

**Comments to Accompany PowerPoint Presentation
to the James City County Citizens Participation Team**

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Thank you for this opportunity for the WLC to make comments on topics we believe are paramount to consider as the county produces their 2009 Comprehensive Plan. While we are delighted to share our ideas with the CPT and others here today, we hope that these comments will be passed along to the Steering Committee upon its formation and to the Board of Supervisors, as well.

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- The Conservancy stands ready to work with the county.

The quality of life we have in James City County must be maintained. Growth is inevitable. However, if we grow in the wrong places, those environmentally sensitive, natural, scenic and historic areas, the character of our community will be gone forever.

The future is now, and the decisions we make today will affect the generations to come -- our children, grandchildren, their children and so on. I know you agree.

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Preservation and progress do not have to be mutually exclusive. Conservation minded groups, and the development community -- and local government can -- and should work collaboratively to preserve the integrity of James City County. The 2004 Builders for the Bay document is one example of the kind of collaboration I am talking about -- as is the county's comprehensive plan.

What is the legacy we want to leave to future generations? While opinions may vary on the answer to the question, one thing that is for certain, it all begins with a plan.