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Members of the JCC Board of Supervisors, Planning Commission and Citizens Participation Team:

In August 2007 The James County Citizens' Coalition (J4C) began work on a study of the Cumulative Impact of Growth in the county. On October 15, 2007, the results of the first phase were published in a report and delivered to the Board of Supervisors at a public meeting. The report provided a statement of the problem, the J4C approach to addressing the problem, and a presentation of the database developed to help evaluate these cumulative impacts.

This is an update of that report. It restates and expands upon the problem statement, identifies action steps to address the problem and provides updated statistical data and sorts of the data to reinforce the recommended solutions. In preparing this report we have worked with County Staff in the Planning, Real Estate, and GIS offices.

J4C is pleased to submit this study report for consideration in the County 2008 Comprehensive Plan update. We also offer this report directly to the supervisors and planning commissioners for their review and use in decision-making on issues that come before them and the citizens of the County.

Respectfully submitted by J4C,

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