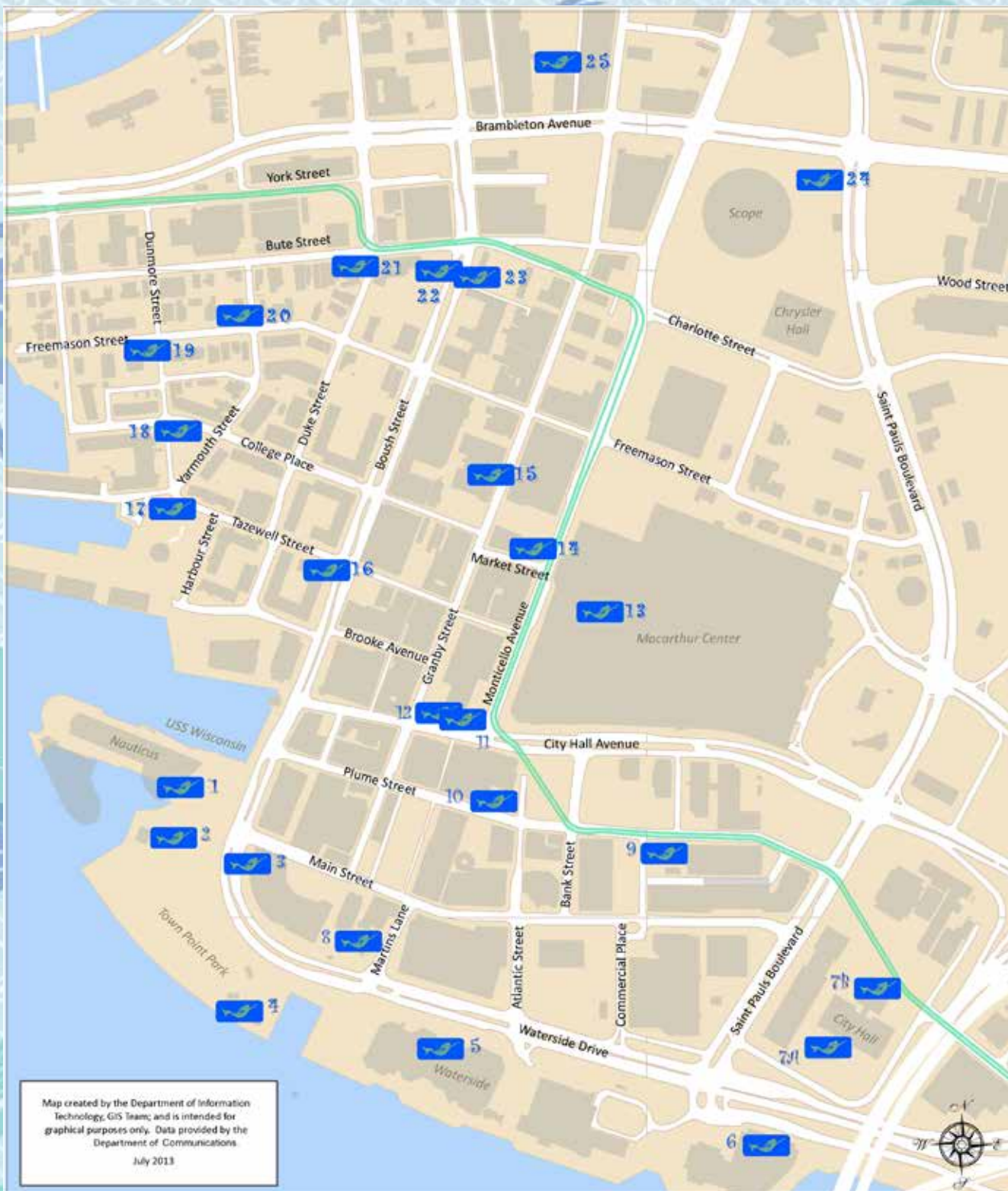


Meet the Mermaids

1. Princess Azalea
2. Karen
3. Blind Justice
4. Ocean Patina
5. Mermainia
6. Dominique
- 7A. Ann
- 7B. Norrie Folk
8. Jewel of Norfolk
9. Full Circle
10. Ships Ahoy
11. Gem of the Sea
12. Miss Definitely Downtown
13. Candybar
14. Music Mosaic
15. Plated
16. Flower
17. Mei Madeline
18. Lola
19. Flight
20. Mujeres Del Mar
21. Courtney
22. Mirror Mosaic
23. Gran Bea
24. Kaleidoscope
25. Ms. Literacy



Mermaids have graced the city of Norfolk for well over a decade. Norfolk attorney Peter Decker (1936-2012) - known as “Uncle Pete” throughout the community - introduced the idea of Mermaids on Parade at a breakfast with 300 business and civic leaders at Nauticus on November 30, 1999. The idea is credited to his wife Bess who was inspired during a visit to Chicago at the height of that city’s Cows on Parade.

Through a public/private partnership, the Norfolk community pulled off the major event - Mermaids on Parade - in a short period. It was a huge success with local bronze sculptor Kevin Gallup mass-producing 130 mermaid castings for artists to decorate. Business and community leaders from Norfolk and beyond “adopted” mermaids at \$2000 apiece that were auctioned off during the event.

Today mermaids can be found throughout the city. Some old, some new. Some in front of businesses, schools, hospitals and some in homeowners’ yards. Some have had to be completely redone due to damage from the elements, or unfortunately from vandals. Some have even disappeared. But one thing has remained since their appearance: they are truly loved by young and old, visitors and residents alike. So start looking! See how many you can find. When you spot one, give a shout, “There goes a mermaid!”

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Downtown Mermaid
Spotting Map
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