



**Open Forum Comments
Riverside/Busch Gardens/Marquis Community Forum
February 2, 2012 – Magruder Elementary School**

Mr. Dick Swanenburg of Chickahominy Haven (James City County) stated that the area he lives in has more in common with New Kent County. He asked why all of James City County is included in the regional analysis and noted that the northern portion of the County could be taken out of the analysis, similar to the way that the lower portion of York County is considered less a part of the Historic Triangle than the upper portion of York County.

Mr. Jack Fowler of Pineridge (James City County) stated that he had a number of concerns. These concerns included additional school children, affordable housing, the curbs and gutters along Route 60 that are full of trash, and about general maintenance of roads and grass. Mr. Fowler would like to see effort made to preserve resources and ensure a safe environment.

Mr. Keith Sadler of Toano (James City County) read text from a Republican National Committee resolution opposing the United Nations' Agenda 21. Mr. Sadler stated that he noticed certain items in the Historic Triangle Collaborative's (HTC) "Vision Project" report, such as smart growth, regional economy, environmentally friendly, greenspaces for children, and bike paths, and stated that these are from Agenda 21. He opposes those items and any statements made that there was community agreement or consensus on those items. He stated that citizens can provide their own space for their children to play and other needs without government involvement. Mr. Sadler stated that he does not support the regional comprehensive plan coordination process.

Ms. Mary Leedom of Seaford (York County) stated her concern with terms used in the HTC's "Vision Project" document, such as joint planning, shared vision, vision project, smart growth and regionalism. She asked what the HTC is, what the "Vision Project" is, and who had funded it. Specifically she asked if her tax dollars were funneled from the federal government in the form of grants designed to fulfill sustainable development obligations forced on the County by UN Agenda 21. She also asked what assurance she had that HTC is not part of Agenda 21, and wanted her Board of Supervisors to be aware of citizen concerns regarding Agenda 21.

Ms. Sue Sadler of Toano (James City County) provided a definition of the republican form of government, and expressed concern about regional collaboration because the elected bodies of York County and Williamsburg are not accountable to her. Ms. Sadler expressed concern about the American Planning Association and the Planners Network, and noted certain statements on the Planners Network website which she objected to. She stated she is against the regional collaboration process. Ms. Sadler provided a definition of socialism, and urged the localities not to proceed with this coordinated comprehensive plan review.

Mr. Jim Rice of Magruder Woods (York County) expressed concern about interruptions in electricity service, and expressed his desire to see utilities put underground to help

avoid service disruptions. He also stated that he would like to see more activities for kids, such as athletic and entertainment centers and services like the book mobile. Mr. Rice suggested the idea of allowing areas for golf carts to use the streets, even enabling access to commercial areas from neighborhoods similar to circumstances he has seen in Peachtree City, Georgia.

Mr. Joe Swanenburg of Lanexa (James City County) expressed concern about the map on the meeting handout, noting that it shows existing and planned future land use, but does not show the zoning. Mr. Swanenburg also expressed concern about the regional process, stating that he doesn't want to give power over decisions to people in other localities with no recourse.

Mr. Seth Merritt of York County stated that he would like to see greater coordination between the localities, such as investment in greenways and access to bicycle trails. He urged the localities not to overlook opportunities to invest in ways to bike and walk.