

## Comments Received- Community Conversation

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### **James River Elementary School Group 1**

1. a. *Think about how James City County has developed or grown since you have been here. How have these changes affected your daily life, both positively and negatively?*

More diverse economy  
Expensive housing  
New schools and businesses  
Improved efficient transportation – public transit, side walks, etc.  
Can shop locally  
Ordinance in JCC similar to York County for bike lanes  
The need to investigate ordinance to allow electric vehicles  
More public parks & bikeways

- b. *Assuming some growth is inevitable, in which areas would you like to see growth occur (i.e. residential, commercial, industrial...); where would you like to see it go, and at what pace?*

Ensure enough transition between industrial and residential  
Be aware economy may dictate speed of growth – need for flexibility  
Not supportive of fast growth if the outcome is a New Town  
Look at redevelopment before new development  
Work toward a more “balanced” economy – scope

2. *What would you change about James City County if you could?*

Balanced economy  
Workforce housing  
More programs for affordable housing  
Increased rental opps (W & M Students)  
Encourage industries other than retail  
Employment with higher wages  
Hospital back in Williamsburg/James City County  
More diverse industry to compliment tourism  
Target type of industry we want to recruit  
Subsidize housing for students  
Jobs that would keep students here  
More opps to get to places without getting in car  
Widen roads; improve transportation, side walks that connect everything  
Opportunities for small business owners (more business friendly)  
Electric vehicles  
New neighborhoods connect to existing neighborhoods without getting on the road

Burying power lines

3. a. *What are your top three examples of what makes James City County a desirable place to live and work and why?*

Pretty

Weather

Well integrated transitional (limited business/residential)

School system, low crime rate, shopping

Proximity to historical locations

Mix of suburban and rural

Halfway between Richmond/Norfolk

Quality of life

Geographical location

Still have "home town" feeling

- b. *What do other localities do that you would like to see James City County do and why?*

Ordinance that requires new development (requires bike lanes, sidewalks) York county bikeways

Water access – restaurant, shopping, etc.

Broadband infrastructures (wire community)

No clear cutting allowed in development

Underground power lines

Streamline business process (improve business friendly actions)

Activities, teen club, alcohol free space for teenagers

Keep water access at Jamestown Beach Campground and Yacht Basin and keep this property

Cross walks and handicap curbs near Target

Restoration when clear cutting occurs

4. *What are important features (such as clean industry, living wages, and shopping opportunities) you would like to see in the business and industries the County attracts?*

Mixed use

Increase in advanced medical services

Encourage higher paying jobs in the county

"Go Green"

Diversity of housing to include the disabled

Workforce development (training) jobs without college degree

Capitalize on new medical technology – research facilities, drug companies

Attracting businesses that can leverage resources from the college

Leverage the expertise that we have here (antiques) CW

Support job development – CW, NASA, Jefferson Lab, etc.

Internet café for teens

Mixed income housing

All new development – minimize light pollution

5. *What do you want James City County's legacy to be for future generations?*

Landowners have rights

Affordable place to live

Conservators of the history

Keep the county green  
Balanced sustainable economy  
Educationally/Socially/Economically sound  
Conserving parks and public areas, bike ways