

INTRODUCED: December 1, 2014

AN ORDINANCE No. 2014-248-224

To transfer \$100,000 from the Streets, Sidewalks, and Alley Improvements project and \$100,000 from the 2015 Road World Cycling Championship Infrastructure Improvements project, both in the Transportation category of the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Capital Budget, and to appropriate such funds in the total amount of \$200,000 to a new line item in the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 General Fund Budget, Non-Departmental agency, for the purpose of making a grant pursuant to Va. Code § 15.2-953(B) to the Three Chopt Garden Club, an organization furnishing services to beautify and maintain communities or to prevent neighborhood deterioration, in recognition of its efforts as part of Capital Trees to improve an area identified as the Low Line Park along Dock Street.

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Patron – Mayor Jones

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Approved as to form and legality  
by the City Attorney  
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PUBLIC HEARING: DEC 8 2014 AT 6 P.M.

THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEREBY ORDAINS:

§ 1. That Ordinance No. 2014-61-98, adopted May 27, 2014, which (i) accepted a program of proposed Capital Improvement Projects for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2014, and ending June 30, 2015, and the four fiscal years thereafter, (ii) adopted a Capital Budget for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2014, and ending June 30, 2015, and (iii) determined a means of financing the same, be and is hereby amended by transferring funds in the amount of \$100,000

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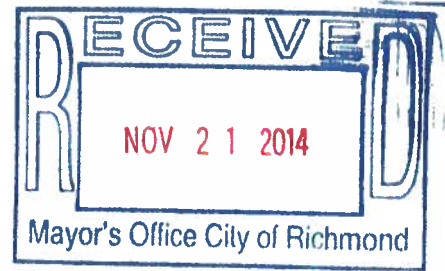
from the Streets, Sidewalks, and Alley Improvements project in the Transportation category and funds in the amount of \$100,000 from the 2015 Road World Cycling Championship Infrastructure Improvements project in the Transportation category.

§ 2. That Ordinance No. 2014-62-99, adopted May 27, 2014, which adopted a General Fund Budget for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2014, and ending June 30, 2015, and made appropriations pursuant thereto, be and is hereby amended by appropriating funds in the total amount of \$200,000, representing the funds transferred pursuant to section 1 of this ordinance, to a new line item in the Non-Departmental agency for the purpose of making a grant pursuant to Va. Code § 15.2-953(B) to the Three Chopt Garden Club, an organization furnishing services to beautify and maintain communities or to prevent neighborhood deterioration, in recognition of its efforts as part of Capital Trees to improve an area identified as the Low Line Park along Dock Street.

§ 3. This ordinance shall be in force and effect upon adoption.



CITY OF RICHMOND
INTRACITY CORRESPONDENCE



O&R REQUEST

DATE: November 11, 2014 EDITION: 1

TO: The Honorable Members of City Council

THROUGH: Dwight C. Jones, Mayor

THROUGH: Christopher L. Beschler, Interim Chief Administrative Officer

THROUGH: Norman Butts, DCAO - Finance and Administration

THROUGH: James A. Jackson, Interim DCAO - Operations

THROUGH: Jay Brown, PhD, Director of Budget and Strategic Planning

THROUGH: M.S. Khara, Deputy Director of Public Works

FROM: Staci L. Boone, Special Assistant to DCAO - Operations

RE: FY2015 Capital Budget Amendment

ORD. OR RES. No. \_\_\_\_\_



OFFICE OF CITY ATTORNEY

PURPOSE: To amend the FY2015-2019 Capital Improvements Program ("CIP") by transferring \$100,000 from the "Street, Sidewalk and Alley Improvement" project and \$100,000 from the "2015 Road World Cycling Championship Infrastructure Improvement" project, and appropriating a total of \$200,000 to a new project to be known as "The Low Line Park: Capital Trees" in the Non-Departmental budget.

REASON: The City shall donate the funds to Capital Trees in the amount of \$200,000, which will be used by Capital Trees to make a series of capital improvements to the above-described area (more detail of Phase 1 is included in the attached document "The Low Line, Richmond, Virginia dated November 12, 2014). Capital Trees shall use the funds distributed by the City to make the above-described improvements to the Project. Implementation of the Project shall be managed by Capital Trees and the plantings shall be maintained by Capital Trees.

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**RECOMMENDATION:** The Administration recommends adoption of this ordinance.

**BACKGROUND:** A partnership of the City, Capital Trees, and CSX have been working for over the past year to make significant maintenance and public improvements along Dock St. from the floodwall down to Great Shiplock Park. Planting of bulbs along Dock Street was completed last fall. The public response was very enthusiastic. Total project cost for Phase 1 of *The Low Line Park* is \$1,200,000. This funding (\$200,000) is the City's portion of an approx. \$1,200,000 Phase 1 complete landscape renovation and improvement of the area between the Kanawha Canal and Dock Street, 21st St. to Great Shiplock Park. The balance (\$1,000,000) of the Phase 1 funding will be raised by Capital Trees, which is also raising funds for a maintenance endowment for the improvements. The project will improve the character of the area by replacing the turf with a landscape design that will increase the long-term attractiveness of the area, reduce overall maintenance costs to the City, and provide a backdrop for visitors to the 2015 UCI races (as Dock Street is a part of the Road Race competition).

These funds (\$200,000) are needed to donate to the Capital Trees Foundation to begin Phase I of *Low Line Park*. This work will include clearing invasive species and installing plantings to create a linear park in time to be enjoyed by spectators and participants of the UCI Bike Races in September 2015. Capital Trees, a 501 (c)(3) organization based in Richmond, Virginia, has worked over the past several years with other non-profit organizations and City of Richmond officials and staff from DPW, DPU and Parks and Recreation, and Planning & Development Review to design and implement projects along 10<sup>th</sup> Street, 14<sup>th</sup> Street and Great Shiplock Park.

The adopted FY14 Capital Improvement Program Budget appropriated \$100,000 in "Street, Sidewalk, Alley Improvement" project, Award #500290, for an anticipated grant to Capital Trees for "14<sup>th</sup> Street Greening" project. This funding source is not needed as the project has been completed by Capital Trees. Therefore, \$100,000 is available to transfer to Capital Trees for *The Low Line* project.

The adopted FY13 Capital Improvement Program Budget appropriated \$1,000,000 in "2015 Road World Cycling Championship Infrastructure Improvement" (UCI 2015) project, Award #500490, for preparing road surface, gateways and streetscape improvements. \$100,000 set aside for gateway improvements is to be transferred to a new line item in the Non-Departmental budget entitled, "*The Low Line Park: Capital Trees.*" *The Low Line* project will enhance the Race Route.

**FISCAL IMPACT/COST:** Cost to the City \$200,000. \$100,000 is appropriated and available in "Street, Sidewalk, Alley Improvement" project account set aside for Capital Trees for "14<sup>th</sup> Street Greening" project; and \$100,000 in "2015 Road World Cycling Championship Infrastructure Improvement" (UCI 2015) project account for gateways improvements.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:**

The City will be donating funds in the amount of \$200,000 to Capital Trees towards "*The Low Line Park: Capital Trees*" improvement project. Capital Trees needs to utilize the total funding during Fiscal year 2015 for the completion of Phase I of this project in time for 2015UCI event.

**REVENUE TO CITY:** None. The City will receive \$1,000,000 of landscaping improvements from Capital Trees and \$75,000 in maintenance endowment for the Phase 1 *Low Line Park* improvements along Dock Street.

**DESIRED EFFECTIVE DATE:** Upon Adoption

**REQUESTED INTRODUCTION DATE:** December 1, 2014

**CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING DATE:** December 8, 2014

**REQUESTED AGENDA:** Consent Agenda

**RECOMMENDED COUNCIL COMMITTEE:**

**CONSIDERATION BY OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES:** Planning Commission

**AFFECTED AGENCIES:** Department of Public Works, Department of Budget & Strategic Planning, Department of Parks and Recreation and Community Facilities, and Department of Finance, Planning and Development Review, Department of Public Utilities.

**RELATIONSHIP TO EXISTING ORD. OR RES.:** Ord #2014-61-98 – FY15 CIP Budget Approval

**REQUIRED CHANGES TO WORK PROGRAM(S):** None

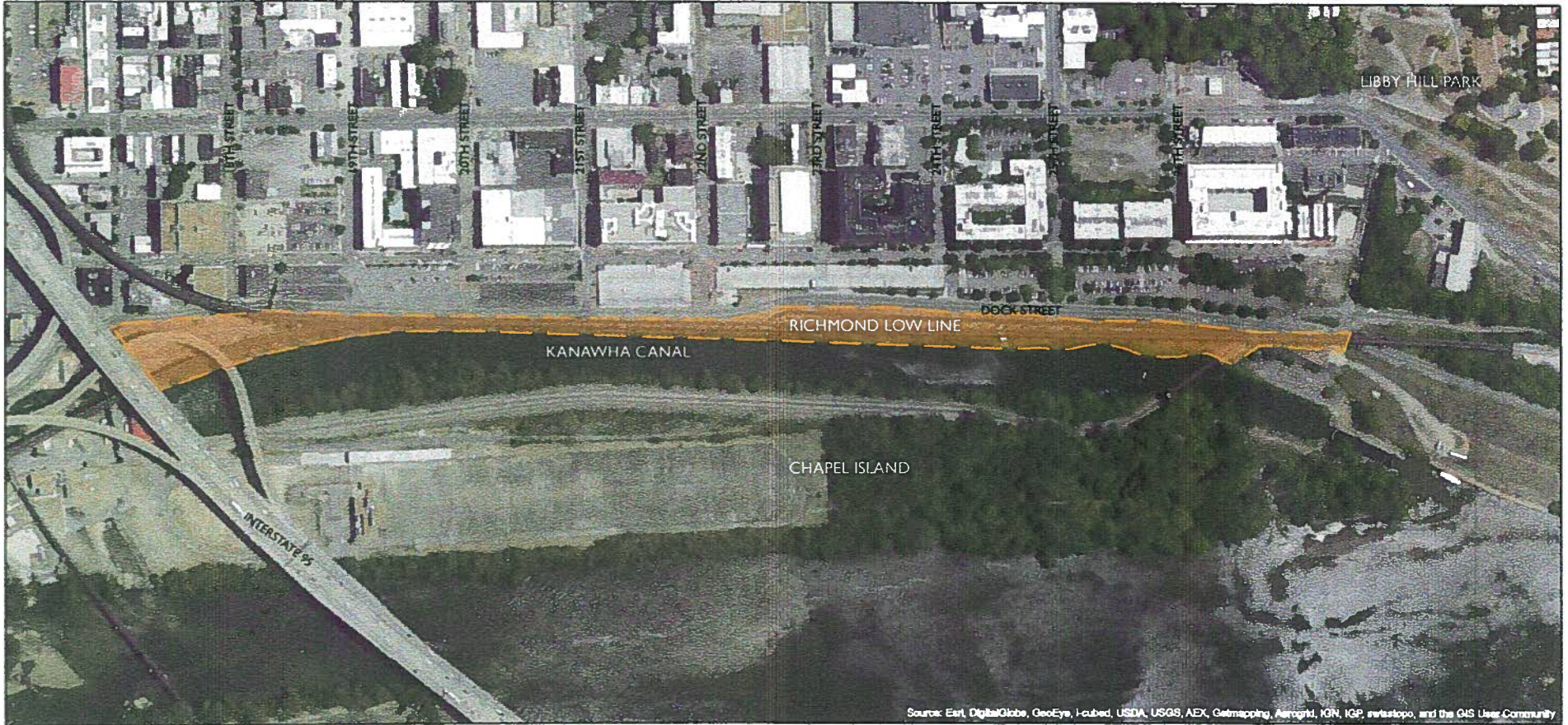
**ATTACHMENTS:**

- 1) "The Low Line, Richmond, Virginia, November 12, 2014" prepared by Capital Trees

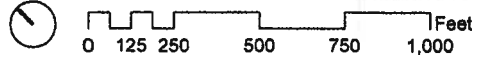
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M. S. Khara, Deputy Director, DPW (646-5413)

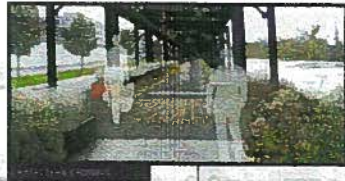


**THE LOW LINE**  
RICHMOND, VIRGINIA  
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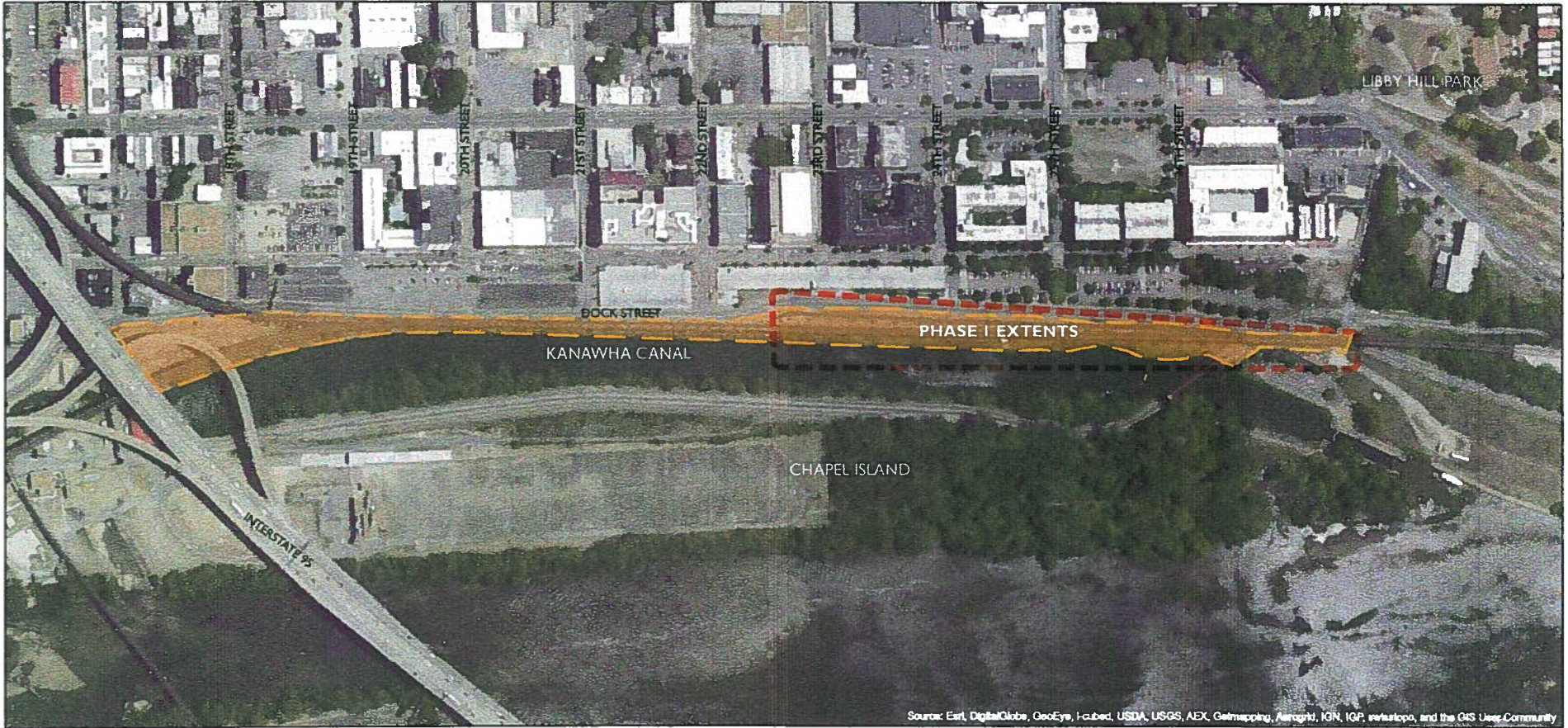




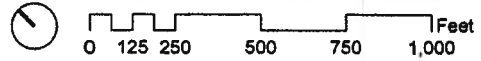
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## CONCEPT PLAN





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PHASE I SITE PLAN



LOW LINE PARK (A) - EXISTING



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LOW LINE PARK (A) - PROPOSED CONDITION



CAPITAL TRAIL (B) - EXISTING CONDITION



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CAPITAL TRAIL (B) - PROPOSED CONDITION



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CAPITAL TRAIL CROSSING (C) - EXISTING CONDITION



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CAPITAL TRAIL CROSSING (C) - PROPOSED CONDITION



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LOW LINE GARDENS (D) - EXISTING CONDITION



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LOW LINE GARDENS (D) - PROPOSED CONDITION



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LOW LINE DOCK WALK (E) - EXISTING CONDITION



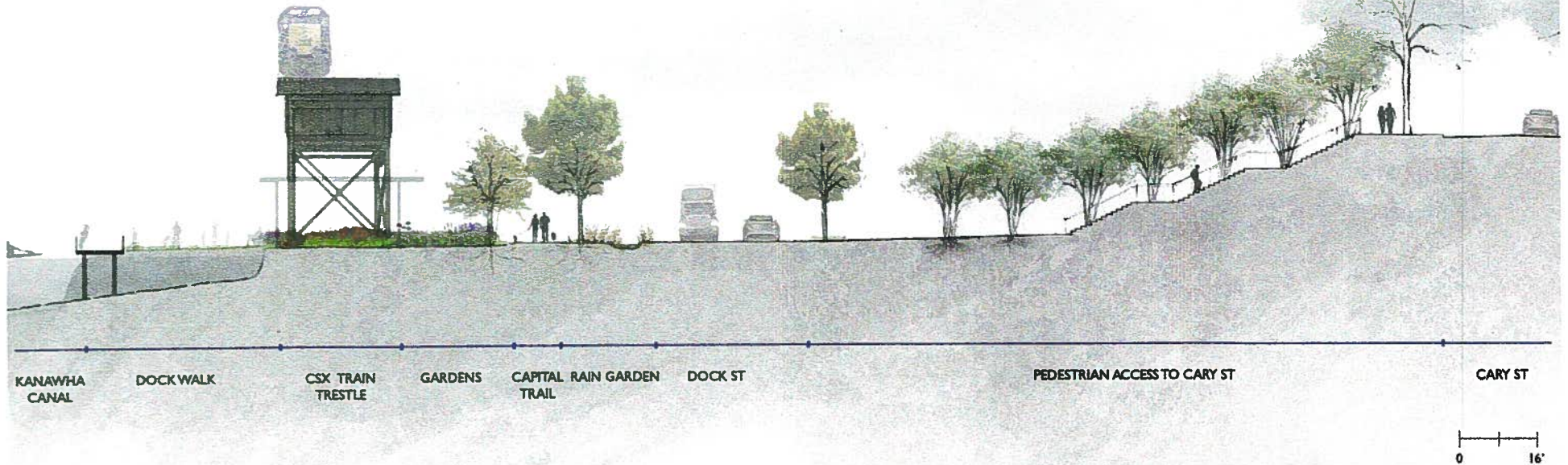
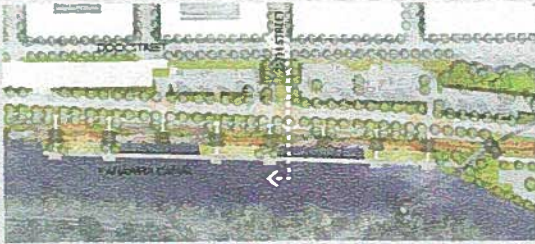
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LOW LINE DOCK WALK (E) - PROPOSED CONDITION



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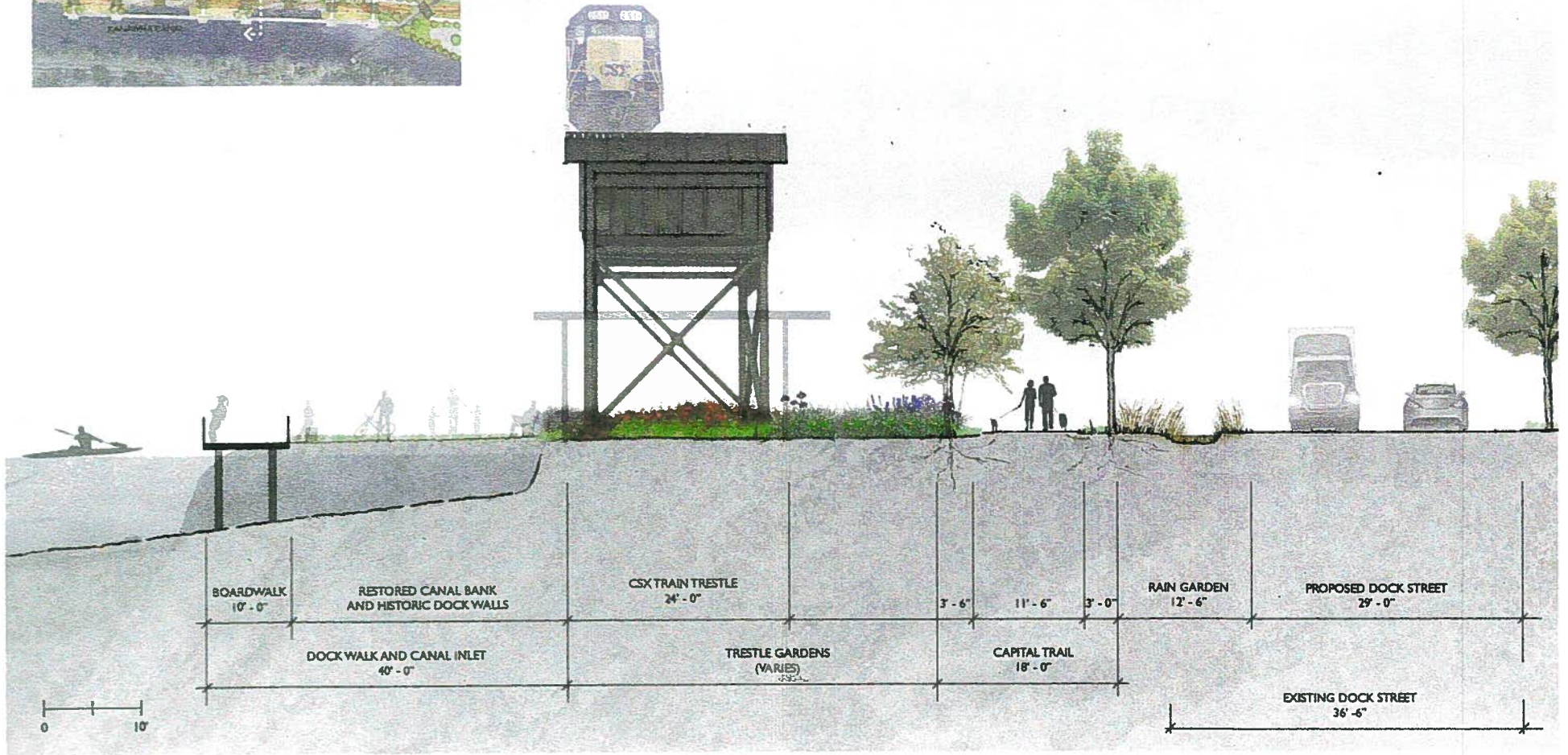
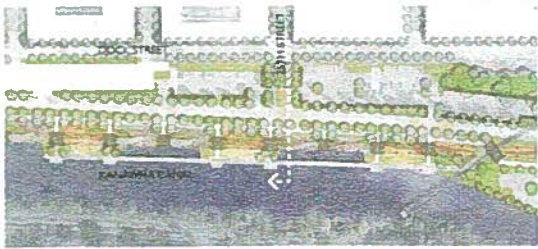
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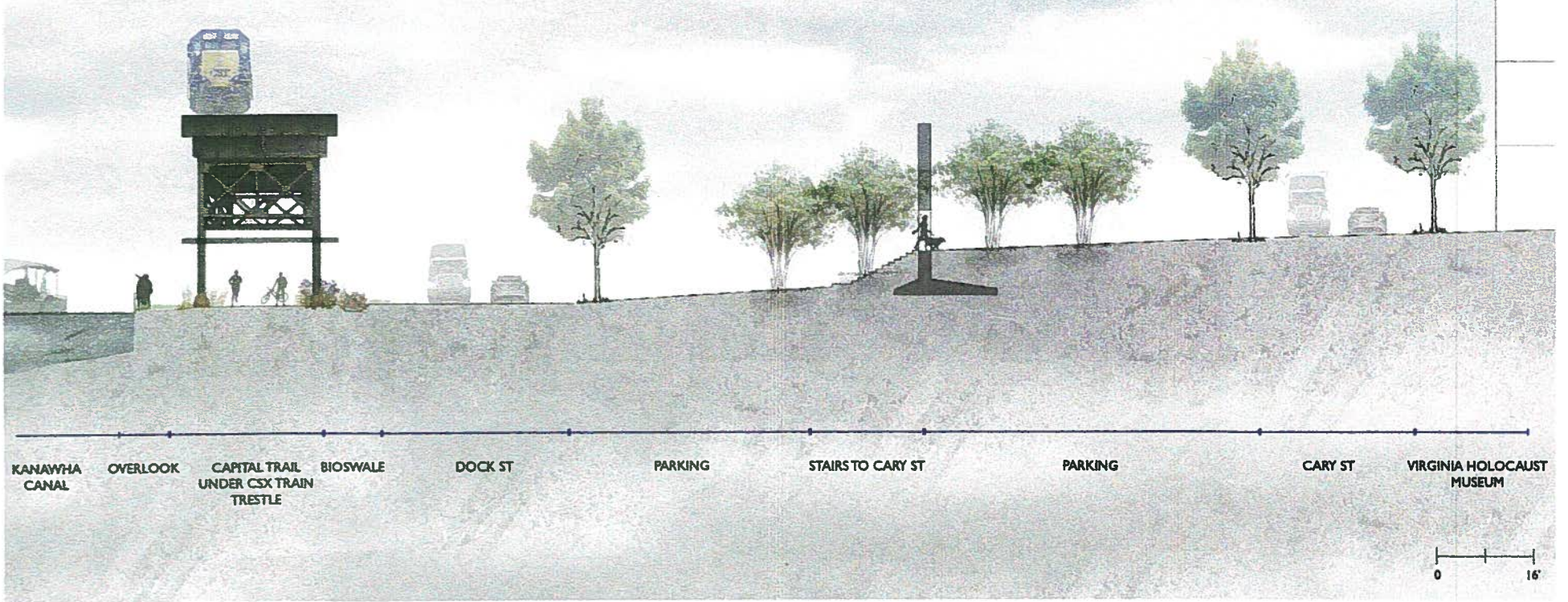
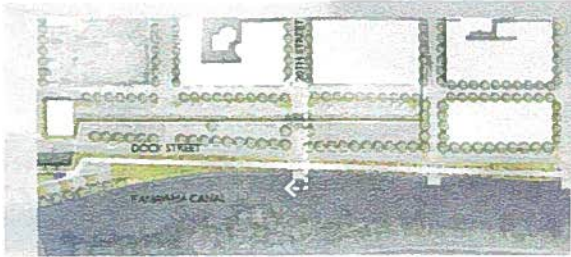
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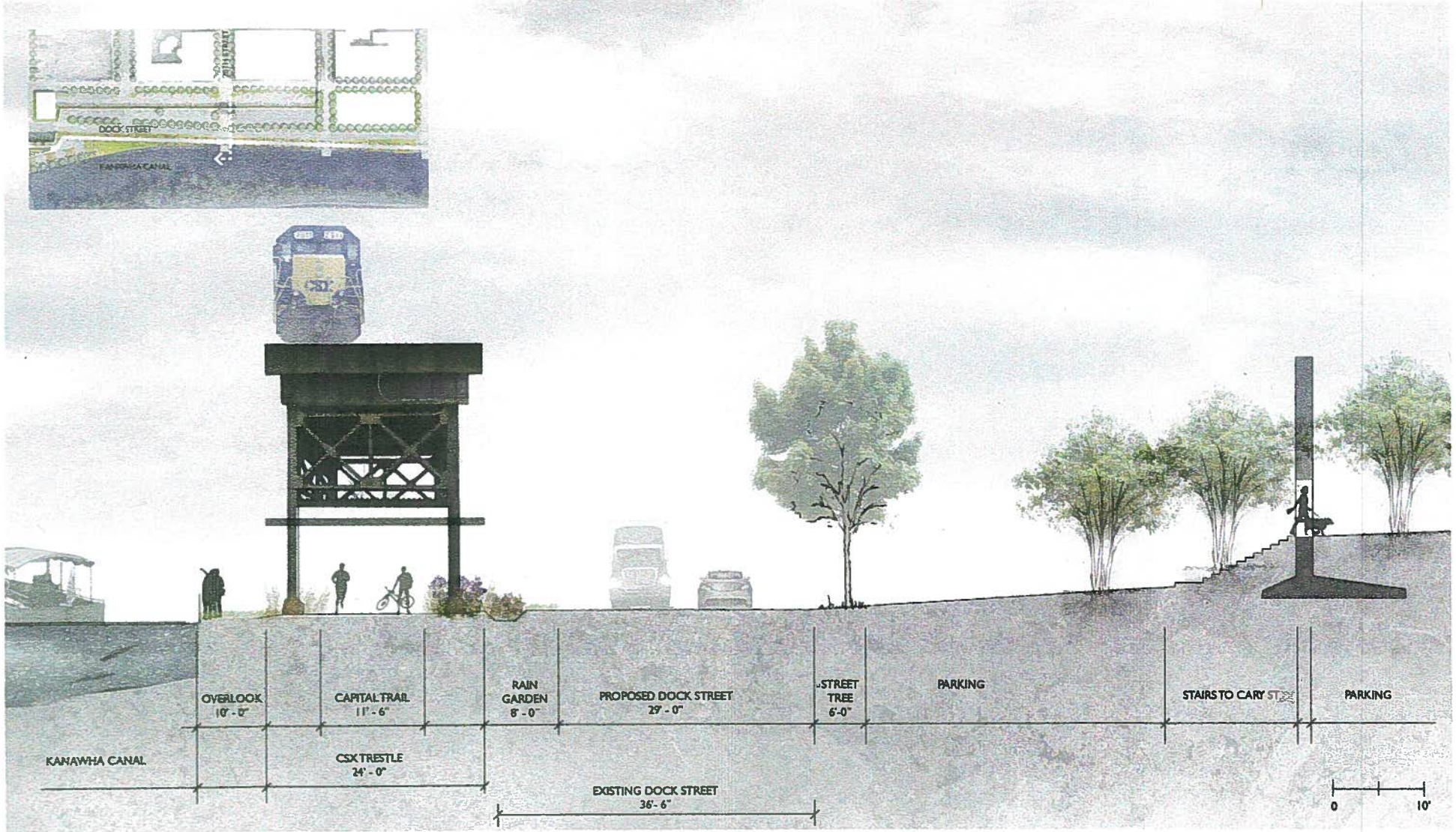


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