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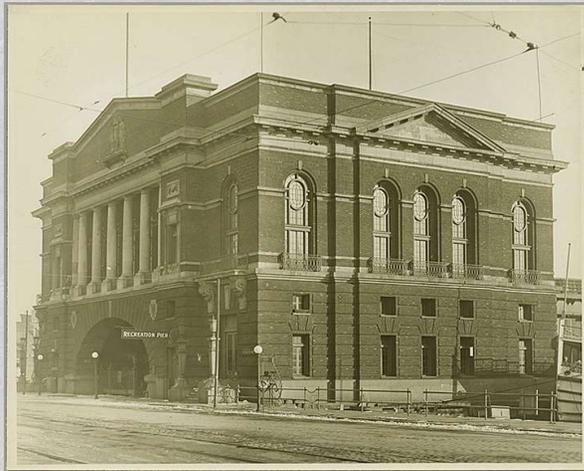


## Historic Pier Restoration

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MAKE A **CONCRETE** DECISION.

# Transformation



**Recreation Pier  
(1914)**



**Sagamore Pendry Baltimore  
(2017)**

# The Recreation Pier



# Overview: Restored Headhouse



# New Steel Sheet Pile Wall Around Fastland

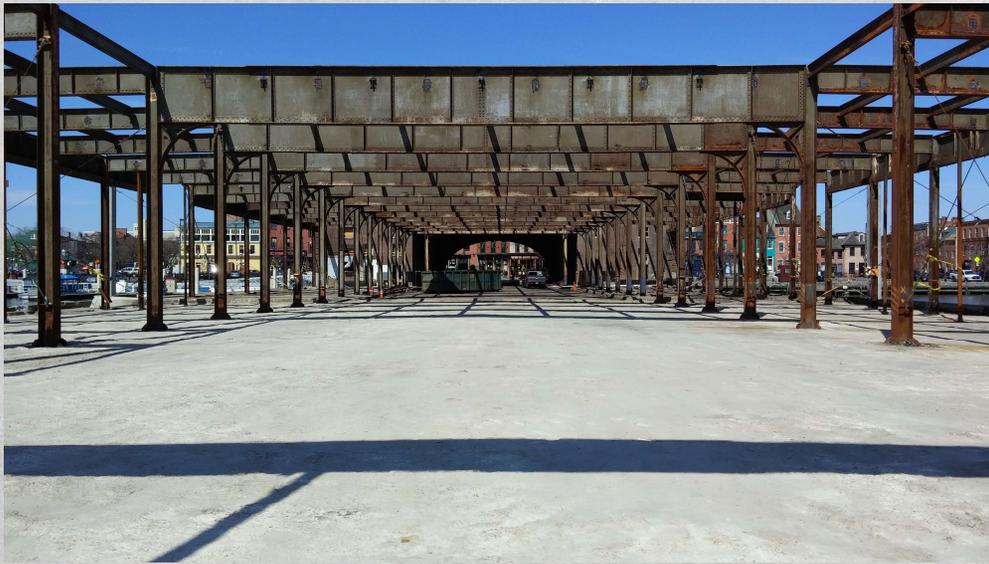


# Restoration of Existing Pier



# Preservation of Historic Steel Framing

## Historic Riveted Steel Framing



Before



After

# New Hotel Rooms



# New Infinity Pool



# Intro: Why this Project?

## Important Lessons:

1. “Those who do not learn history are doomed to repeat it”  
*(generally attributed to philosopher George Santayana).*
2. Flexible design
3. Optimizing design

# Historic Preservation

**History belongs on display, because people need its lessons.**

Uses of history on this project:

- Record documents of existing construction
- Funding from historic interest groups
- Historic forecasting of flood and tidal elevations
- Lessons from experience with similar construction methods.

# Historic Preservation

**History improves a project's significance.**

Preserved history on this project:

- Historic headhouse building
- Historic concrete pier and riveted steel framing
- Artifacts found during construction



# Historic Preservation

Historic Artifacts:  
(3) 1700s Era French Cannons



# Historic Preservation

**Funding & Commerce: Customers will pay to experience history.**

Preservation advantages on this project:

- Maryland Historic Trust credit
- Premium guest fees
- Community support instead of resistance

# Flexible Design

**Ductility should be considered in more than structural behavior.**

- Anticipate installation failures on difficult installations.
- Anticipate obstructions when they may be present.
- Create a mitigation plan before construction starts.

# Flexible Design Example #1

Problem: Installing grouted soil anchors in congested drilling area.

Solution: Design secondary drilling locations.

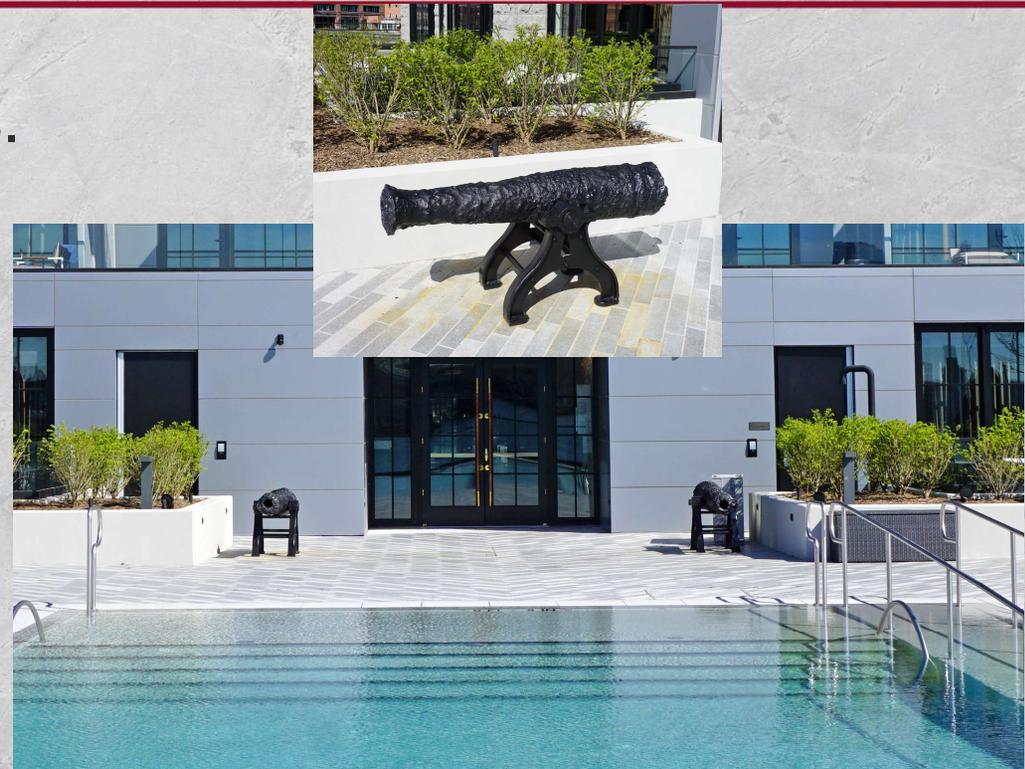


## Flexible Design Example #2

Problem: Driving sheet piling through fill with suspected obstacles.

### Solutions:

1. Design wide tolerance in the sheet pile wall alignment.
2. Negotiate a daily rate for removing obstructions up front.
3. Why not display any unanticipated treasure you find?



# Optimizing Design

**There is always another way. Did you consider it?**

## Project Design Improvements Implemented:

- Testing instead of guessing
- Better materials
- Better construction methods

# Optimizing Design Example #1

**Pay more now and much less later.**

Testing instead of guessing:

- Pile Integrity Testing (PIT)
- Test pitting
- Test pile program
- Load testing



## Optimizing Design Example #2

It's ok to second guess your design sometimes.

Concrete was the better material:

- \$1 Million savings using concrete piles in lieu of the originally proposed steel piles.
- Better corrosion resistance
- SCMs for enhanced durability



## Optimizing Design Example #3

**Early Contractor selection can save the schedule and budget on challenging projects.**

Better construction methods:

- Integrated Project Delivery
- Precast versus cast-in-place concrete pool structure



# Final Results



# Key Takeaways

1. How can you incorporate history into your current projects?
2. How can you mitigate installation errors on one of your projects?
3. There is always more than one solution to a problem. Have you considered a second or third solution to the problem on your project?

# Awards

- ENR Mid-Atlantic - Best Project
- ACI Maryland - Excellence in Concrete
- AIA Maryland – Award of Excellence
- Engineering Society of Baltimore – Project of the Year
- 2018 Baltimore Heritage – Historic Preservation Award for Adaptive Reuse
- AIA New York – Award of Excellence



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# Questions?

