

**BURLINGTON
RIVERFRONT
PROMENADE**

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A NEW VISION FOR THE RIVERFRONT PROMENADE

Burlington's Riverfront has historically been a defining character of the City's identity. This Vision seeks to reestablish the importance of the Riverfront Promenade in the lives of all citizens.

The process of engaging the Burlington community and listening closely to their needs and aspirations for a renewed Promenade has guided every aspect of the visioning process. The preliminary Vision presented to the community on December 11, 2014 and shown on the following pages is derived from the input we received through hundreds of responses to the online survey, many meetings with community members including high school students and multiple productive conversations at the public workshop. The Vision encourages those current activities on the Promenade supported by the community to continue but in more conducive and attractive surroundings. Additionally, it provides many opportunities for satisfying the new uses that arose from the community conversations.

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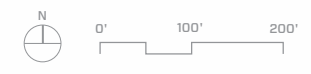
The Vision plan seeks to strengthen the City's connection to the Delaware River by thickening the transition zone along Pearl Blvd with a sinuous grove of trees that offers shade while preserving key views to the River. Within this shady grove, a meandering path links together a series of places of varying character. These 'gardens' might provide a playground for children, a place to interpret the history of the city, an area for picnics and places to sit, relax and enjoy the view.

A sunset path draws people towards the water, culminating at the intersection of the extension of High Street and the river with views to the Burlington-Bristol bridge and the setting sun.

The promenade itself is to be re-paved and widened slightly with new seating and a new railing with integrated lighting. New piers or overlooks are proposed at points where paths meet the waters edge.



- 1 History Garden
- 2 Fishing Pier
- 3 Picnic Grove
- 4 Open Lawn
- 5 Bandshell
- 6 Playground / Children's Garden
- 7 Permanent Restroom Facility
- 8 Burlington Historic Wharf Walk
- 9 Sunset Overlook
- 10 View Garden / Shaded Seating
- 11 Flexible Sport Field (Youth Soccer)
- 12 Dinner Cruise Ship Dock
- 13 Reading Grove / Shaded Seating
- 14 Burlington Island Overlook
- 15 Existing Soccer Field
- 16 Restored Waterworks
- 17 Historic Ship Dock / Kayak - Canoe Launch
- 18 Ecology Garden / Native Riparian Planting
- 19 Transient Marina
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- 21 Proposed Pearl Pointe Development
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RELAX & ENJOY



PICNIC GROVE

OPEN LAWN

SUNSET OVERLOOK

RIVER WATCHING BENCHES

VIEW GARDEN

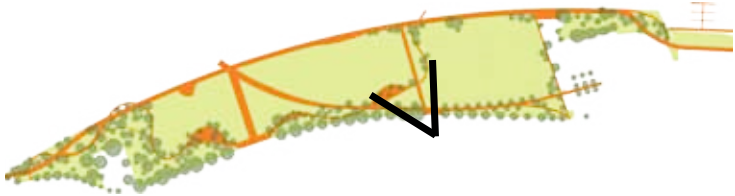
READING GROVE

ISLAND OVERLOOK

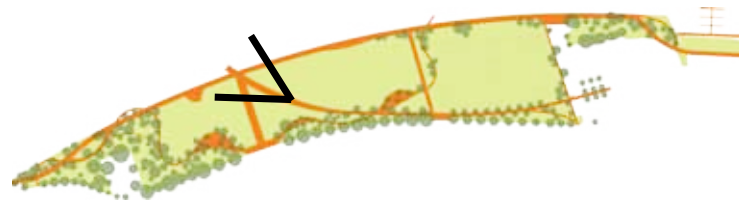
SHADED SEATING



READING GROVE /
YOUTH SOCCER



SUNSET WALK



SUNSET OVERLOOK



CHILDREN & SPORTS

Children's activities, together with sports and fitness for all will continue to be an important part of the Promenade's life. The large soccer field remains in the same location with the youth league field relocated to the east. Paths may be used for jogging and the existing exercise stations are relocated located at intervals along the meandering path. A playground is proposed within a grove of trees near High St.



FREE PLAY LAWN



FLEXIBLE FIELD
70 yds x 40 yds



EXISTING SOCCER
FIELD (unchanged)

PLAYGROUND

LOCATION FOR
RESTROOM



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RESTROOM



Jogging / Walking Loop Trail
 ——— 0.75 mile outer loop
 0.25 mile inner loop

● Exercise Stations relocated along meandering path
 ○ Locations for permanent restroom facilities

PLAYGROUND



PROMENADE



LIGHTING

New lighting is proposed along the length of the Promenade and throughout the park. Lighting will be integrated into the railing along the Promenade. Pole lights will be placed along the meandering path. Trees in and around the seating areas will be uplit to create a gentle glow. The bandshell will also be lit at night. Specific fixtures are not yet specified and we will work closely with the City and Historic Commission to specify appropriate fixtures.



WATER'S EDGE: BOATING



STEAMER SHIP DOCK
(using existing structures)

UPGRADED DOCK FOR
KAYAK / CANOE LAUNCH
& HISTORIC SHIP DOCK

PROPOSED
TRANSIENT
MARINA &
BOATHOUSE

BOATHOUSE
WITH
RESTROOMS



WATER'S EDGE: FISHING & HABITAT

FISHING PIER

LIVING SHORELINE
FISH AND MUSSEL
HABITAT RESTORATION

ISLAND
OVERLOOK

LIVING SHORELINE
HABITAT RESTORATION



PLANTING

New planting is proposed throughout the Promenade. Tree species would be selected for their appropriateness to the riverfront location and to provide a variety of seasonal character and habitat value. Spring flowering trees as well as deciduous trees with fall color will be used to accentuate the distinct character of places within the new grove. Native trees will be planted adjacent to the river edge to enhance riparian habitat. Views to the river will be preserved via careful placement of trees. Specific tree species will be selected in conjunction with an arborist contracted by the City.



RIVER BIRCH GROVE



SPRING FLOWERING TREES



NATIVE RIPARIAN PLANTING

FALL COLOR TREE PLANTING



HONEY LOCUST GROVE (AIRY TREE TO ALLOW FOR VIEWS)



NEW STREET TREES



EMBRACE BURLINGTON'S RICH HISTORY

The Vision for the new promenade has been guided by the many layers of history that underlie the City of Burlington. From the Lenape Indians and the early European settlers, to the bustling port of the late 19th/early 20th centuries, to the urban renewal period of the 1970s and the vibrant energy of today's community, Burlington has many stories to be shared. The new promenade will offer a place that serves to reconnect Burlington's community with the river that was such an integral part of the City's history.



Image courtesy of Burlington County Historical Society

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EMBRACE HISTORY



ART & CULTURE: PROMENADE ART



TEMPORARY
INSTALLATIONS /
ARTIST IN RESIDENCE

NEW PLEIN AIR
OPPORTUNITIES

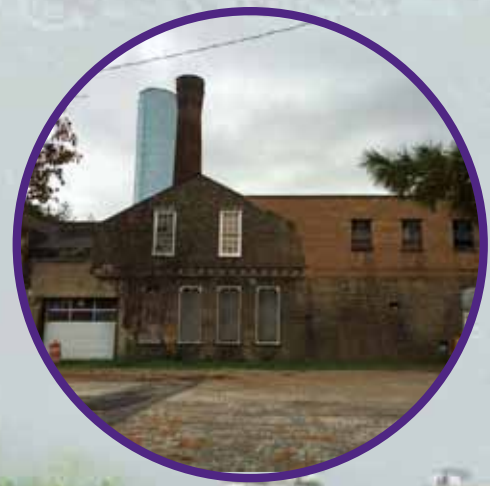
BANDSHELL
COMMISSION

POTENTIAL SITES
FOR PUBLIC ART



- Potential sites for public art
- Potential sites for temporary installations

ART & CULTURE: FACILITIES



RESTORED WATERWORKS



THE LIBERTY BELLE SPIRIT OF PHILADELPHIA DINNER CRUISE

8,000 SF NEW RETAIL / RESTAURANT IN PEARL POINTE DEVELOPMENT



RESTORED HOPE FIREHOUSE



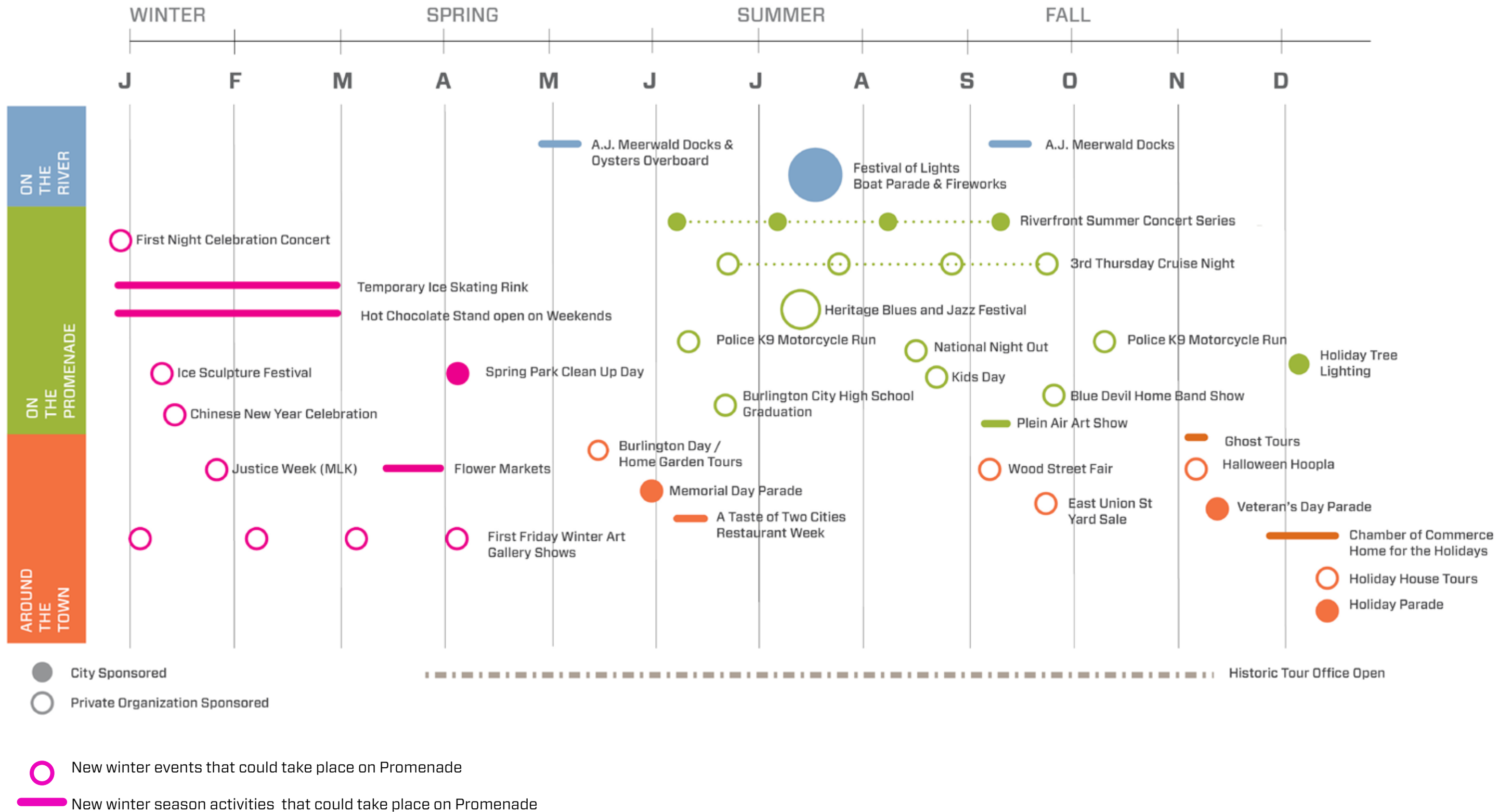
CAFE GALLERY RESTAURANT



UNION STREET ARTS DISTRICT



CALENDAR OF EVENTS - PROPOSED ADDED WINTER PROGRAM

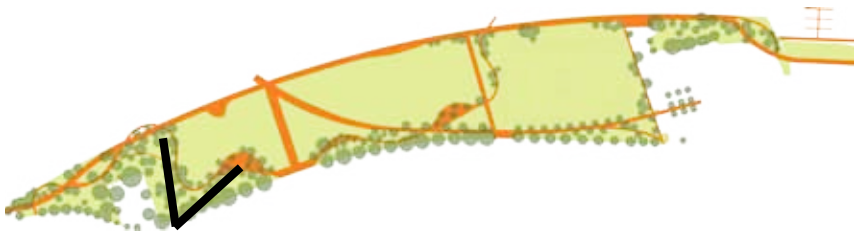


CELEBRATION & GATHERING

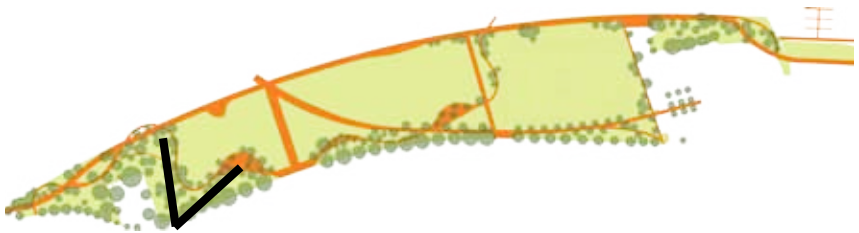
The new tree planting frames flexible lawn areas that, on the western side can hold some 700 people for a performance. A new permanent bandshell is proposed beside the Promenade to provide a stage for concerts, movie night and other events. Larger events of some 3000-5000 people can be held centrally using temporary stages tailored to the specific event. Infrastructure would be provided to facilitate power and other amenities. Temporary toilet facilities would be provided for events commensurate with needs. Arrangements for parking will be managed to minimize any detrimental impact on the City.



PERFORMANCE LAWN - SATURDAY AFTERNOON



PERFORMANCE LAWN - SUMMER MOVIE NIGHT



PERFORMANCE LAWN - CONCERT



IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY - A SERIES OF DISCREET PROJECTS

Making this plan a reality will take significant effort from the City as well as the citizens of Burlington. The project is designed to be done in phases and discreet elements can be built over time as resources become available. A preliminary cost estimate will accompany the final vision plan in order to guide the City towards developing a budget for the work and understanding the scope of funding needs for the various components.



Pearl Pointe Residential Development

Historic Burlington Warf Walk

Shaded Seating Area

Island Overlook

Public Plaza / Outdoor Dining

Playground

Restored Water Works

Reading Grove

Shaded Seating Area

Picnic Grove

History Garden

Sunset Overlook

Fishing Pier

Living Shoreline Fish & Mussel Habitat Restoration

Transient Marina

Living Shoreline Fish & Mussel Habitat Restoration

Kayak launch Historic boat dock

Dinner Cruise Boat Dock

THANK YOU