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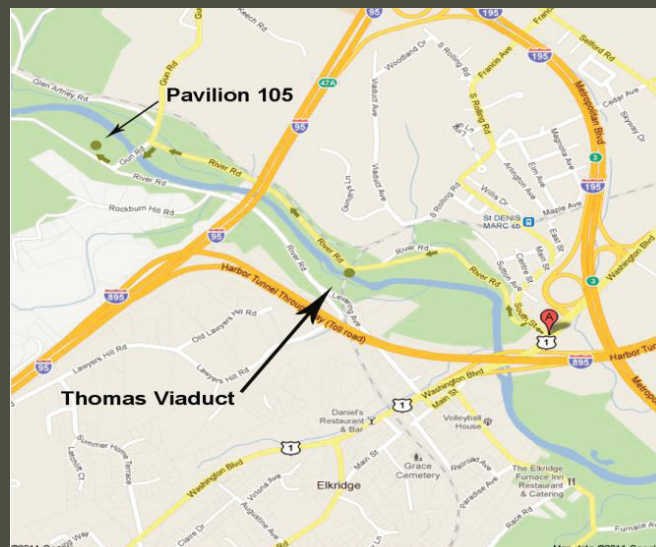
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A light lunch will be served

Please reply by the November 3rd  
to Ray Streib , 443-308-2100  
raystreib@dfiengineering.com



## Directions

From the Beltway (I-695) take US Route. 1  
( Exit 12-A) toward Elkridge.  
Follow US Route 1 South about 3 miles to South St.  
Turn right. Park entrance is on the left.

From I-95 take I-195 to US Route 1 (Exit 3) toward  
Elkridge to South St. Turn right.  
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**The Thomas Viaduct** built by the B&O  
Railroad in 1835 to carry the lightweight trains of  
the 1830's, has served continuously for 176 years  
carrying heavy modern traffic. The Viaduct is one  
of the oldest large stone-arch railroad bridges in  
the world.

The Thomas Viaduct was the first civil engineer-  
ing project designed by Benjamin H. Latrobe Jr.,  
who went on to become the B&O's long-serving  
Chief Engineer. Latrobe faced numerous chal-  
lenges to overcome difficult site conditions and  
solved them by devising numerous design  
innovations.

The successful completion of the Thomas Viaduct  
allowed the B&O to be the first railroad to serve  
the nations capital. Today, it continues as a vital  
part of CSX's east coast main line and is also part  
of MARC's Camden Line, a popular commuter rail  
service.

