



# The Roland Water Tower



# Tonight's Agenda

- Brief History of the Tower
- Stabilization Project
- RWT Park
- Next steps
- Questions/Comments

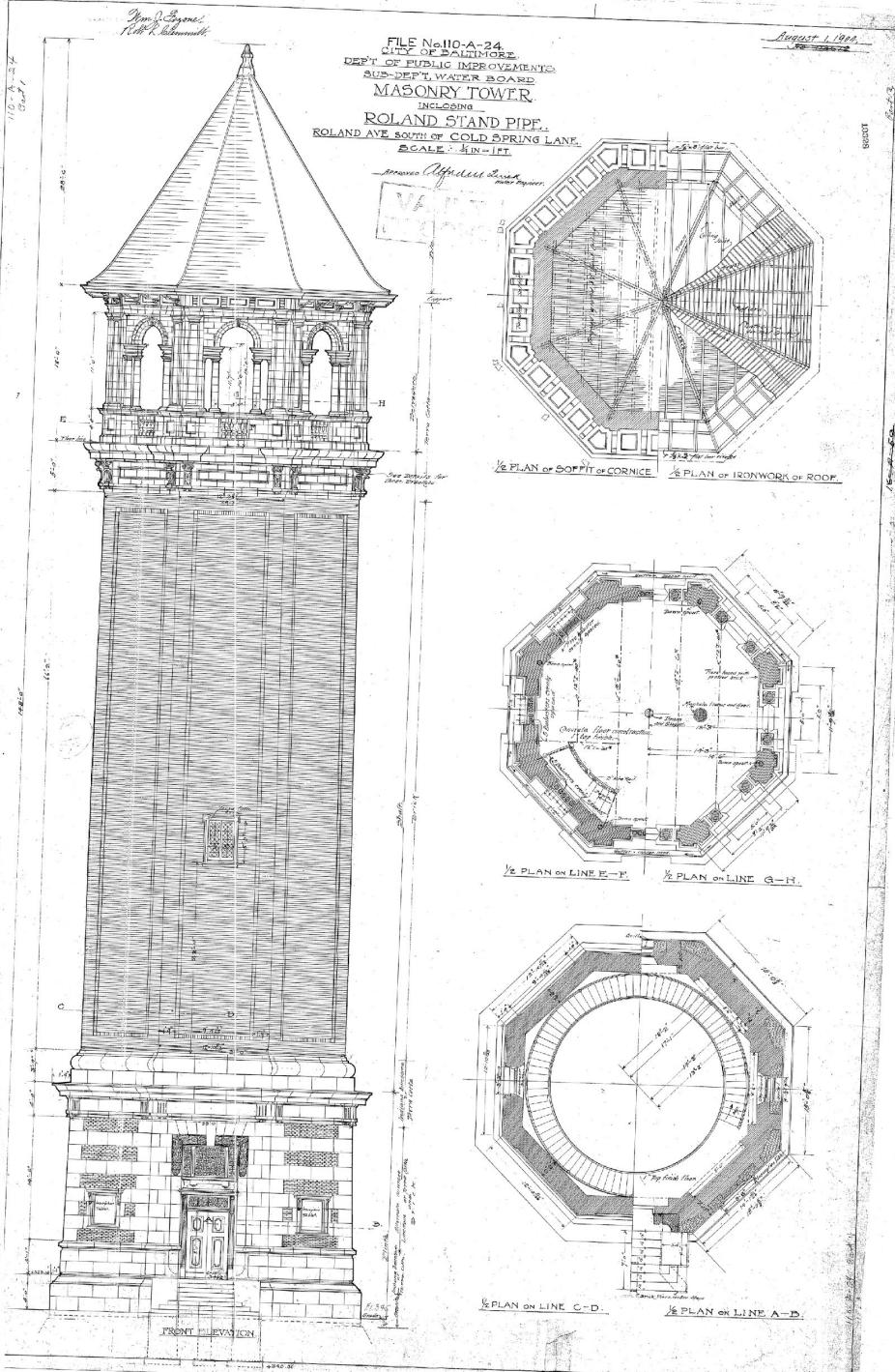
# History of the Tower



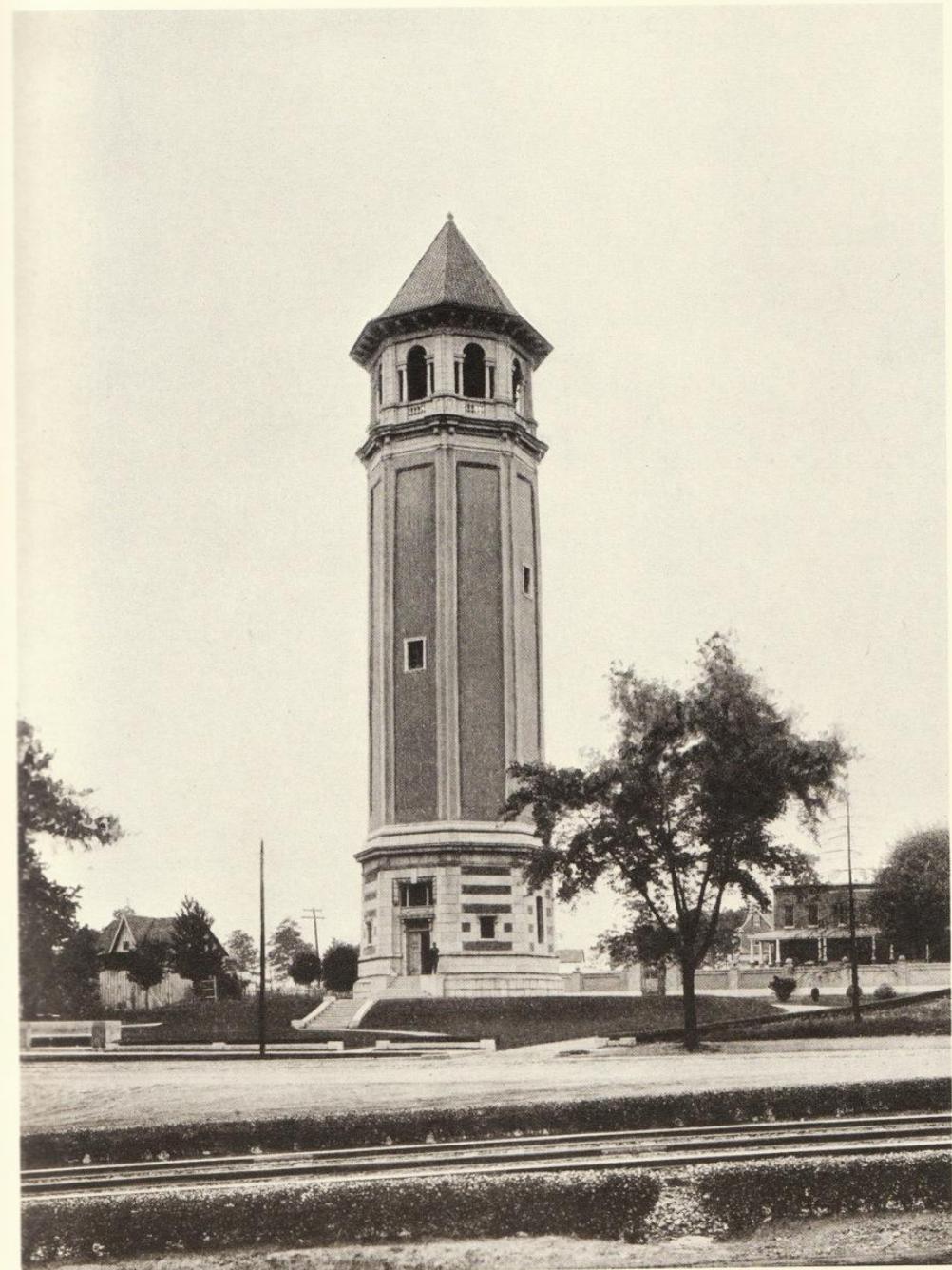
- Built in 1905 to provide water for Hampden
- In 1930, the reservoir system replaced towers
- In 1930's the Tower became the turnaround spot for the streetcars
- In 1960's, buses replaced streetcars

# History

- Since 1960, the Tower has been out of use
- In 2009, the City put up a chain link fence to protect pedestrians
- Friends of the Roland Water Tower was formed in 2009
- In 2010, Greater Roland Park Master Plan identified the RWT as top 3 Open Space Projects for the Roland Park Community Foundation







CITY WATER TOWER NEAR ROLAND PARK



# The Stabilization Project

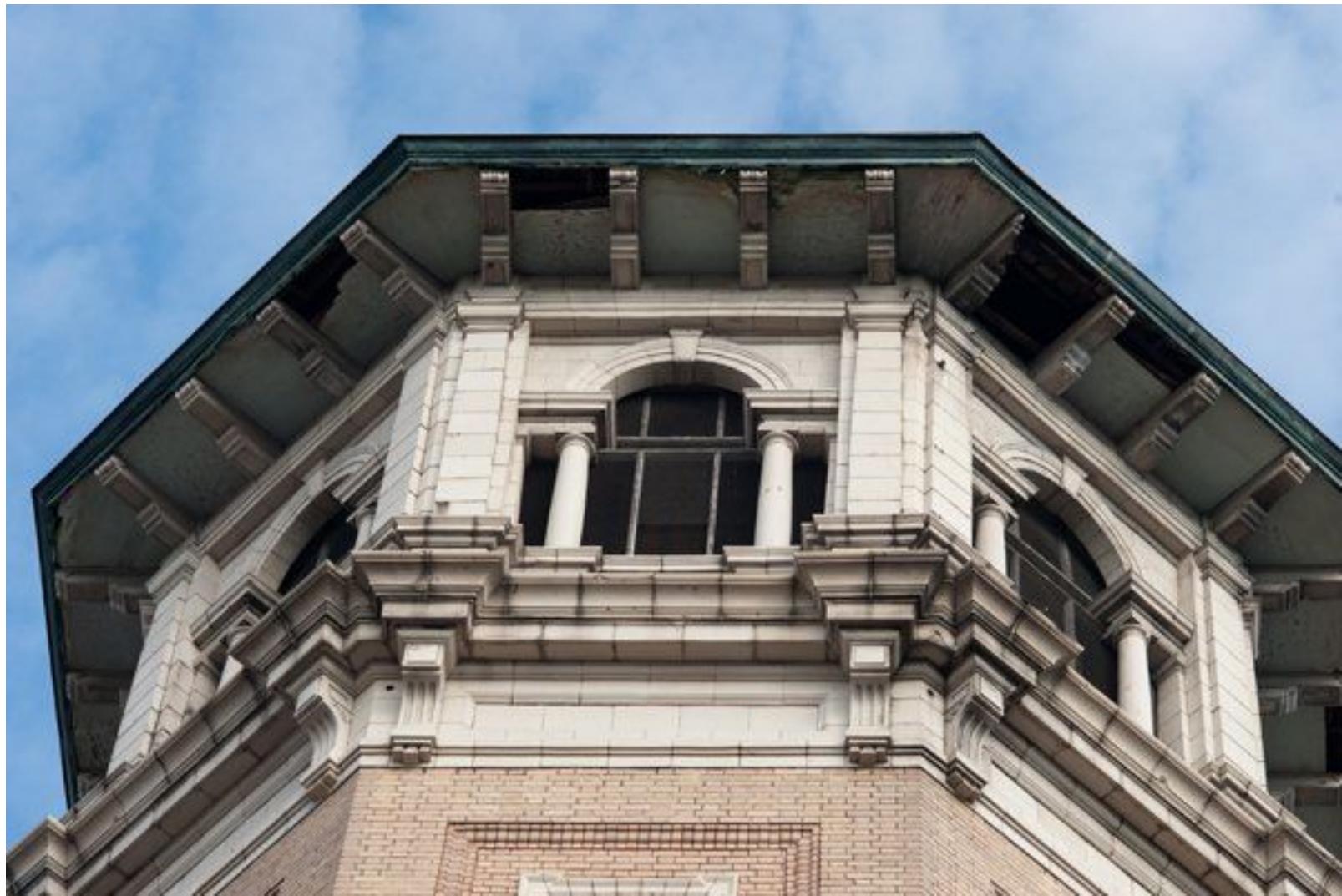


# Stabilization History

- In 2008, the City designated the Tower as a City Landmark Building
- In 2011, RPCF Received a Preservation grant to do a structural engineering analysis
- In 2011, Tower listed as an endangered site by Preservation Maryland
- In 2012, 300 bags of debris removed and screening installed, \$37k by RPCF







# Stabilization Team

- City Hired JMT design firm in 2018
- Design completed in late 2019
- RPCF hired Lewis Contractors was in 2019
- Tom McCracken is the Owner's Rep for RPCF

# What will the work include?

- \$1.4 million
- Top and bottom
- Roof tiles, balustrades, eaves of the roof, cleaning, screens
- New door, windows
- Will not be able to walk to the top
- Removal of the fence

# Show me the Money

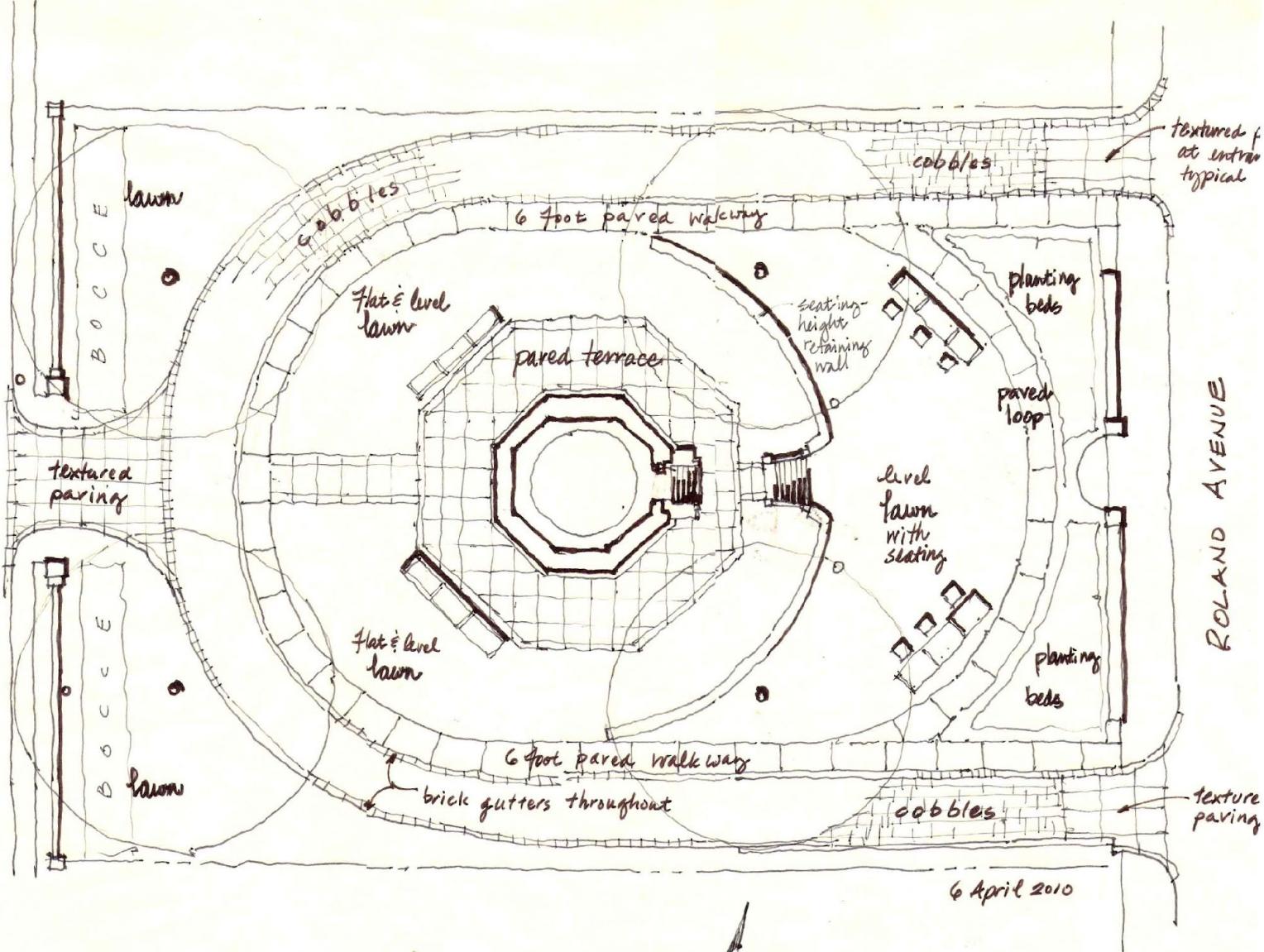
- Public and private funds
- BIG THANKS TO SANDY ROSENBERG
- Awarded two State Bond Bills for \$250k and \$75k that were matched by the community
- The City is paying for the design and ongoing maintenance to the Tower. \$337,000 which was a part of the demolition funds. City put in an addt'l \$49k
- Two grants pending.







EVANS CHAPEL ROAD



# Next Steps



# Next Steps

- Trees will be trimmed on September 29th
- Scaffolding will go up early October
- Construction will take 7 months subject to weather delays
- Small roads around the Tower will be closed
- Work will take place from 7 am – 3 pm
- Workers parking will mostly be inside the construction site
- Community Planning Process for Park will begin this fall
- Need to raise funds for the park

















Questions/Comments?