

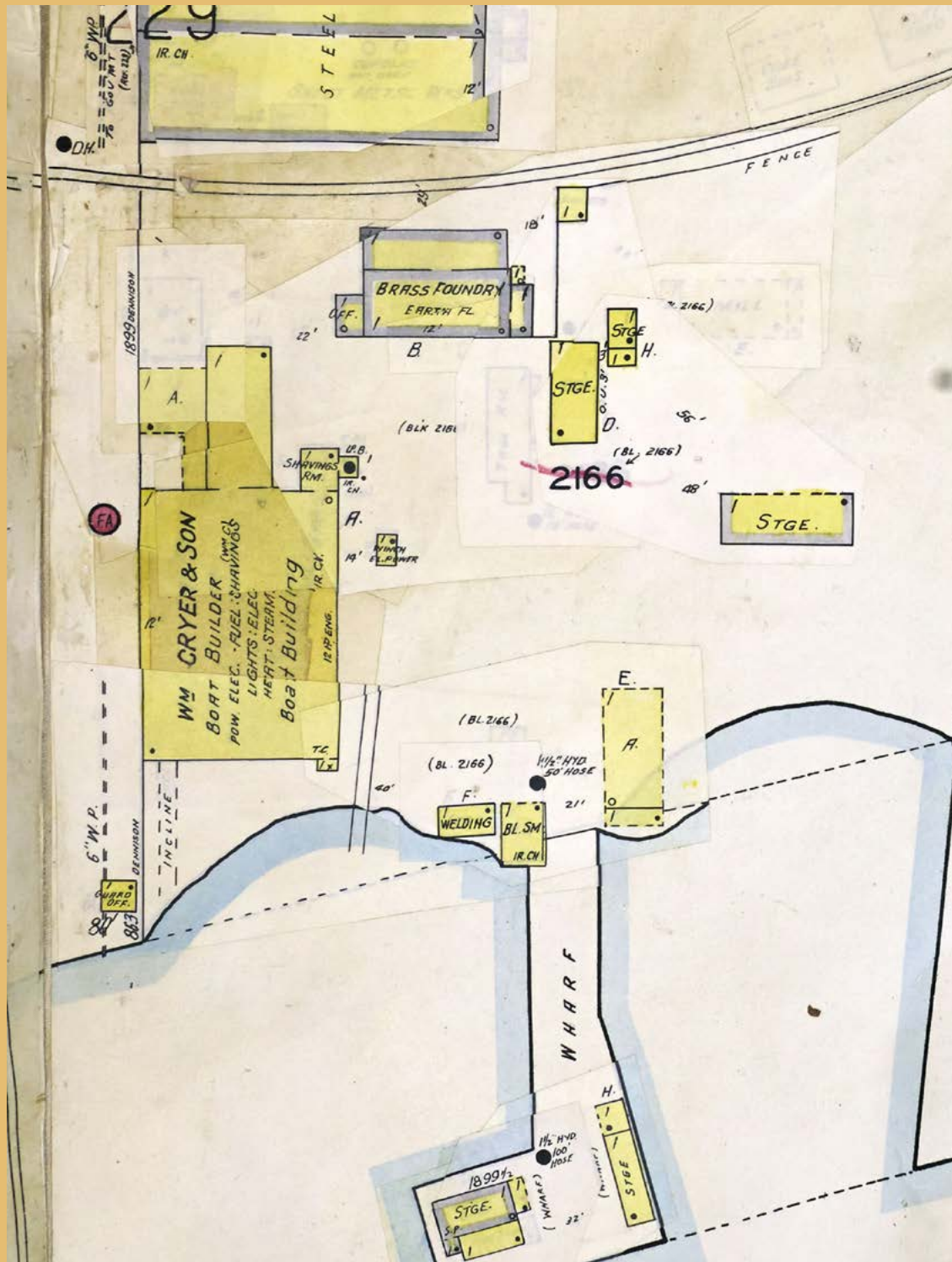
OAKLAND HERITAGE ALLIANCE PRESENTATION DECEMBER 14, 2020

Historic Cryer Boatworks building destroyed November 13, 2020
How to prevent destruction of Oakland's unoccupied historic buildings?





Fire November 13, 2020 at Cryer Boatworks, from *SF Chronicle*





Measure

Waterfront Access & Trails

Cryer Waterfront Access

Description

The Cryer site project included environmental remediation of area buildings and soils and replacement of blighted buildings with new waterfront trail, and waterfront access amenities including plaza, landscaping, parking and stormwater quality elements.

Elements/Goals

- New waterfront trail connection between Union Point Park and Dennison Street
- New plaza with park amenities including Bay-friendly landscaping, waterfront access and seating areas
- Remediation of environmental contamination
- New parking lot with sports court
- New on-site biofiltration rainwater quality treatment

Budget & Funding

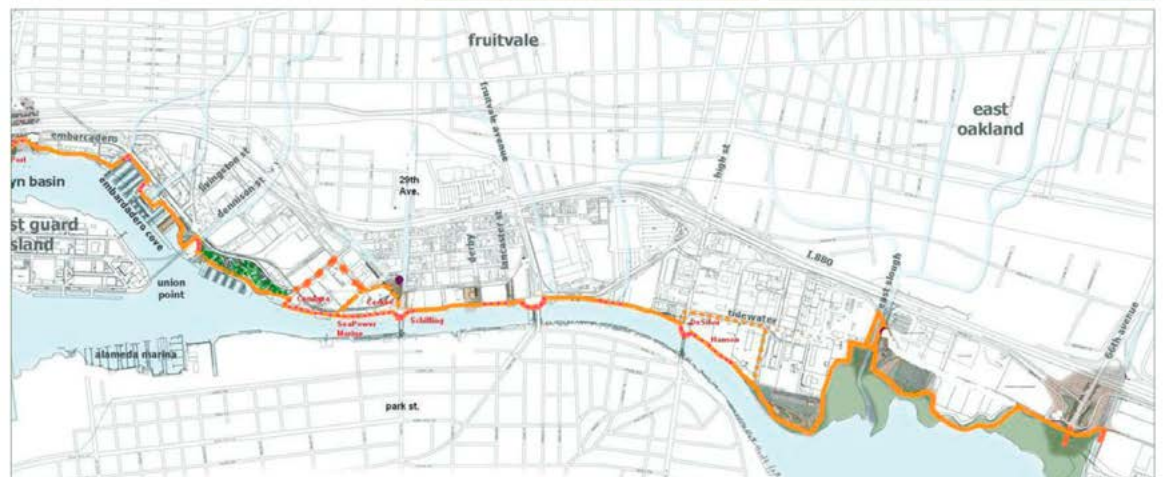
\$2.5 million total project cost including:

- \$864,000 Measure K, Oakland Open Space & Park Development Bond
- \$600,000 California Recreational Trail Program
- \$200,000 California Coastal Conservancy Bay Trail Program

Status

Project completed

Cryer waterfront before (below) and after remediation and creation of new plaza and trail (right top and bottom)





CRYER & SONS BOATYARD

Founded by William Cryer in San Francisco in the 1890s.

In operation in Oakland from 1907 to 1989.

Moved to Oakland following the 1906 earthquake.

Built and repaired wooden powerboats, and, from 1960s, also repaired steel-hulled boats.

Examples:

130-foot yacht for Oakland automaker R. Clifford Durant of Durant Motors.

40 launches and cannery tenders for the Alaska Packers Association.

During WWII a number of small, coastal transports for the U.S. Navy.

A cement-hulled sailboat for then-mayor John Reading in 1974.

Most recent update: January 15, 2015.

William Cryer, an immigrant from England, established his shipyard in the 1890s, in San Francisco. He moved it to 11th Avenue in Oakland in 1907 and then to Dennison Street in 1912, just below the Coast Guard Island Bridge, where it stayed until it closed in 1989. Although it's been closed for over 25 years, it's still there, because the site is still contaminated: see it from the air on Google [here](#). For most of the time, Cryer built and repaired power boats: apart from its wartime experience, it only built a few large boats. If anyone can add to the table below, please send your input to me at timcolton@aol.com

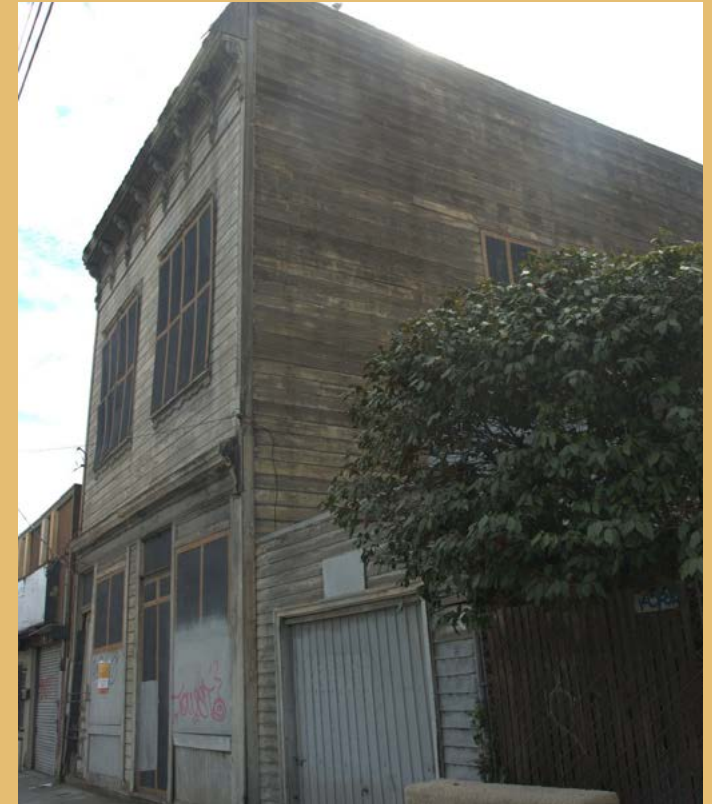
<i>Hull #</i>	<i>O.N.</i>	<i>Original Name or #</i>	<i>Original Owner</i>	<i>Ship Type</i>	<i>Tons</i>	<i>Feet</i>	<i>Delivery</i>	<i>Disposition</i>
	255456	AMc 176/APc 41	US Navy	Coastal Transport	100	147	10-Feb-43	Sold 1947 as Frances Ann
	255445	AMc 177/APc 42	US Navy	Coastal Transport	100	147	10-Mar-43	Sold 1947 as Donna M
		AMc 178/APc 43	US Navy	Coastal Transport	100	147	20-Apr-43	To MARAD 1947
		AMc 179/APc 44	US Navy	Coastal Transport	100	147	18-May-43	To MARAD 1947

BUILDINGS AT RISK



City owned, destroyed by fire at 99-year-old 23rd Ave. Library, Feb. 23, 2018, from *EB Times*

- fire
- leaks
- intrusion and theft of materials
- surface-damaging graffiti
- demolition by neglect



Fruitvale Hotel: Demolished by neglect, city-condemned. Photo: Oakland Wiki



16th & Wood Train Station, owned by Bridge Housing, endangered
Photo: Oakland Wiki

POSSIBLE PROTECTIONS

- reroof and waterproof
- install monitored alarms
- install physical protections (windows, doors)
- hire fulltime security
- put building back in use
- can city use fire insurance payments, such as from the library and now from boatworks, to repair, or to secure other old buildings? Perhaps it could help Public Works preserve valuable structures. Might the LPAB wish to ask this question?



Moss House: City-owned, at risk.
Photo: Eadweard Muybridge

SOME VALUABLE BUILDINGS IN DANGER

- Moss House in Mosswood Park
- Dunsmuir House needs repair
- Privately-owned 16th + Wood Train Station

Oakland General Plan *Historic Preservation Element*

POLICY 3.2: HISTORIC PRESERVATION AND CITY-OWNED PROPERTIES

To the extent consistent with other Oakland General Plan objectives, the City will ensure that all City-owned or controlled properties warranting preservation will, in fact, be preserved. All City-owned or controlled properties which may be eligible for Landmark or Heritage Property designation or as contributors or potential contributors to a Preservation District will be considered for such designation.

Properties held by the City for purposes of subsequent disposition will be exempt from this policy but shall be subject to Policy 3.3.

ADDITIONAL READING/LINKS

<https://blog.sfgate.com/latitude38/2019/02/28/in-an-oakland-boat-yards-demise-is-their-an-opportunity-for-the-future/>

<https://www.eastbaytimes.com/2018/02/23/fire-erupts-at-former-east-oakland-library-damaged-by-blaze-last-year/>

<https://www.hmdb.org/m.asp?m=71421>

<https://www.latitude38.com/electronic/fire-destroys-cryer-sons-boatyard-building/>

http://www.waterfrontaction.org/map/dd_cryer.htm

https://www.waymarking.com/waymarks/WMGV2X_Cryer_and_Sons_Oakland_CA

<https://www.hmdb.org/m.asp?m=71421>