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Principles

- Distinctively Philadelphia, with pride
- It’s the river stupid
- Get the connections right
- Bolster “Destination Philadelphia”
- Make it affordable and sustainable
- Keep it a public space
- Use a public process
Visions for Penn’s Landing
Charrette

A Respite from the City
Show how to update Penn's Landing as a truly public place, one providing both daily access to the river for nearby residents and workers, and a venue where the region can gather for big civic events.

Make Independence Harbor Work
Consider how Penn's Landing could complement Center City's historic sites, as well as Camden's waterfront attractions, to achieve the goal of “Independence Harbor”, a regional tourist attraction embracing both sides of the river.

A Vibrant New Neighborhood
Explore how, if the barriers between the river and Center City neighborhoods could be eased, Penn's Landing might become the heart of a new urban neighborhood along the central riverfront.
Visions for Penn’s Landing
A Respite From the City

1. New Market Street bridge connects Second Street to the river.
2. Building with light retail and park amenities.
3. Two-level park with event area, ice rink, other activities; connects to the city at Chestnut.
4. No further covering of I-95.
5. Link Fairmount Park to Penn’s Landing via Market Street and the Ben Franklin Parkway.
6. Link north and south riverfronts to Penn’s Landing through a continuous greenway.
Visions for Penn’s Landing
Making Independence Harbor Work

1. New ferry/tram terminal at end of Market Street, with pedestrian bridge to Old City.
2. Sloped park/amphitheater, with “Living River” water display.
3. I-95 covered, with mixed-used buildings on top.
4. Linkage from ferry/tram terminal to Second Street subway station.
5. New “River Street” connects Market, Chestnut and Walnut Streets.
Visions for Penn’s Landing
A Vibrant New Neighborhood

1. Market Street bridge extended to river. Ends in “iconic” public building that serves as tram/ferry terminal. Grand steps connect to esplanade below.

2. River esplanade extends to the river, tree-lined and 130 feet wide.

3. Mid-rise buildings fronted by a promenade overlook lined with shops.

4. Low- and mid-rise housing built on top of I-95 cap.