

Waterfront Flood Mitigation

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VISION FOR THE WATERFRONT

Address nuisance flooding

- Significantly reduce frequency of flood impacts from Potomac River
- Mitigate storm sewer capacity issues
- Mitigate high tide backing-up water onto streets

• Ensure public access to the entire Waterfront

- Create continuous pedestrian access along the entire Waterfront
- Create engaging outdoor public amenities and event space



CHALLENGES WITH EXISTING CONDITIONS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

- Must overcome three sources of flooding:
 - Potomac River overtopping the bulkhead
 - Capacity issues and backup in existing storm sewers:
 - High-tide events preventing stormwater outfall
 - Undersized pipes for current rates of runoff
 - Sunny day flooding
 - Direct rainfall and stormwater runoff









Challenges to Overcome – Three Sources of Flooding

IN DEPTH MODELING SHOWS THE GREATEST CHALLENGE WITH RUNOFF OCCURS AROUND KING STREET.





NEW APPROACHES AND OPPORTUNITIES

- Concepts developed a decade ago and rely entirely on grey infrastructure.
- Best practices in resiliency have changed, from philosophy of "evacuating" to "embracing" the water.
 - Water as an asset and amenity not just a liability
 - Intercept, retain, then drain
 - Resiliency
- Current approach is very costly





NEW APPROACHES AND OPPORTUNITIES – MULTIPLE STRATEGIES



REIMAGINED LANDSCAPE INFRASTRUCTURE AS PUBLIC AMENITY





REIMAGINED LANDSCAPE INFRASTRUCTURE AS PUBLIC AMENITY



Tanner Springs Park in Portland Oregon

Photos sourced: https://www.urbangreenbluegrids.com/projects/tanner-springs-park-portland-oregon-us/ https://ramboll.com/projects/germany/tanner-springs-park

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INNOVATIVE/GREEN SOLUTIONS

Combination of Permeable Pavements & Underground Storage

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PROJECT PHASING – BASELINE PROJECT

PROJECT PHASING – MULTIPLE SCENARIOS UNDER INVESTIGATION

VALUE ENGINEERING

Revisit Bulkhead

Reuse/repair existing bulkhead; structural requirements for support elements

Optimize & Downsize

Stormwater sewer system and pump Stations

Reduce Scope

Planned parks, landscape materials, and amenities

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NEXT STEPS

- Target Resiliency and Best Practices for stormwater management
- Value engineering solutions
- Civic Engagement Balance priorities and cost-benefits
 - Waterfront Commission Subcommittee Formation
 - Beth Gross, Chair, Founders Park Community Association
 - Nathan Macek, Planning Commission
 - Trae Lamond, Old Town Professional & Business Association
 - Mark Ludlow, Alexandria Archaeological Commission
 - Gina Baum, Parks & Recreation Commission
- Phasing to meet City funding goals
- Reduce costs
- Addressing nuisance flooding
- Early impact solutions

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POTENTIAL EARLY IMPACT SOLUTIONS

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PROPOSED CIP BUDGET – NO OVERALL CHANGE - \$102M

FY21 Funding deferred due to revenue impacts from COVID-19.

Based on project schedule and cash flow model, recommend deferring most of the \$102M FY22 funding into FY23 and FY24:

FY22 - \$22M

- Owner-Advisor Support / Design Oversight
- Planning and Procurement
- Design Services
- Rapid Deployment Control Measures / Possible Construction of Backflow Prevention Solutions

FY23 - \$36.8M

- Design Services
- Construction Services
- Oversight and Project Administration

FY24 - \$43.2M

- Design Services
- Construction Services
- Oversight and Project Administration

\$102M Total (Consistent with FY21 approved CIP – not a cost estimate)

ANTICIPATED PROCESS SCHEDULE*

- 1. Additional Investigations and Modeling / Cost-Benefit Analysis
- 2. Public Input Scope of work aligned to priorities
- 3. PDB RFP development: present Early-2022
 - Cost validation
 - Criteria development to qualify PDB
 - Industry outreach
 - Updates to Council and Waterfront Commission
- 4. PDB procurement: Late 2021 Early 2022
- 5. PDB phase 1 (design): Late 2022-2023
- 6. Negotiate GMP: Late 2023-2024
- 7. PDB phase 2 (construction): Begin late 2023-early 2024
- 8. Site Construction: mid-2024 through mid 2027

*Subject to change to accommodate community feedback and civic engagement or changes to CIP funding schedule