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HOUSE BILL NO. 1523

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A *BILL to authorize the conveyance of the Carousel Site by the City of Hampton to a nonmunicipal entity.*

Patron—Ward

Referred to Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns

Whereas, the City of Hampton acquired certain tracts of real property belonging to the City of Hampton known as the "Carousel Site" located at Settlers Landing Road and North King Street, Hampton, Virginia; and

Whereas, the Carousel Site was funded through the Virginia Outdoors Fund Program, which is a recreational reimbursement program for the acquisition and development of outdoor recreation facilities within the Commonwealth; and

Whereas, a condition of receiving funding through the Virginia Outdoors Fund is that the area be developed and maintained in perpetuity as a public outdoor recreation park consonant with the provisions of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1967; and

Whereas, the City of Hampton has set as a priority the revitalization of its downtown to attract investment and new business and has adopted the Downtown Master Plan, which inter alia calls for the enhancement of the Carousel Site; and

Whereas, the Carousel Site, in its current design, is underutilized and is not conducive to public recreational use; and

Whereas, in order to accomplish its objectives, the City of Hampton desires to convey a portion of the Carousel Site to a nonmunicipal entity to enhance the public recreational facilities currently located on the site by providing indoor and outdoor dining and retail amenities and a redesigned park with additional green space and intimate conversation seating areas; and

Whereas, the enhancement of a portion of the Carousel Site as proposed by the City of Hampton is in the best interest of the City of Hampton and its citizens and visitors and is consistent with the development of outdoor recreation parks; now, therefore

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. § 1. *That the conveyance of any portion of real property belonging to the City of Hampton known as the Carousel Site, located at Settlers Landing Road and North King Street in Hampton, Virginia, recorded as instrument number 050033249 in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of the City of Hampton, to a nonmunicipal entity shall not violate the public outdoor recreation park restrictions established by the Virginia Outdoors Fund Program so long as the uses and facilities on the conveyed portion of the Carousel Site enhance the public outdoor recreation park.*

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