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# Project Briefing – Waterfront & Parks and Recreation Commission

## **Alexandria Waterfront Implementation: Flood Mitigation** November 19, 2024 & November 21, 2024

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### 1. Waterfront Park –

### 1. Pump Station Location –

- 1. Prince Street and Strand Street options are technically feasible
- 2. Preliminary stakeholder feedback on location?
- 3. Additional feedback requested at upcoming Open House
- 2. Park Concepts and Program Elements (via upcoming Open House)

## 2. Point Lumley Park

1. Park Concepts and Program Elements (via upcoming Open House)

1. Request stakeholder guidance on station location and park options:

- 1. Waterfront Commission 11/19
- 2. Parks and Recreation Commission 11/21
- 3. Public Open House- 11/25
- 2. Project Updates on Parks, Streets, and Lower King Pedestrianization
  - 1. Waterfront Commission February & March 2025
  - 2. Parks and Recreation Commission February & March 2025
  - 3. Open House(s) February or March 2025
- 3. NEPA/Section 106 Consulting Party Meeting Anticipated in Late Winter or Spring 2025

# **BODR Strand Street Location (Presented in Summer 2024)**

## Consistent with Waterfront Plan (2014) & National Park Service Coordination/Correspondence

Cost Implications: Established Baseline Cost Estimate (BODR) Saves ~\$15-20M by eliminating 2<sup>nd</sup> northern station

#### Objective:

-Combine to single station, eliminate northern station -Station as backdrop to park/programming

#### Pro:

-Minimizes impacts to trees in good condition -Pump station does not impact park user views of river -Maintains dual screens (recommended) -Minimizes impact to garage entrance on Strand Street -Reduces Capital and O&M Costs – scopes to budget

#### Cons:

-Risk of delay due to stakeholder opposition/appeal -Requires undergrounding of Strand Street overhead power

Height – flat roof: 18' for 1 structure. 26' for 2nd structure.

Building Footprint: ~5,000 SF (~90' x ~55')

#### LEAST IMPACTFUL TO TREES



\*Additional coordination was known to be required with Dominion Power before floorplan and requirements set.

### 1. Dominion Power Coordination:

- 1. Removed requirement for Dominion switches/transformers to be in/on pump station reduced footprint possible.
- 2. Dominion recommends/requests pole at corner remain (if South Strand Street not undergrounded)
- 2. Further evaluation in response to stakeholder concerns:
  - 1. Alternatives site analysis conducted for non-Waterfront Park / private parcels per stakeholder requests.
  - 2. Re-consideration of alternatives that impact trees along Prince and Waterfront in light of stakeholder concerns.

### 3. Existing Tree Condition Assessment Completed

1. Shows which trees in excellent, fair, poor condition.

### 4. Created various options to:

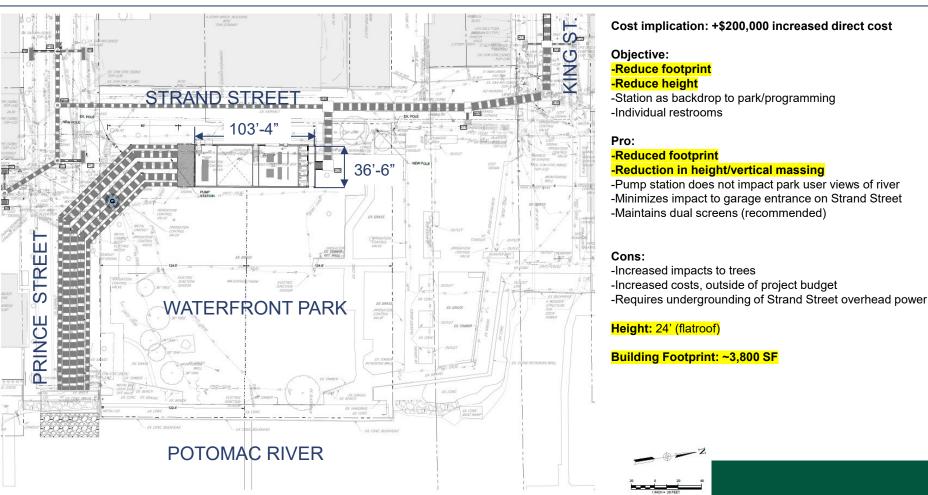
- 1. Reduce building footprint and total building height.
- 2. Break up large single mass of building into smaller component structures.
- 3. Better integrate the pump station into the landscape and programming.
- 4. Make pump station an asset and amenity as a backdrop to park.

# Pump Station: Alternate Concepts

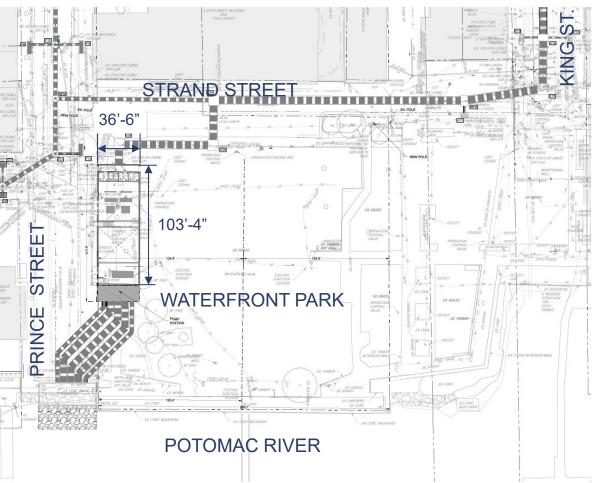
(November 2024, advanced from June/BODR)



# Waterfront Park – Strand Street Single Building (Option 1)



# Waterfront Park – Prince Street Single Building (Option 2)



Cost implication: +\$200,000 increased direct cost

#### **Objective:**

#### -Reduce footprint

#### -Reduce height

-Station as backdrop to park/programming -Individual restrooms

#### Pro:

#### -Reduced footprint

#### -Reduction in height/vertical massing

-Preserves most trees rated in good or excellent condition. -Undergrounding of Strand Street overhead power optional -Pump station does not impact park user views of river -Minimizes impact to garage entrance on Strand Street -Maintains dual screens (recommended)

#### Cons:

-Increased impacts to trees, though most not rated as "Good or "Excellent" condition

Height: 24' (flatroof)

#### Building Footprint: ~3,800 SF



# Waterfront Park – Which location preferred & why?

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**OPTION 1 – STRAND STREET** 



OPTION 2 – PRINCE STREET →

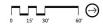
\*additional landscape concepts will be presented at the Public Open House

# Waterfront Park – Strand Street Landscape Concepts

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### **OPTION 1B**





STRAND STREET

OPTION 1A

# Waterfront Park – Prince Street Landscape Concepts

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# **Point Lumley Park Landscape Concepts**

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**OPTION 2** 





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# **Questions?**

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