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James City County, Williamsburg, and York County Receive Planning Award

The Virginia Chapter of the American Planning Association (APA Virginia) has recognized James City County, the City of Williamsburg, and York County with an outstanding planning project award for 2014. The award is in recognition of the **Historic Triangle Coordinated Comprehensive Plan Review** – a collaborative effort on the part of the three localities to coordinate the timing of their comprehensive plan reviews as a means of fostering joint discussion and consideration of land use, transportation, housing, and other planning issues that cross the jurisdictional boundaries of the Historic Triangle. The comprehensive plan is the long-range plan for the locality's physical development and is used to evaluate development proposals and guide local decisions.

The award was presented July 22nd at the APA Virginia Annual Conference at Wintergreen. Members of the three planning staffs accepted the award on behalf of their respective localities: Tammy Rosario, James City County; Rodney Rhodes, City of Williamsburg; and Tim Cross, York County. In addition, York County Planner Earl Anderson received a President's Outstanding Service Award for his years of service as Vice President of Chapter Affairs for APA Virginia.

The American Planning Association is an independent, not-for-profit educational organization that provides leadership in the development of vital communities by advocating excellence in planning, promoting education and citizen empowerment, and providing the tools and support necessary to effect positive change. The mission of the Virginia chapter is to promote planning as the foundation for effectively addressing the physical, economic, and social changes taking place in Virginia.

More information about the Historic Triangle Coordinated Comprehensive Plan Review can be found at www.htplanning.org.