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Pending Virginia Place Name Proposal before the Domestic Names Committee, USBGN

Kona Inlet: bay; approx. 0.2 mi. long, 0.2. mi. wide; in the City of Virginia Beach, on the North Bay side of Sand Ridge, 1.1. mi. E of Porpoise Point; the name refers to the feature's location on the leeward side of Sand Ridge; City of Virginia Beach, Virginia; 36°42'16"N, 75°55'54"W; USGS map – North Bay 1:24,000.

36.70437, -75.9317

Proposal: new name for an unnamed feature

Map: USGS North Bay 1:24,000

Administrative area: None

Previous BGN Action: None

Names associated with feature:

GNIS: No record

Local Usage: None found

Published: None found

Case Summary: This proposal is to apply the new name Kona Inlet to a small T-shaped inlet located on the North Bay side of Sand Ridge in the City of Virginia Beach. The inlet extends approximately 0.2 miles inland and is 0.2 miles long at the head of the “T.” The proponent, a local resident, states “Kona is a synonym for leeward and we would like to use the term in recognition of the history of the beautiful habitat. This area is extremely popular and frequented by the public because of the beautiful nature that can be seen in the inlet. The wind-worn group of trees that allowed for the land to develop are deeply angled and iconic.” Furthermore, “The name appeals to the ‘beach’ aesthetic that is popular in the area. We feel it will contribute to the bustling beach destination’s aesthetic (i.e. palm trees, tropical things, surfing, etc.), while nodding to the rich natural history of the area.”

Historical nautical charts of the area show numerous small inlets along the shoreline but none were well-defined until the area became developed over the past few decades.

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