



# The Roland Water Tower

# Community Meeting – Monday, July 29, 2019





Roland Water Tower is located at the nexus of 4 neighborhoods  
Hoes Heights, Rolden, Roland Park, and Hampden



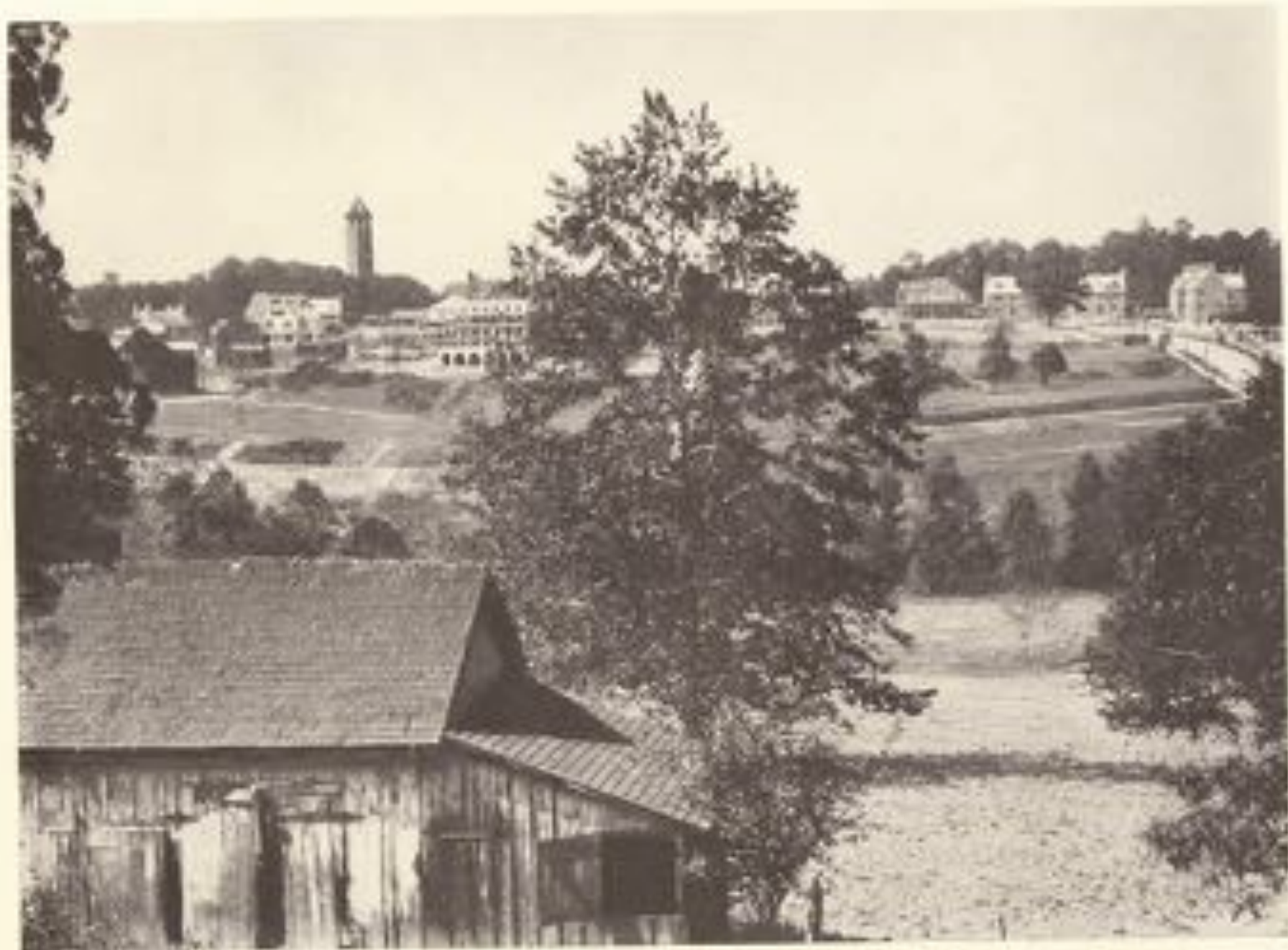
# History of the Tower



- Built in 1905 to provide water for Hampden
- In 1930 the reservoir system replaced towers
- In 1930's the Tower became the turnaround spot for the streetcars
- In 1960's buses replaced streetcars



CITY WATER TOWER NEAR ROLAND PARK

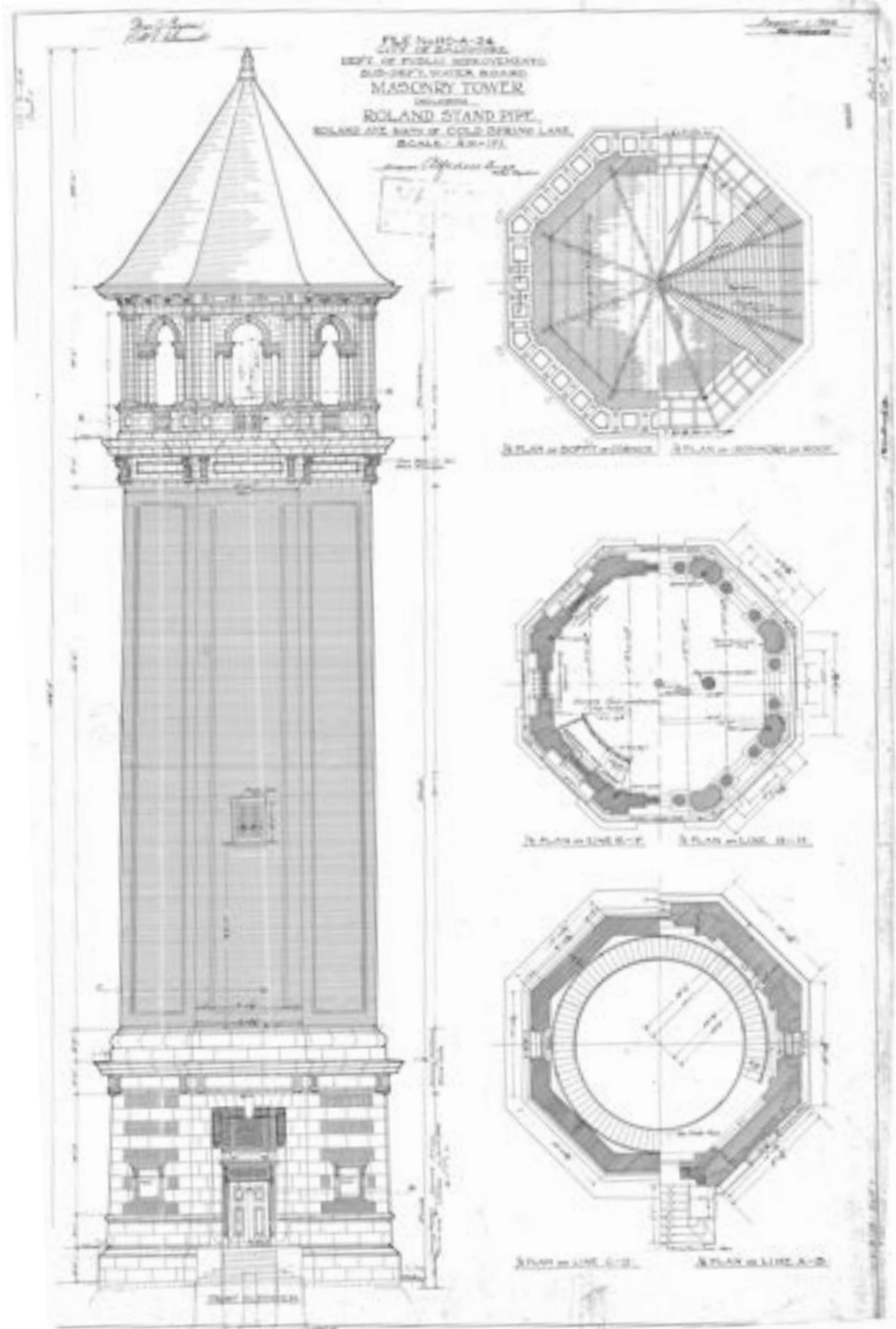


GENERAL VIEW OF NEW SECTION ON UNIVERSITY PARKWAY, SHOWING ROADS AND HOUSES UNDER CONSTRUCTION





The original construction documents for Roland Water Tower still exist – and we have copies! The restoration project architect/engineering firm is using them as reference.





ROLAND  
WATER TOWER  
ERECTED A.D. 1904-5

ALFRED M. QUICK  
WATER ENGINEER

ROBERT L. CLEMMITT  
ASSISTANT ENGINEER

WILLIAM J. FIZONE  
ARCHITECT

TIPPETT & WOOD  
BUILDERS OF STANDPIPE

JOHN STACK & SONS  
BUILDERS OF TOWER





# History of the Restoration Project





# Historic Designations

- In 1974 the Roland Water Tower was listed on the National Register of Historic Places
- In 2008 the City designated the Tower as a City Landmark Building
- In 2011 Tower was listed as an endangered site by Preservation Maryland

# Restoration History

- In 2009 the City installed a chain link fence around the perimeter of the Roland Water Tower to protect pedestrians
- Friends of the Roland Water Tower was formed in 2009
- In 2010 the Greater Roland Park Master Plan prioritized the Roland Water Tower as one of the top three Open Space Projects for the Roland Park Community Foundation
- RPCF/FSR Received a Preservation grant to do a structural engineering analysis on the Roland Water Tower
- In 2012 the RPCF paid \$37k to have more than 300 bags of debris removed from the Tower's belvedere and screening installed in the Tower openings

# Restoration History cont.

- In 2012 the Tower restoration project was awarded a Bond Bill for \$250,000 if matched. This Bond Bill has been renewed in 2015 and 2019. An enormous debt of gratitude is owed to our public servants, Sandy Rosenberg and Mary Pat Clarke. THANK YOU!
- RP was able to match the funds of this Bond Bill
- In 2013, the City said they would contribute \$337,000 towards the restoration.
- Because the money was in 3 different places it took a few years to come up with an agreement with the City
- The agreement stipulates that Baltimore City is responsible for the design of the restoration
- The agreement stipulates that RPCF is responsible for the construction of the restoration





# Current Status of the Roland Water Tower



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- The Roland Park Community Foundation and Baltimore City signed agreement in January 2019 after 2.5 plus years of negotiation
- City agreed to contribute an additional \$49k
- An additional Bond Bill approved for \$75k
- Approved by the Board of Estimates in June 2019
- City hired JMT Architecture to produce the restoration construction documents in spring of 2019
- JMT Architecture estimates construction documents will be completed in Fall 2019



Roland Park Community Foundation (RPCF)  
+  
Friends of the Roland Water Tower (FRWT)

- RPCF hired an owners representative in 2016
- RPCF + FRWT are currently in the process of interviewing 4 general contractors in order to award the restoration job to one firm

# Next Steps to Restore the Roland Water Tower



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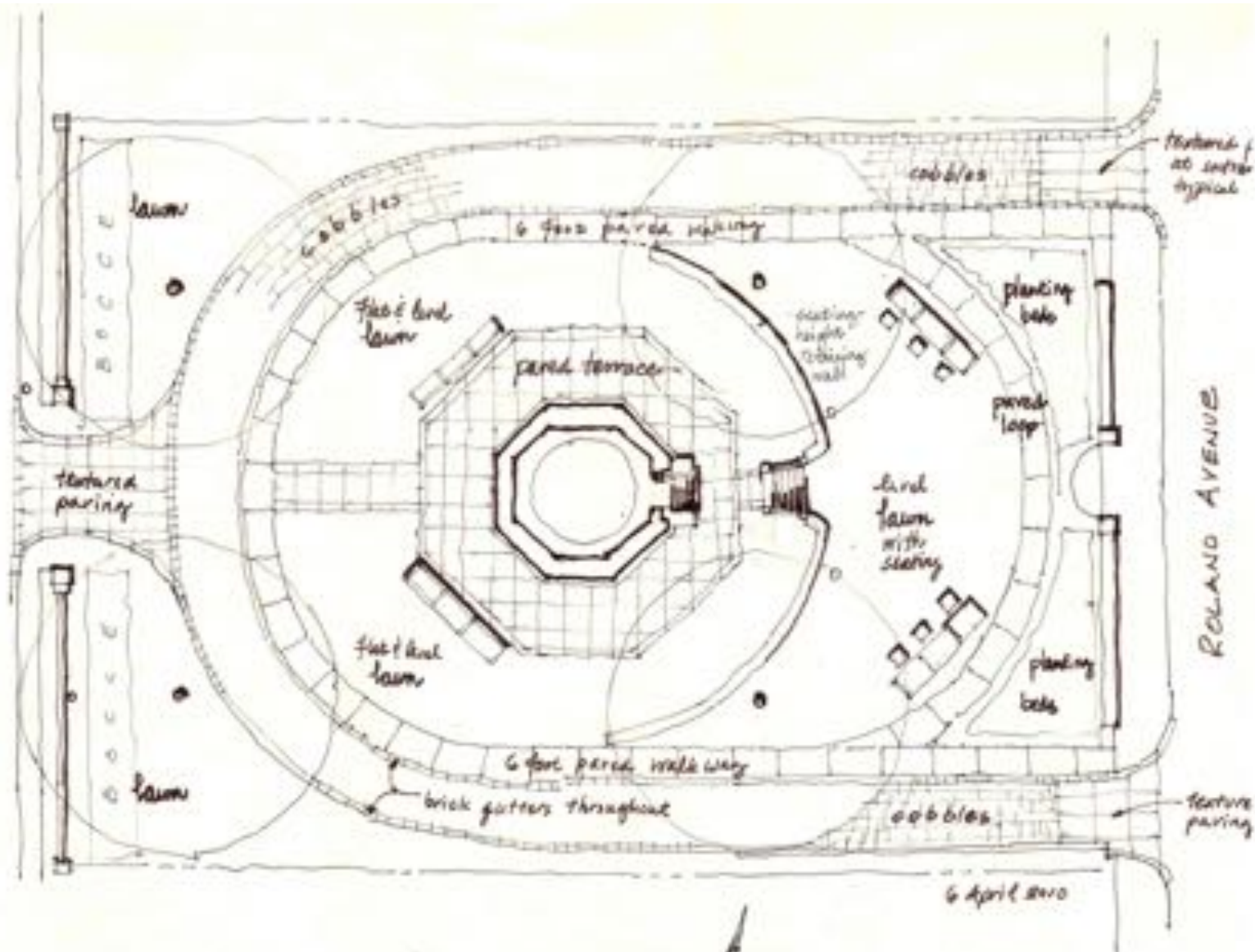
- Construction Documents will finish in September
- Construction Documents will give RPCF a firm price estimate
- We will need to raise the additional funds in 6-9 months
- Construction will take roughly one year
- Design, Planning, and fundraising starts this fall on the Tower's PARK





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Thank you!