

## Comments Received- Community Conversation

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### **Warhill Group 4**

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?*

Transportation – more traffic  
Everything is more expensive  
Price of housing  
New shopping centers  
Better public facilities – schools, sports

- 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?*

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

More affordable housing  
Diversify economic base  
Railroad crossings – eliminate on grade – airport road  
Infrastructure need to keep up with growth  
More favorable climate for industry  
More neighborhood connectivity – emergency services need alternate routes/parallel with 199  
Sidewalks on Chickahominy Road/Chisel Run Road  
More bike paths +/- more on road bike paths  
More opportunities to learn industrial arts in schools

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

Climate  
Rural/small-town flavor with cultural sophistication  
Comparably less traffic  
Historical triangle  
Water resources  
Proximity to other cities  
Family  
Historic architecture  
Friendly

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

Strong schools  
Bike paths – connectivity/alternate transportation/health  
Correct JCSA bills  
Question: should there be a strong town center?  
More mixed use  
Outdoor amphitheatre  
Large seafood market/farmers market, not seasonal

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?*

High paying jobs/technical expertise/employ William & Mary Students  
Electrical assembly/jobs for high school/Associate degree  
Environmentally friendly  
Job – year round/employ locals  
Job training by employers  
Attract light industry – clean blue collar jobs  
Industries to increase tax base  
Large theatre/cultural arts center – partner with college/private  
Attract visitors from city to JCC  
Large convention center

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

Balanced urban/rural/environment community that preserves the high quality of life  
Friendly, caring place to live with healthy waterways and quality job opportunities  
A good place to live with clean/healthy waterways  
Friendly and caring, rural landscape, bike paths  
Quality job opportunities  
Low-cost county-wide internet  
Balance/smart growth/industry/commercial/residential to preserve quality of life