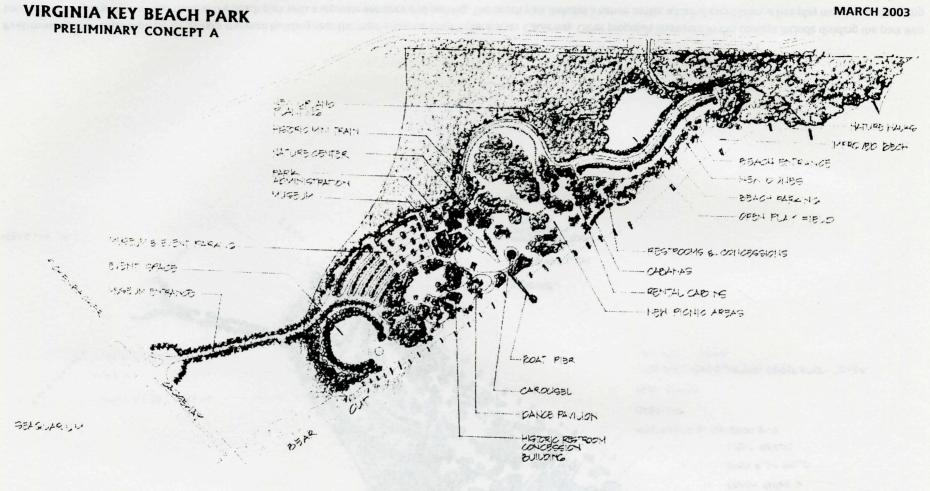
## **PUBLIC PLANNING PROCESS**

Beginning in the fall of 2003, the Virginia Key Beach Park Trust held a series of public planning sessions that explored the range of options available for the future development of the park. Site plan concepts were examined and refined as alternative site plans. The public input during these sessions guided the development of the Virginia Key Beach Park Master Plan. The conceptual alternatives that were presented to the public follow:

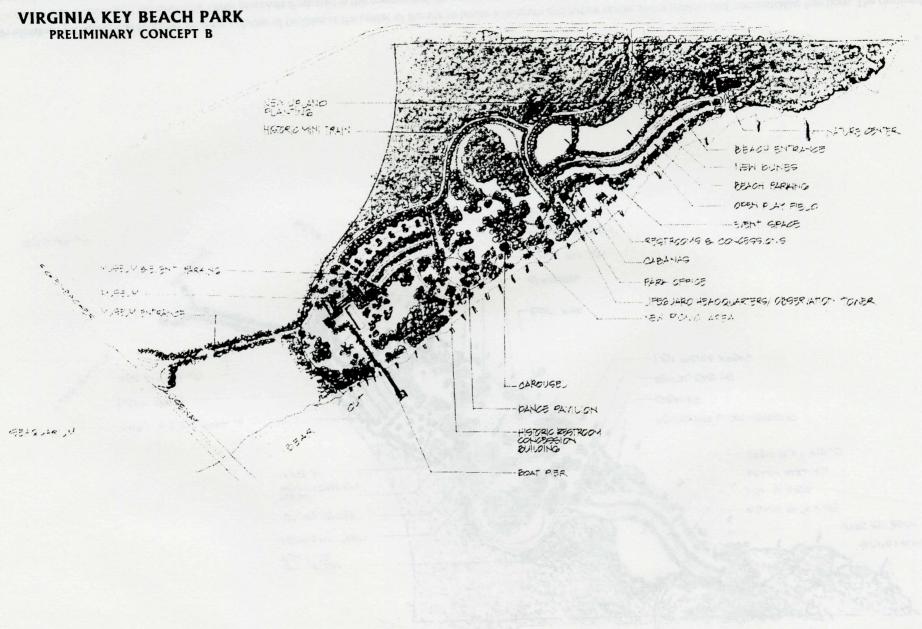
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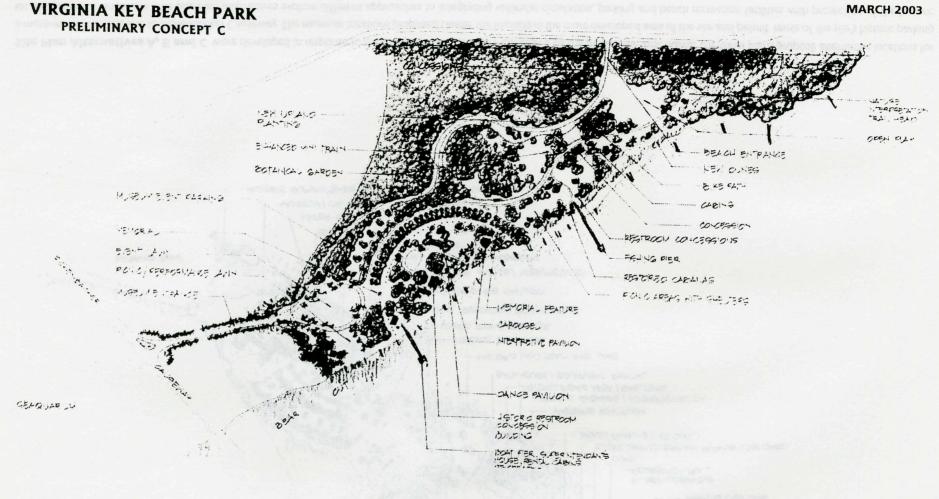




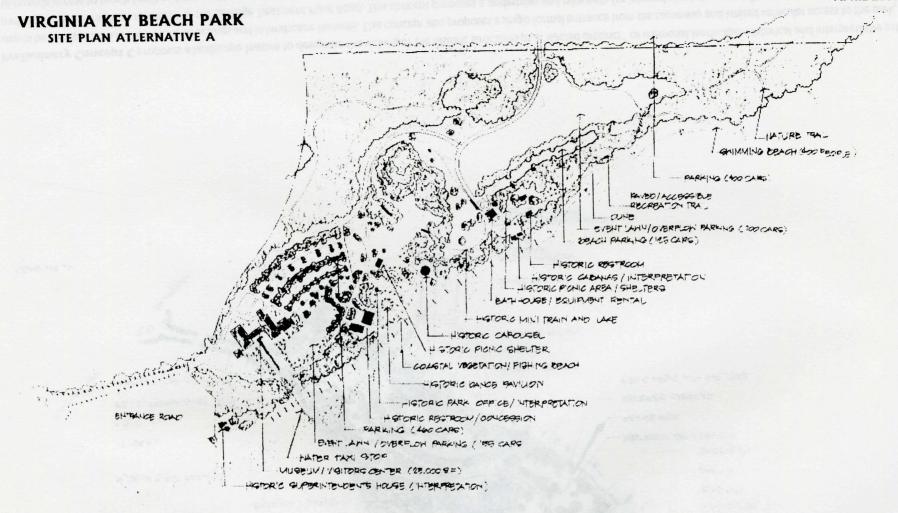
Preliminary Concept A proposes locating a cluster of facilities at the center of the site to house a museum and nature center, visitor services and administrative functions. The clustered facilties could be developed incrementally. Other proposals illustrated in this concept include a main entrance from the causeway and a second entrance and additional beach parking near the beach facilities. Beach facilities in this concept include a cluster of rental cabins, a lifeguard tower and beach cabanas and a formal event lawn located at the water's edge near the main



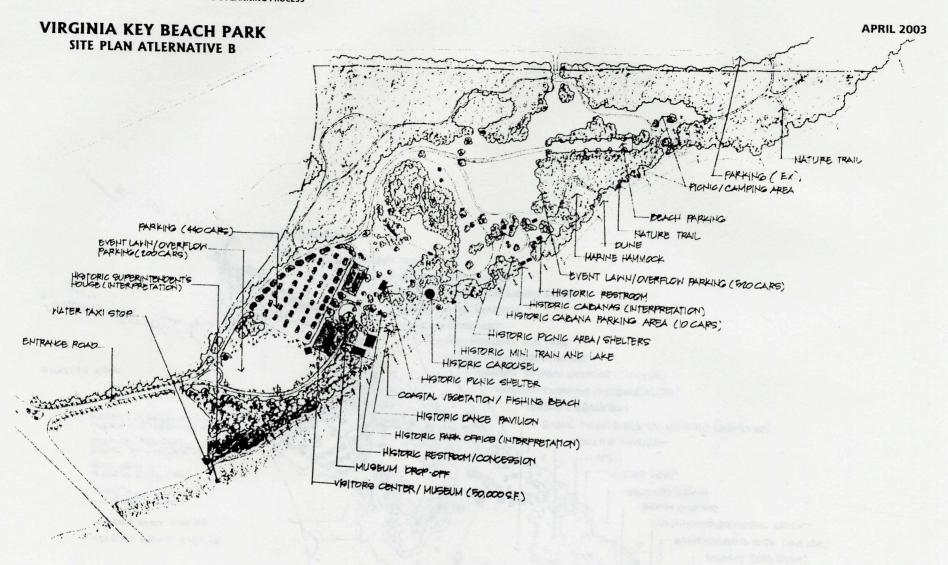
**Preliminary Concept B** proposes a major museum building near the main entrance from Rickenbacker Causeway. Other proposals illustrated in this concept include dividing the park into two distinct components: a museum site and a beach park with a separate entrance and parking. The beach park includes a nature center, a formal event lawn, a free play meadow and parking located parallel to the beach.



Preliminary Concept C proposes a landscape feature to designate the vicinity of the historic structures as a "sacred precinct" or memorial landscape. Historical and interpretative exhibits would be incorporated in the historic structures and in landscape features. This concept also proposes a single formal entrance from the causeway and limited vehicular access to the park, with parking for beach facilities restricted to the Sewage Treatment Plant Road. This concept proposes a pedestrian and bike path for internal circulation as well as an extended mini-train feature to provide access to beach facilities from parking and transit points. Beach facilities proposed in the concept include cabanas to support recreation programs, a fishing pier in addition to the 52



**Site Plan Alternatives A, B and C** were developed in response to endorsement of Preliminary Concept B by the public and Trust board. The three plans propose alternative locations for a museum with a close link to Rickenbacker Causeway. The museum locations proposed cluster site impacts in the more developed area of the site and permit reuse of the site's historic parking lot and entrance landscape. The Site Plan alternatives explore different approaches to integrating vehicular circulation, parking and beach recreation facilities with protection of the historic landscape setting and coordination with the US Army Corps of Engineers planned ecosystem restoration.





The Preliminary Master Plan refines Site Plan Alternative A and incorporates elements of Preliminary Concept C. The museum concept is extended to incorporate the entire site, with preservation of all historic features and limited introduction of new features. Public concessus formed around the protection of the natural environment as the site's primary requirement with restoration of historic features such as the sand esplanade, coconut grove and picnic facilities adapted to the requirements for natural resource protection. The restoration of the historic water linkages to the site was omitted from the plan in order to protect the critical wildlife habitat of the offshore seagrass beds. The parking lot was retained as a significant historic feature and adapted to function with less impact on the environment. The museum site was oriented to the direction of the rising sun to provide an opportunity for a significant memorial feature focused on the Altantic Ocean and scaled to serve as a cultural center and focal point within the context of the site

