

COUNTY OF YORK

MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 30, 2020

TO: York County Board of Supervisors

FROM: Neil A Morgan, County Administrator



SUBJECT: 900 Yorktown Road Opportunity and General Active Transportation Update

During the last couple of years staff has been updating you on various sidewalk and bike trail projects we have been pursuing at your direction. One of the important first steps was your approval two years ago of a new CIP line item for these initiatives, which we call “Active Transportation”. While this process can be painfully slow, there have been a couple developments of late that are noteworthy. Earlier this year staff learned that a 26 acre property on Yorktown Road that borders Tabb High School, Victory Estates, and Holly Meade (see attachment #1) was being offered for sale. At the same time, we had been seeking a way to tie the upcoming sidewalks on Yorktown Road and the trails proffered by the Smith Farms development to the multi-purpose path already included in a Smart Scale project on Victory Boulevard. As it happens the Hampton Roads Sanitation District (HRSD) was also looking for property in the area. HRSD has since purchased the 26 acres and we are now in ongoing dialogue about how we might jointly use the property. This parcel also overlaps with the Virginia Dominion Energy power lines, which already has been identified in the Comprehensive Plan as a future bike trail route (see attachment #2). Clearly, now that this property is no longer in private hands, it offers many advantages to the County and could ultimately become a “linear park”.

The current Smart Scale projects that have elements that align or are in the vicinity of this parcel are a Park-and-Ride lot and a multi-purpose trail. On the 21st of September, County staff had an initial meeting with HRSD to share with them ideas for joint project opportunities. Public Works will meet again to share more detail on the County’s top priorities, i.e. the Park and Ride lot, multi-purpose trail from North Bowman to Yorktown Road on Victory Boulevard, and explore the concept of a connector trail between Yorktown Road, Tabb High School, and Victory Boulevard. Our goal is to work out a low or no cost proposal to gain access to this strategic property in partnership with HRSD.

The second major active transportation development is the Virginia Department of Transportation’s (VDOT) interest in constructing several crosswalks throughout the County. Not understood until recently by County staff, VDOT received a special allotment of funds which they are now leveraging to advance the crosswalks. Three signalized crosswalks would be located on Hampton Highway; 1) Long Green Boulevard connecting our previously approved Revenue Sharing sidewalk on the east side of Hampton Highway to the Library and YMCA (see attachment #3); 2) A crosswalk would be constructed at First

Avenue, connecting the military housing to the east side of Hampton Highway (see attachment #3); 3) A signalized crosswalk connector to the residential and commercial areas on opposite sides of Hampton Highway at York Downs Drive and Indian Summer Drive near the Hampton City line (see attachment #3). Also in the lower County, Kiln Creek will see two additional crosswalks negotiating Kiln Creek Parkway, Jesse Drive and Lexington Court (see attachment #4). In the upper end of the County, Commons Way will see a signalized crosswalk traversing By-Pass Road (see attachment #5). Sadly, you may remember there was a pedestrian death in this vicinity last year. All six projects will require some cost sharing commitment between the County and VDOT. County staff has long been frustrated by VDOT's apparent reluctance to pursue pedestrian crossings and we are very excited with the Commonwealth's new approach. It is my belief, crosswalks are an important part of creating a meaningful network of pedestrian connected neighborhoods and will increase the usage of the sidewalks the County is pursuing. Our understanding is that all of these new crosswalk projects will be under construction between now and the close of calendar year 2021.

Our current County initiated sidewalk projects are moving along, but not as fast as we would have hoped. Right-of-way (ROW) acquisition is what often takes the most time. Currently, the Autumn Way to Lake Dale Way sidewalk as well as the Fort Eustis Boulevard to Battle Road sidewalk have 95% completion of design plans and staff continues to work with the consultant and VDOT to finish the ROW part of the project. Hubbard Lane is slowed due to some resident concerns, but we are still confident a meaningful sidewalk addition will be possible to serve residents in the area. The construction of a Lackey sidewalk along Old Williamsburg Road crosses a significant portion of federally owned property, and because of this must meet additional guidelines such as NEPA and a review by federal planners.

Proposed for our York County FY2021 Revenue Sharing Projects are six additional sidewalk locations including Villa Way, Siege Lane, Lakeside Drive, West Queens Drive, Yorktown Road and the Victory Boulevard multi-purpose trail. These projects continue to await approval from the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) and could be delayed due to COVID 19 related state funding reductions. As noteworthy developments occur we will update you. In the interim if you have any comments please let us know.

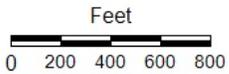
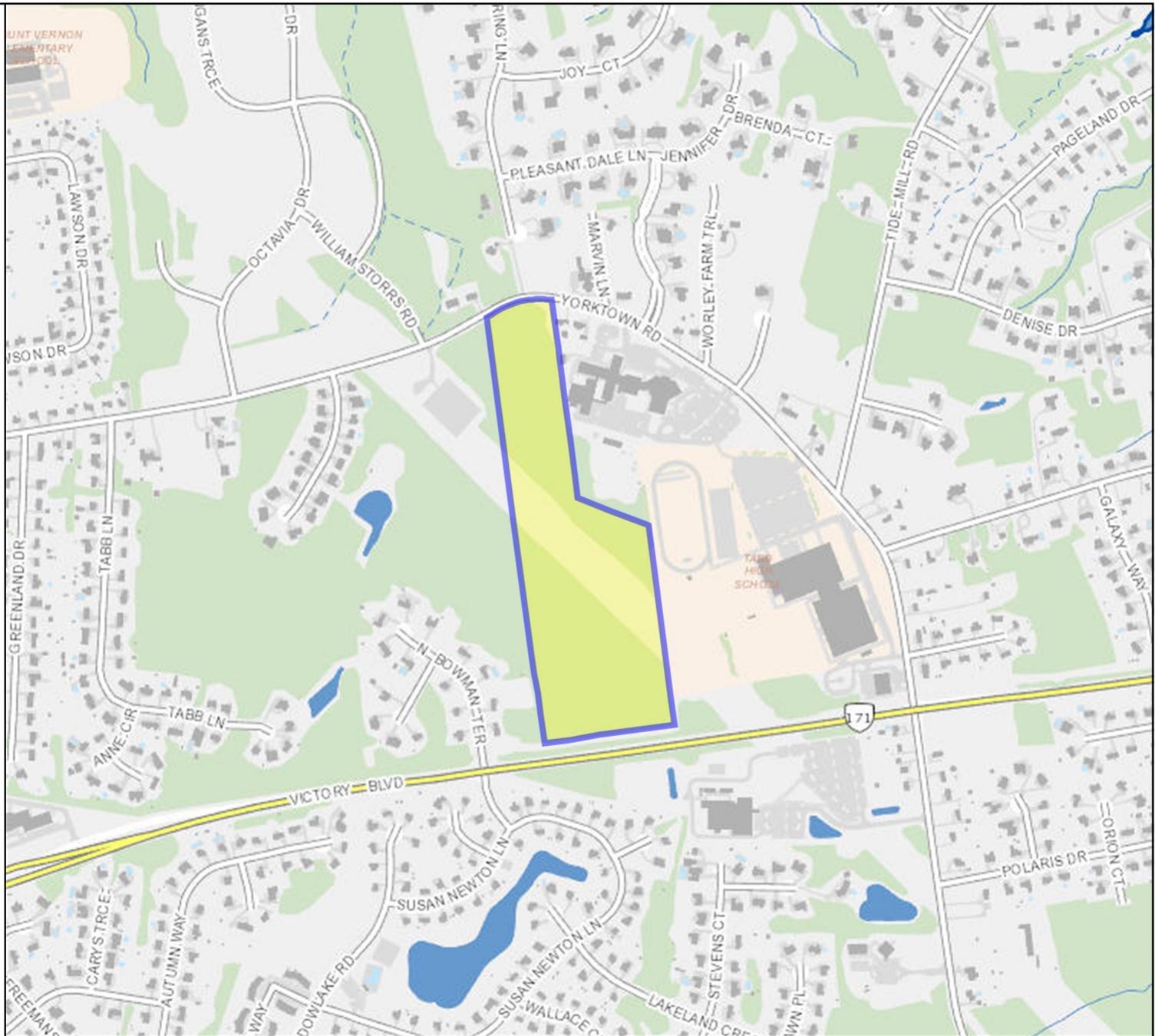
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Attachments:

- #1 - 900 Yorktown Road Map
- #2 - Official Regional Bikeways Map
- #3 - Hampton Highway Crosswalks Map
- #4 - Kiln Creek Parkway Crosswalks Map
- #5 - Bypass Road Crosswalks Map

York County, Virginia

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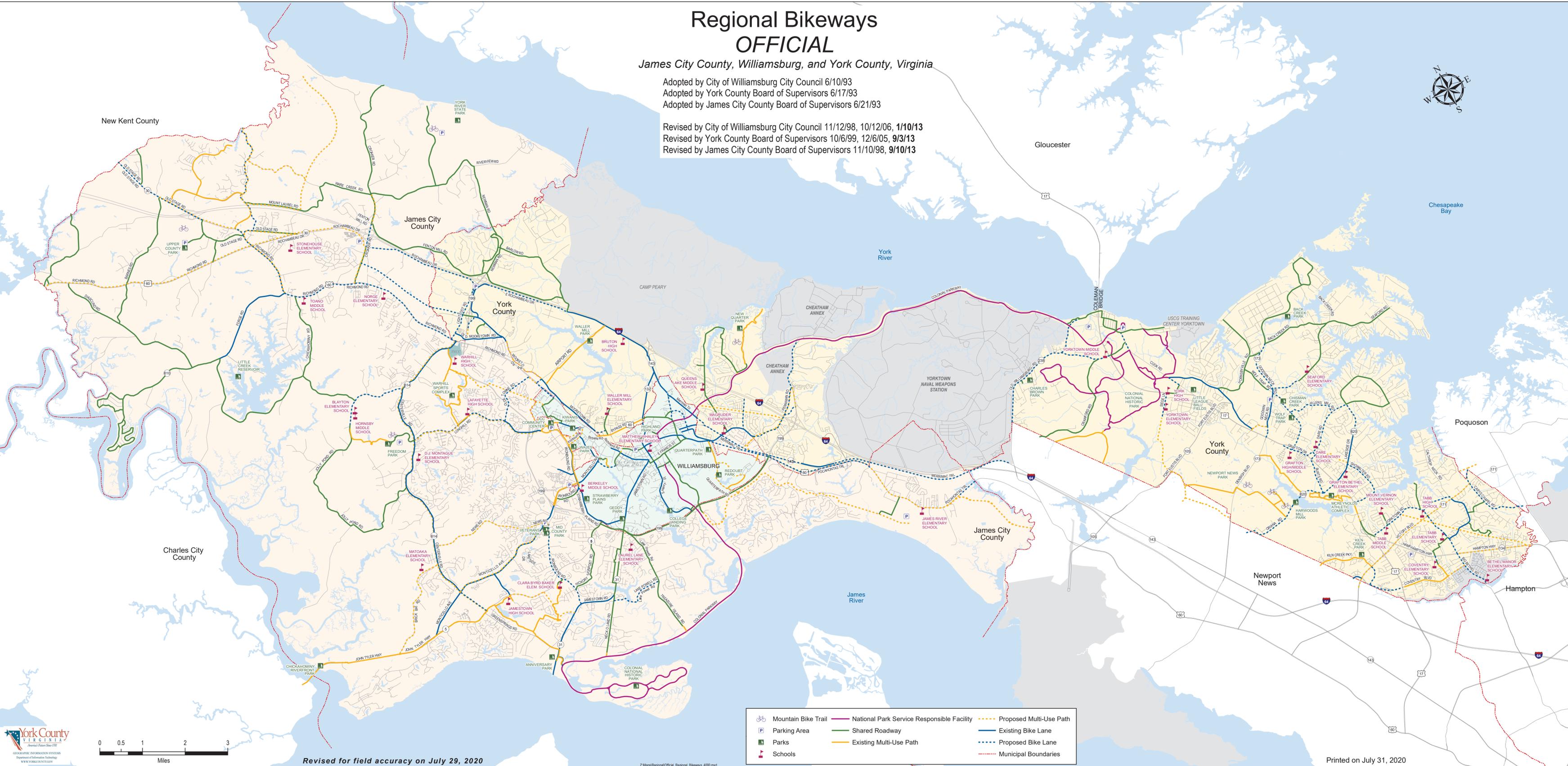
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Regional Bikeways OFFICIAL

James City County, Williamsburg, and York County, Virginia

Adopted by City of Williamsburg City Council 6/10/93
 Adopted by York County Board of Supervisors 6/17/93
 Adopted by James City County Board of Supervisors 6/21/93

Revised by City of Williamsburg City Council 11/12/98, 10/12/06, 1/10/13
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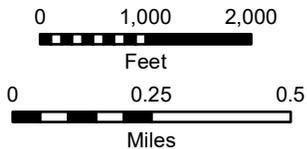
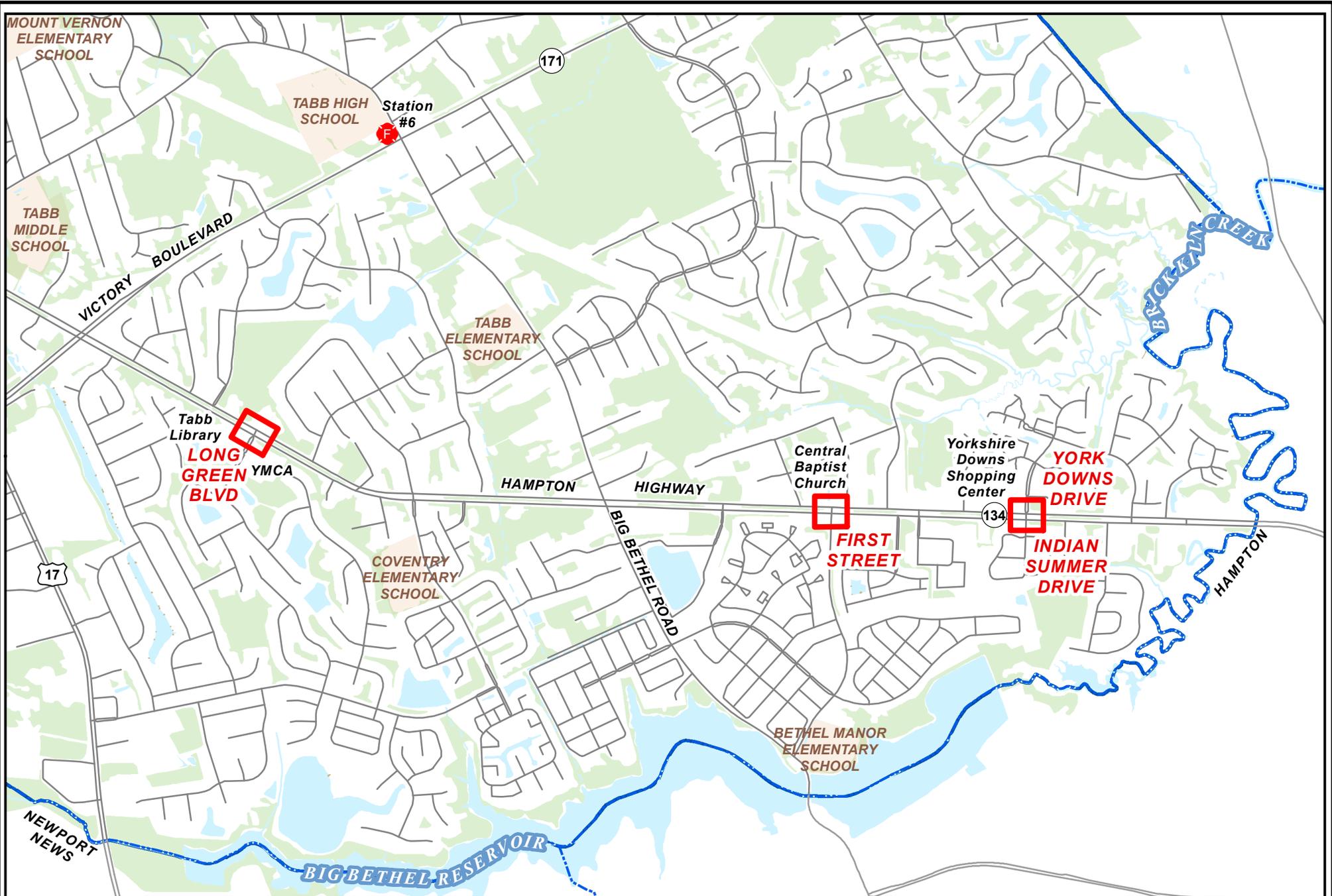
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- Shared Roadway
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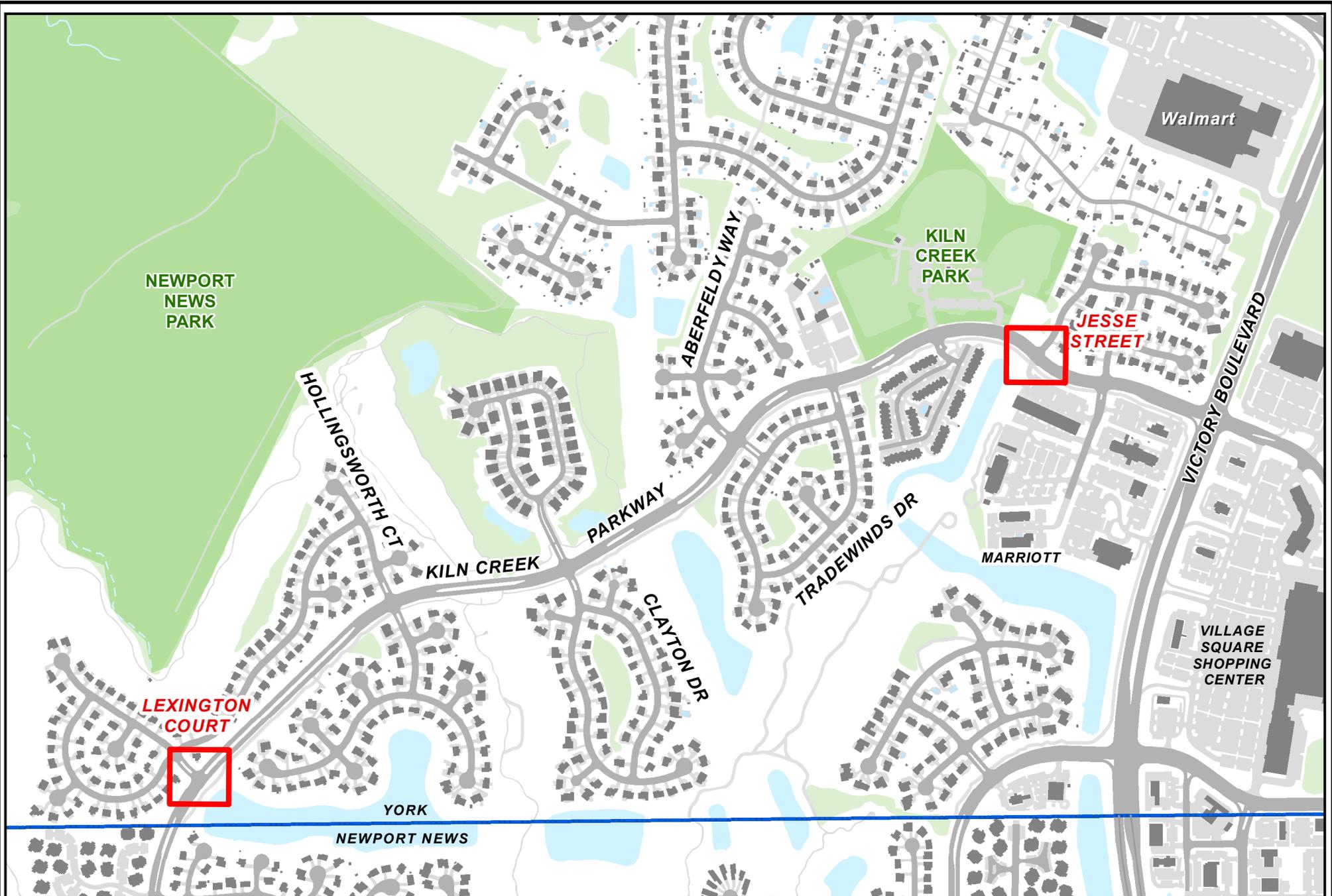
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Proposed Crosswalks
along Hampton Highway
York County, Virginia



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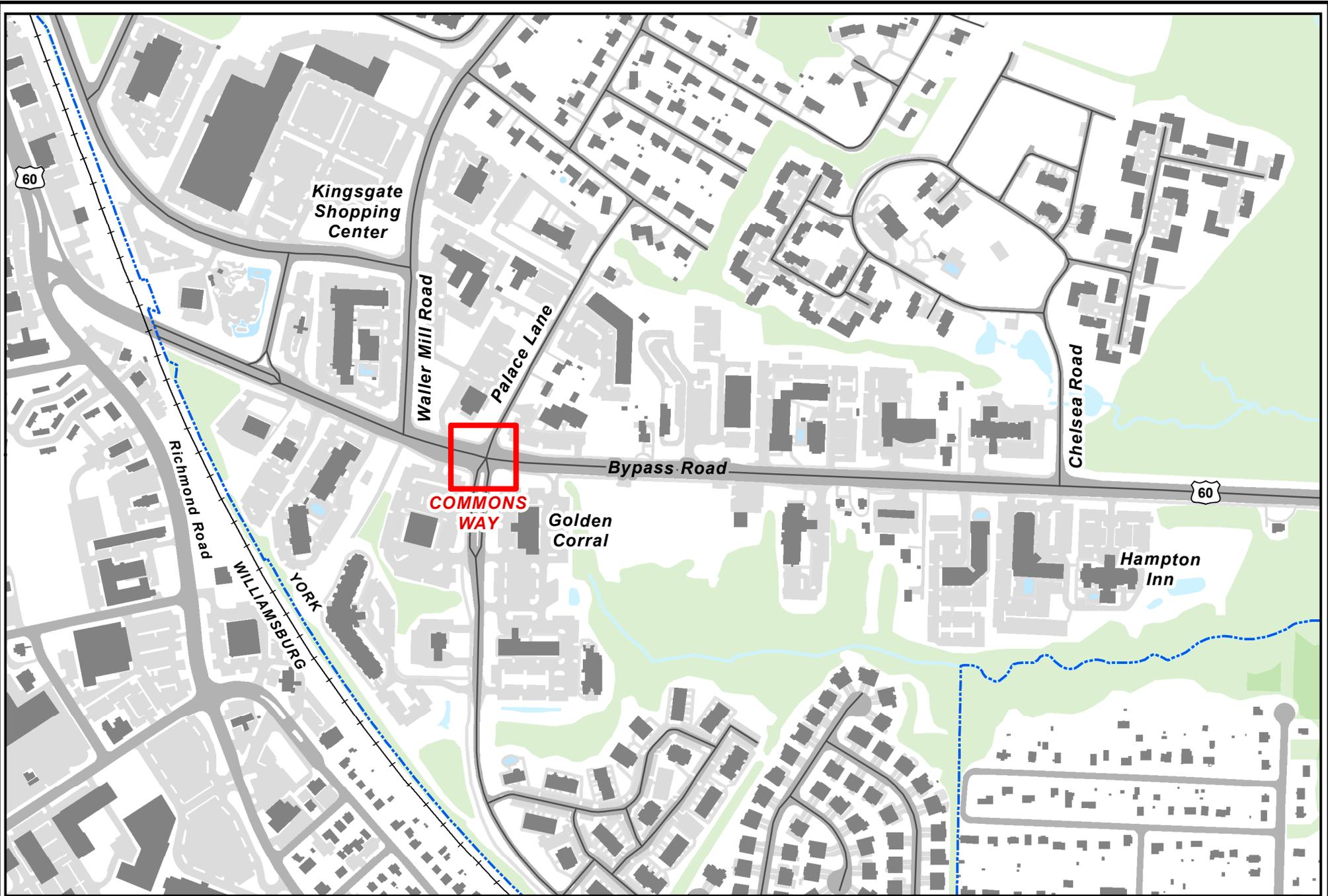


Proposed Crosswalks

along Kiln Creek Parkway

York County, Virginia





Proposed Crosswalk

along Bypass Road

York County, Virginia



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MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 1, 2020

TO: York County Board of Supervisors

FROM: Neil A. Morgan, County Administrator



SUBJECT: Information concerning memorial service for former Board of Supervisors Member, Don Wiggins

The initial date reported to the County for the memorial service for former Board of Supervisors Member, Don Wiggins, was incorrect. The service will be held at Seaford Baptist Church on Saturday, October 10, 2020, at 10:30 a.m.

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