

Baltimore Harbor. It was here where the Bentztown Bard would write the words "Look away to Canton Hollow". It was here where Father James Gibbons would row each morning from Locust Point, where he had just said Mass at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, only to get ready to repeat saying Mass at St. Brigid's Church in Canton. Father Gibbons went on to become Cardinal Gibbons, residing 40 years at the Basilica in downtown Baltimore. It was nearby (Clinton and Boston St) that Jerome Bonaparte and Betsy Patterson were married in the home of Captain O'Donnell with Bishop John Carroll (the first Catholic Bishop) officiating.

This is the End of the Walking Tour. One can do one of many things. If you are thirsty and hungry, go two blocks up to O'Donnell Square where there are many fine Restaurants. If you are inclined to explore even more, walk through the beautiful Canton Park watching the people in the Park and the Boats in the water and catch a Water Taxi to either Fells Point, the Inner Baltimore Harbor or to Fort McHenry. Another option would be to continue your Walk along the Waterfront Promenade and see how far you can go before stopping off to get a drink to quench your thirst. Most important ,Enjoy the Day by walking, staying outside and resting your thoughts.

Thank You for your remembrance of the often forgotten Harris Creek...the Creek that was important in our defense of the City.....that helped build the Park....that helped build the Canton Community.....and along with the Canton Company created a "buzz" that brought maritime industrial businesses that took advantage of the steam age (steamships, steam railroads, steam factories) , natural products (oysters, fish, crabs, vegetables, fruits etc) and a skilled workforce purposely brought from Europe to have Canton flourish at a time that helped stabilize the City of Baltimore.

Help us preserve this incredible rich history of Canton over the last 200 years.



Harris Creek Watershed 246 Project

The Harris Creek Watershed 246 Project is a plan aimed to reduce stormwater runoff and trash from entering the Baltimore Harbor at the Harris Creek outfall located on Boston Street in Canton next to the Anchorage Towers. Watershed 246 is one of many watersheds that enter the Direct Harbor and the Middle Branch of the Patapsco River. The goal of this project is to demonstrate a significant reduction in trash, nutrients, and other pollutants from entering the harbor in this defined area in the hopes of promoting similar actions throughout the Baltimore Harbor watershed. Currently, the trash interceptor located at the Harris Creek outfall collects between 3 to 5 tons of trash each month.

In ultra-urban watersheds, a key strategy in addressing water quality issues is stormwater management. These highly urbanized environments lack the natural resources that typically benefit from water quality improvements and are the subject of restoration efforts. Stormwater runoff, while a difficult issue to bring into the public consciousness, becomes the main transport of bacteria, nutrients, sediments, toxins and trash. People and businesses residing in metropolitan areas need to become better informed about relationships between land use and water quality, how their actions affect the health of water flowing to storm drains, tributaries, and the Chesapeake Bay, and how to undertake stewardship activities in practical and meaningful ways. Implementation of stormwater BMPs (best management practices) throughout the watershed will be a top priority of the project.

Watershed 246 covers a geographic area from Clifton Park down to the harbor at Harris Creek (north/south boundary) and from Johns Hopkins Hospital to Patterson Park (west/east boundary). WS246 drains approximately two square miles (1271 acres) of land area. Additionally, more than 44,000 residents live in the 20 neighborhoods of the Harris Creek watershed.

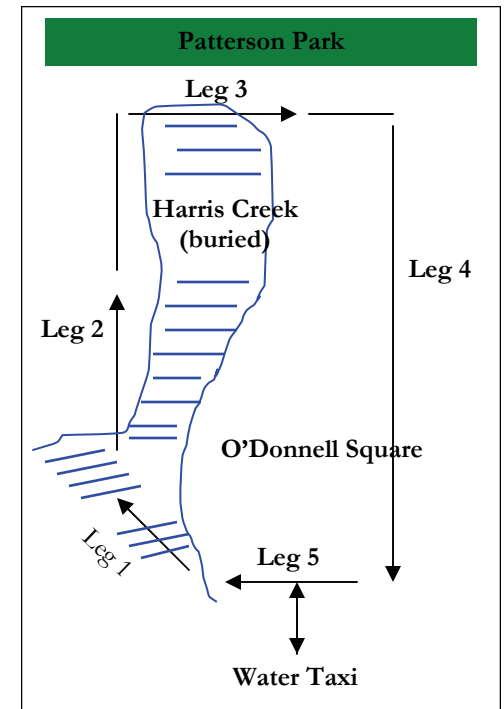
Help us to clean up this watershed and bring about a beautiful Baltimore Harbor. Volunteer and support the Baltimore Harbor Watershed Association (BHWA)

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Clean Water. Clean Harbor.

Canton Self Walking Tour



Historic Harris Creek Map

- 25 blocks
- Estimated time: 60 minutes
- Invite your parents!
- For information on restaurants or shops along the way, text "CANTON" to 39044

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CANTON WALKING TOUR

HISTORIC HARRIS CREEK

Where once existed a Ship Building Industry that in 1797 launched the Frigate Constellation. The Master Builder was David Stodder. His Boat Yard produced so many armed Privateer Vessels that it came to be known as the "Navy Yard". The British referred to the Port City on the Chesapeake as "a nest of Pirates", and in the War of 1812 tried to burn down Baltimore after doing so in Washington.

They tried to come into the Inner Harbor, but the defense "line" between Harris Creek and Hampstead Hill (Pagoda) was never broken. The British Fleet was repelled at Fort McHenry and retreated.

It is true that Harris Creek no longer is visible, having been filled in and concreted over. However, It still flows and when heavy storms come, the stormwater outflow can be seen at the large

drain on Boston St at the Harris Creek Park (next to the Anchorage Towers). Tidal flow is still present as far North as Patterson Park.

The WALKING TOUR is through the CANTON NEIGHBORHOODS and tries to recapture "events of old" that once were part of a planned working community known as the Canton Company (1828-1980). Please visit our Web Site (www.BaltimoreWaters.org) for a PowerPoint Presentation of what you might expect to see on this Historic Tour of Harris Creek.

The Harris Creek Watershed (GIS 246) Project has been undertaken by the Baltimore Harbor Watershed Association to Clean up Pollution in the Baltimore Harbor by implementing a Stormwater Management Plan for the 20 neighborhoods (1200 acres) that form a part of the Harris Creek Watershed. You can Learn more by visiting our Web Site. You can also Join the Friends of Harris Creek BHWA by contacting us.



Harris Creek between Patterson Park and Fort McHenry

WALKING TOUR of HISTORIC HARRIS CREEK

The Walking Tour can be accomplished in less than one hour and covers about 25 City Blocks. It consists of five Legs with the First Leg across the mouth of Harris Creek that connects to the Patapsco River. One begins the Walk by starting at Circle Park (just below St.Casimir's Church on the South side) and walking North on Boston St. from the Safeway parking lot to Outback's restaurant. In days gone by, Booz Boat Yard

would have occupied the location where the Shipyard Apartments now exist and Tom Stodder's Boat Yard would have been located on the North side of the Creek. Tom Stodder was the Master Builder of the Frigate Constellation as well as many Clipper Ships used in the battle against the British in the War of 1812. It is important to remember that

when we got our Independence in 1776, we had no Navy or Ships and it was not until the War of 1812 that we finished the job. Some Historians still refer to this War as the Second War of Independence.

Across Boston St, we can see Harris Creek Park where today there is a Public Pier for fishing and crabbing. We are hopeful of having the Water Taxi making this a stop in the near future because of its location to O'Donnell Square. The Park also serves as an Entry point for traveling along the Waterfront Promenade. It is an easy 7 mile scenic walking track to the Inner Harbor from this location. From the Walking Bridge, one can look back to Boston St. and see the two Harris Creek Storm Drains and the Trash Interceptor needed to prevent Pollution from getting into the Baltimore Harbor. The Trash Interceptor collects 3-5 Tons of Trash each month. We hope to reduce this amount significantly in the near future by implementing a Stormwater Management Plan.

The Second Leg of the Walk begins by taking a right on Hudson St for two blocks and turning left on Lakewood Ave. Here, one will view the most Beautiful Blocks in all of Canton. It is four blocks (500-800 Lakewood Ave) of Awesome Beauty punctuated by Blossoming Trees, Wide Streets, Marble Steps and Splendid Homes. One quickly embraces a quiet down hushness that allows restfulness of mind, body and soul. It is a Haven for a Peaceful Spirituality. Take your time walking slowly through these four blocks before arriving at the busy and bustling Eastern Ave. It was at this point that William Patterson chose to build his Estate (the Northern part of Harris Creek). That is why even today we say that Patterson Park and Harris Creek are joined at the Hip Bone.

Today, as we look across, all we see are a few steps leading into the Park. It would be a great place to place a reminder of this important connection. Standing at this site and looking North on the left, one can see the Pagoda with the American Flag flying. It was here on Hampstead Hill that 10,000 Soldiers from Baltimore were camped defending the "line" in the War of 1812. The British Fleet was not able to get far enough into the Canton Waterfront to bombard Hampstead Hill. The needed range was 1-2 miles. They were repelled at Fort McHenry.

The Third Leg of the Walk is along Eastern Ave going East. One can see another American Flag flying over the Pulaski Monument dedicated to this Polish Hero of the Revolutionary War. The Leg ends at East Ave where the Creative Alliance is located.

The Fourth Leg of the Walk is a long one that has you going leisurely past Canton Streets and neighborly residents. Stroll, don't walk fast, enjoy the scenes. Then all of a sudden, you will come upon the most beautiful panoramic view in all of America. It is the view of the American Flag flying in its glory at Fort McHenry. It is just a stone throw away from Canton Park that surrounds the part of the Harbor known as Canton Hollow. It was here that many a Schooner would moor waiting to go into the Inner