

Williamsburg Land Conservancy
Presentation to
James City County
Citizen Participation Team
July 31, 2008

- Williamsburg Land Conservancy**
- Agenda**
- Brief intro of WLC
 - Governor’s Land Archaeological District (GLAD)
 - Conservation Tools

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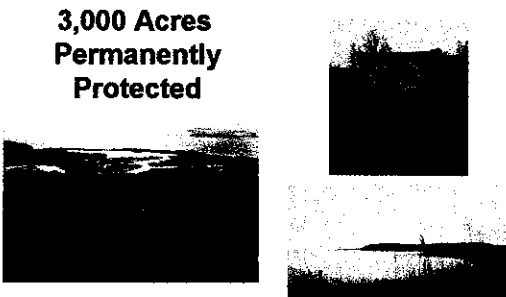
Mission

To protect and preserve significant natural, scenic, agricultural and historic land in the James and York Rivers watersheds.

- Williamsburg Land Conservancy**
- Key Areas of Focus**
- Land Protection
 - Bringing people together to reach consensus
 - Working with local government, community alliances and groups
 - Education and public outreach
 - Raising the necessary funding to carry out our mission

Williamsburg Land Conservancy

3,000 Acres Permanently Protected





**Governor's Land
Archaeological District**

- Natural
- Scenic
- Agricultural
- Historic



As an Official District



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2003 Comprehensive Plan
Community Character**

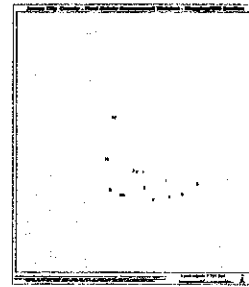
"The character of James City County is associated with the numerous known and unknown archaeological and historic sites."



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Land Use**

"Places of special historical or archaeological significance should be preserved during the development of a particular site."

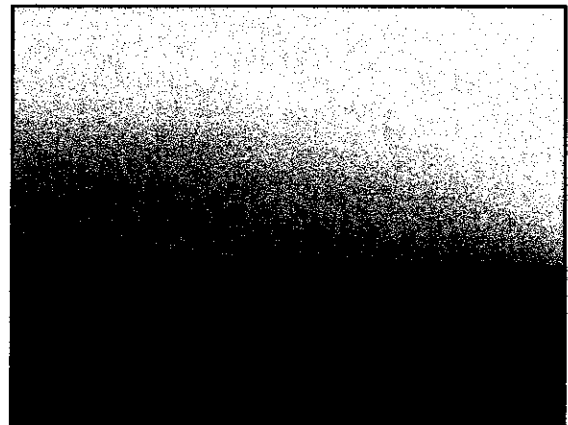
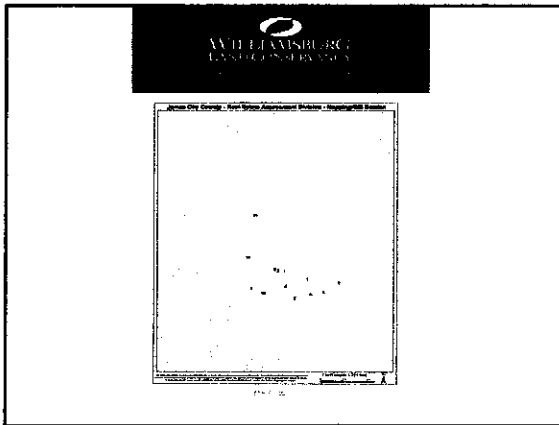
Governor's Land Archaeological Sites




**Jamestown Campground
and Yacht Basin**

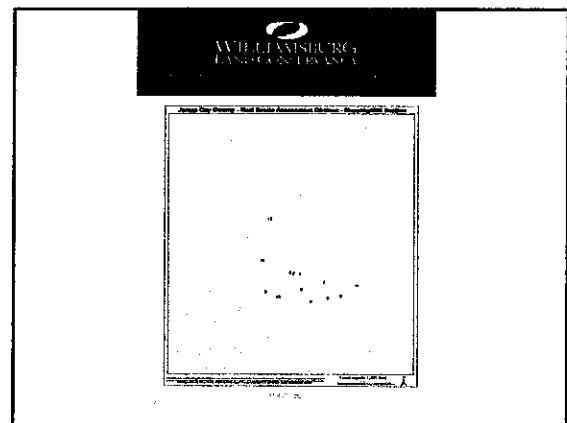
- Botanical Garden
- Eco Discovery Park
- Economic uses consistent with maintaining the character and historic nature of the surrounding land






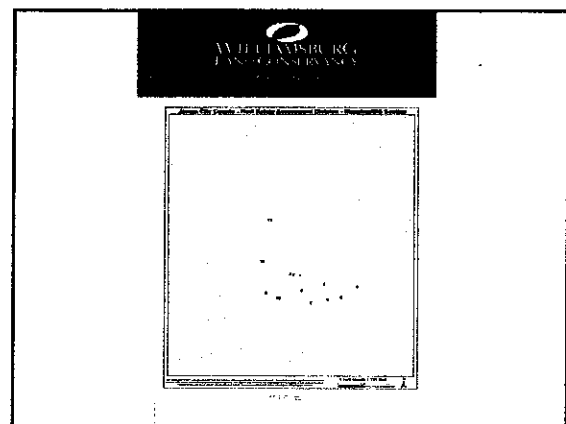

Mainland Farm

- Needs to be permanently protected from future development
 - Continued uses for agricultural and appropriate use of land




GLAD Historic and Scenic Preservation

- Portion of "Greate Road" (1607)
- William Drummond house site (c. 1648-1820)
- Battle of Green Spring engagement site and location of the Harris Plantation



GLAD Historic Preservation

- Site of a 1683 home site
- Portion of the Ambler Plantation
(c.1750-1800)

Conservation Tools

- Purchase of Development Rights
(PDR)
- Greenspace Acquisition
- Greenway Master Plan
- Transfer of Development Rights
(TDR)

Vision For Our Future **2003 Comprehensive Plan** **Community Character Goal**

"Enhance and preserve the County's scenic, cultural, rural, farm, forestal, natural, and historic resources as being essential to the County's rural and historic character, economic vitality, and overall quality of life."

Vision For Our Future **2003 Comprehensive Plan** **Land Use Actions**

"Encourage conservation easements and the use of land trusts to facilitate open space preservation. Support funding for programs such as the Purchase of Development Rights (PDR) program, the greenspace fund, and the Greenway Master Plan as a complement to private section actions."

Vision For Our Future **2003 Comprehensive Plan** **Community Character Actions**

"Continue to fund the Purchase of Development Rights (PDR) program and encourage participation by landowners."

Vision For Our Future **2003 Comprehensive Plan** **Parks and Recreation Actions**

"Coordinate Purchase of Development Rights, greenway, open space, community character and environmental protection programs to maximize utility of shared resources, funding, and criteria necessary for site selection and land protection."

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PDR and Greenspace Acquisition

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Preserving Our Land, Vision & Legacy

**Land Conservation Bond Issue
Passes by 78% to 22%!**

Passage of this bond issue will result in a greener, more livable James City County for all the decades to come.

The Williamsburg Land Conservancy thanks all the voters of James City County.

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**Purchase of Development Rights
(PDR)**

- Continue to work aggressively and collaboratively to protect land now!
 - If PDR doesn't work for landowner, get WLC involved

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Community Character Actions**

"Continue to fund the Capital Improvements Program (CIP) Greenspace Fund to acquire valuable open space lands."

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Greenspace Acquisition

- Use CIP dollars and bond money to ensure that valuable open space and environmentally sensitive land does not get developed.

"Buy land. They ain't making any more of the stuff."

Will Rogers

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Mention of Greenway Master Plan and promotion of pedestrian and bike linkages in following sections:

- Parks and Recreation Actions (2)
- Community Character Actions
- Land Use Strategies

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Greenway Master Plan

- Place a higher level of importance on implementing the plan
 - Land protection opportunities
 - Quality of life
 - Overall health benefit



**Transfer of Development Rights
(TDR)**

- Study the feasibility of implementing TDR as a way for landowners to be compensated for giving up development rights on environmentally sensitive land, while at the same time directing growth away from these important areas!



**Vision For Our Future
2003 Comprehensive Plan
Vision Statement**

"We also recognize the importance of preserving the green spaces and wetlands that lend their beauty to our County. James City County will cooperate with private conservancies and landowners to protect these spaces."



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Parks and Recreation Actions**

"Participate in efforts with land conservation organizations to partner open space protection and acquisition strategies."



**Vision For Our Future
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Environment Goal**

"Continue to protect and conserve the County's natural resources and environmentally sensitive land for the use and enjoyment of future generations."