# Richmond Slave Trail Project Narrative

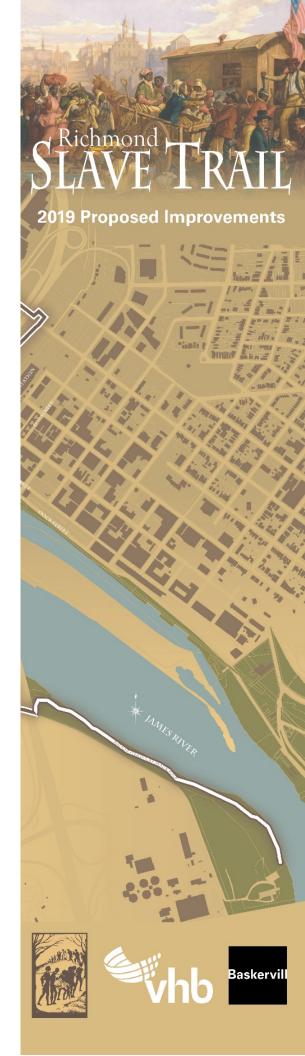
Three key components comprise the Improvements to the City of Richmond Slave Trail between Ancarrow's Landing and the Floodwall Enclosure at Brander Street west of the I-95/James River Bridge.

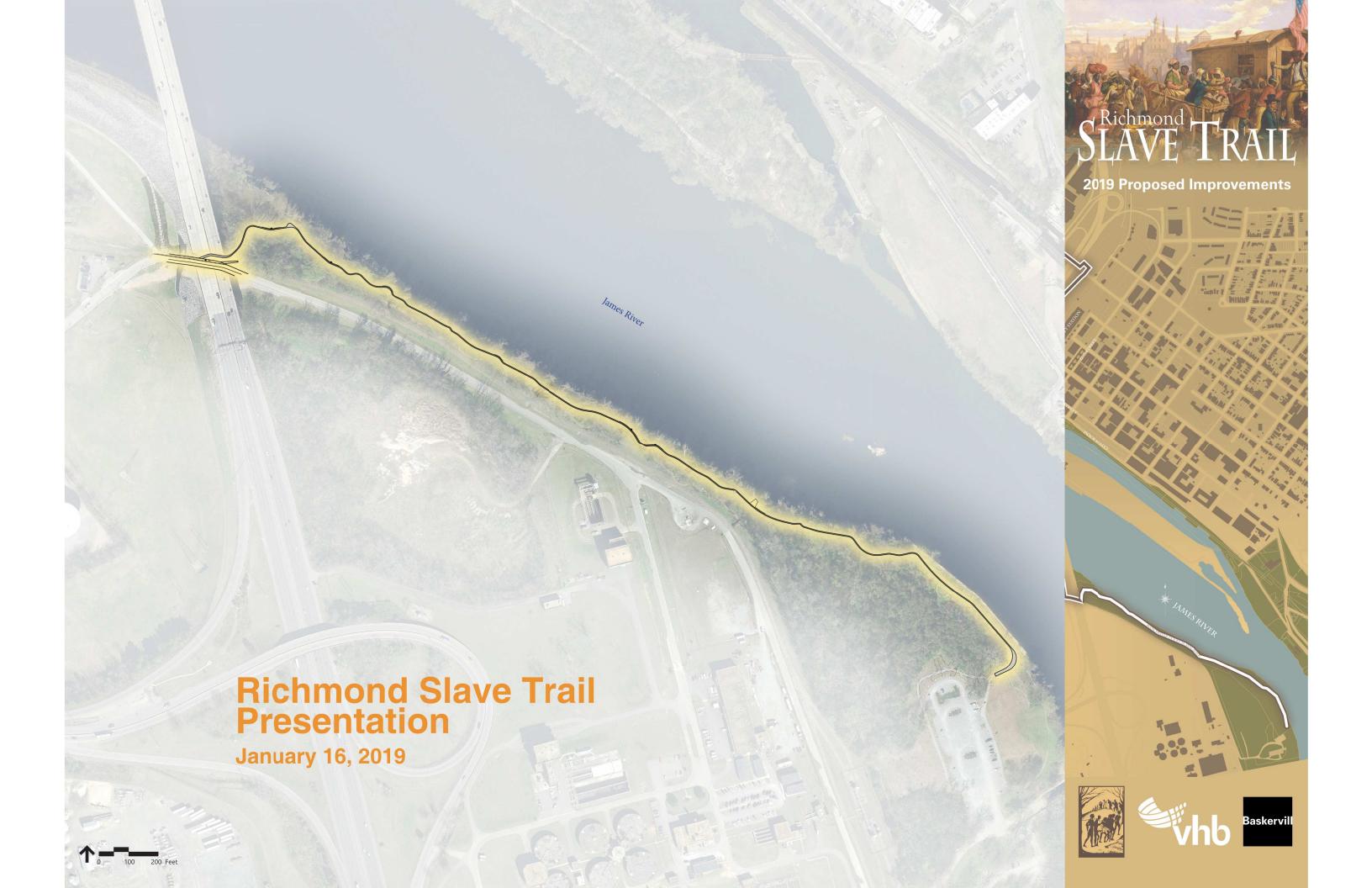
The first component, a new trailhead/orientation amphitheater in the grassy field between the James River and the Ancarrow's parking area, clearly marks the beginning of the Richmond Slave Trail while orienting users to the historical and cultural significance of the trail. It serves as a gathering point and small amphitheater for guided tours, an experiential exhibit, and wayfinding for self-guided users. The interactive trailhead is sited in the Ancarrow's Landing field adjacent to the river and pointing upstream, as a transatlantic slave trading ship would effectively dock along the banks of the James River to counteract current.

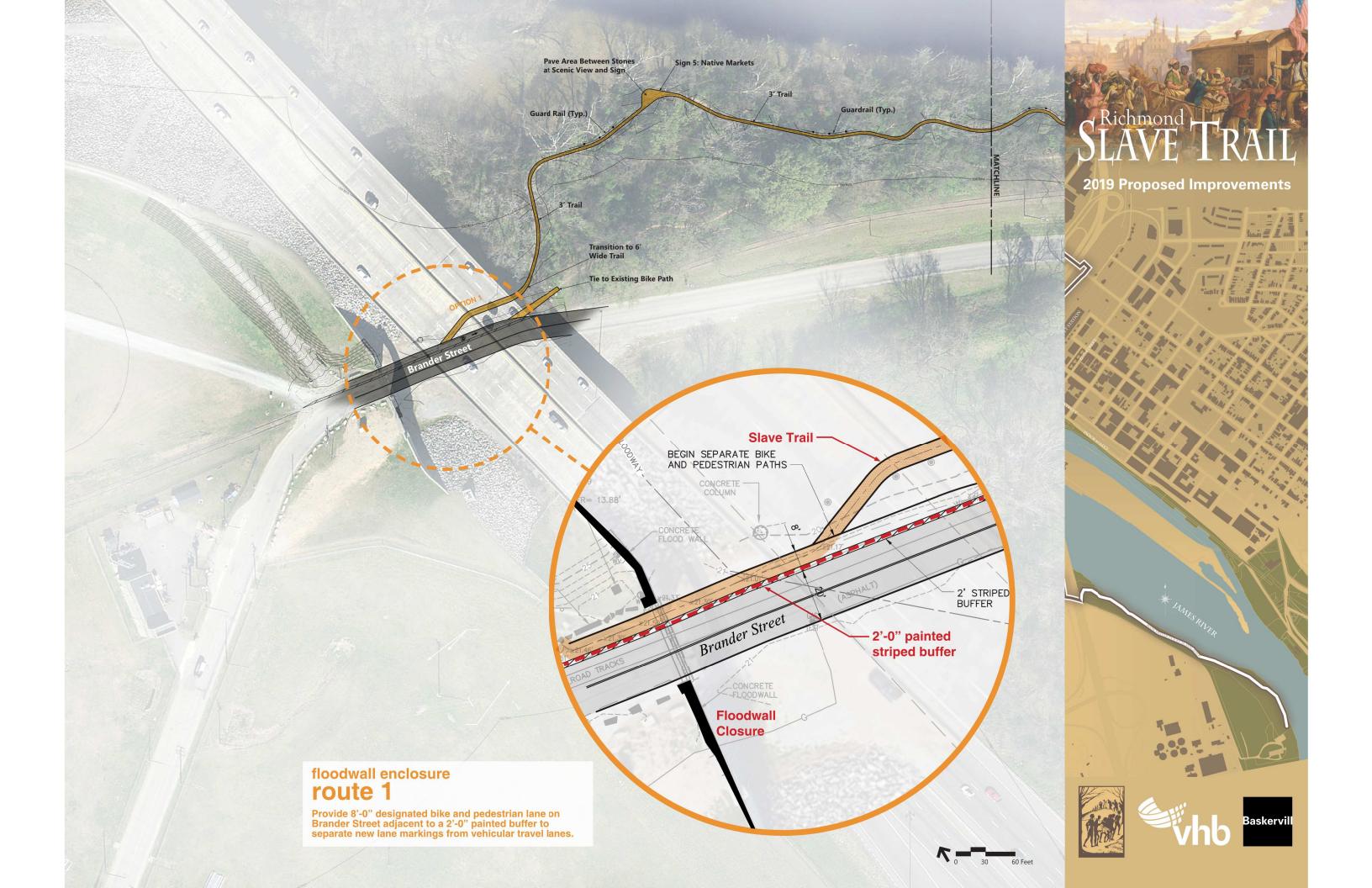
The second component maintains the route of the Richmond Slave Trail but provides necessary improvements along the trail between Ancarrow's Landing and the I-95/James River Bridge. New wooden fencing will be added in locations requested by the owner, and one of the dated pedestrian bridges will be replaced to increase structural integrity. Natural wood mulch will continue as the trail's surface material to maintain the historic experience of walking the trail.

The third component provides directional clarity for multiple users at the area underneath the I-95 bridge overpass at the Brander Street floodwall closure. A 6'-0" wide, clearly marked bike and pedestrian lane buffered by a 2'-0" wide painted striped buffer separates trail users from vehicular traffic on Brander Street. The trail subdivides after the furthest west bridge column to bring pedestrian users onto the existing trail as it enters the wooded area east of the bridge, while pavement markings direct cyclists to the existing bike trail paralleling Brander Street.

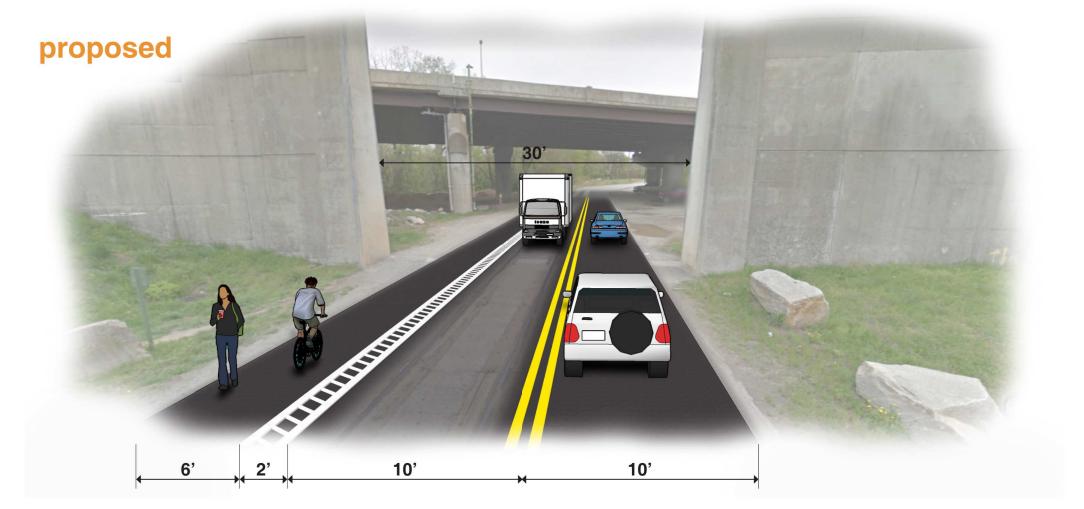
Funding for the project comes out of the \$1M allocated from the Virginia General Assembly Funds for overall improvements to the Richmond Slave Trail. Construction would begin once the project is awarded. Traffic implications would be minimized as the majority of construction is located off the street grid, adjacent to the Ancarrow's Landing parking area.

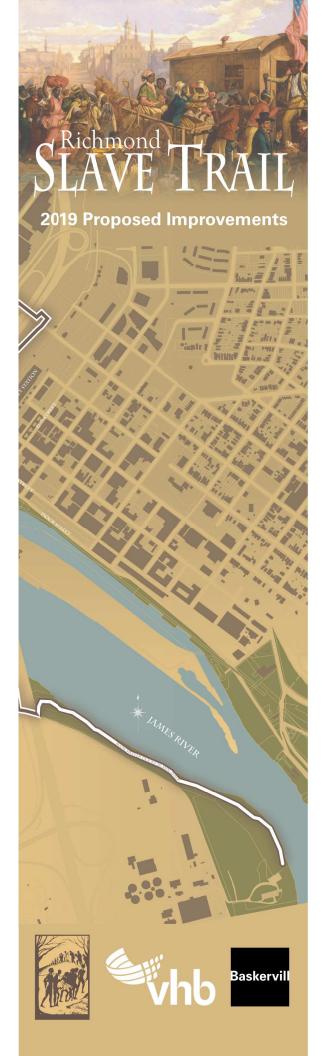




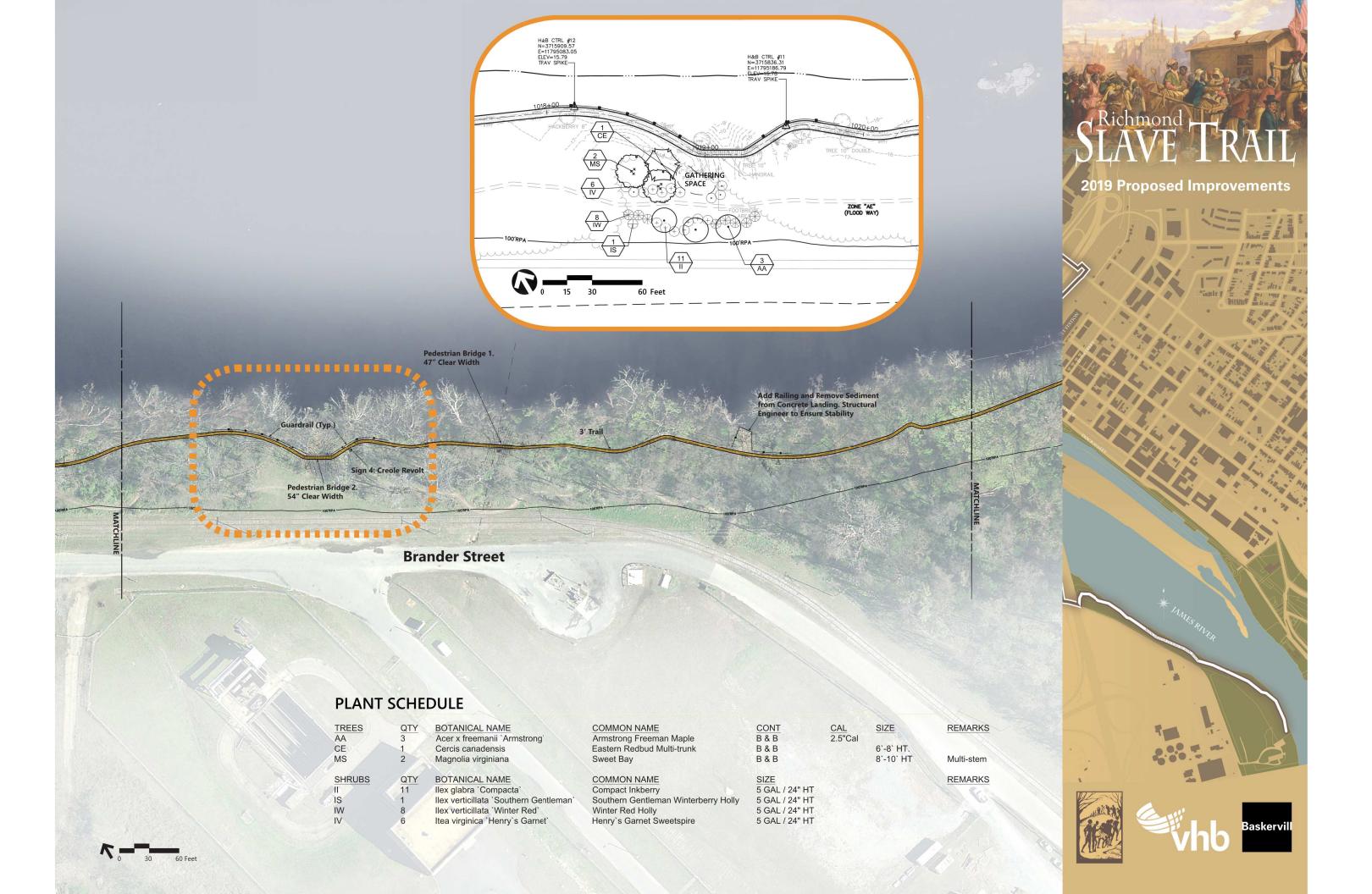


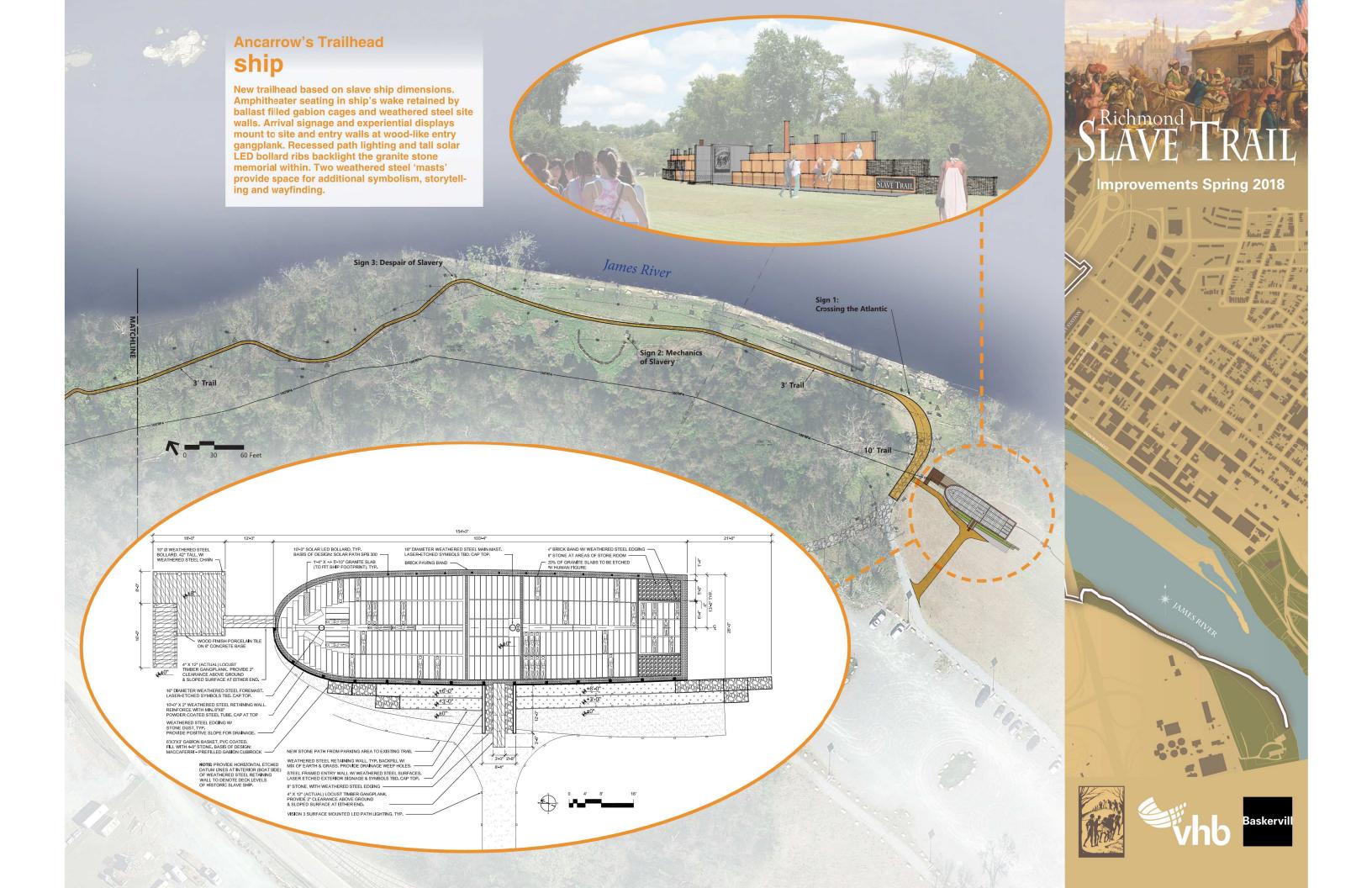


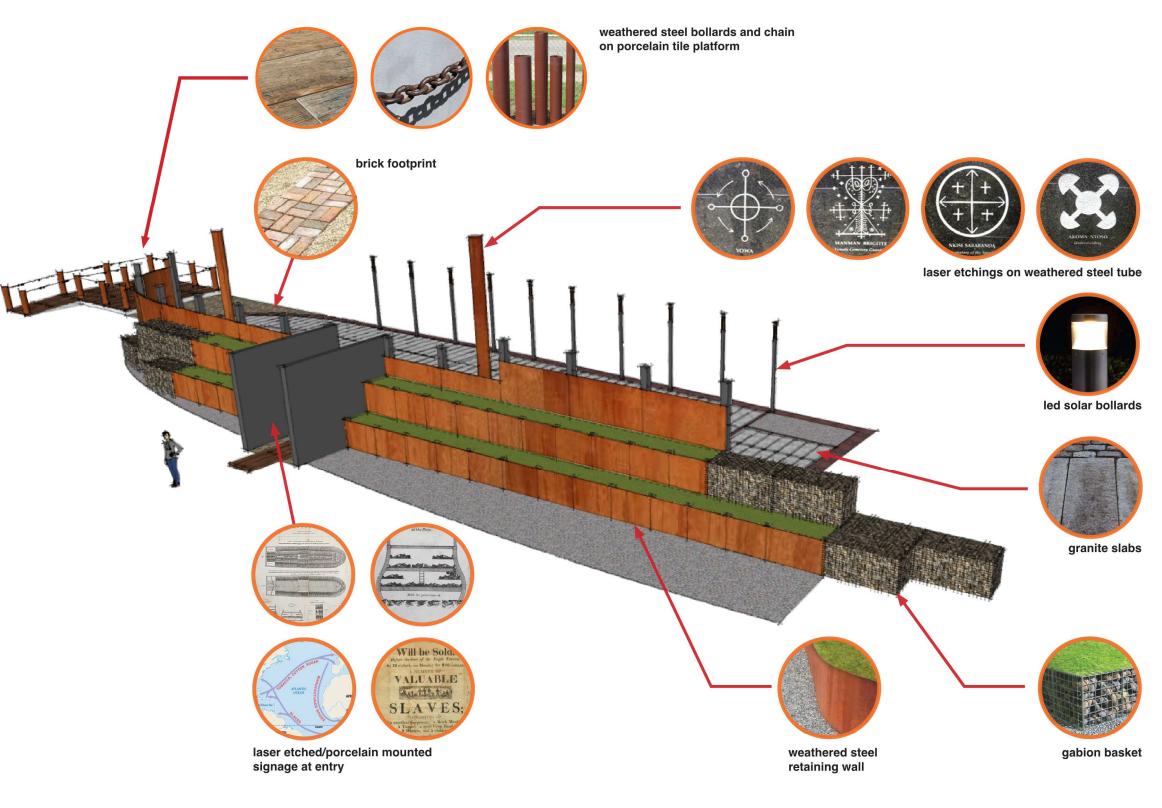




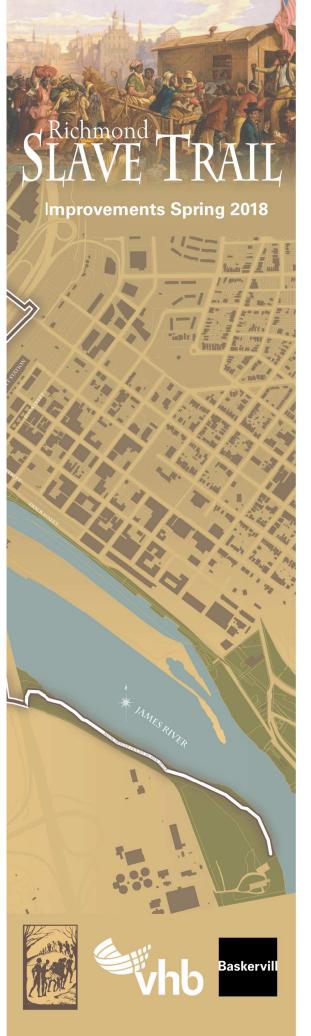








Ancarrow's Trailhead **ship** 



## proposed new lighting



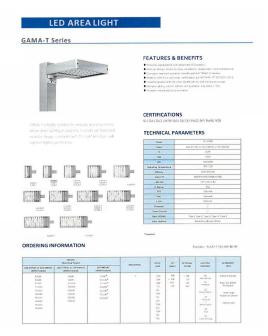
#### path lighting

Surface mounted solar leds along path. Solar panels at Brander Street power lights remotely.









### area lighting

Pole mounted solar led for Entry Portal Option 2 Ship

## pole lighting

Pole mounted solar led for Entry Portal Option 2 Ship. Can be integrated with display panels.

