

Gilmerton

The Gilmerton District is bound by Canal Drive to the west, and the South Military Highway/I-464 interchange to the east. The area has access to the southern branch of the Elizabeth River and Saint Julian Creek, and with the construction of the new Gilmerton Bridge, trucks will have direct access to Interstate 464. The district should encourage industrial uses that utilize the deep water access.

1. Street Section

The Plan recommends widening South Military Highway into a six-lane boulevard and removing the two-way frontage roads.

2. Industrial Development Along Deep Creek

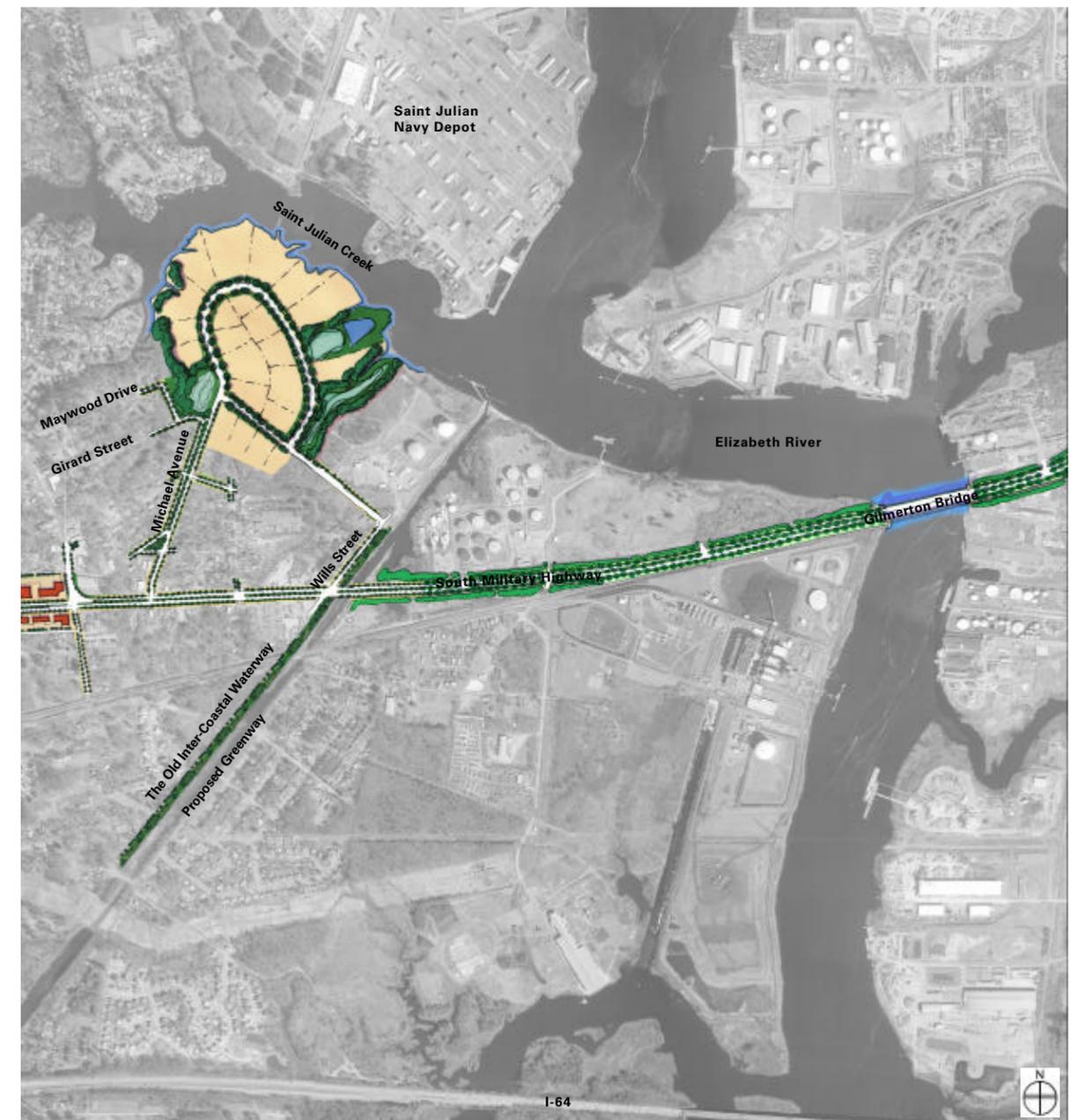
The frameworks include new roads for truck traffic along Canal Drive and the extension of Michael Drive. The remaining properties along Saint Julian Creek should be developed as industrial uses. The site should gain access by extending a new road to the Atlantic Energy access road.

3. Rebuilding of the Gilmerton Bridge

The new Gilmerton Bridge will be widened to six lanes to accommodate heavy truck traffic. With this route open for heavy truck traffic, trucks can directly access Interstate 464. Truck traffic will be directed east and away from the core. The Plan recommends modifying the current proposal to assure provisions for bicycles and pedestrians on the new bridge into the future.

4. Open Space

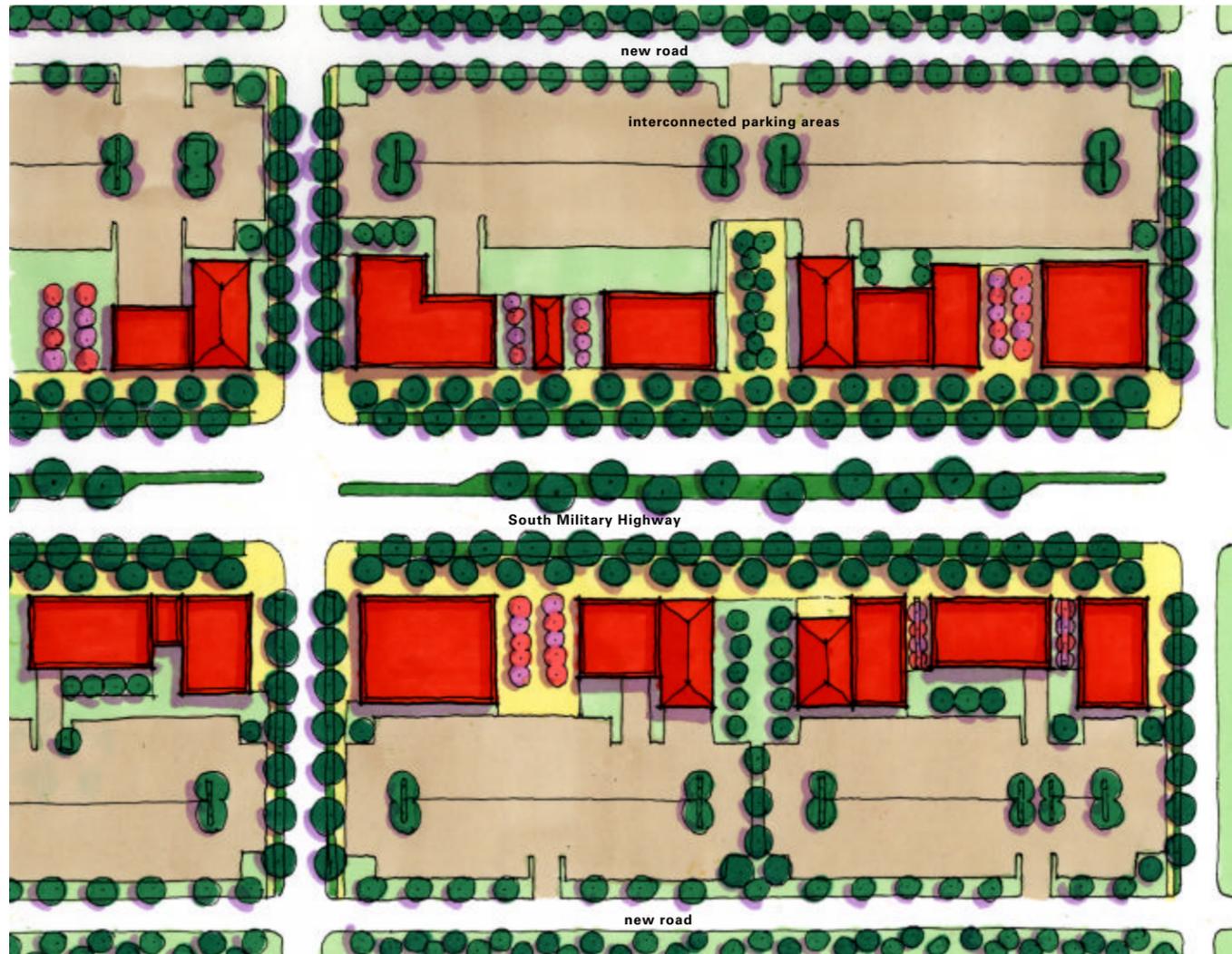
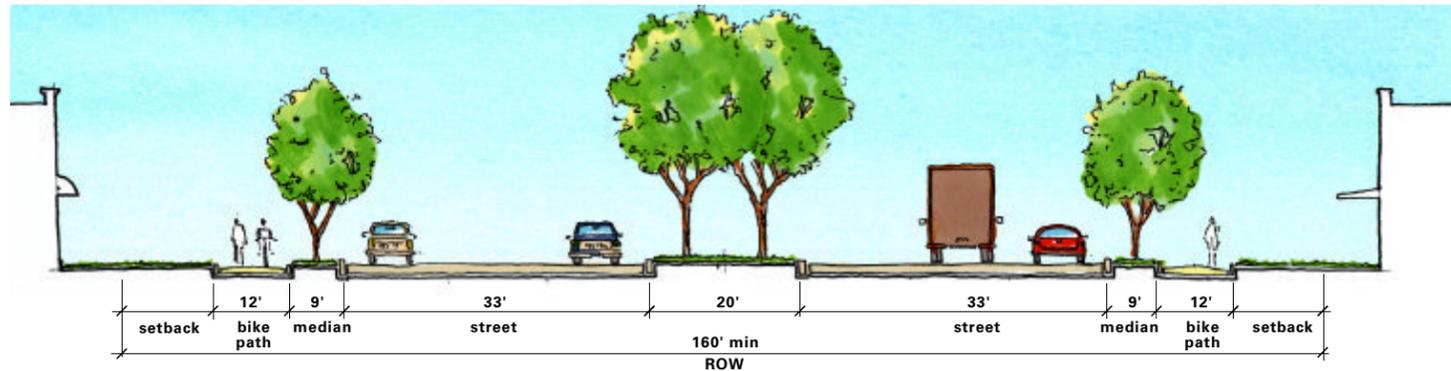
The The Old Inter-Coastal Waterway is an opportunity to be a bridgehead to the regional park plan for the Great Dismal Swamp. The proposal shows the crossing of South Military Highway and the Canal is an opportunity for a green way crossing and portage site. The Canal also crosses the power line easement that can become a recreational greenway.



ILLUSTRATIVE PLAN The neighborhoods in the Core are bisected by South Military Highway.

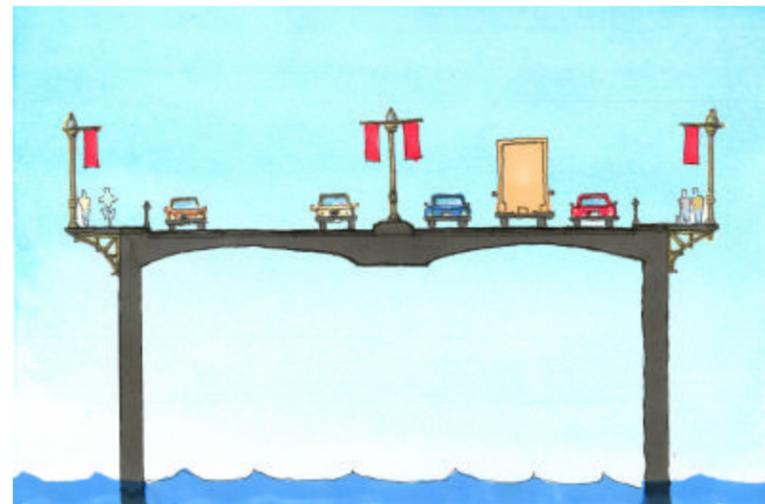
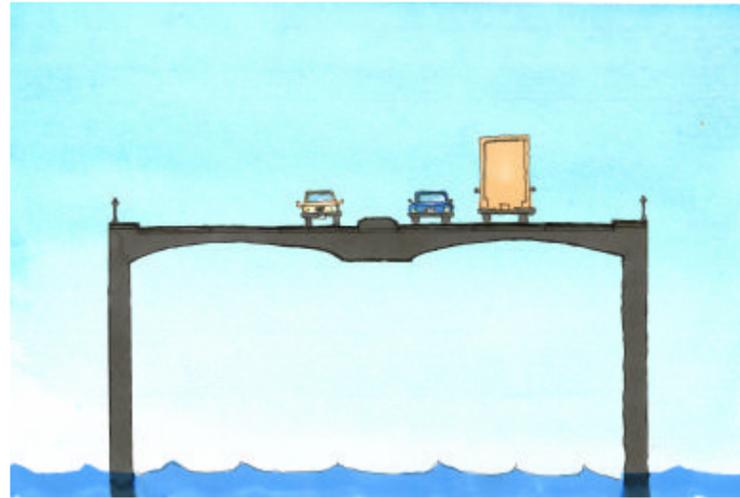


Proposed industrial park along Saint Julian Creek



TYPICAL STREET Proposed street improvements and rear road plan for development along South Military Highway

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GILMERTON BRIDGE The Plan recommends maintaining pedestrian and bicycle facilities across the new bridge, even when the bridge is increased to six lanes.

