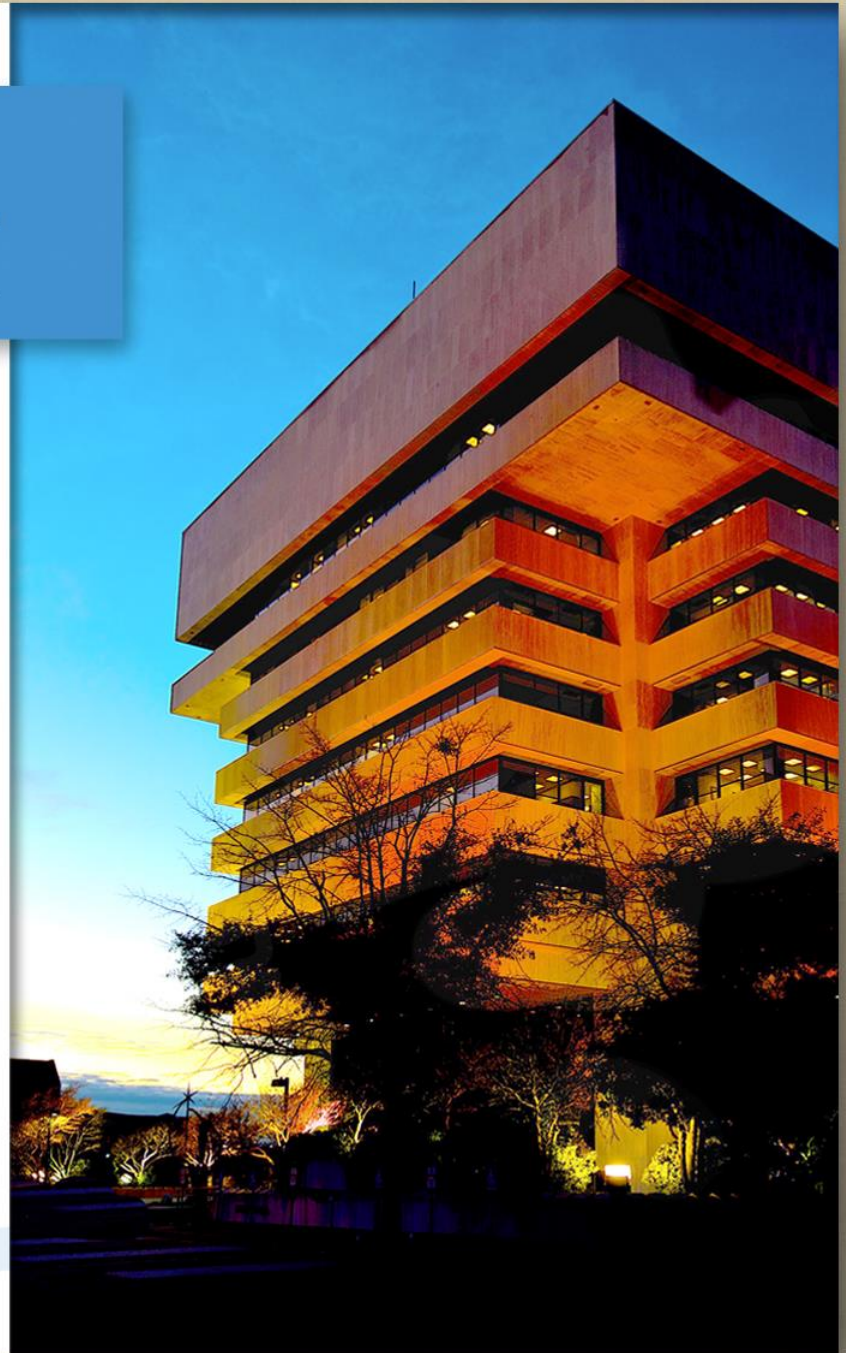


# HAMPTON VA

## **Neighborhood Centers Update: Olde Hampton and Fox Hill**

**December 14, 2016**



# Background

- **January 2014:** Fox Hill Athletic Association building on the Grundland/Nike site destroyed by a tornado
- **October 2015:** Old Hampton Community Center closed due to deteriorating condition of building
- **2015:** City Council allocated \$7.0 million to replace each with a neighborhood center (\$3.5 million each)
  - Smaller than a community center, 18,000 sq ft model

# Olde Hampton

201 Lincoln Street



# New Center Planning

- Citizen committee has met and determined uses
- Project planning paused as the City determines whether a new aquatic center will be built.
- If a 50 meter pool is not built in an aquatics facility, a 25 meter pool may be added to the OH neighborhood center.


# Municipal Planning Processes

- Downtown Master Plan Update
  - Underway since fall 2014
  - Impacts the neighborhood and Grant Park
- Olde Hampton Conservation Plan
  - To aid in future revitalization of the neighborhood
  - Includes updated land use plan as well as other amendments to existing plans

# Olde Hampton Next Steps

- Work will continue on Downtown Master Plan Update and Conservation Plan
- Aquatics decision targeted for spring 2017
- Resume facility planning spring 2017
  - RFP for architect
  - Design period
  - Construction period

# Fox Hill: Site Options

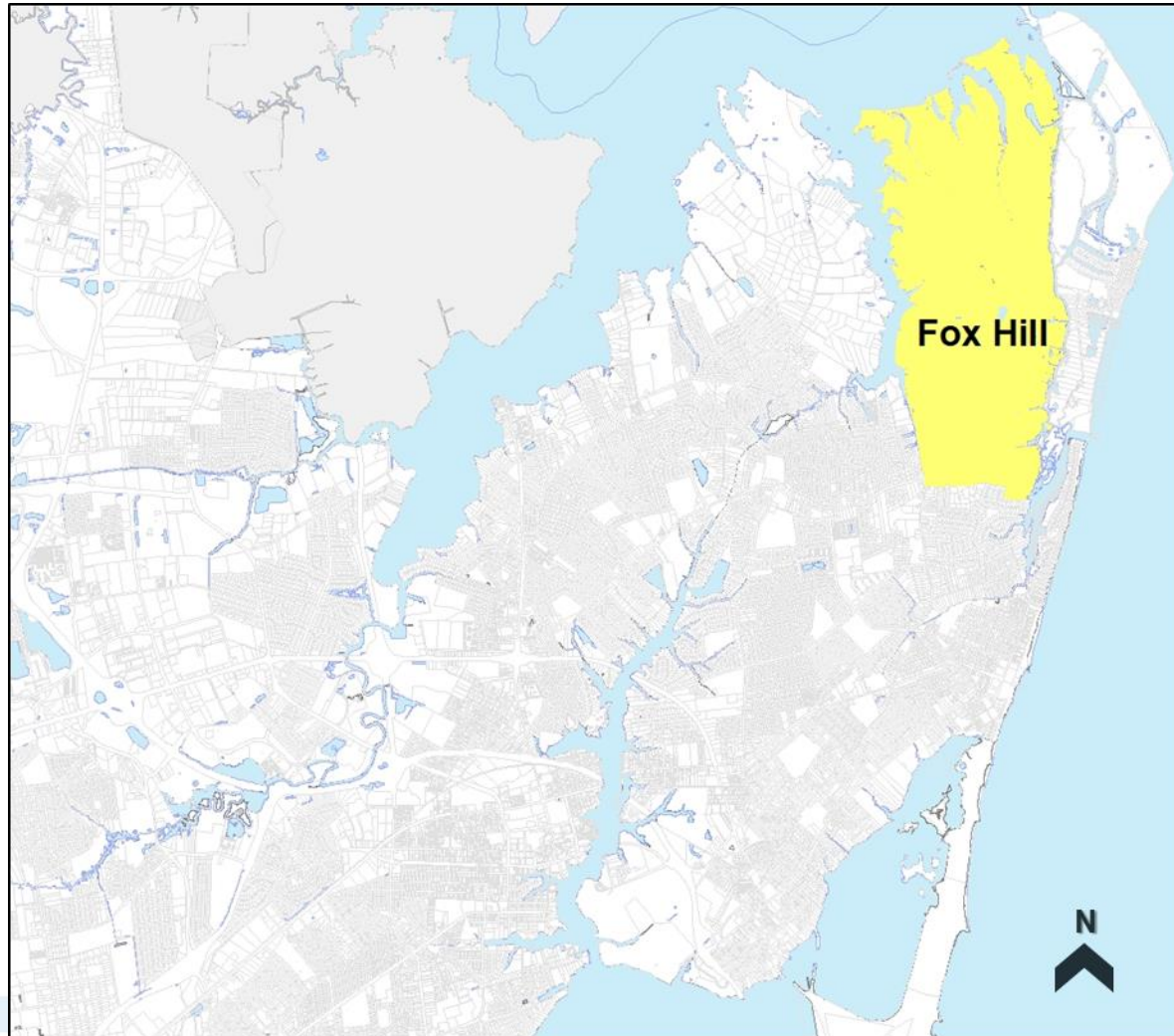
- Criteria used to analyze sites
  - Site considered and discarded
  - Sites under consideration
  - Next steps
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# Site Analysis Criteria

- Location: In Fox Hill proper or close proximity
  - 1/2 mile from intersection of Fox Hill Rd, Old Buckroe Rd, and Silver Isles Blvd
- Existing infrastructure
- Size: both facility and parking fit
- Environmental conditions
  - How are natural resources impacted by development on the site?
  - Size: Impact on buildable area



# Fox Hill Proper



# Environmental Conditions Explained

- Time and Money
- Permits from regulatory agencies
  - State DEQ, Army Corp of Engineers, Hampton Wetlands Board
  - Time to process
  - No guarantee that permits will be granted
- Avoidance and Minimization
  - City must demonstrate other sites with less impact are not an option
- Money
  - Wetlands delineation (analysis)
  - Cost to mitigate loss of wetlands

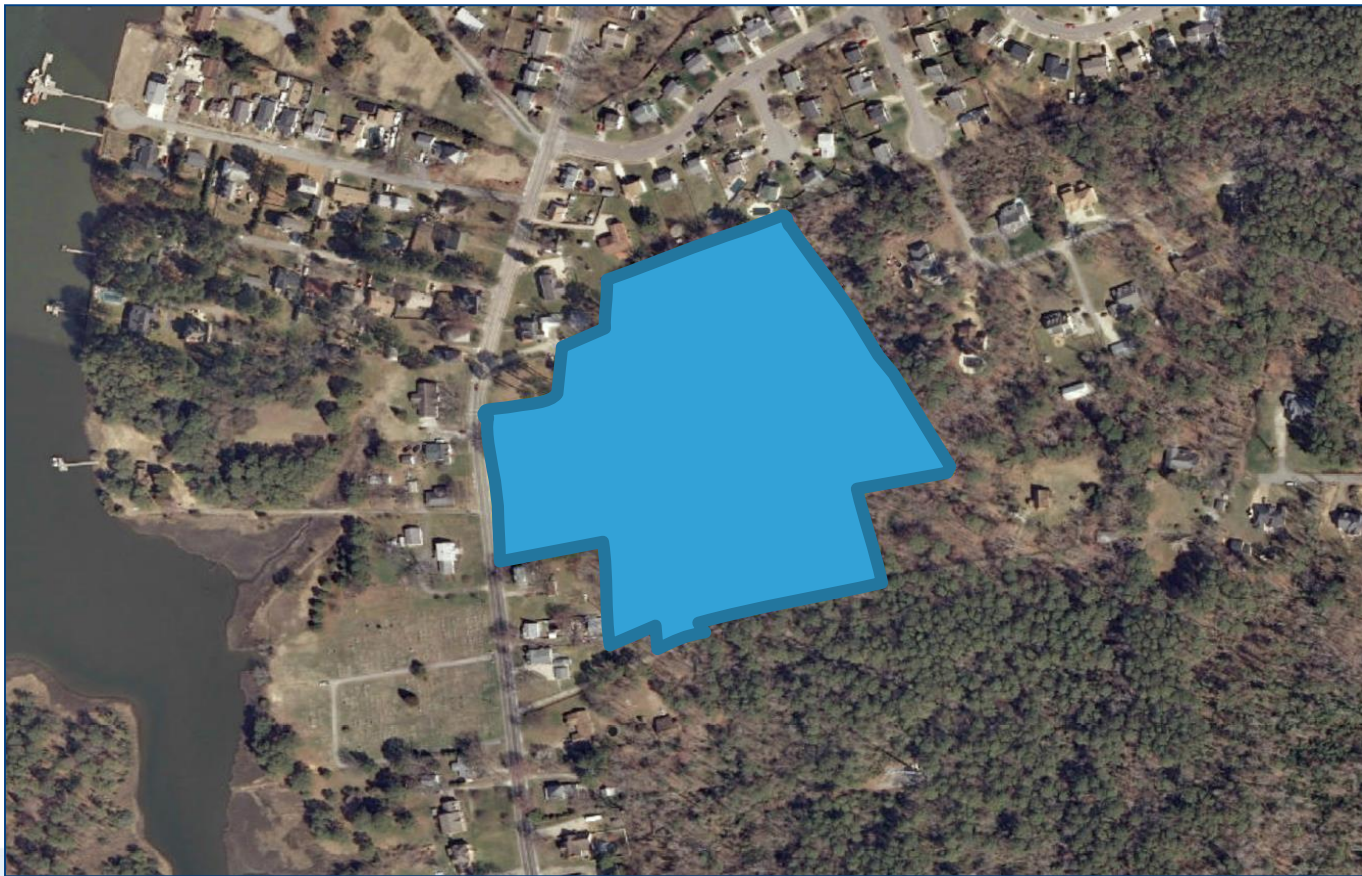
# Other Site Analysis Criteria

*From The Community Plan:*

- Pedestrian/cyclist access
- Co-location of community facilities
- Impact on amenities already on site  
(lose or relocate)

# Asbury Elementary Site

140 Beach Road



# Asbury Elementary Site

- January 2016: Permission obtained from School Board to use the Asbury Elementary site as a location for new center
- Summer 2016: Environmental Assessment Complete
  - Determination: Not a good site for new development
  - Both the north and south areas are forested wetlands
  - Permits may be hard or impossible to obtain
  - Development would be too costly

# Public Site Options

- Privately owned sites being considered, but not being reviewed in public session
  - Private space available for long-term lease
  - Private property available for sale
- Publicly owned sites save time and money (acquisition)
  - Sites owned by City or School Board (marked with an asterisk)

# Gosnold's Hope Park (Frontage)

901 E. Little Back River Road




# Gosnold's Hope Park - Pros

- Existing infrastructure
- Size: both facility and parking fit
  - Positioning relative to 9/11 memorial & unique trees
- Environmental: Frontage to road looks like an option



# Gosnold's Hope Park - Cons

- Location: Not in Fox Hill proper
    - 2.4 miles away from intersection
  - Environmental: Some potential for wetlands may exist at back of site
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# Grundland/Nike Site

100 Grundland Drive

*Site of the Fox Hill Athletic Association building that was destroyed*



# Grundland/Nike Site – Pros

- Location: In Fox Hill proper
  - Site of original building
- Opportunity to use the building for environmental education

# Grundland/Nike Site – Cons

- Existing Infrastructure is weak.
  - Available water service is questionable
- Environmental:
  - Most of the site is RPA; potential for wetlands within the interior of site
  - In a VE9 Flood Zone which means the site is subject to high velocity waves. Increases design and construction costs
- Uncertainty re: underground facilities
  - Large underground vaults covered with concrete

# Hall Road Properties\*

*\*School-owned; subject to school board approval*

## 19 Hall Road



# Hall Road Properties - Pros

- Location: In Fox Hill proper
- Existing infrastructure
- Environmental: Elevation maps show highest points close to road; this may be a good location for the building.

# Hall Road Properties - Cons

- **Size:** There may be wetlands on the site.
  - Further study needed
- **Environmental:** National Wetlands Inventory shows large area of non-tidal wetlands.


# Hampton Soccer Complex

Located at corner of Old Buckroe Rd and Andrews Blvd






# Hampton Soccer Complex - Pros

- Location: 0.5 miles from intersection
  - Existing infrastructure
  - Size: Accommodates both building and parking with displacement of one soccer field
  - Environmental Constraints: Minimal to none
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# Hampton Soccer Complex – Other Pros

- Provides amenities to soccer community (restrooms, meeting space, commercial kitchen, etc.)
  - Opportunity for Fox Hill and Buckroe neighborhoods to collaborate
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# Hampton Soccer Complex - Cons

- Location: Not in Fox Hill proper
  - 0.5 miles from intersection
  - Site viewed as a Buckroe amenity, not Fox Hill
- One soccer field will need to be relocated to another site to provide space for building and parking


# Jones Middle School\*

*\*School-owned; subject to school board approval*

1819 Nickerson Boulevard



# Jones Middle School - Pros

- Existing infrastructure
  - Size: Fits building and parking if two amenities are relocated on site
  - Environmental: Issues unlikely
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# Jones Middle School - Cons

- Location: Not in Fox Hill proper
  - 1.5 miles from intersection
- Size: Portion of existing walking trail would need to be re-routed as well as the back-stop

# Merrimack Elementary School\*

*\*School-owned; subject to school board approval*

2113 Woodmansee Drive  
Building no longer used as a school



# Merrimack Elementary School - Pros

- Location: 0.5 miles from intersection
  - Existing infrastructure
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# Merrimack Elementary School - Cons

- Location: Not in Fox Hill proper
  - 0.5 miles from intersection
- Environmental: Potential for wetlands
- Size: Fits building and parking, but potential wetlands could constrain


# Syms Middle School\*

*\*School-owned; subject to school board approval*

170 Fox Hill Road



# Syms Middle School - Pros

- Location: 1.6 miles away from intersection
  - Existing infrastructure
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# Syms Middle School - Cons

- Location: Not in Fox Hill proper
  - 1.6 miles away from intersection
- Environmental:
  - Site impacted by Chesapeake Bay regulations
  - Potential for wetlands extending into the site
- Size: limited by wetlands

# Fox Hill Center – Next Steps

- Consult with the community regarding sites:
  - ✓ Meeting with the Fox Hill Athletic Association on Dec 20<sup>th</sup>
  - ✓ Community Meeting: January 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM at Asbury Elementary School

# Questions?

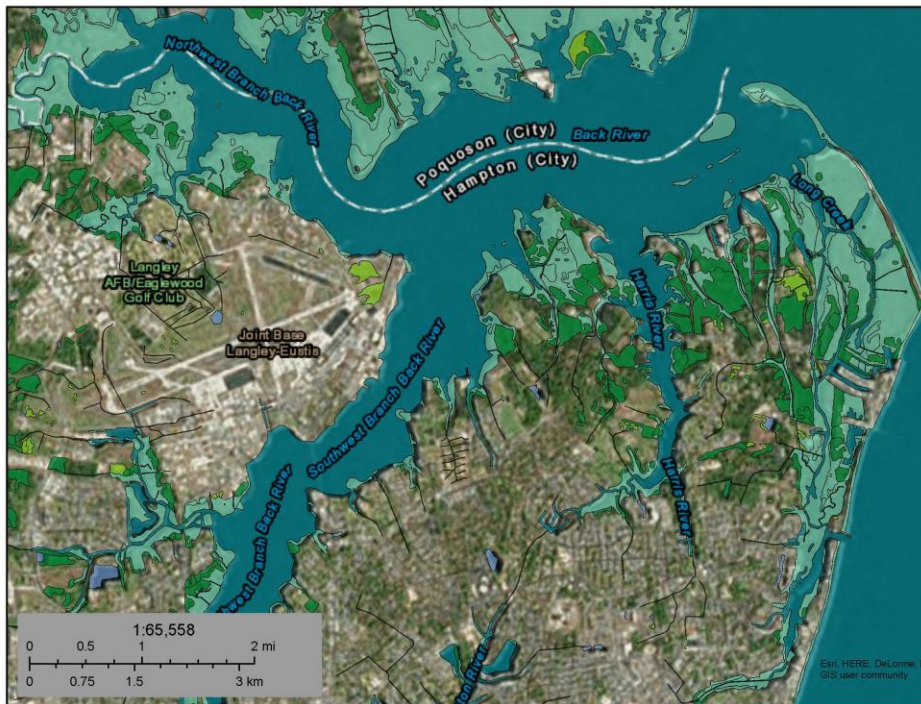
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### Satellite Images



NWI - Hampton, VA



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