



Agenda:

- **Status of HQ2 Planning and Design**
- **Status of Interpretation**
- **Bonus Topic!**

Greater Hagerstown Committee

June 28, 2019

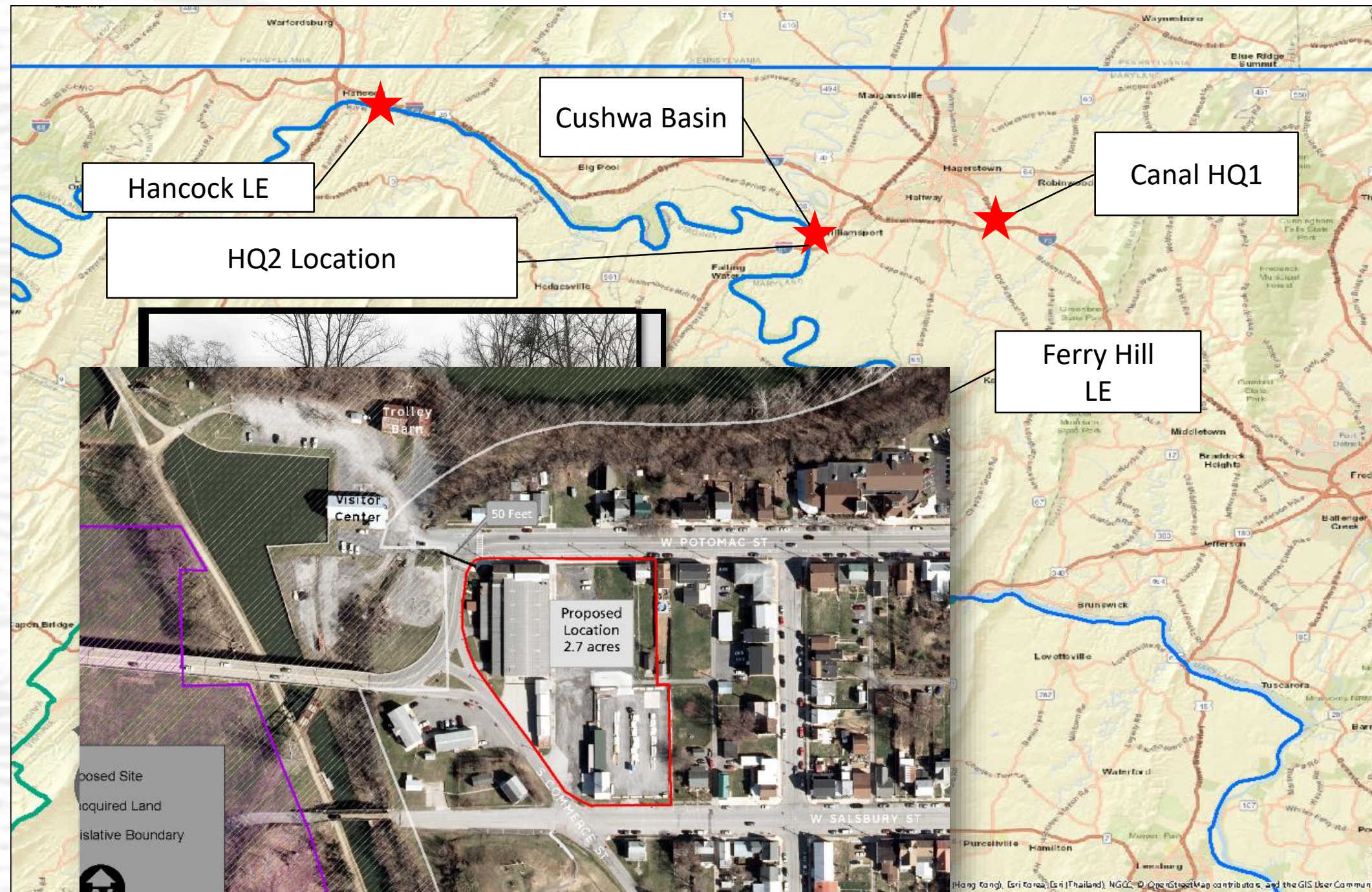


Why are we moving?

- Current HQ lease expiring and
 - Multiple park facilities create inefficiencies diminish effectiveness
 - Other park facilities are in poor condition or are in the floodplain
 - Leverages park staff to serve multiple roles
- Current Park and Williamsport land management not compatible with quality visitor experience, i.e. parking on cultural landscape
- Williamsport is very near the center of the park
- Near the crossroads of I-81 and I 70 – 20 million vehicles per year
- Creates an signature location for the C&O Canal National Historical Park



Improving Efficiency by Bringing Together Five NPS Offices: and Two Park Partners





The CMA Partnership

- State of Maryland provided funding to Washington County to purchase 142 West Potomac Street, adjacent to the Park
- MEDCO will lease the purchased property and construct and maintain the Facility. NPS will make annual payments to MEDCO for the use of the Facility
- NPS will manage WCMA lands
- Hagerstown/Washington County CVB & C&O Canal Trust will have a 'presence' in the facility through a reimbursable property use & occupancy agreement



Why Williamsport? It's our National Interpretive Center!



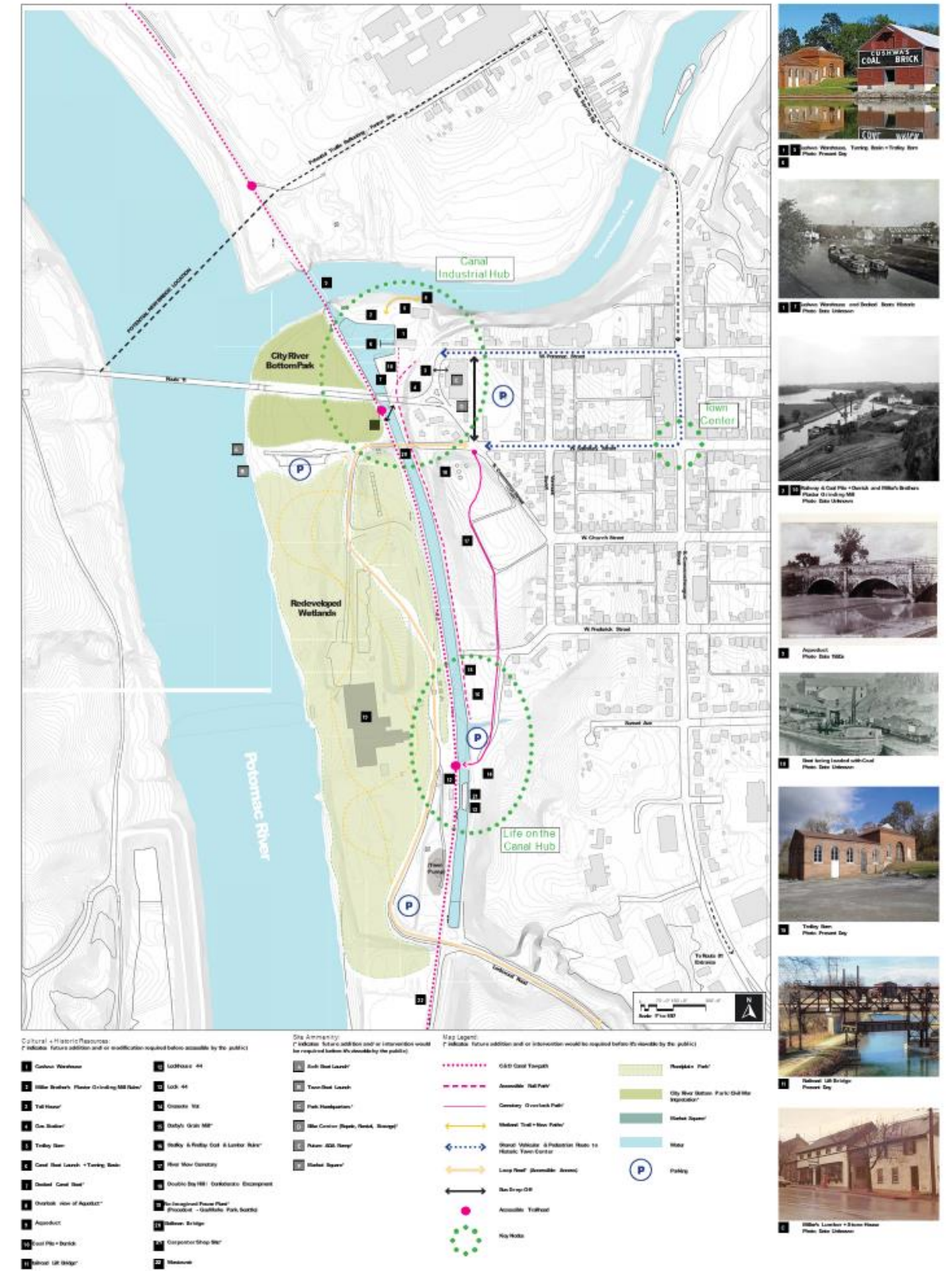
- 1976 General Plan
- 1983, 1991, 2011 Development Concept Plans
- Since 2010, over \$12 million in federal and state funds have been invested in Williamsport to support park operations and visitor services
- Since 2010, visitation to Williamsport has increased 335% from 129,000 to 433,000 in 2017
- New Visitor Center & Park Headquarters about \$12 million



Williamsport: The Classic Canal Town

Site Interpretation

- High-Level Site Plan
 - Two 'Hubs' Connected by Canal
 - Industrial Hub
 - Visitor Center
 - Education Center
 - Coal yard
 - Aqueduct
 - Boat ride
 - Life on the Canal
 - Lock House 44
 - Boat ride





So what's to become of the Potomac Street Buildings?



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National Historical Park



- Building A Concept: George Washington's Federal City Exhibit
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- Building B Concept: Re-establish alleyway for pedestrian circulation
- Building C & D Concept: Warming Hut – Hiker/Biker Store
- Building E Concept: Canal Quarters





Bonus: Conococheague Aqueduct Update



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Questions?

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C&O CANAL
NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK
HEADQUARTERS GROUNDBREAKING

ON THURSDAY

08.08.19

AT 10:00 A.M.

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