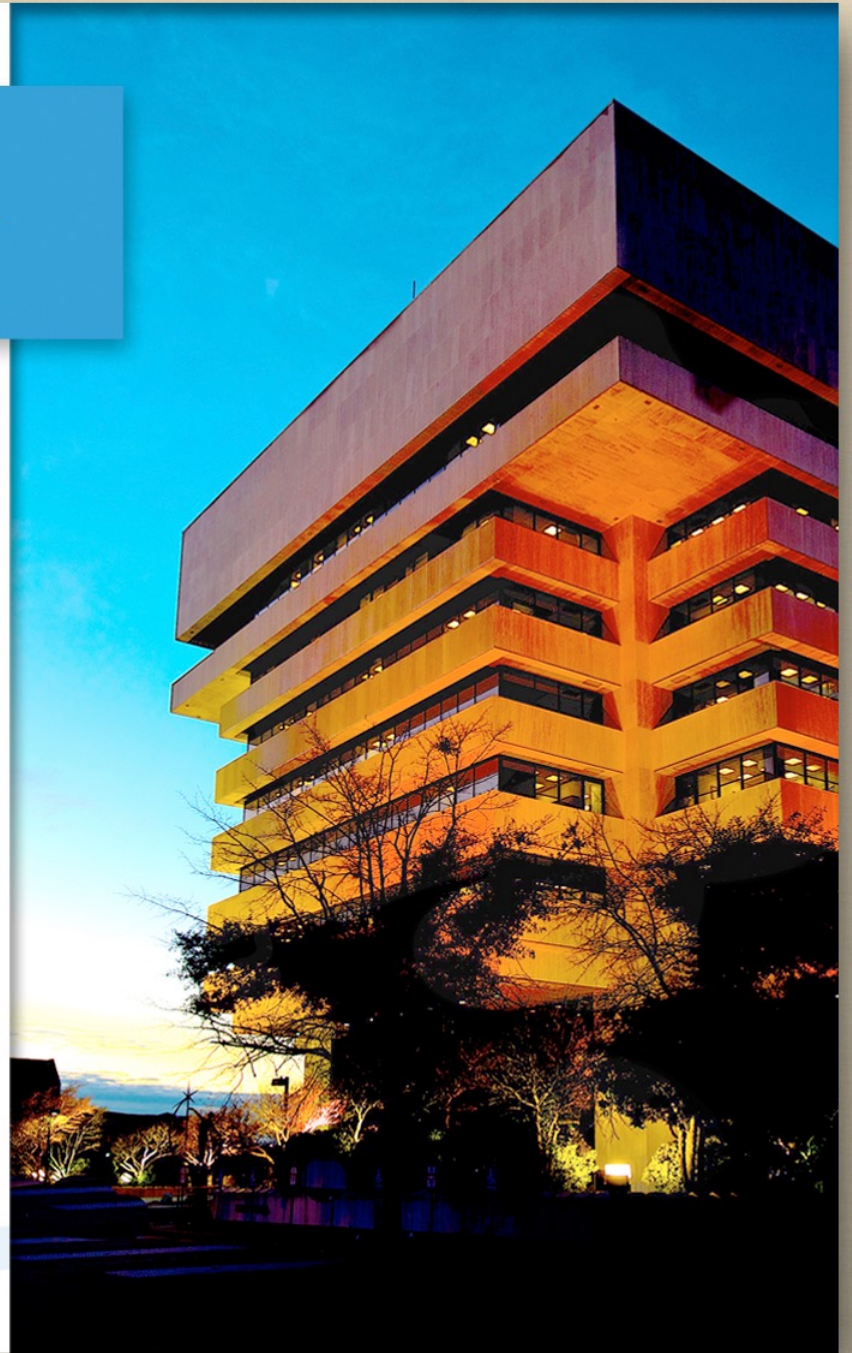


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**Hampton
Carousel:
Public Outreach
Report**

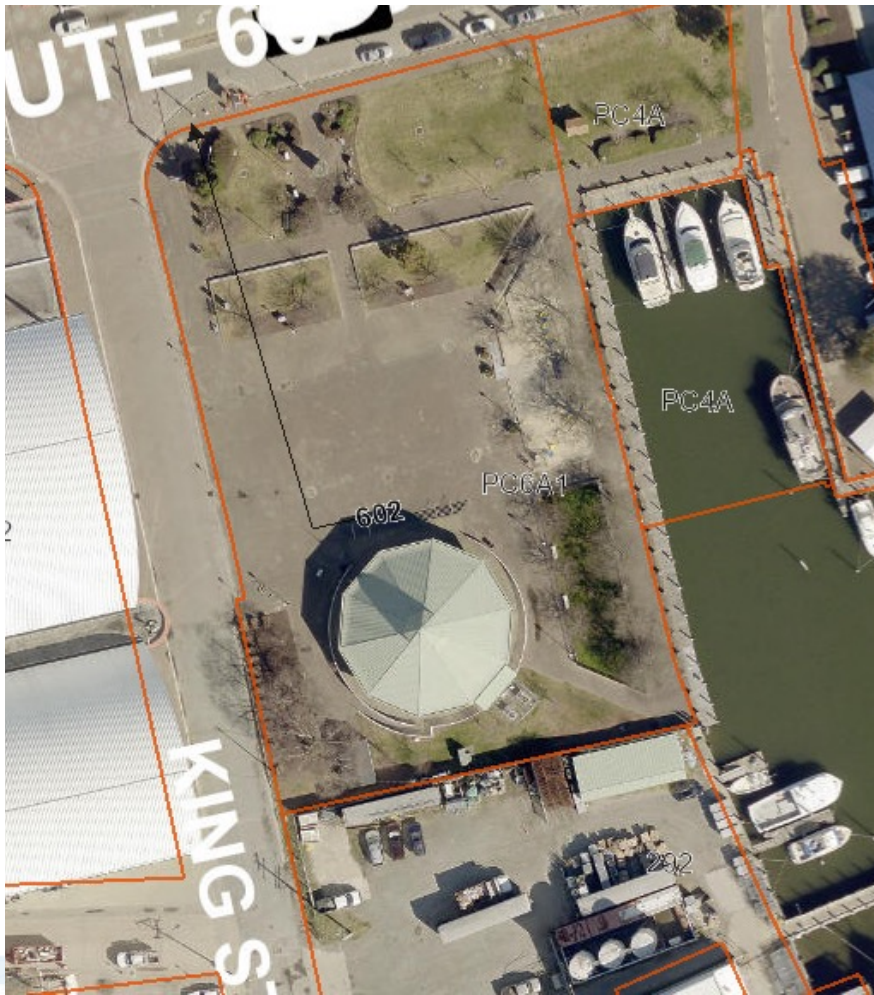
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PURPOSE

- The City of Hampton held two public outreach sessions
 - March 21st – Q&A Session at HRCC
 - 60 people in attendance
 - March 28th – Facebook Live Event
 - 800 viewers; 1,074 engagements

OPTION 1: CURRENT LOCATION

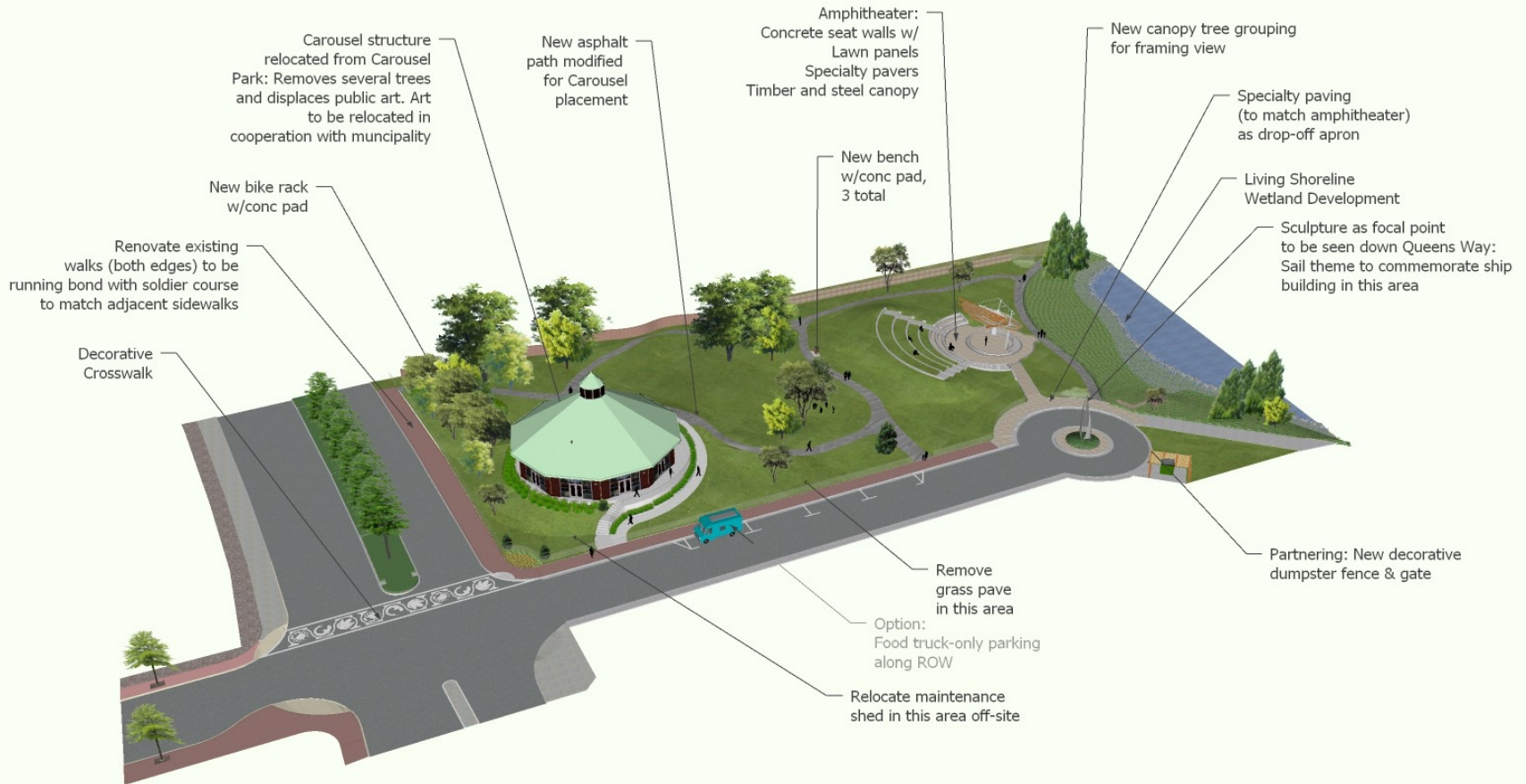


- The triple draw of the Hampton History Museum, air and space, and carousel make it ideal for school trips and for families.
- Leave it where it stands. It makes our downtown area unique and is enjoyed by children and adults alike.

OPTION 1: CURRENT LOCATION

- The bigger question is why can't the carousel remain at the current location?
- Why no plan to possibly relocate within the new proposed park at its current location near air and space museum and history museum?
- Prefer it stay where it currently is ... why is there no plan to keep it near air and space but relocated within proposed park?
- We are currently presented with fix the building or new building raised in the current area. I don't understand why we can't have the carousel and a market area.


OPTION 2: MILL POINT PARK



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- Mill Point park is a great space for festivals and the carousel would take up too much green space.
 - The Mill Point location is a no go!!!
 - Mill Point is a ridiculous spot for Carousel.
 - Mill point would be a horrid location for such an important treasure that deserves its current location.
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OPTION 3: BUCKROE BEACH



Carousel before being moved downtown



Example of game booth



View of the amusement park



View of development surrounding amusement park

BUCKROE BEACH - CAROUSEL AND 9 HOLE MINI-GOLF
Hampton, VA




CONCEPT RENDERING #2
FEBRUARY 17, 2023

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OPTION 3: BUCKROE BEACH

- Bring it back to Buckroe Beach. It withstood hurricanes and floods there for over a decade.
- Move the carousel to Buckroe. It will still be accessible to the public, still can be preserved.
- Plenty of parking at the beach park, and it's already zoned properly!
- It is a nostalgic thought -- but maintenance is a consideration
- Wouldn't the salt, sand, and wind be more wear and tear on the carousel?
- No to Buckroe - hurricanes, Nor'easters, etc. outweigh. It is a historical piece and subjecting it to mother nature is scary.
- Buckroe equals wet and salt-water bathing suits

OTHER FEEDBACK

- Has Blue Bird Gap Farm been considered for the Carousel?
That's where the children go.
 - I love the idea for moving the carousel to Bluebird Gap Farm
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Next Steps

- Ask DHDP to consider designing plan that includes the Carousel in Riverfront Park



- Some sentiment for Buckroe Beach if concerns about about parking, flooding, and increased maintenance due to conditions can be addressed
- Study feasibility of moving to Bluebird Gap