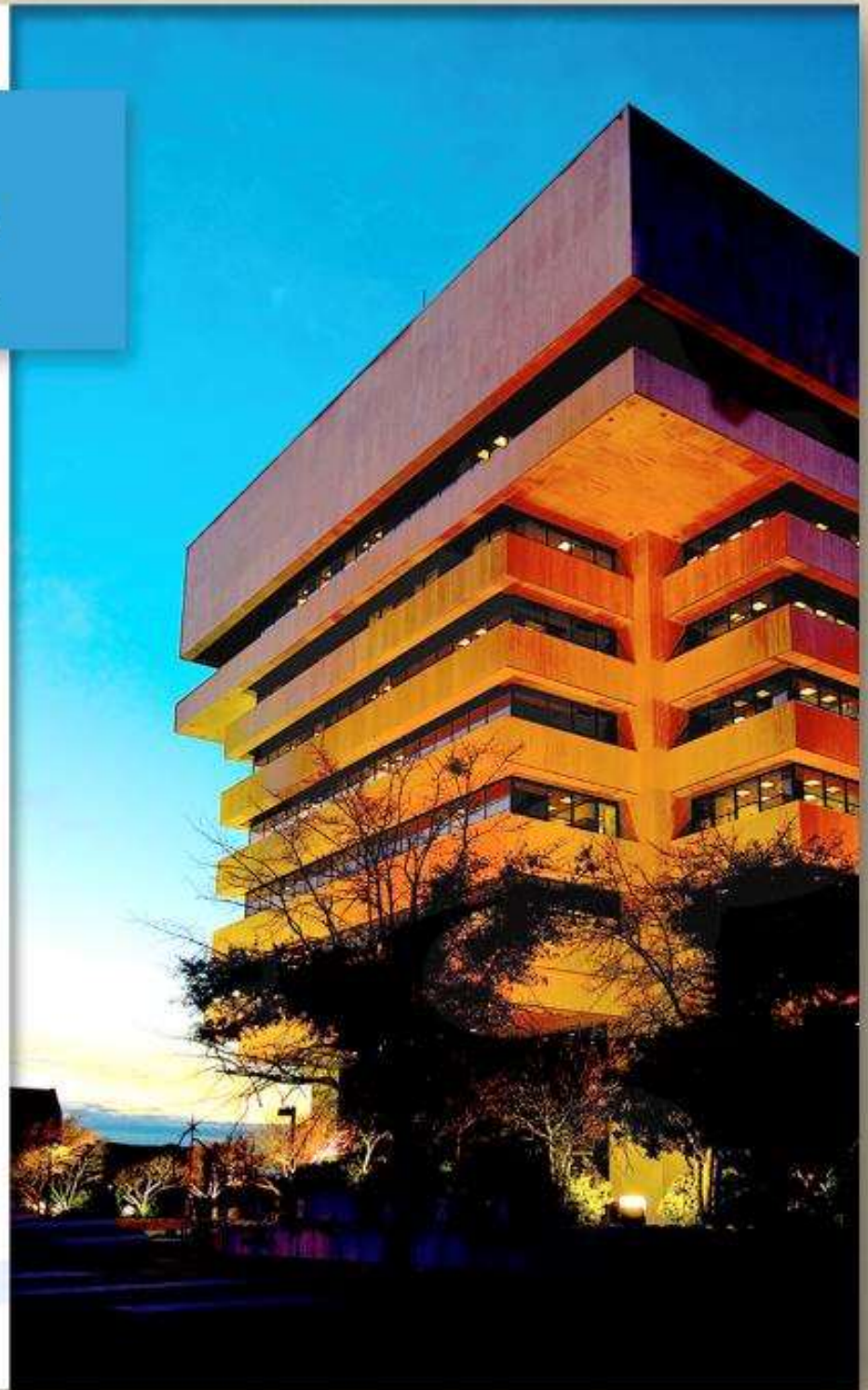


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## **River Street Park Steering Committee**

### **Summary Report**

**2-09-2022**



# River Street Park (2021)



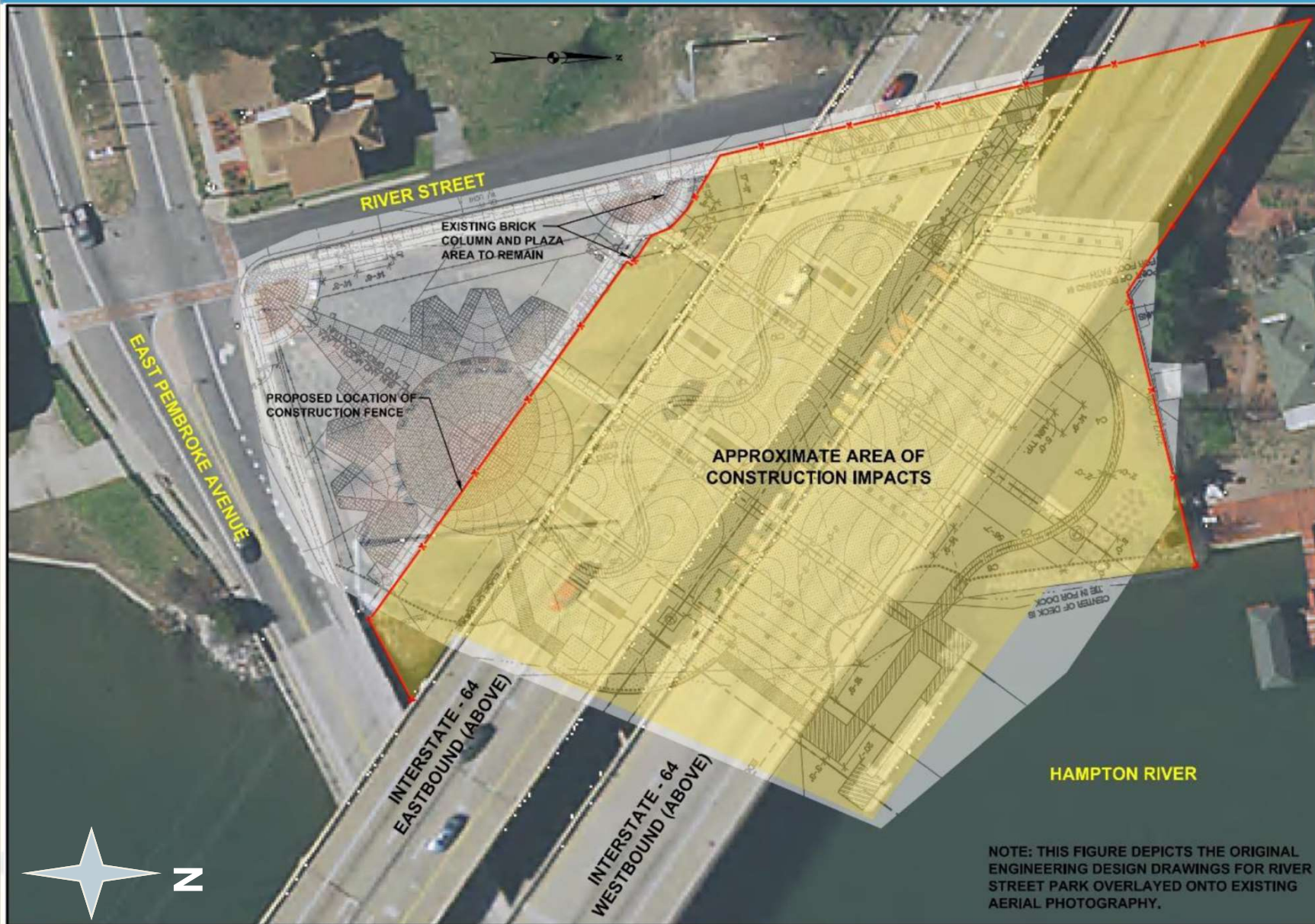
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# River Street Park



City of Hampton  
River Street Park Evaluation

River Street Park  
Approximate Area  
of Construction  
Impacts



By	Revisions	Date

Date: 12/16/2021  
JMT Number: 19-1789-0-3

NOTE: THIS FIGURE DEPICTS THE ORIGINAL ENGINEERING DESIGN DRAWINGS FOR RIVER STREET PARK OVERLAYED ONTO EXISTING AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY.



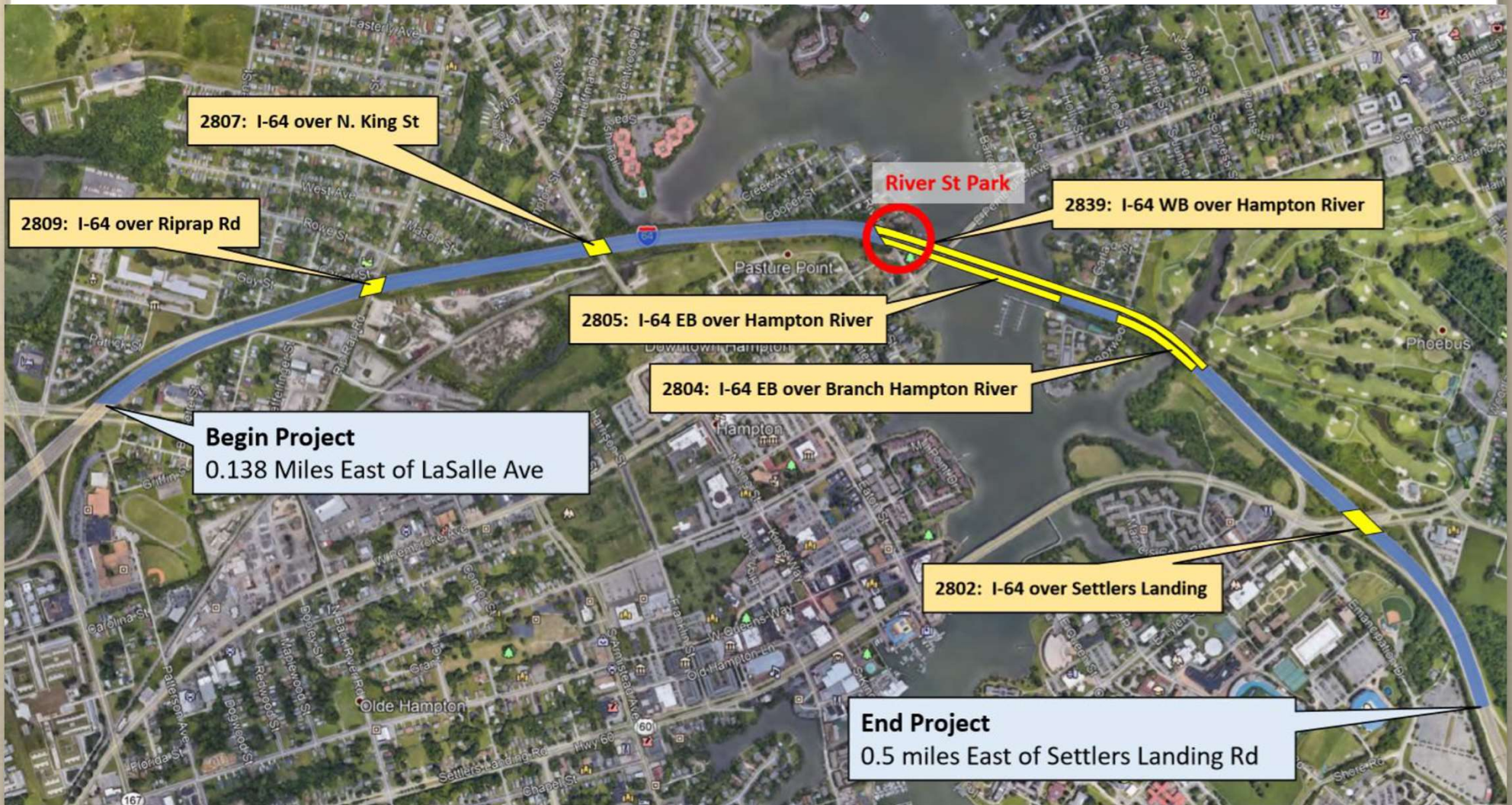




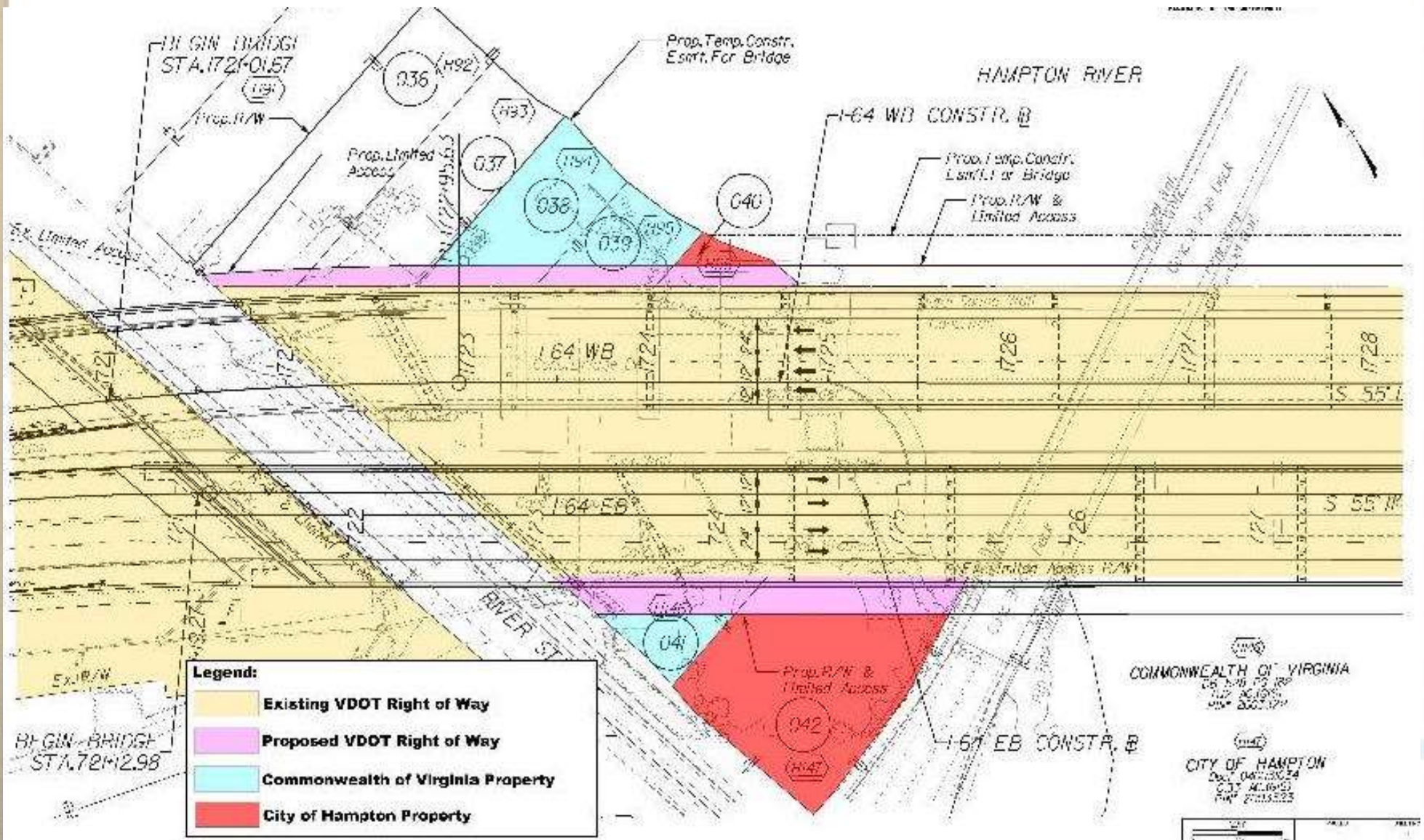




# VDOT Project - Overview



# VDOT Project – Property Ownership



# VDOT & City Memorandum

- The VDOT project will impact the Park
  - Elements of the Park need to be removed from the VDOT ROW during Project construction
  - VDOT and the City want to improve coordination of how the Park functions in the VDOT ROW
- Establish understanding of costs to relocate, store, and redesign of any park elements
  - The City needs to determine any design changes required to replace park elements
  - Future Park plans guided by the interests and priorities of the neighborhood

# Community Engagement Process

- *April 30<sup>th</sup> – Neighborhood Walk & Park Tour*
- *June – Established MOA with VDOT*
- *June 21<sup>st</sup> – Pasture Point Neighborhood Association (PPNA) Meeting*
- **July 20<sup>th</sup> – Convened Steering Group, planning process**
- **August 2<sup>nd</sup> – Reviewed site & develop survey questions**
- *August 16<sup>th</sup> – Update at PPNA meeting*
- **September 14<sup>th</sup> – Reviewed survey results & discussed priorities**
- *September 22-23<sup>rd</sup> – VDOT Public Hearings*
- **October 12<sup>th</sup> – Refined options**
- **November 9<sup>th</sup> – Finalized recommendation**

# River Street Park Steering Committee

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# Survey Results

1. Where do you reside?	Paper Surveys PP	Online In PP	Online In HPT	Online Outside HPT
In Pasture Point/ Downtown Hampton	31	40		
In another area of Hampton			43	
Outside Hampton				4

**Total: 118**

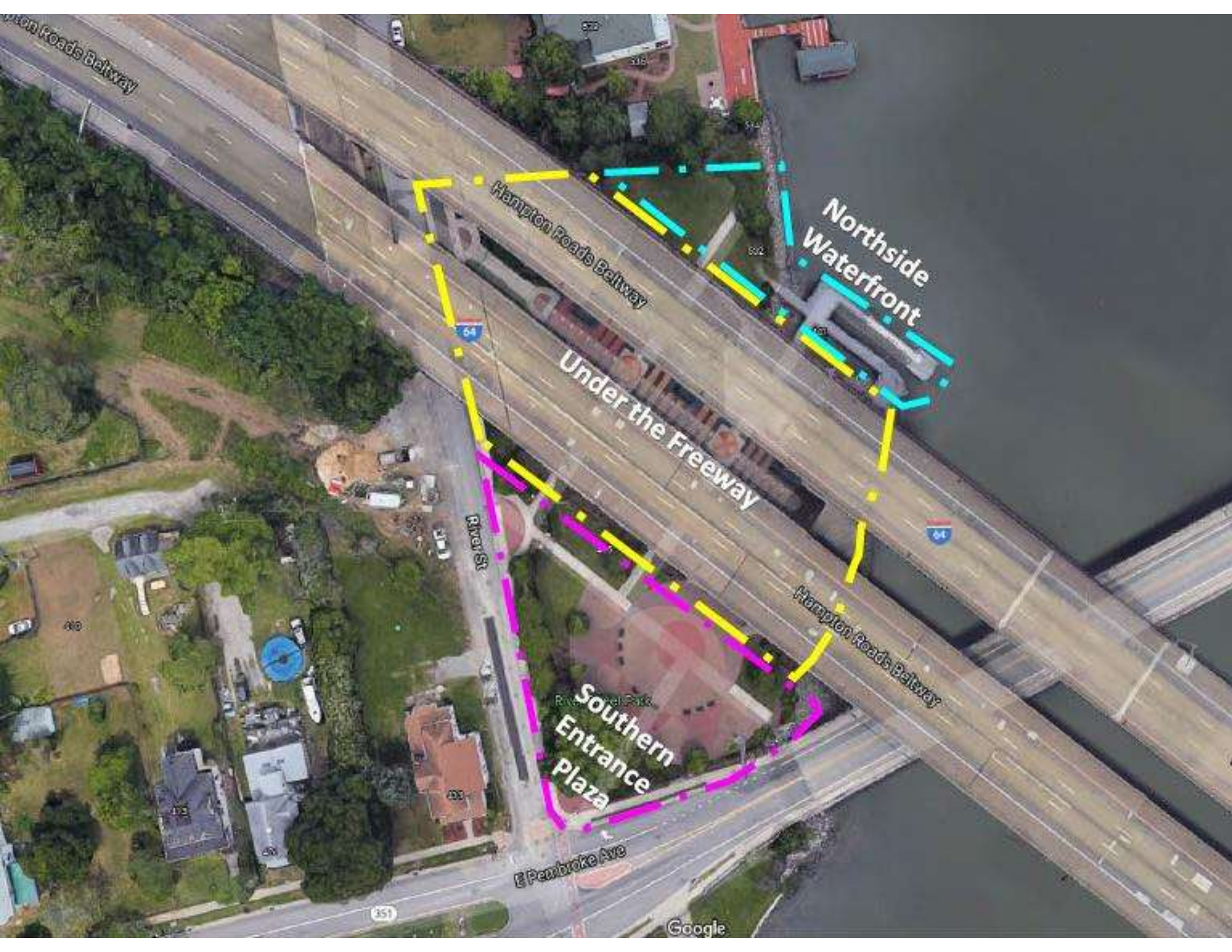
# Survey Results

3. What, if any, features of River Street Park do you use?	Total
<b>History Walk</b>	<b>40</b>
Compass	20
<b>Benches</b>	<b>51</b>
<b>Dock and Launch</b>	<b>48</b>
I do not use the park	27
Other	14



# Survey Results

8. What will you miss most when this park is closed for bridge construction?	Total
<b>Close to my house</b>	<b>29</b>
Meet with neighbors	19
<b>Place to walk my dog</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>Sit and enjoy the view</b>	<b>40</b>
The unique history pavers	7
Other	17



Hampton Roads Beltway

Hampton Roads Beltway

Northside Waterfront

Under the Freeway

Hampton Roads Beltway

Southern Entrance Plaza

River St

E Pembroke Ave

Google

# River Street Park Redesign Priorities

## **Southern Entrance Plaza:**

- a) Close the City portion of the plaza during construction
- b) Preserve decorative fencing, landscaping and trees, and the entryway signage located on City property
- c) Redesign plaza pattern, if needed

# River Street Park Redesign Priorities

## **Under the Freeway:**

- a) Replace compasses & history walk
  - Incorporate into the redesigned plaza, or
  - Relocate to another location within the neighborhood
- b) Preserve pedestrian bulkhead pathway and replace benches (May require ADA enhancements)
- c) Allow path to loop between the pylons
- d) Ensure use of low maintenance landscaping and materials.
- e) Limit the use of chain-link fencing
- f) Replace decorative fencing along River Street
- g) Remove the parking spaces under the freeway

# River Street Park Redesign Priorities

## Northside Waterfront

Three options to be explored with VDOT (by priority):

- a) Reinstall the boat launch, along with replacement parking on potential VDOT surplus property (including parking), or
- b) Relocate to another site in the neighborhood, or
- c) Reinvest in an existing pier on the Hampton River (e.g. Mill Point)

# Next Steps

- **December 2021**  
Submit relocation & storage costs to VDOT
- **Spring-Summer 2022**  
Park redesign & begin permitting process
- **Fall 2022**  
Park closes for construction

**Thank you**

**River Street Park  
Steering Committee**

**City Support Team**

**VDOT**

