



Richmond Slave Trail

Designed as a walking path, the Richmond Slave Trail chronicles the history of the trade in enslaved Africans from their homeland to Virginia until 1778, and away from Virginia, especially Richmond, to other locations in the Americas until 1865. The trail begins at the Manchester Docks, which, alongside Rocketts Landing on the north side of the river, operated as a major port in the massive downriver slave trade, making Richmond the largest source of enslaved blacks on the east coast of America from 1830 to 1860. While many of the slaves were shipped on to New Orleans and to other Deep South ports, the trail follows the footsteps of those who remained here and crossed the James River, often chained together in a coffle. Once reaching the northern riverbank, the trail then follows a route through the slave markets and auction houses of Richmond, beside the Reconciliation Statue commemorating the international triangular slave trade and on to the site of the notorious Lumpkin's Slave Jail and leading on to Richmond's African Burial Ground, once called the Burial Ground for Negroes, and the First African Baptist Church, a center of African American life in pre-Civil War Richmond.

James River

Sign 3: Despair of Slavery

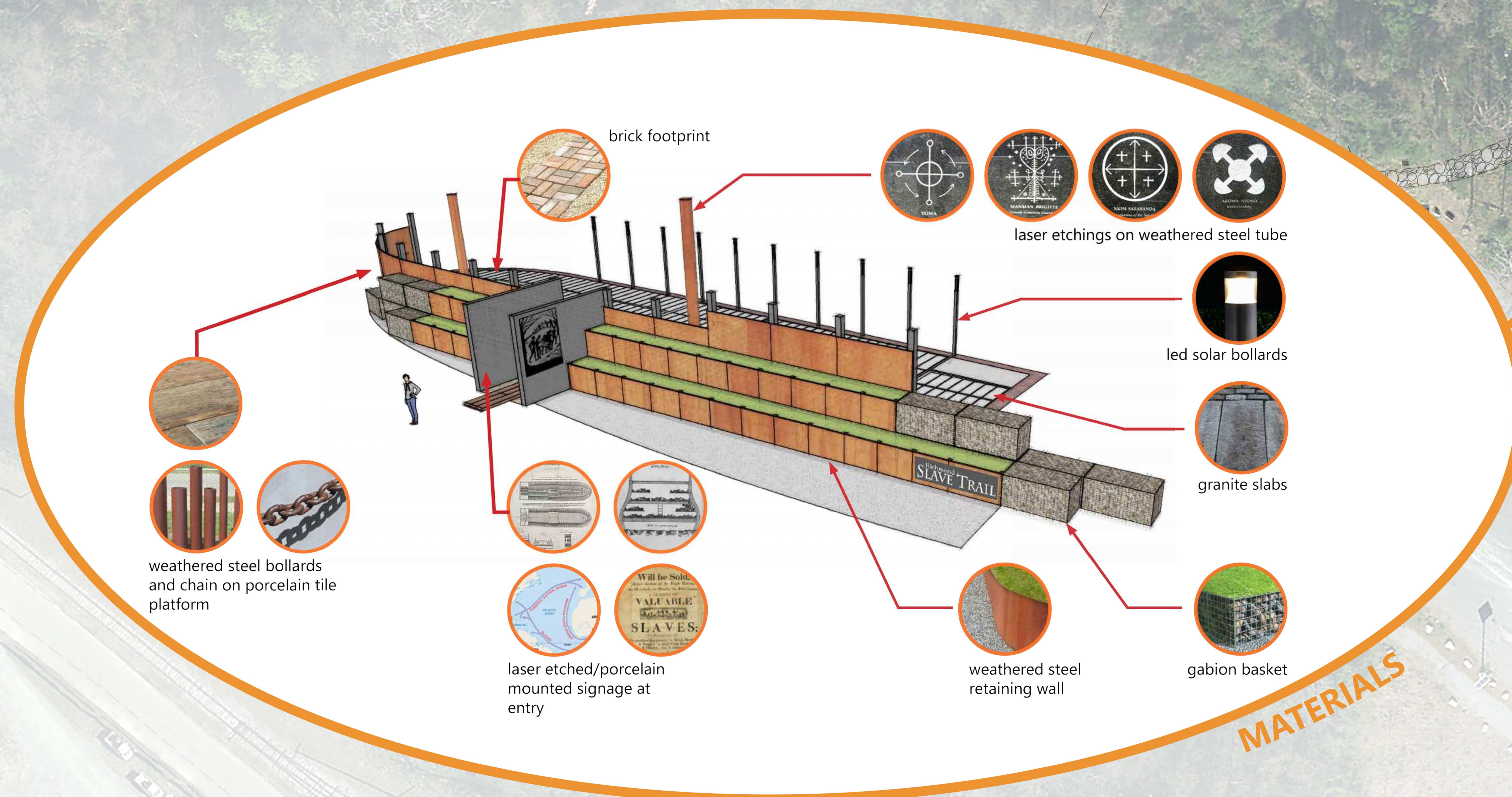
Sign 1:
Crossing the Atlantic

Sign 2: Mechanics
of Slavery

3' Trail

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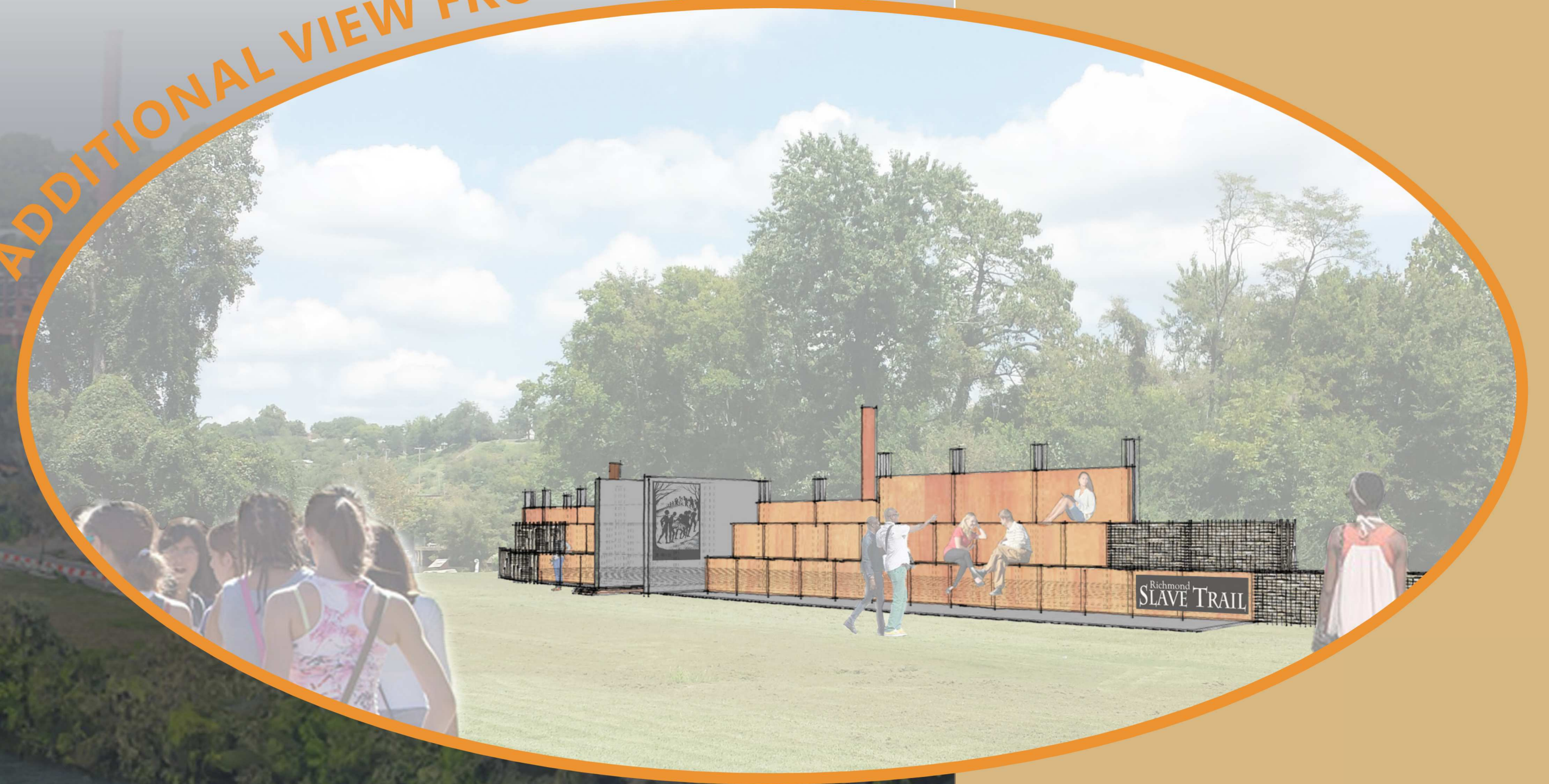
10' Trail



Proposed Ancarrow's Trailhead Ship

New trailhead based on life size slave ship dimensions. Amphitheater seating in ship's wake retained by ballast filled gabion cages and weathered steel site walls. Arrival signage and experiential displays mount to site and entry portal walls at wood-like entry gangplank. Recessed path lighting powered by tall solar collector poles graze light along the granite stone memorial within. Two weathered steel "masts" provide space for additional symbolism, storytelling and wayfinding.

ADDITIONAL VIEW FROM APPROACH



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**Richmond City
Jubilation in June
Festival**

**Sunday
June 19th, 2022
4:00 PM**

**3101 Wharf Street
Richmond, VA**
The Sugar Pad
just off the Virginia Capital Trail

