

April 8, 2009

Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee
James City County
101 Mounts Bay Road
Williamsburg, VA 23185

Dear Committee Members:

The J4C is pleased to present you with the attached recommendations, and request that they be included in the current revision of the Comprehensive Plan. We have already submitted three essential principles that we believe should guide the entire revision process, but these specific recommendations are intended to survive that process and become embedded in county policies and ordinances. Together they are meant to meet Virginia Tech's "call for action on growth management." The recommendations are listed in sections corresponding to the sections of the Plan, although we have addressed only those sections where we believe that we have something constructive to add.

Although the recommendations necessarily reflect the values of our organization, they also reflect the goals and values of the broad community as they are defined in the 2003 Comprehensive Plan, in the recent CPT survey results and community input, on the front page of the county's web site, in the vision and goals of several county departments, in several county-sponsored studies, in letters to the press, in the Business Climate Task Force (BCTF) report, in the Chesapeake Bay Act, in the county Watershed Management Reports and from numerous other sources. Many of the recommendations have been culled from reports and position statements made by the J4C over the past several years, but many were borrowed from other sources, including the BCTF report of 2008, from various county and state officials (including some Steering Committee members) and staff members, from ideas generated in J4C forums, and from other jurisdictions.

J4C would like once again to thank the members of this committee for your work on this important project. Trying to keep pace with your workload has been a challenge.

Sincerely,

Jack Haldeman, for the J4C Board of Directors and Executive Committee