its Memorial Character

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## REFERENCE MAPS

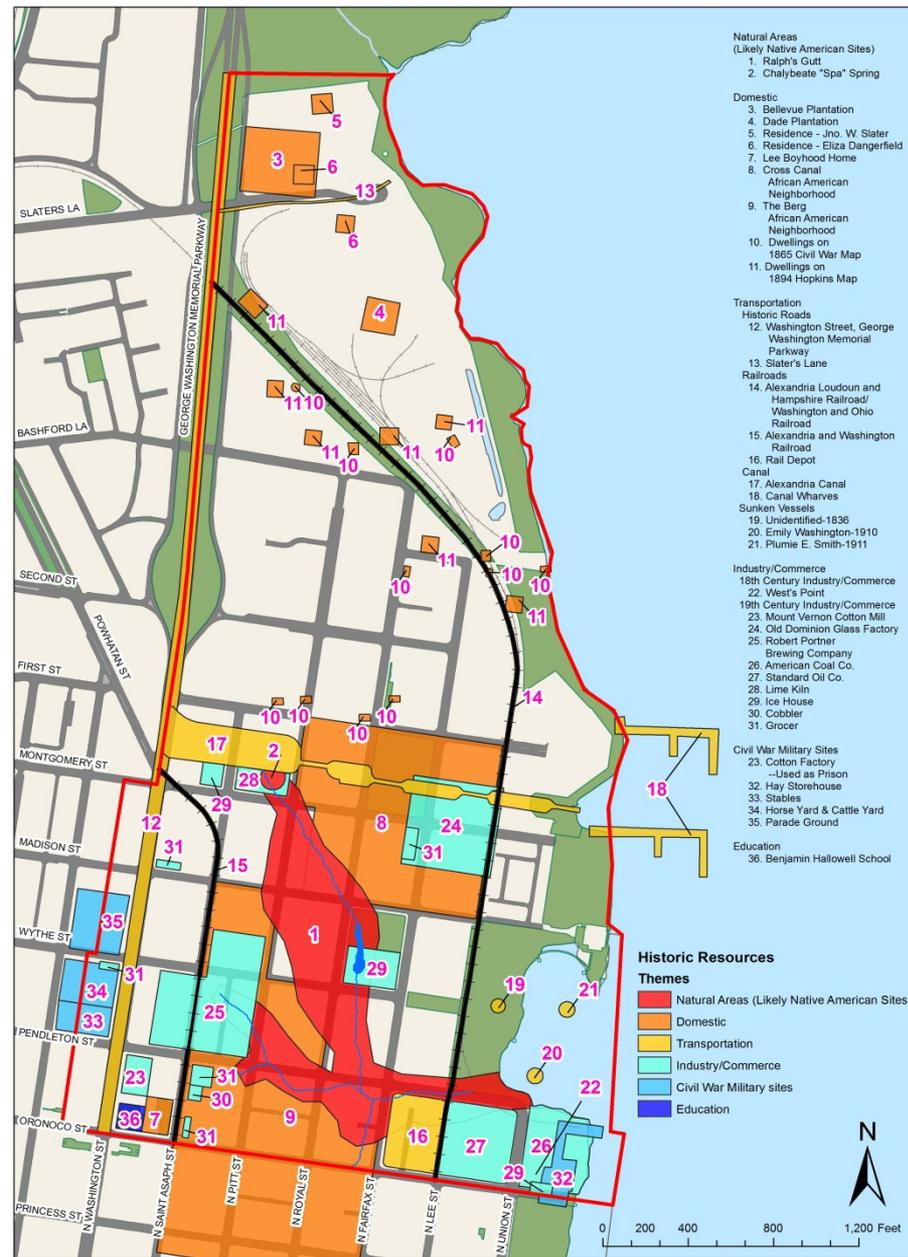
# KNOWN AND POTENTIAL HISTORIC RESOURCES IN OLD TOWN NORTH

## Historic Resources

### Themes

- Natural Areas (Likely Native American Sites)
- Domestic
- Transportation
- Industry/Commerce
- Civil War Military sites
- Education

## Old Town North Known and Potential Historic Resources



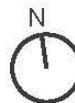
# OLD TOWN NORTH EXISTING BUILDINGS BY YEAR BUILT

## OLD TOWN NORTH

Existing Buildings by Year Built

October 22, 2015

0 200 400 800



### LEGEND

#### Year Built

-  =<1909
-  1910 - 1949
-  1950 - 1964
-  1965 - 1984
-  1985 - 2004
-  2005 - 2013

 OTN Small Area Plan Boundary



# HISTORICAL SELF-GUIDED TOUR



## OLD TOWN NORTH

HISTORICAL SELF-GUIDED TOUR

November 10, 2015

0 250 500 1,000 Feet



### LEGEND

 Route (2.5 mi)

 Old Town North SAP Boundary

### SITES

- ① Bellevue Plantation
- ② Dade Plantation
- ③ 19th Century Rural Dwellings
- ④ Alexandria Loudon & Hampshire Railroad/ Washington & Ohio Railroad
- ⑤ Canal Wharves
- ⑥ Alexandria Canal
- ⑦ Old Dominion Glass Factory
- ⑧ Cross Canal/African American Neighborhood
- ⑨ Sunken Vessels in Oronoco Park & Bay  
Unidentified - 1836  
Emily Washington - 1910  
Plumie E. Smith - 1911
- ⑩ West's Point, Civil War Hay Warehouses/  
American Coal Company
- ⑪ Standard Oil Company
- ⑫ Rail Depot/ Ralph's Gutt
- ⑬ The Berg and Fishtown  
African American Neighborhood
- ⑭ Robert E. Lee Boyhood Home
- ⑮ Benjamin Hallowell School
- ⑯ Mount Vernon Cotton Mill
- ⑰ Civil War Stables and Parade Ground
- ⑱ Robert Portner Brewing Company and  
Alexandria and Washington Railroad
- ⑲ Chalybeate "Spa" Medicinal Spring/ Lime Kiln
- ⑳ Ice House
- ㉑ George Washington Memorial Parkway

# CHARRETTE WEEK



## CHARRETTE DRAFT GRAPHICS

# WASHINGTON STREET DRAFT STREETScape IMPROVEMENTS



# DRAFT HISTORY AND ARCHAEOLOGY THEME AREAS



## HISTORY & ARCHAEOLOGY: THEME AREAS

Ideas for Future Study



### LEGEND

- CANAL
- RAILROAD
- AGRARIAN ECONOMY
- INDUSTRIES
- CROSS CANAL (AFRICAN AMERICAN NEIGHBORHOOD)
- SUNKEN VESSELS

AGRARIAN ECONOMY 18TH CENTURY - EARLY 20TH CENTURIES

ALEXANDRIA ORIGINS (WEST'S POINT, SEE WATERFRONT PLAN & ROBINSON TERMINAL NORTH DEVELOPMENT)

\* CIVIL WAR THEME NOT ILLUSTRATED

# OTN SAP UPDATE NEXT STEPS



## **Historic Preservation + Open Space, Recreation and Cultural Activities Subcommittee Meetings**

- Wednesday, January 20, 2016, 4:30-6:00 PM
- Wednesday, March 9, 2016, 4:00 – 6:00

## **OTN Advisory Group Meetings for January through May** Dates and Location to be determined.