

Comprehensive Plan Environmental section comments

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Dear Ms. Probst and Planners

Thank you for your efforts on the Environment GSA's and all subsections. While I am pleased with many of the inclusions requested by citizens in the Environment GSA's, I am troubled by the omission of Goal 7 in the 2003 plan. It states "*Continue to create a more sustainable community by linking environmental, social, and economic goals...*" Perhaps this goal is awkwardly worded. However, our 2008 plan is entitled: "**Historic Past /Sustainable Future**" and yet words "sustainable" or "sustainability" are not found once in the entire GSA report on Environment. Will this concept be covered in other plan sections? It seems incomprehensible to me that we would not address it directly somewhere. Could you steer me in the right direction re: sustainability?

Thanks in advance.

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President

Friends of Powhatan Creek Watershed

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Could the Committee clarify the points below?

Environment:2.2.1- Locate and provide new public shoreline and water access opportunities using bathymetric and flushing rate data.

Since the County purchased the 198 acres from Vermillion which includes substantial beaches on the James River and Chichahominy River as well as the Jamestown Yacht Basin on Powhatan Creek (plans call for 200 boat slips), I wondered about the need to disturb even more shoreline when the Shaping Our Shores Master Plan is incredibly comprehensive and citizen-driven and will provide a plethora of water access for our citizens. The final report is due out in December. Don't we need to evaluate how these projects meet citizens' needs before we plan for even more? Perhaps rewording this item to include the Shaping Our Shores Master Plan would be more appropriate. It is a fabulous plan and will provide incredible water resources for all of us. Stephanie Luton is the County's project manager.

There seems to be a bit of confusion re: the Powhatan Creek Watershed Management Plan and I'd like to clear up any misunderstandings. On October 10, 2006 the BOS formally adopted all 24 priorities of the Powhatan Creek Watershed Management Plan. Priority 2, Priority 3 and Priority 4 which were not part of the original 2002 "conceptual plan vote", are now included with rewording. Seems like I keep hearing voices to the contrary.

Also, will the Cool Climate Resolution adopted by the BOS on Sept 25, 2007 go into the Environmental section or another section?

I'll email this note to those folks whose email addresses I currently have and ask that you share this information with the remainder of the Steering Committee. Thanks to you and all SC members for the great job on this Comp Plan. [REDACTED]