

## Comments Received- Community Conversation

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### Stonehouse Music Room

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?*

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Better medical facilities

Improved shopping choices

Running out of water

More traffic and stoplights

Empty stores but building new stores with increased vacancies

Lots of new residents, increased population

Need increased medical facilities

Lots already approved residential development

Plan further out – maybe 25 years to protect land and water resources

Development impact on open space

How to protect open space

- 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?*

Community enterprise that serves Stonehouse – need to stay in Stonehouse

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

How to deal with impact of over 65 population – healthcare, homecare, recreation – Need to be supplement of it own IA comp plan

Better public transportation – more often running, affordable

Affordable housing for young families

More green space and preservation of water resources

More locally based business

Widen 64

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

William & Mary

Colonial Williamsburg

Airports  
Close to beach and mountains  
Moderate climate  
Still has open space  
Historical significance of the area

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

Good plan for land use – 25 year  
Strengthen and enforce code compliance in residential neighborhoods and deterioration of property and safety  
More proactive about green building development  
Stronger conservation of water resources  
Biodiesel for municipal vehicles

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

Local owned businesses with local interest in community  
Bring entire community together  
More supportive of local farm market  
Architectural control  
Support green business practices  
Native landscaping – improved landscaping “water wise” plants

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

A sense of community pride  
Maintain the historical significance of the area  
Recognized as pioneer of being “green” living county and sustainable development  
Population that is in balance of available natural resources  
People of all incomes can live and thrive