

# African American Heritage Park

Dedicated in 1995, the African American Heritage Park celebrates Black individuals, organizations, institutions, and movements that helped build and shape the city and community. The park preserves the one-acre Black Baptist Cemetery that was established in 1885 by the Silver Leaf Society.

Alexandria's rich African American history is reflected in this memorial park. Sculpture and interpretive signage throughout the park provide stories and opportunities for dialogue and reflection. Interpretive signs focusing on the important themes of Sanctuary, Freedom, Civil Rights, and Remembrance, along with sculptures by Jerome Meadows, serve to highlight and commemorate African American struggles and accomplishments in the City and the people known and unknown buried on this site.

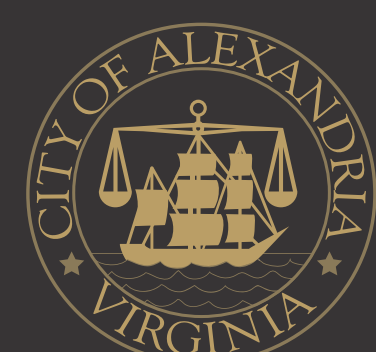


*The African American community of Alexandria had a rich and varied social life lived parallel to the other community, but their stories were rarely brought to public recognition.*

William D. "Bill" Euille,  
Alexandria Mayor (2013)



1. Orientation Sign (Your Are Here)
2. Sanctuary Sign
3. Freedom Sign
4. Civil Rights Sign
5. Wetland Sculpture by Jerome Meadows identifying free Black neighborhoods in Alexandria
6. Memorial Trees and Remembrance Sign
7. Orientation Sign
8. Black Baptist Cemetery
9. *Truths that Rise from the Roots Remembered* by Jerome Meadows detailing a history of Education, Religion, Civil Rights, and Business, and African Americans buried in the Park
10. Gazebo Sculpture with a brief history of the Park
11. Legacy Grove



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