

Northeast Triangle and Surrounding Area Community Forum Questionnaire
Williamsburg Community Building – Monday, February 27, 2012

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Retaining the character of downtown Williamsburg as "not like where I came from over-
Encouraging owner-occupation of in town homes
2. What are the main economic needs and challenges facing the Historic Triangle within the next 20 years?

Increasing aging demographic - retirees
Keeping cultural income resource
Helping character while keeping up to date - not over building
finding more jobs "in the middle" - big gap between service & upper end jobs
3. What are the main transportation needs and challenges (highways, transit, rail, bikeways, sidewalks, etc.) facing the Historic Triangle within the next 20 years?

Helping tourists AND residents AND workers be able to get around without cars
Public transportation in and out of NBG - affordable and more frequent
CLOGGED main auto/truck arteries
4. When you think about public facilities (schools, fire stations, libraries, parks & recreation facilities, etc.), what do you see as the biggest needs facing the Historic Triangle over the next 20 years? *** *** ***

pretty good - need to find places for teens to hang out with thousands
must not neglect varieties of education opportunities & accessibility -
5. Other comments:

The loss of deep woods on major access roads must abate + stop. Woods provide a sense of transition - distancing NBG from the town area
Must keep infrastructure in good shape - water, electricity, transmission lines, sewer water

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Need to reuse property instead of new development. I think we need a more diverse land use - more industrial and agriculture opportunities. High density housing may not always be the best solution.
2. What are the main economic needs and challenges facing the Historic Triangle within the next 20 years?
We need to preserve private property rights. I don't think we need more residential development. I think we need more agriculture and industrial development.
3. What are the main transportation needs and challenges (highways, transit, rail, bikeways, sidewalks, etc.) facing the Historic Triangle within the next 20 years?
I would appreciate more bikeways. I see the value of light and high speed rail provided it is developed privately, and not by taking private property by the state.
4. When you think about public facilities (schools, fire stations, libraries, parks & recreation facilities, etc.), what do you see as the biggest needs facing the Historic Triangle over the next 20 years?
I think our schools need to compete with the rest of the world. Not by spending more money. By looking at year round schooling, looking at teaching foreign languages to elementary students. I believe money can be diverted to support these worthy goals.
5. Other comments:
The most important thing planners need to do is preserve private property rights. Nothing should be done to trample on anyone's rights.

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There is inadequate housing for low income families + individuals. Government should not get involved in building such housing but should encourage development by investors.
2. What are the main economic needs and challenges facing the Historic Triangle within the next 20 years?
There is a preponderance of low income and seasonal employment. More manufacturing or technology driven jobs must be developed to stabilize the economic health of the community.
3. What are the main transportation needs and challenges (highways, transit, rail, bikeways, sidewalks, etc.) facing the Historic Triangle within the next 20 years?
Bikeways are primarily recreational in function. Not the highest priority but OK to have. Highways are primarily state responsibility. Everyone knows about the congestion. It will only get worse if the zoning emphasizes more housing, and more dense housing.
4. When you think about public facilities (schools, fire stations, libraries, parks & recreation facilities, etc.), what do you see as the biggest needs facing the Historic Triangle over the next 20 years?
These needs are population driven. Build only what is necessary to meet the needs of the community but we don't need luxury or excess, top heavy stuff.
5. Other comments:

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Increasing number of seniors with increasing needs related to frailty, access, disability
2. What are the main economic needs and challenges facing the Historic Triangle within the next 20 years?
An aging population increasingly reliant on fixed income.
3. What are the main transportation needs and challenges (highways, transit, rail, bikeways, sidewalks, etc.) facing the Historic Triangle within the next 20 years?
Increasing number of seniors who cannot drive and who need access to all services.
4. When you think about public facilities (schools, fire stations, libraries, parks & recreation facilities, etc.), what do you see as the biggest needs facing the Historic Triangle over the next 20 years?
Increasing number of seniors.
5. Other comments:
The Senior Services Coalition serves seniors of York, JCC & Williamsburg. The Coalition works collaboratively with various organizations to advocate for services.

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