

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 AND HISTORIC ALEXANDRIA AND PARKER-GRAY

OLD TOWN NORTH

LOCAL HISTORIC DISTRICTS

October 22, 2015




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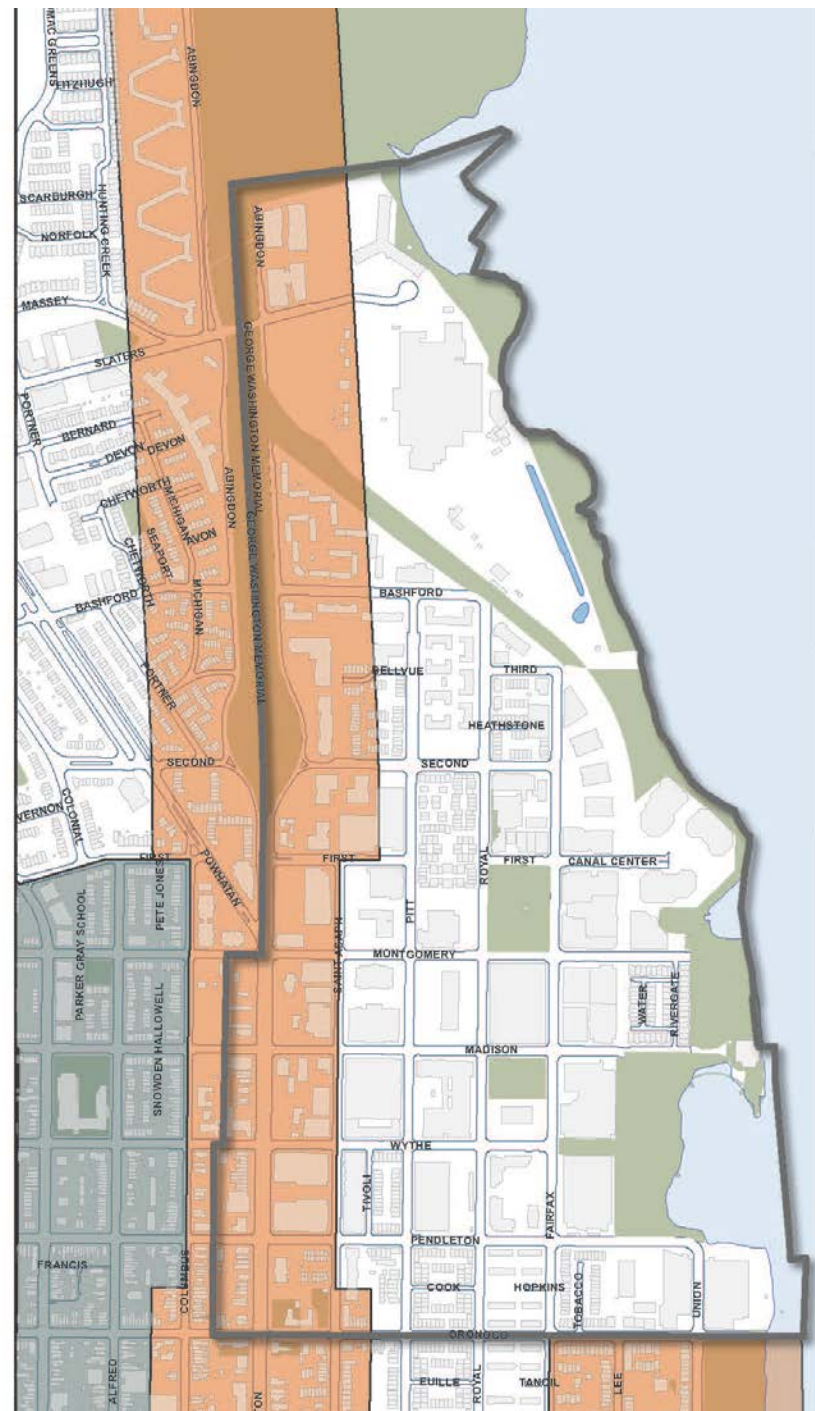


LEGEND

 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

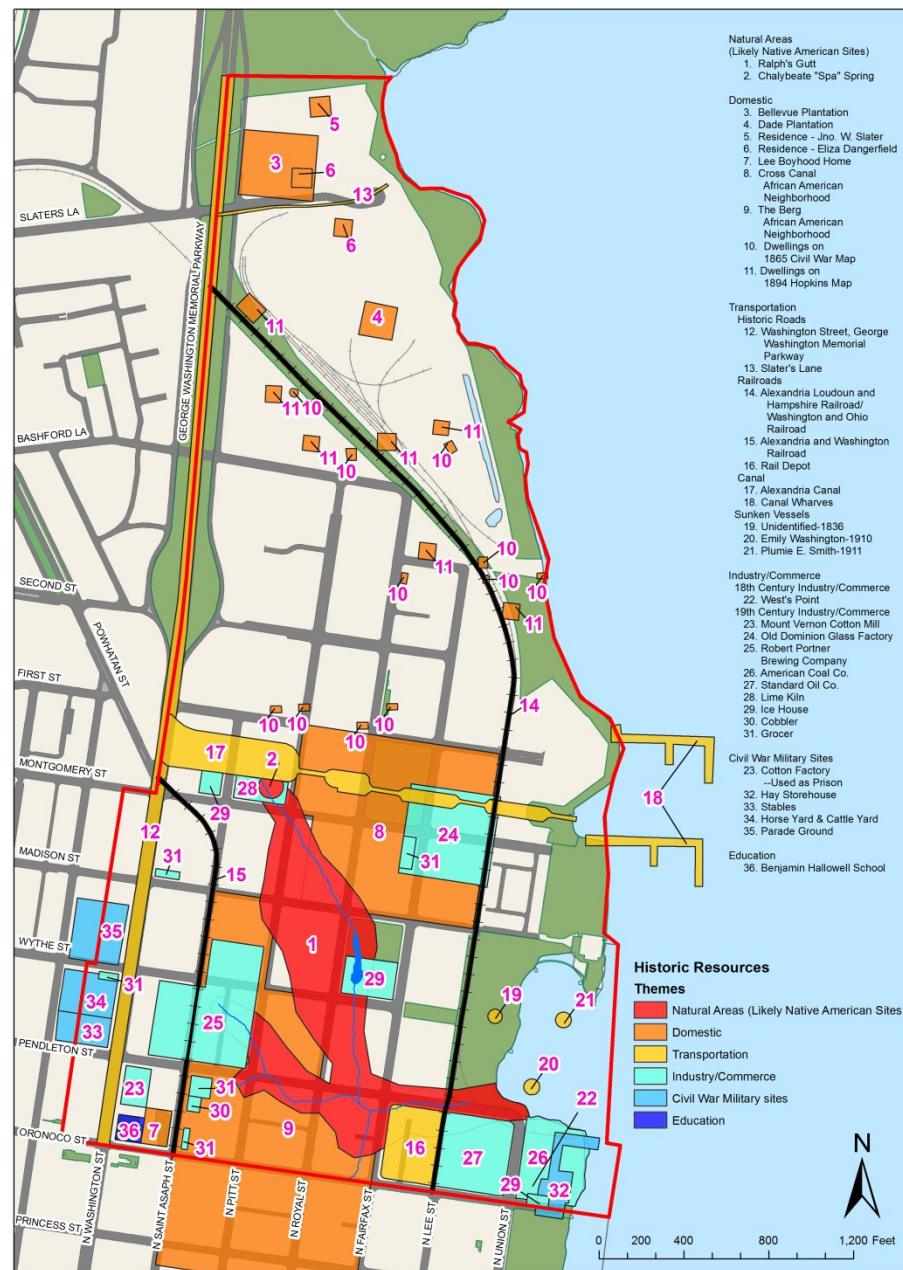
Historic Resources

Themes

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

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Old Town North Known and Potential Historic Resources



OLD TOWN NORTH EXISTING BUILDINGS BY YEAR BUILT

OLD TOWN NORTH

Existing Buildings by Year Built

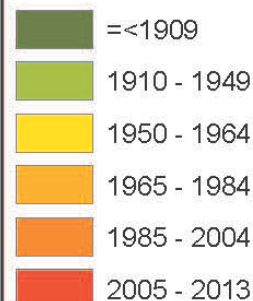
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Year Built



 OTN Small Area Plan Boundary



HISTORICAL SELF-GUIDED TOUR



OLD TOWN NORTH

HISTORICAL SELF-GUIDED TOUR

November 10, 2015



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



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.