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**MEMORIAL  
TO THE  
WHALEMEN AND FISHERMEN**

Sculpture Siting



Legacy of Art & Sculpture



## The Memorial to Whalemens and Fishermen

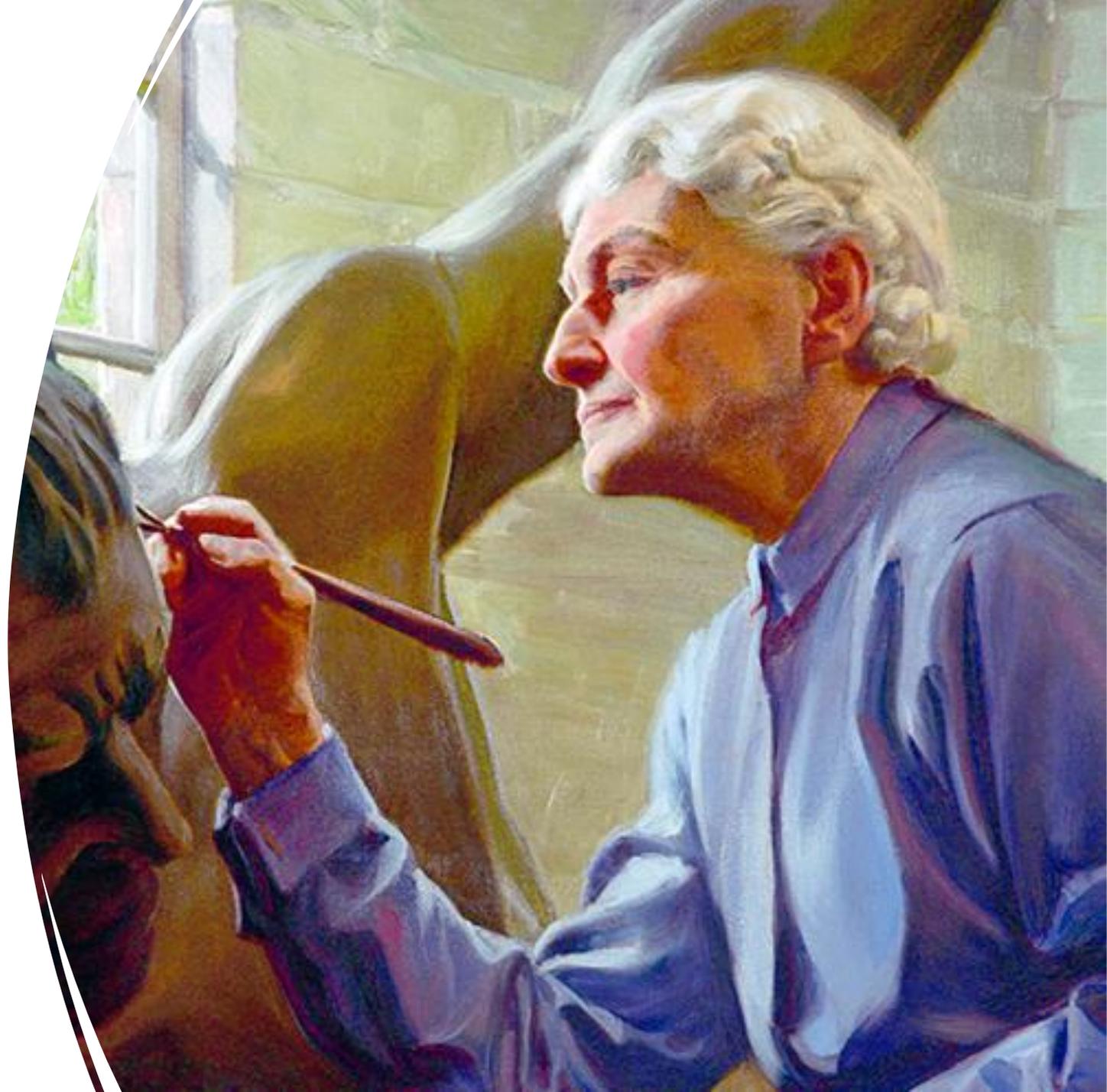
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- The Sculpture was designed by noted American sculptor Anna Hyatt Huntington (1876-1973) and gifted to “Greater New Bedford and the Old Dartmouth Historical Society” and dedicated in 1962. Its original plaque identified the sculpture as a Memorial to the Whalemens and Fisherman.
- The top of the 14’ tall bronze statue features Poseidon, the mythical sea god holding a cod in his left hand and a sturgeon in his right. Further down the statue are many examples of marine life found in all seven seas, including a scallop, lobster, clam, octopus, and sea turtle.

# Anna Hyatt Huntington

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- Anna Hyatt Huntington was a prolific artist known for her bronze animal sculptures.
- Today, Anna's work is in some of the world's great collections, including the Metropolitan Museum of Art, who notes her as "one of the most prominent animal sculptors of the early twentieth century, celebrated for her keen powers of observation."



# Original Location of Sculpture Whaling Museum Courtyard



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- **Tonnessen Park Location**

- The sculpture was relocated to the waterfront at Tonnessen Park, and a water feature was added to the sculpture. This fountain-like feature aided in the sculpture's deterioration and need for conservation.

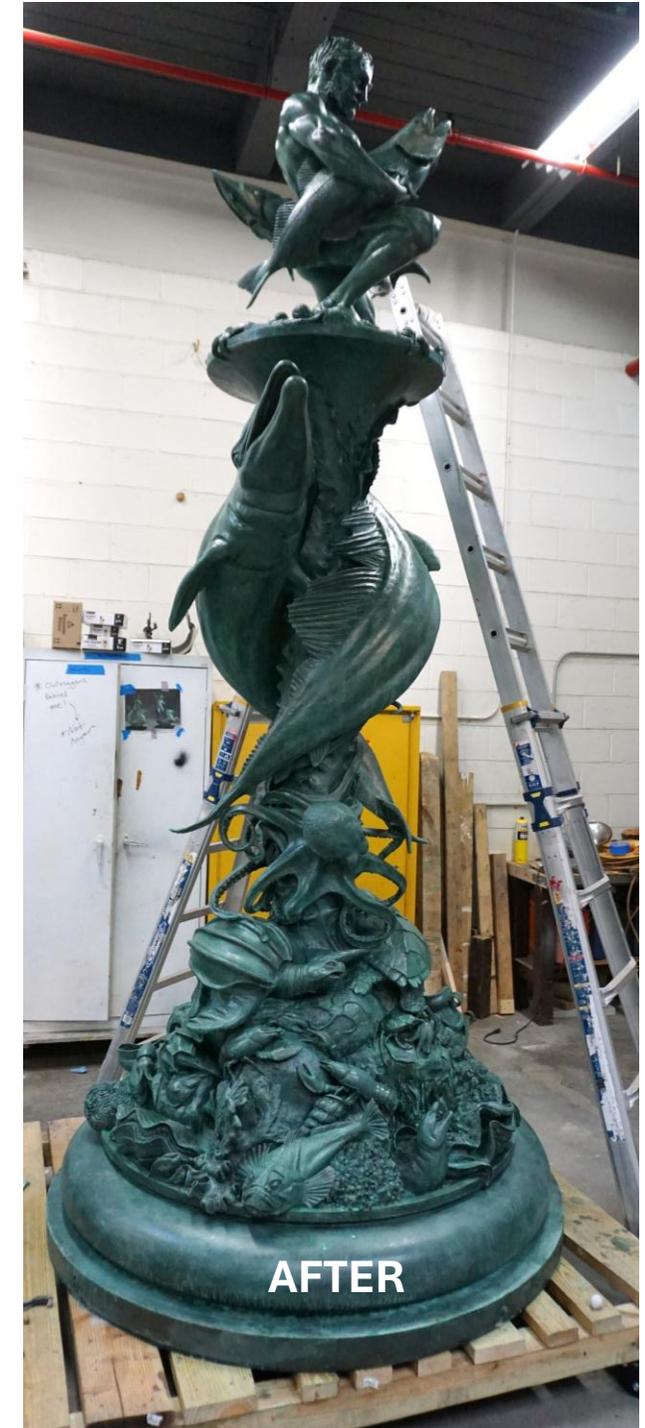
- It was removed in 2016.



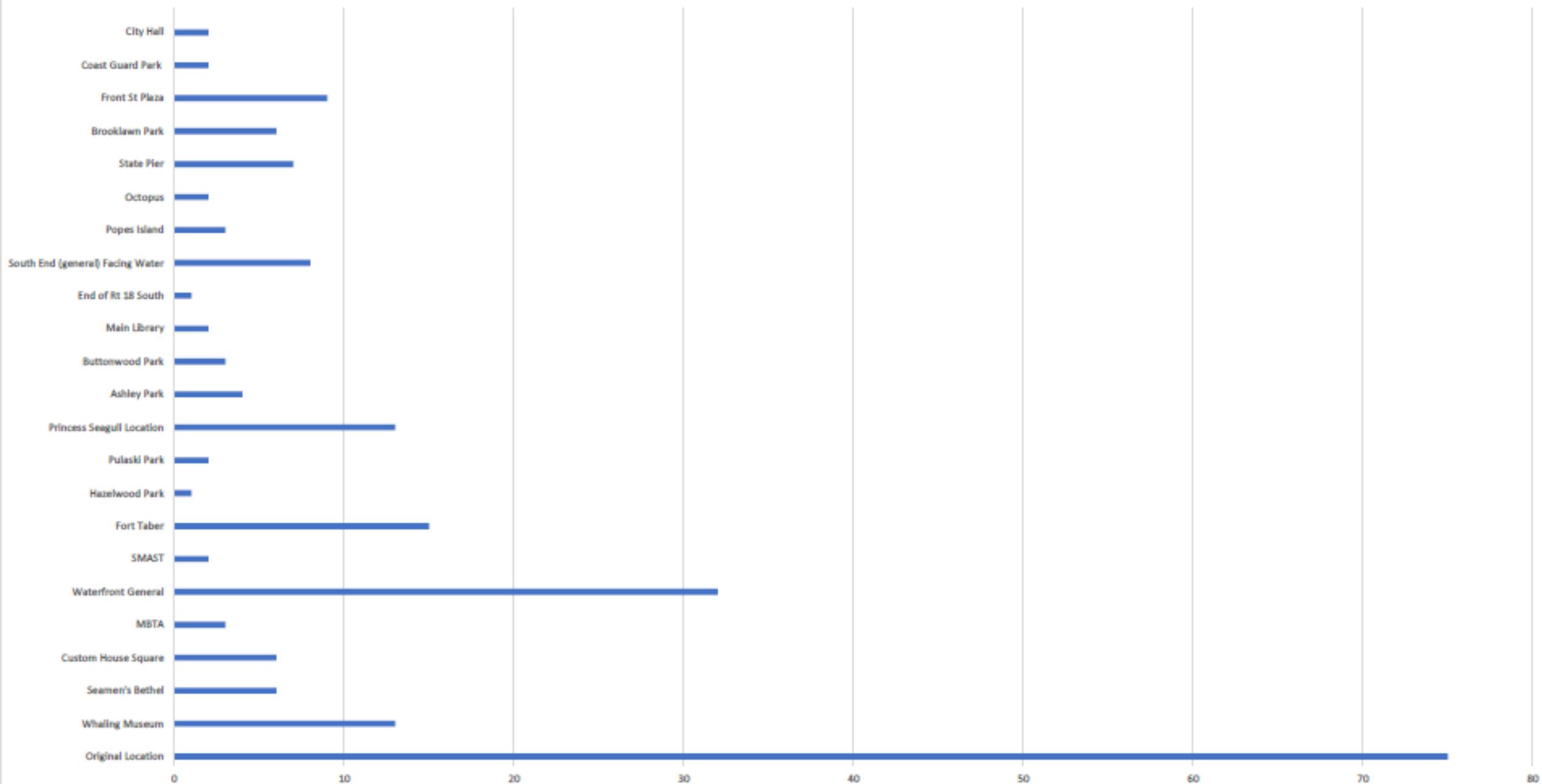
## CONSERVATION EFFORTS

The City sought the services of a professional conservator, Boston-based Daedalus, Inc., to remove the fountain parts and to repair those areas of the sculpture requiring attention and treat its surface.

It has been advised that the sculpture should be placed on an appropriate pedestal which would limit access to the delicate sculpture and create better sight lines for viewing.



Fisherman's and Whaler's Memorial Statue Location Suggestions  
11.16.23



# Corridor Overview



Locations to Consider 

# Pedestrian Corridor

 Primary Pedestrian Corridor

 Art Corridor



# Elm Street – Route 18 (SW Corner)





## SITE QUALITIES

- High vehicle traffic location
- Moderate pedestrian traffic location
- Sculpture safety considerations
- Visual Clutter with signage and traffic infrastructure equipment



# Elm Street – Route 18 (SE Corner)





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## SITE QUALITIES

- High vehicle traffic location
- Moderate pedestrian traffic location
- Sculpture safety considerations



# Rodman Street



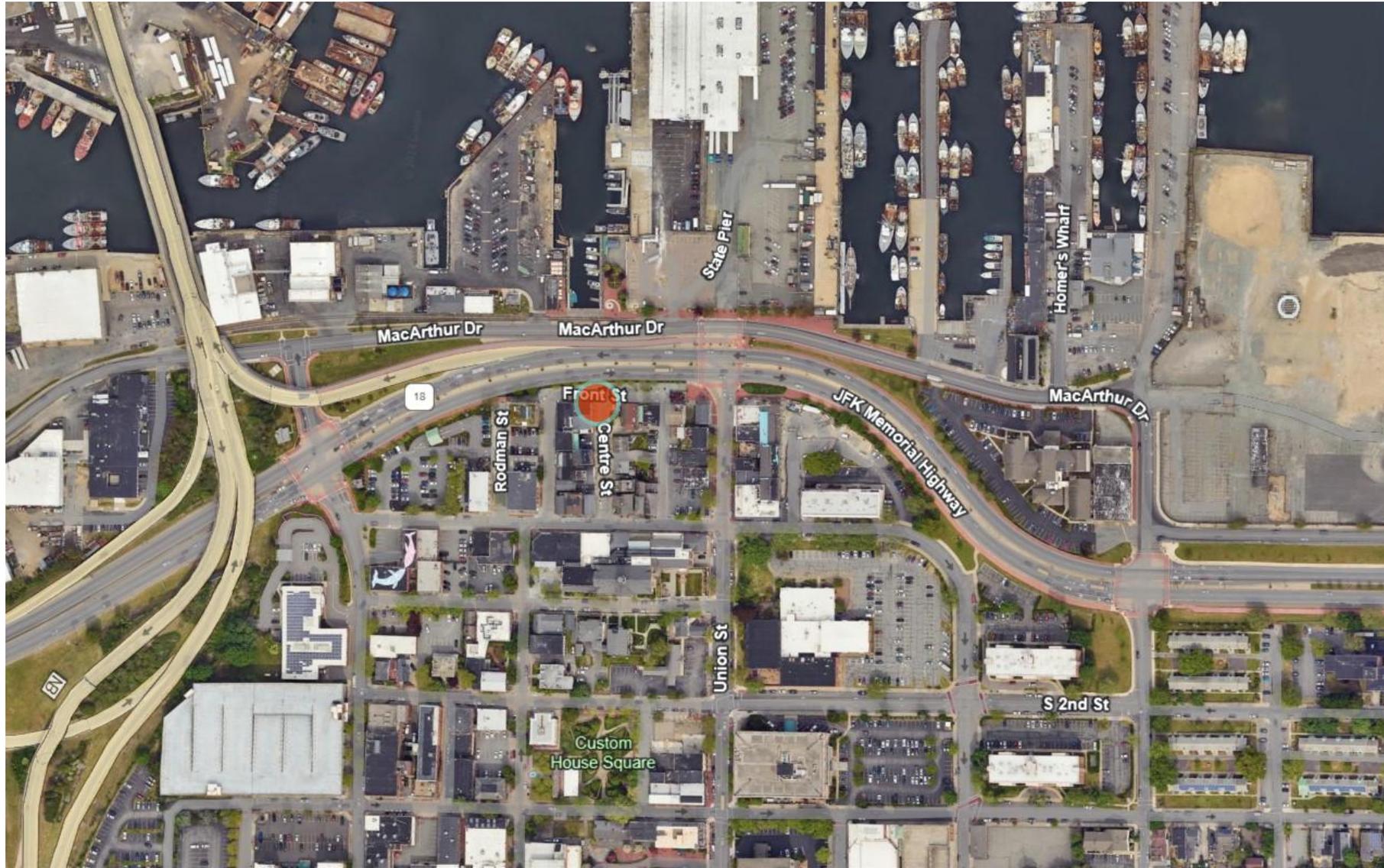


## SITE QUALITIES

- Moderate pedestrian traffic location
- Underutilized “plaza” site
- Adjacent to the Eelgrass art sculpture



# Centre Street





## SITE QUALITIES

- High pedestrian traffic location
- Adjacent to seasonal art installations
- Sculpture safety considerations



# Union Street – Route 18 (NW Corner)





## SITE QUALITIES

- High vehicle traffic location
- High pedestrian traffic location
- Sculpture safety considerations
- Visual Clutter with buildings, signage and traffic infrastructure equipment



# Union Street – Route 18 (SW Corner)



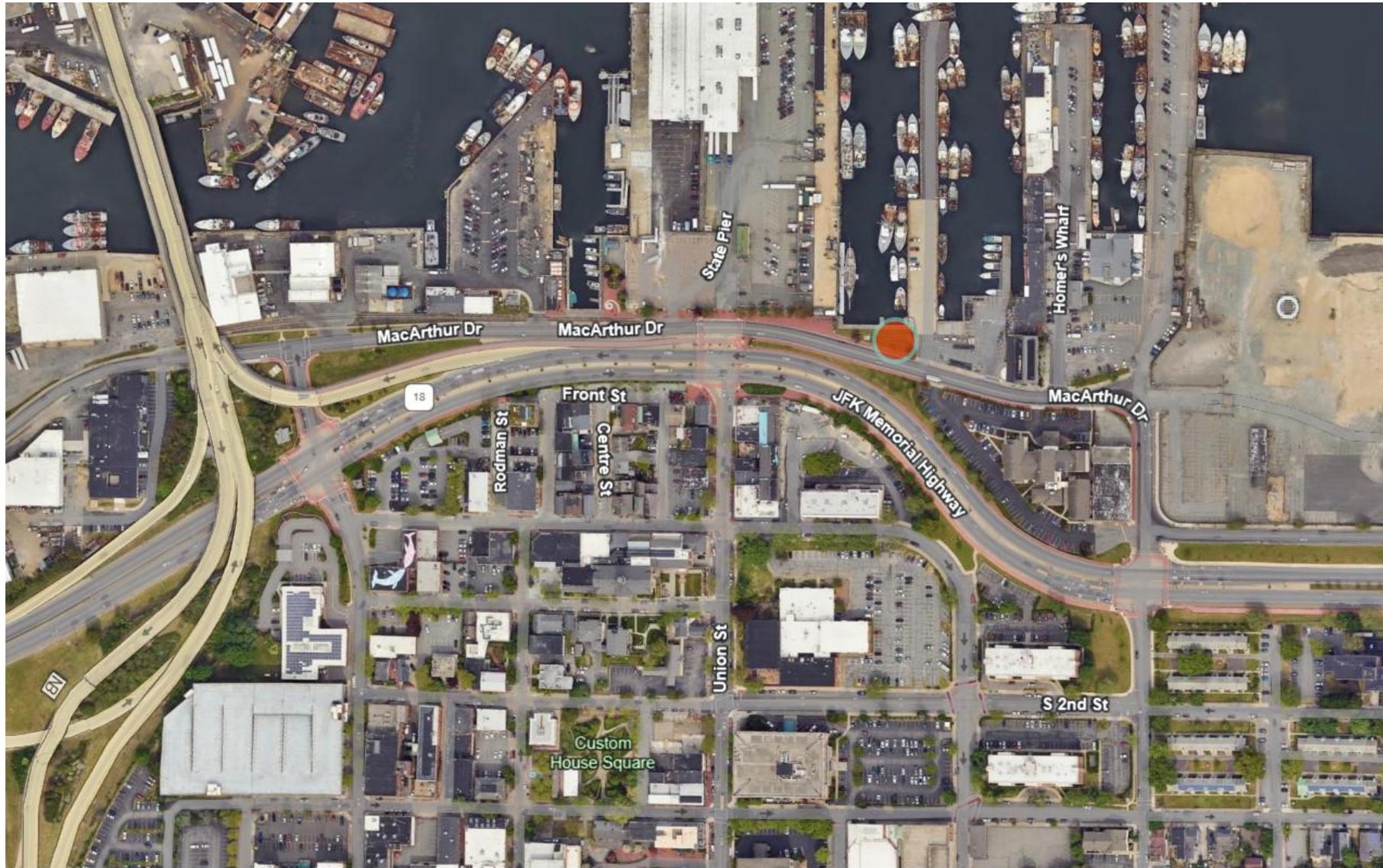


## SITE QUALITIES

- The City has entered into a license agreement providing the use of this portion of the Plaza for outdoor patio seating.



# Coast Guard Park





47'-6 1/8"

Ø 6'-0"

33'-0 1/8"

Ø 18'-0"

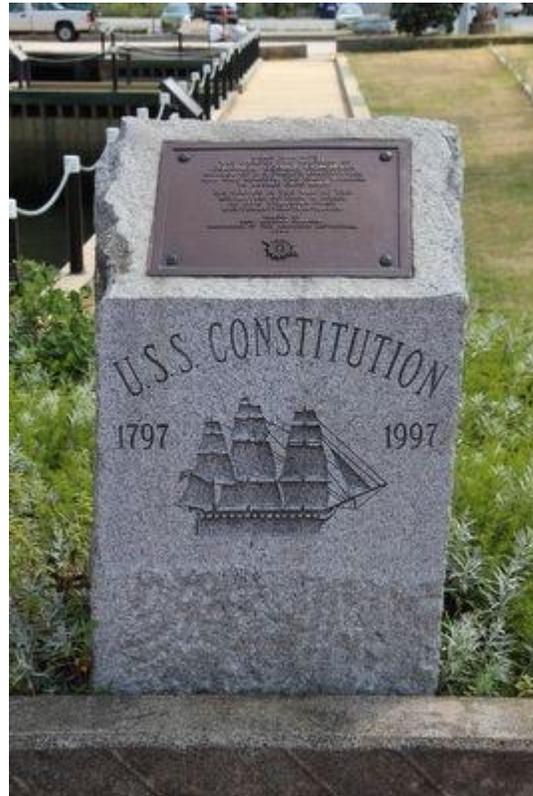




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The Lightship Sailors National Memorial honors all lightship sailors that lost their lives in the line of duty.



The U.S.S. Constitution Monument marks the nearby site of Colonel George Claghorn's shipyard and builder of U.S. Frigate Constitution and Ship Rebecca the first whaler to round Cape Horn.

## SITE QUALITIES

- Moderate vehicle traffic location
- High pedestrian traffic location
- Underutilized space which would benefit from upgrades
- Complements park's water-related themes
- Direct location at waterfront
- Similar with the location and setting qualities of Tonnessen Park



# Former Location- Tonnessen Park





# *Former Location Features People Appreciate*

- 1. Context – Wharf surrounded by fishing boats*
- 2. Location – Close to pedestrian corridors*
- 3. Scale – Proportions of space and sculpture in harmony*
- 4. Use – Provided both passive and active observation*
- 5. Nostalgia – Familiarity*



# State Ownership



# State Pier Redevelopment



**CONCEPTUAL RENDERING ONLY**

# *Logistical issues*

- 1. The City does not own the site. It is part of State Pier*
- 2. State Pier is currently being planned for redevelopment*
- 3. If the existing Fishing Memorial statue is relocated a new landscape will have to be created for it, adding cost.*
- 4. Significant unknowns currently exist*



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