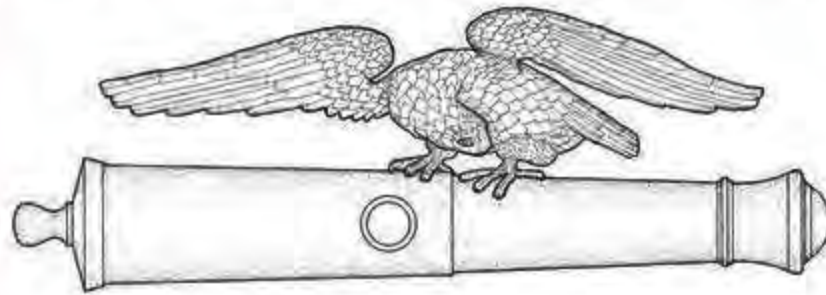


BENICIA ARSENAL






A Cautionary Tale

BENICIA HISTORICAL MUSEUM (1853-1855)

BENICIA ARMY POST CEMETERY (1849)

National Register Historic Districts and Properties of the Benicia Arsenal

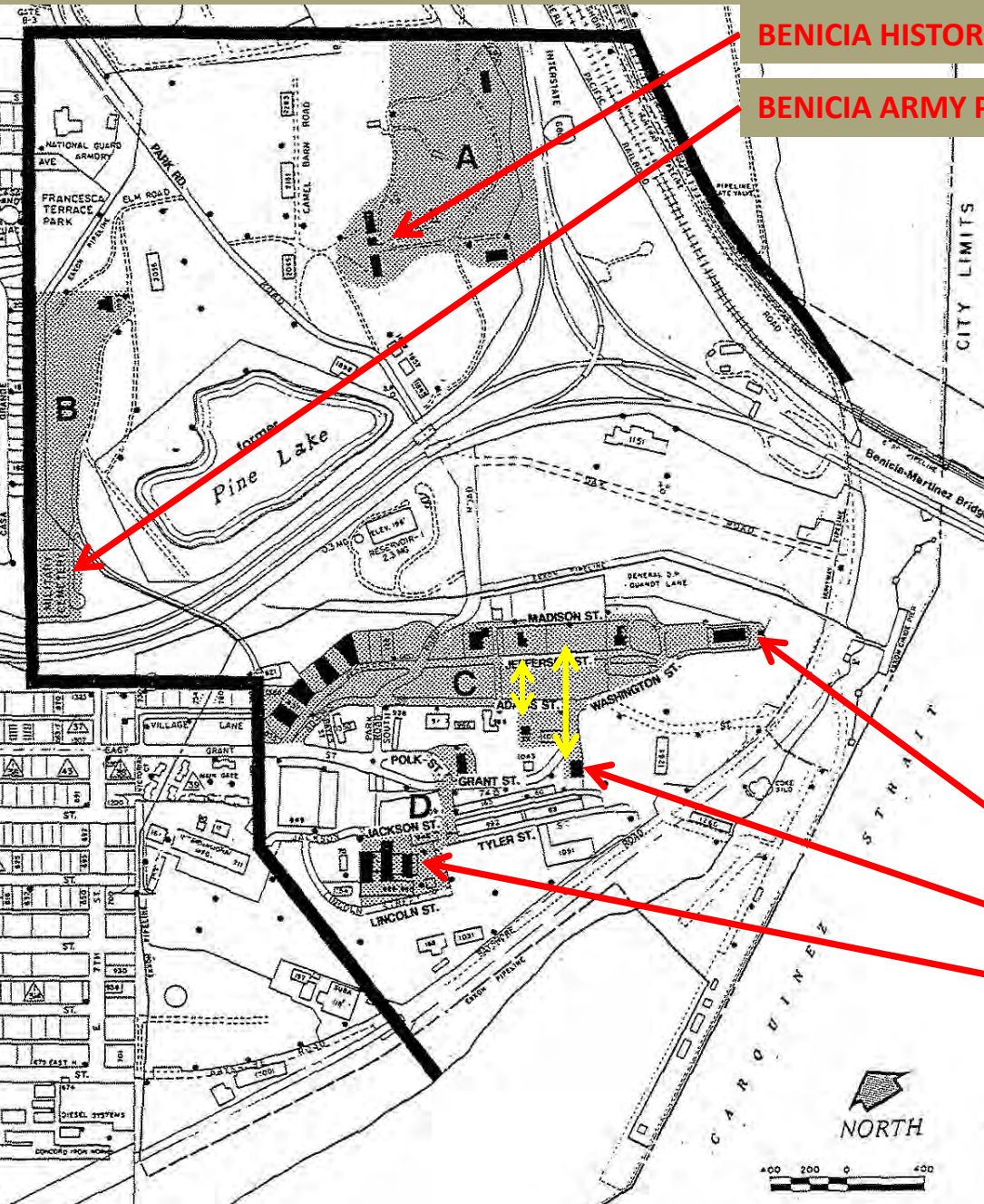
LEGEND

-  Arsenal Park Historic District Boundary
-  National Register District
-  Building Listed on the National Register

CLOCK TOWER FORTRESS (1859)

HQ OFFICE BUILDING (1870)

MACHINE SHOPS (1876 – 1884)



City of Benicia Plan for the Arsenal Historic District

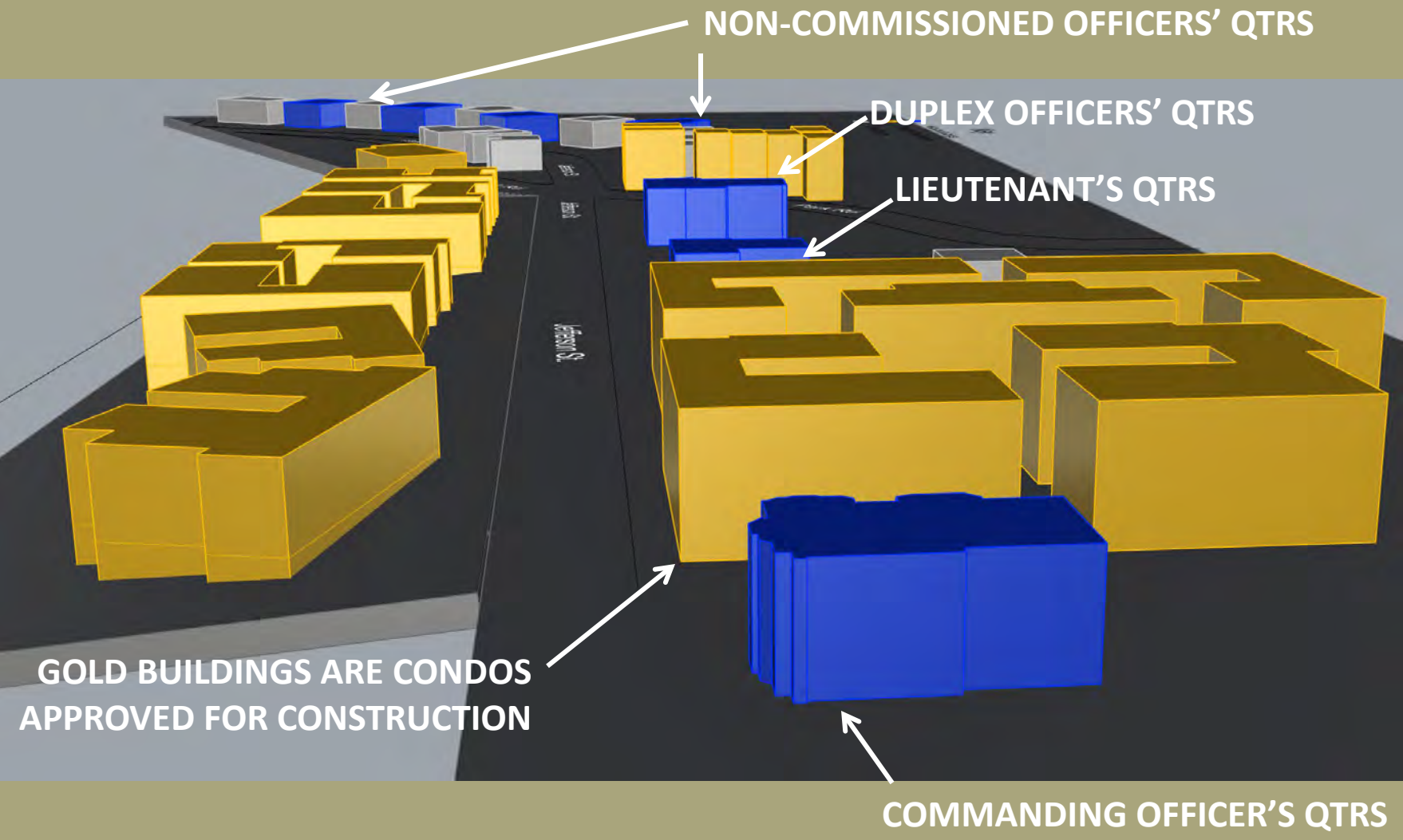
City Council approved:

- 137 condos have been approved on Jefferson Street in 2022.
- rezoning of four parcels in the historic district for 171 more housing units.

Existing Conditions on Jefferson St. (Officer's Row) looking west from the Clock Tower



Future Conditions on Jefferson St. looking west from the Clock Tower



NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS' QTRS

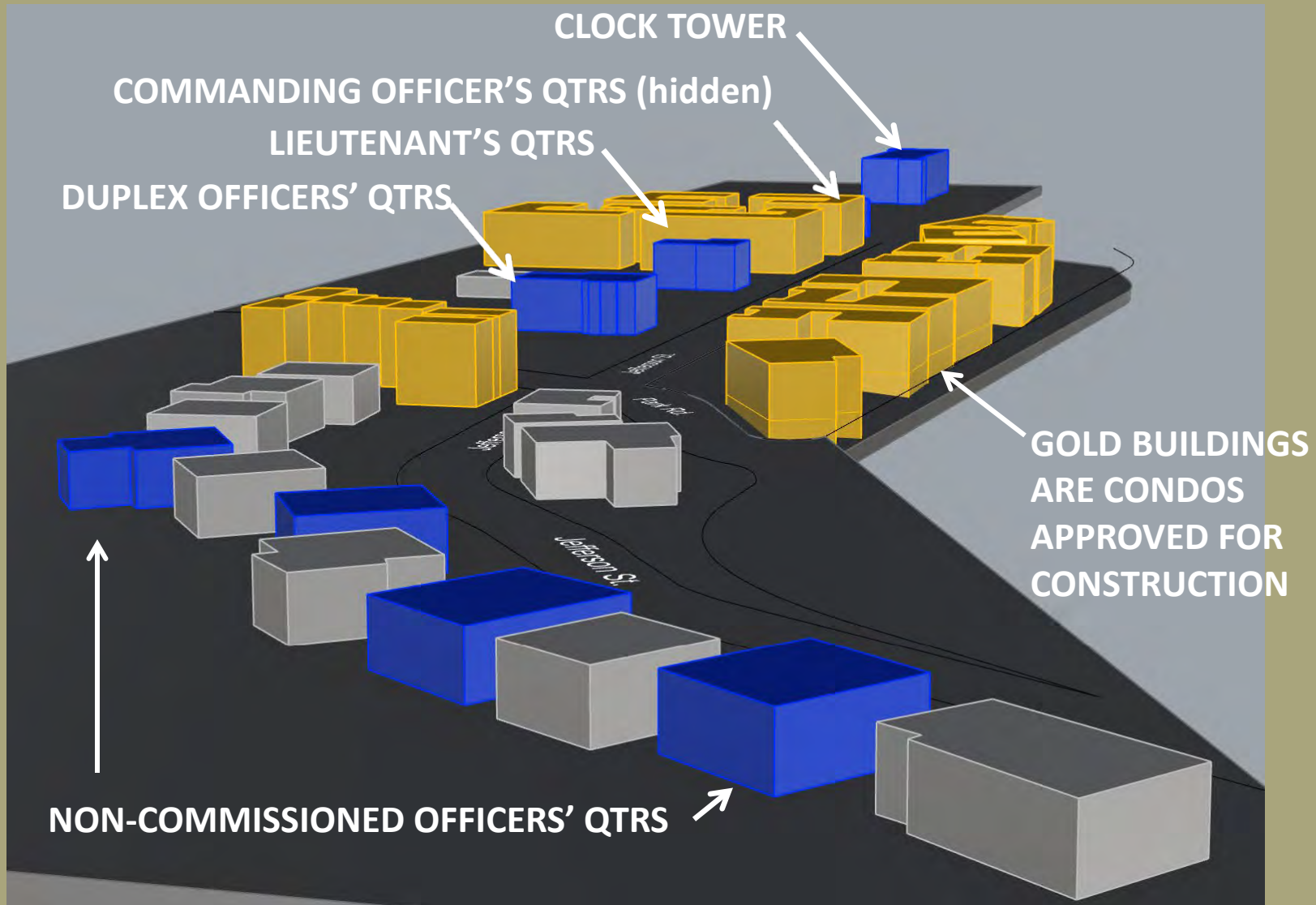
DUPLEX OFFICERS' QTRS

LIEUTENANT'S QTRS

GOLD BUILDINGS ARE CONDOS
APPROVED FOR CONSTRUCTION





COMMANDING OFFICER'S QTRS

Future Conditions on Jefferson St. looking east towards the Clock Tower



ARSENAL HISTORIC DISTRICT LAND USES

Legend

-  New Housing Sites 308 UNITS
-  PETROLEUM PIPELINES
-  Port of Benicia & Petroleum Coke Terminal
-  Industrial Land Uses



PETROLEUM COKE TERMINAL FIRE

April 2022



PETROLEUM COKE TERMINAL IN OPERATION



HOUSING SITES NEXT TO SIX ACTIVE PETROLEUM PIPELINES



THE VALUE OF HISTORIC DISTRICTS

Historic districts are assets to society and can bring rewards to their host community.

**By
Gary Widman**

BENICIA ARSENAL IN THE 19TH CENTURY

The role of the Benicia Arsenal in events and forces that shaped the city, state, and nation.

**By
Gregory Tilles**

Executive Mansion,

Washington City, October 7th 1862.

In conformity with the request of the Secretary of War of this date, it is hereby ordered that a plot of land at Benicia, in the State of California, described in a certain diagram now on file in the office of the Deputy Quartermaster General at San Francisco in the abovenamed State, be segregated from the public lands for the purpose of a Military Reservation; and the Secretary of the Interior is hereby directed to take such action as will secure the object and purpose herein set forth.

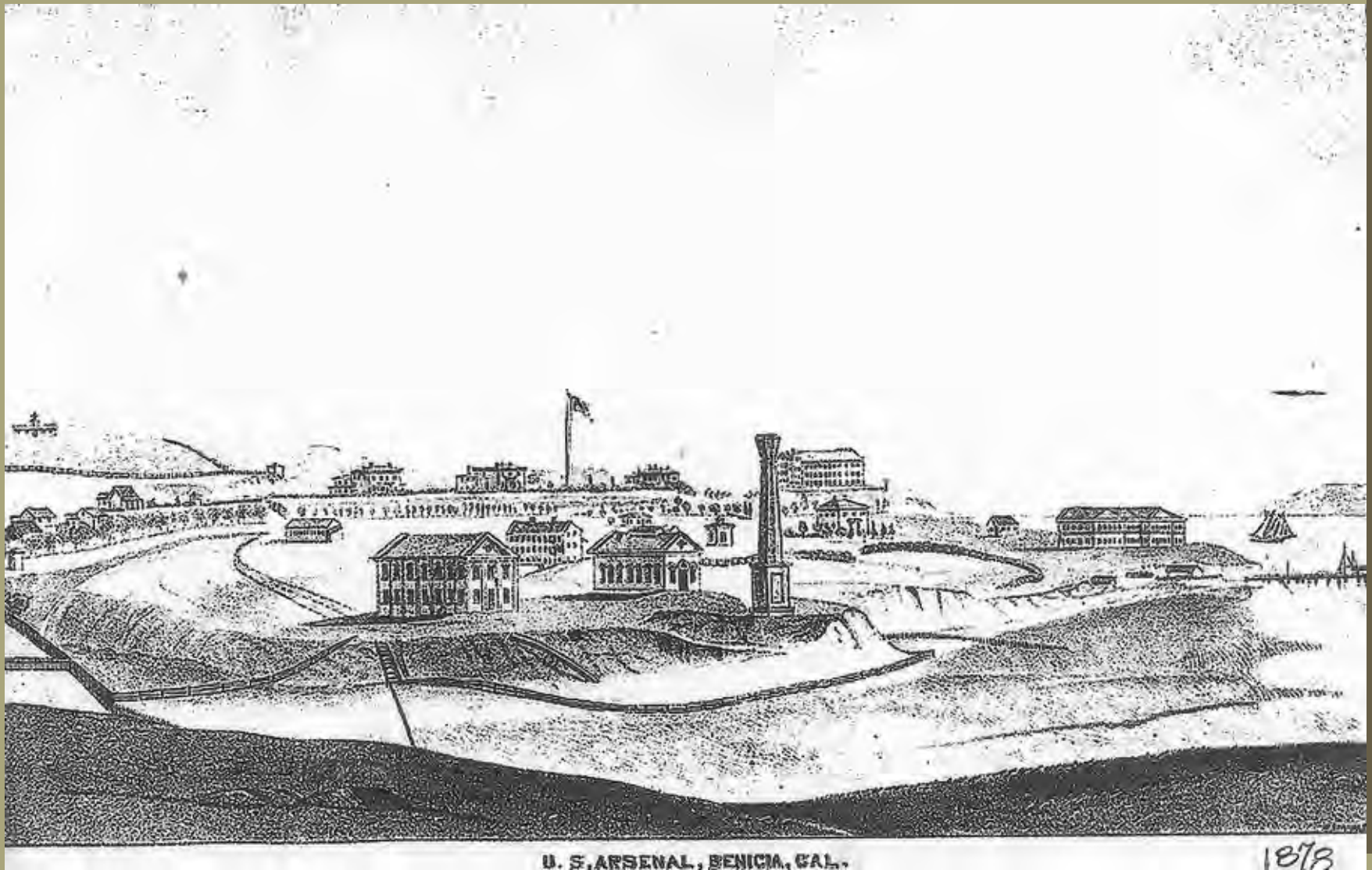
A Lincoln

President of the United States.

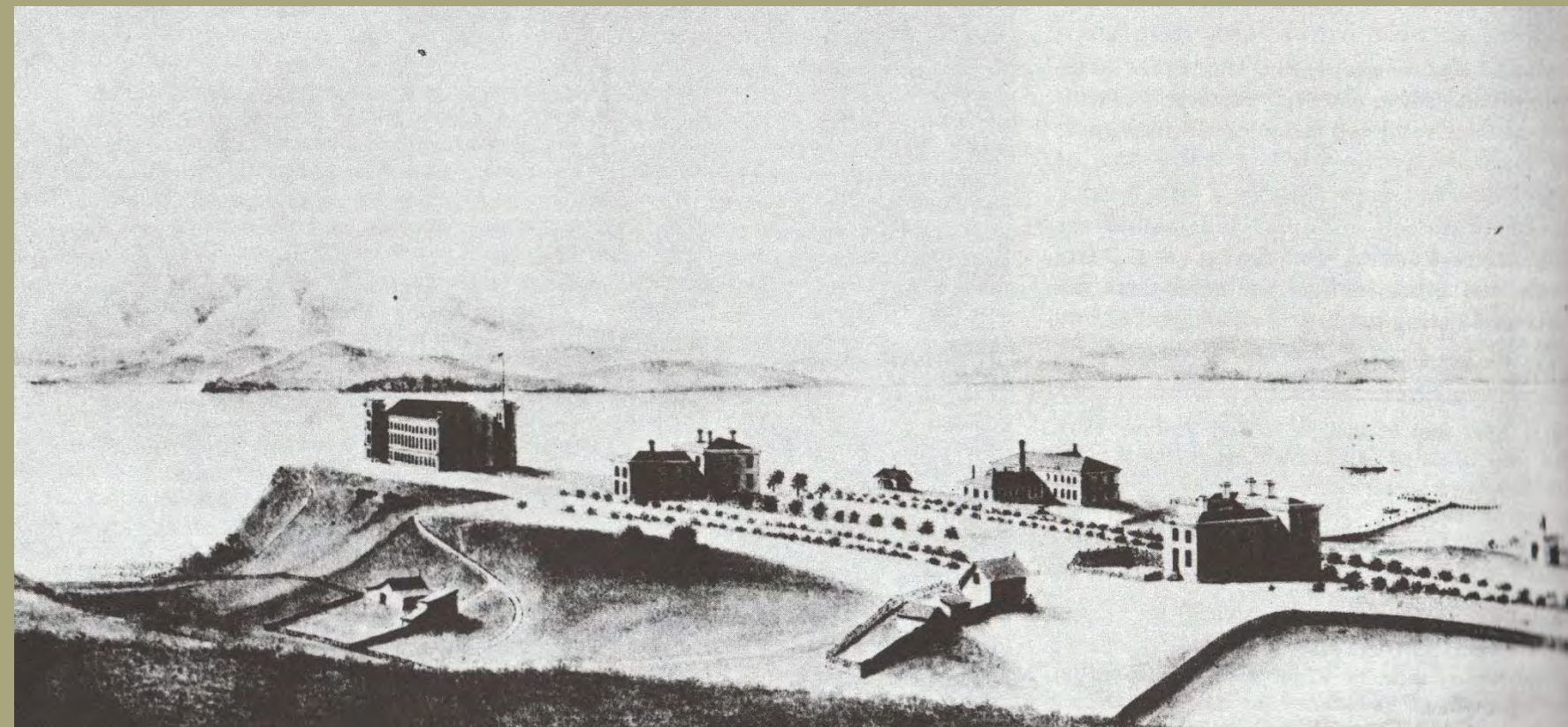
Now Caleb B. Smith,

Secretary of the Interior.

1862 Executive Order from President Abraham Lincoln dedicating ownership of land occupied by the U.S. Army in Benicia to the U.S. Government for a military reservation in the 2nd year of the Civil War.



1878 Lithograph of Benicia Arsenal from
the Historical Atlas of Solano County



circa 1860 Drawing of Benicia Arsenal, view from the Northwest, California State Library

Alternative Future for the Benicia Arsenal Historic District

Expansion of Clock Tower Park

Clock Tower Park Improvements from 1997 Parks, Trails & Open Space Master Plan



BENICIA PARKS, TRAILS AND OPEN SPACE MASTER PLAN

#15 - Clock Tower

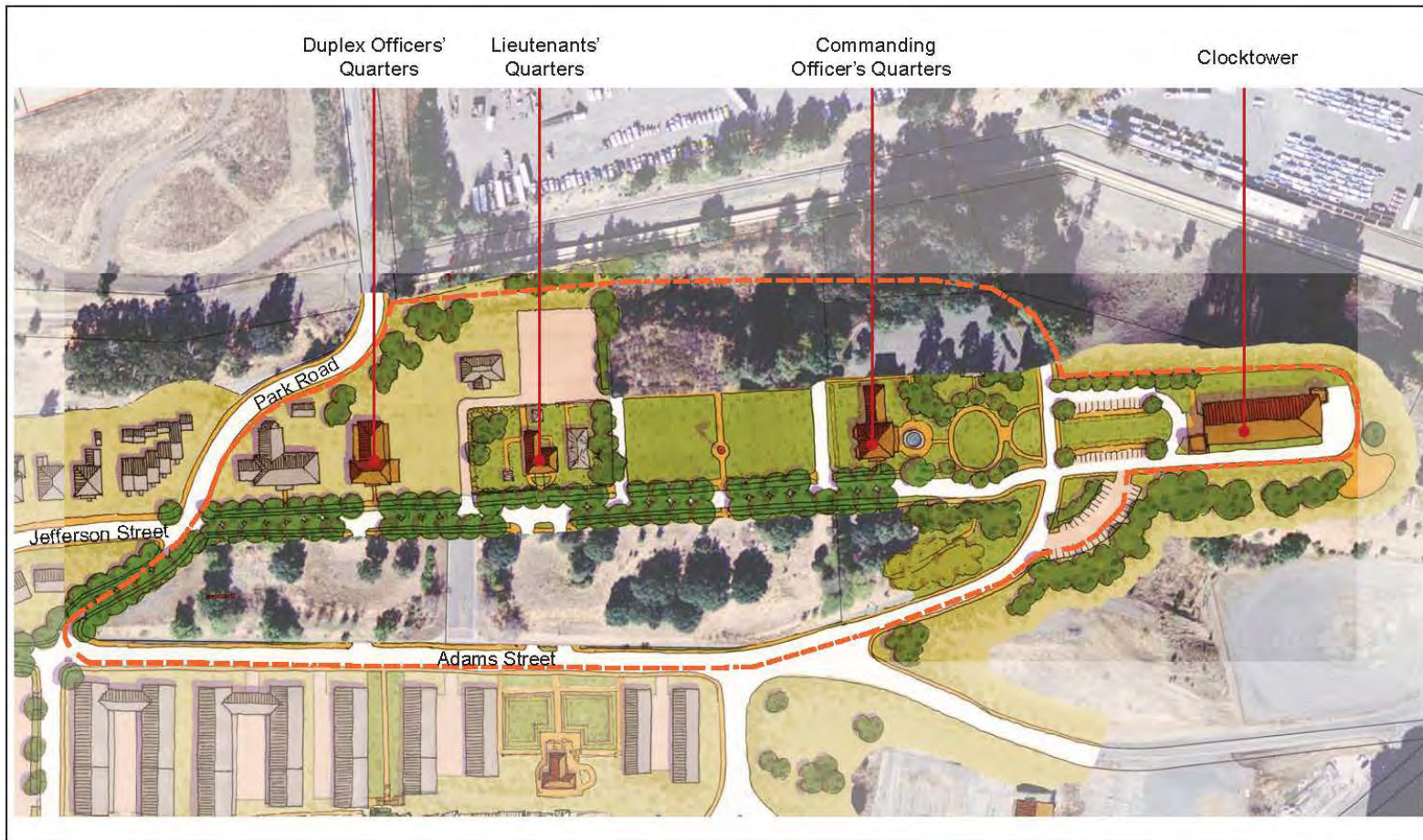
Year Constructed: 1859

Description:

The Clock Tower and the Commandant's Headquarters are two historic military structures located at the southeastern edge of the City. The Clock Tower is currently used as a community center for dances, meetings and other public uses. The Commandant's Headquarters is currently vacant. The possibility exists that these buildings will be leased and used for commercial purposes (restaurant, bed and breakfast, etc.). Because of the historic value of these facilities and the views of Suisun Bay and the Carquinez Straits from this site, plan improvements include the establishment of a historic park around the two structures and an expansion of the park to include the overlook point east of the Clock Tower. This historic park will include a central plaza and seating/picnic facilities.



Historic Park Option from Lower Arsenal Mixed Use Specific Plan EIR



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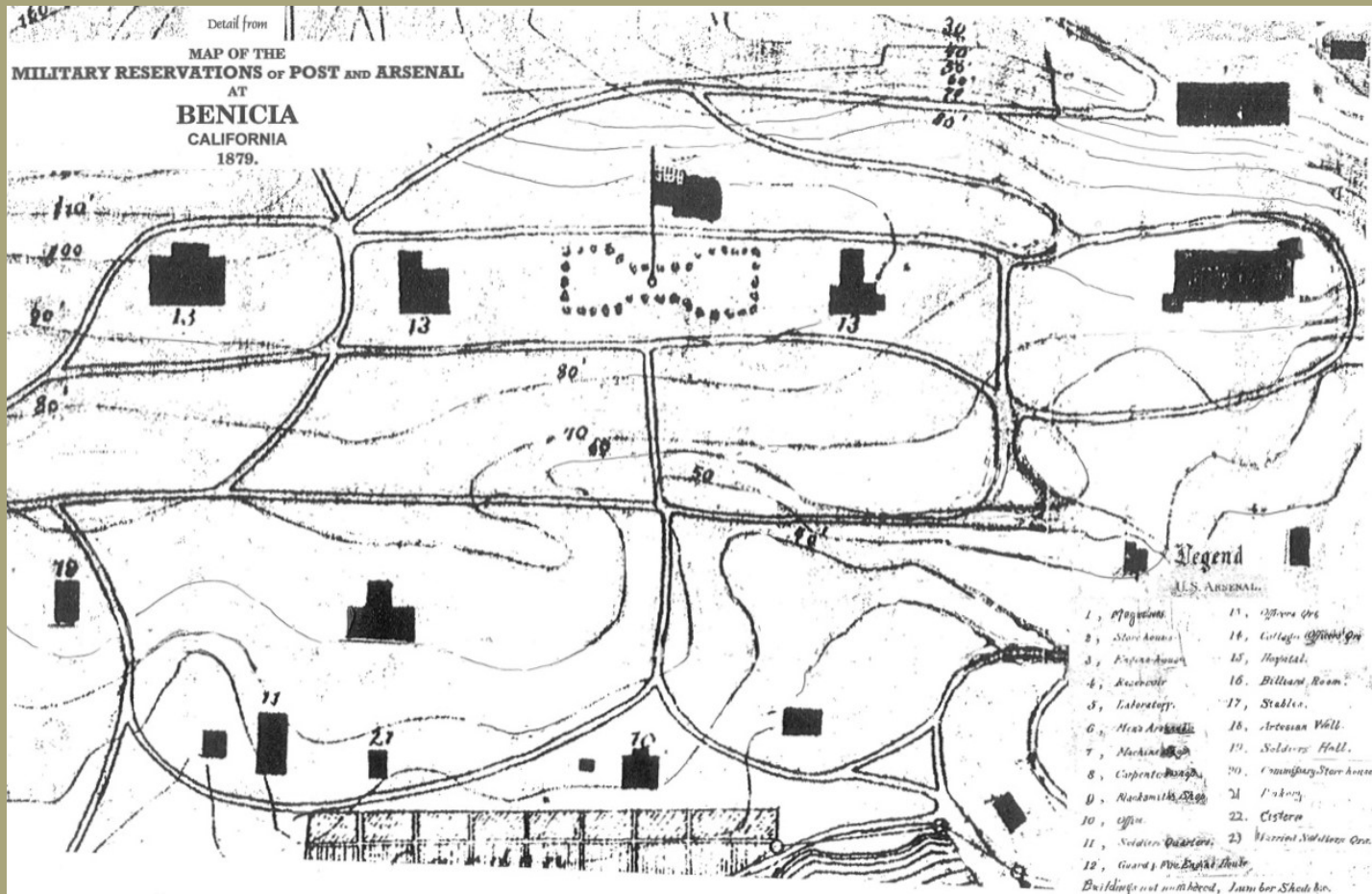


FIGURE V-1

Clock Tower Park Expansion Alternative

- **Clock Tower Community Center**
- **Art Center at Commanding Officer's Quarters**
- **Lieutenant's Quarters event venue**
- Visitor Center for the Sacramento/San Joaquin River Delta National Heritage Area
- Duplex Officer's Quarters B&B
- Passive park in place of condominiums
- Access to waterfront and to Benicia Historic Museum

Questions?



What Can You Do?

- **Join our mailing list** to become a friend of 1000 Friends Protecting Historic Benicia;
- **Ask your friends** to be a friend of 1000 Friends Protecting Historic Benicia;
- **Volunteer** to work of our projects;
- **Donate** to 1000 Friends Protecting Historic Benicia

