

Question #1: What do you like about living in the Historic Triangle?

- Small town feel; not overly populated; great library; beautiful landscape
- I like being able to freely walk into a different century – change pace from the 20th
- Abundance of green space; education level of citizens; university; historical importance; closeness to both ocean and mountains; safety
- Very livable community; university provides educational and other opportunities; very diverse and interesting background of retirees
- It can't be developed any further because as historical and tourist area, it would be destroyed. I do like the history and environmentally clean area.
- Mild weather; a well-managed city; low property taxes; access to city management; many fine restaurants
- Rural setting; low-density population; no shoddy neighborhoods; low crime; agriculture; zoned for farming and animals; no Section 8 housing
- Proximity to natural areas, parks; natural beauty
- Historical significance – Colonial Williamsburg, Yorktown/Jamestown, College of William and Mary
- Vegetative buffer along Second Street/Route 143 and behind James York Plaza shopping center and George Washington Inn/CVS – Green Soothers.
- Williamsburg – small town; beauty; history; uncrowded. Other – water; close to large urban areas (Norfolk and Richmond)
- Family-friendly; ease of travel; the layout of the City of Williamsburg; plenty of activities for the whole family
- Living in an area with great family-oriented entertainment, education options
- Plenty of open space, parks
- College of William and Mary: students, faculty, sports, arts, facilities
- THE HISTORY!
- Many cultural and entertainment venues; walkable city; city government that works; history/Colonial Williamsburg; museums
- I like the people, the amenities, and location. Enjoy the history.
- Culture – restaurants, diversity of population, arts and music
- Close to Colonial Williamsburg, College, and “downtown”
- Within walking distance of Colonial Williamsburg; responsive City of Williamsburg government; opportunity for public input; minimal traffic
- I like being able to participate in City processes as a resident – being heard, being a force for good
- Open space; good jobs; College of William and Mary; Colonial Williamsburg
- The progressive people and municipal government in the City of Williamsburg
- Diversity of population; variety of densities
- Diverse mixed-use area
- I like being in a historic neighborhood which I hope the City will help keep historic and NOT gentrified, i.e., lost.
- Minimal observable industrial development and proximity to parks, institutional land use
- Proximity to business and cultural areas; homeowners can walk or drive a short distance to fulfill daily needs.
- Access to major attractions like Jamestown, Colonial Williamsburg, Yorktown, and Busch Gardens; small town feel

- Walking to restaurants, shopping
- We need increased density in the core of the City; people want to walk to various services/restaurants
- I like the historic value of this area. I have a great sense of pride when I travel and people tell me how lucky I am to live here. I enjoy the parks, greenways, and the bicycle friendliness
- York County schools make us live where we do; beauty and community; educational opportunities – William and Mary, Thomas Nelson Community College
- The weather; Colonial Williamsburg
- I came here originally because of the rural atmosphere. With all the emphasis on commercial development and more and more housing and more dense housing it's looking more like Northern Virginia. Not good.
- Driving from the west side of Williamsburg to go to any one of four auto parts stores on the east side
- Nice historic area but layoff all historic workers for visitor information in favor of big paying board members, hence killing tourism
- I would like less government and less buying up of land by the County
- Proud of the historical development; the small town feeling; originally having the ability to own land without imposing regulations; however, these regulations have become more regulation.
- I would like to keep private property rights.
- We like having our property rights and we want to keep them.
- Freedom; property rights
- Property rights. How will the Board of Supervisors protect my property rights and avoid regionalism?!!

Question #2: What do you want the Historic Triangle to be 20 years from now? What changes would you like to see?

- I hope the area can maintain the same basic character. This is what makes this area so livable and attractive to residents and visitors alike. I would like to see more emphasis on alternate modes of transportation for our carbon footprint and our citizens' health. Also attract green industries.
- I'd like Williamsburg to remain relatively as is with a historic Colonial Williamsburg/William and Mary campus that is manageable (small school, relatively) and owner-occupied, not overly stuffed, neighborhoods.
- More "living wage" jobs; improved housing for lower income/low middle families
- Keep community feeling "town size"
- Keep its uniqueness! Livability and its cultural, educational, and history benefits. Be very careful of growth for growth's sake. Be careful of density.
- Measured economic growth in all sectors [i.e., retail, service, housing industrial(?)]; a nationally recognized area for people to visit and live in
- More self-supporting with increase in business and manufacturing, which will help increase tax base. Currently the age of residents is too old; need to bring more industry to bring younger workers other than food service.
- Would like to see more areas that are currently old strip mall retail redeveloped to functioning mixed-use, with walkable, bikeable neighborhoods and thriving businesses that serve tourists and locals.

- Redevelop older commercial areas instead of building new. Concentrate residential development so we have walkable downtowns with a critical mass of residents. Leave parks, farms.
- More re-use of property instead of new development; more industrial; less regulations; a level playing field for businesses
- Balanced development maintain vegetation, diversity, and mix of residential densities
- As shown, we have seen tremendous growth. I would like to see a plan to limit growth – a maximum vision to sustain our attractive qualities.
- Like Historic Triangle to have a broader spectrum of employment – perhaps opportunities for those growing up here to remain with a career path.
- Vibrant business community, diversifying from tourism/service economy
- Re-use close-up stores and strip malls instead of building more stores on unused or forested or farm land.
- More commercial options – coffee shops, stores – on Second Street
- Less commercial development
- More industry and therefore less reliance on tourism
- The Marquis was a poorly developed plan, so I would like to see development progress on a need of the community not a whim of the developers.
- Build historic downtown evening appeal.
- More diverse economy (but tourism and education remain central); preserve and improve single-family neighborhoods.
- Use schools more for community-based activities. Improve sidewalks to connect neighborhoods to schools (i.e., Magruder Elementary to Middletowne Farms).
- Second Street becomes a more consistent entryway to both historic Williamsburg and historic Yorktown.
- Better success in education; higher graduation rates; better job skills
- More public transportation to keep traffic at a minimum; additional recreation opportunities; a more “green” area – better recycling, etc.; more classrooms for public education
- Like to see vigorous public (train/bus) system in and beyond the area – Washington, D.C., Norfolk, Richmond.
- More sensible traffic flow (reduction of lanes on Second Street, Capitol Landing Road)
- A more walkable, bikeable area
- Would like to see a network of safe connected bike trails that would allow tourists and locals to bike between major attractions, as well as natural areas like York River State Park, New Quarter Park, James River Eco-park.
- More access for walking, biking; complete transit system that works for everyone
- In 20 years I would like to see a defined urban core in Williamsburg – more density
- Greater arts/culture; increased rail service; improved education; improved parks
- Discourage/do not allow low-income, subsidized housing. The current stock of affordable housing is adequate.
- Slow down multi-family development.
- Same rural setting; no Section 8 or low-income housing projects; small atmosphere; NO PRO SPORTS STADIUMS OR TEAMS; NO TOLL ROADS.
- Less population
- I'd like the Historic Triangle to have a pastoral feel with mature trees and forests.
- Maintain large green (11% is too little). Plan services for an aging population, housing for folks with limited finances.

- I would like to see more green – treed buffers surrounding economic development and shopping centers, expanded parks, continued cooperation between York, James City County, and Williamsburg.
- Increased public space; parks, particularly on College Creek
- College Woods becoming our Central Park!
- I would like to see more green/agricultural areas brought back. Don't feel that we need any more buildings or malls/shopping centers.
- James City County and York Supervisors to be led by the needs of the area and not by ultra-conservative right-wing political zealots. More collaboration.
- How about just one auto parts store on the west side of Williamsburg?
- Preservation of private property; more agriculture; more bike lanes; private (not public) development of mass transit
- I would like less government regulations. No 20-year plan.
- Less government-controlled land use; private ownership and private property rights protected
- I would like to see a County government who governs for the people – protecting individual rights, property. Curb unnecessary spending.
- The place of freedom it was meant to be; no sustainable development or smart growth
- More property rights. No Agenda 21! No “smart growth.” No sustainable development.
- Independence – my elected officials to push back the federal government encroachment on my constitutional rights!

Question #3: What do you like about the Northeast Triangle and Surrounding Area?

- Proximity to parks, low traffic, open space, minimal necessary development, few stop lights, openness of government staffs and citizens to cooperate for planning and common good
- Like accessibility to groceries, car/appliance dealers, parts and services stores. Need to improve motels and general condition without making it look like Gatlinburg, Tennessee, which is in immense fear of “becoming” tacky.
- Small, close communities; nearby to stores, historic area, restaurants; ability to walk and bike to areas; affordable housing
- Historical significance of area; proximity to larger cities, ocean, mountains; low stress, crime, and other social problems – quiet
- Vibrant intellectual community affording cultural, educational opportunities
- Family-friendly; lots of activities; history; beautiful scenery
- I like the green treed entrance along Route 132 to Williamsburg. I am concerned that it is designated commercial.
- I like the scenic drive from I-64 to town on Routes 143 and 132. (I don't like the additional signs that have been put up for businesses in York County.) I like the Presidents Streets neighborhood.
- It has a nice residential feel along Route 143 and Capitol Landing Road and a commercial core on Second Street. Generally, the section seems to be fairly well balanced.
- It is centrally located, close to Colonial Williamsburg, to two highway exits, Busch Gardens. It has existing neighborhoods that are safe and welcoming. It offers a range of housing from apartments on Merrimac Trail to Queens Lake. We have some great natural areas, especially around Queen's Creek. New Quarter Park is a gem. Lots of locally-owned businesses.

- I like the controlled commercial development and the very fine New Quarter Park. I also like how visitors coming off I-64 are not bombarded with commercial development and are greeted with beautiful green space.
- Open space at I-64 and Route 143 and at Routes 143 and 132 (Do not develop that interchange.)
- Colonial Parkway; New Quarter Park; York County schools; closeness to Colonial Williamsburg and William and Mary; close to shopping for food, pharmacy core for elderly neighborhood
- Colonial Williamsburg; downtown feel to Williamsburg (farmers' market, shops, restaurants)
- Low-density population! Zoned for farm use and animals; crime rate is low (in upper County); convenient to Richmond and good saltwater fishing; plenty of restaurants and education
- The country is close to being swallowed in debt. This debt will be forced onto the taxpayer. Therefore, why do we need a high-speed rail which will cost more money and force more taxes onto the Williamsburg residents? I like country and open agricultural areas. It is developed enough with shopping areas that sustain the communities.
- Overall, we have a lot of good people living here.
- The weather
- Affordable homes for middle-income workers; not overly developed yet!
- Great opportunity for infill and redevelopment; central to the entire area; rebuild neighborhood feel
- Potential with smart and creative redevelopment; location; area needs help
- Potential for positive commercial growth. CONCERN: The landfill area which the townhomes on Penniman Road is contaminated with pathogens and needs to be cleaned totally before human habitation is permitted.
- Mixed-use; residential; restaurant; public areas
- Attractive; proximity to historic area
- You haven't expressed any focus up to now. I like the fact that people are first consideration and hope this doesn't change.
- Not attractive – it looks shabby and haphazard.
- I want freedom from government-managed communities. Do not like anything about triangle.
- Do not like anything. Want less government control. Want private property rights protected, not ignored.
- I like the diversity provided by boundaries and expect York County to maintain those "PROPERTY RIGHTS."
- Need more property rights – less regulations.
- No regional authority! No Agenda 21! Our schools run by our state and localities!

Question #4: What do you want the Northeast Triangle and Surrounding Area to be 20 years from now? What changes would you like to see?

- Needs to be attractive entry way to the City of Williamsburg.
- A redeveloped area for young families; lively; sidewalks; street art; commercial businesses that serve the residents; playgrounds; dog parks; places to meet, live, learn, appreciate, build a community
- A comprehensive village of commerce, people, and services; an integral part of the social, economic, environmental, and educational environment of the Historic Triangle
- Successful businesses along corridors catering to residents and tourists

- Like to see retained small and mid-scale thriving businesses in contained areas while retaining “between” spaces of wooded or open areas but still pedestrian use.
- Series of small neighborhoods with restaurants in walking distance
- Improvement of the commercial core (the shopping centers look dated)
- Better job opportunities besides restaurant and hotel workers
- Vacant buildings and lots occupied
- Greater walkability; better landscaping; renewal of older housing stock; renewal or replacement of obsolete commercial; development with a vision in mind – unique, attractive – not everywhere U.S.
- Want to see existing neighborhoods strengthened by ensuring that surrounding commercial development maintains visual appeal and by increasing pedestrian access to the commercial corridor; sidewalks connecting all major thoroughfares so residents can safely walk to local businesses; bike paths along major thoroughfares, for commuters as well as recreational riders; bike path to New Quarter Park; redevelopment of old hotels into a connected streetscape in a mixed-use model that is low-rise, like Hilton Village
- More accessibility for commercial areas, residential areas, schools, etc. by walking and biking; uniform, cohesive, sustainable development in all three localities
- Need a downtown walk-friendly pocket grocery store that fits scale of current town.
- I would like to see more green space, bike lanes, safe pedestrian access for all citizens to enjoy... to contribute to smaller carbon footprint and over health for people and the environment. Attract more green industry. Making the area more livable will accomplish these goals.
- A park/boat landing at Capitol Landing (Queens Creek and Route 143)
- Services/housing for low-income seniors, assisted living, nursing homes; no less green space than currently; smaller government
- Green; pedestrian; open sky (limit tall buildings); moderate traffic; underground utilities
- More access – sidewalks, bike trails, public transit; development of more green space – get rid of buildings, areas that do not attract taxpaying enterprise – bulldoze it (remember minor grocery that turned into a park?) and/or bulldoze things like city garage to facilitate sale, Texaco Station
- How does an “artists’ colony” get developed? And what does it look like? Can it still be “funky”?
- Fewer people; better roads and facilities
- Less regulated; preservation of private property; more agriculture; more industrial; more re-use of existing property; more bike lanes
- Private (not public) development of mass transit options
- Do not allow low-income or subsidized housing. There is currently more than enough supply of affordable housing.
- Maintain current historical and agricultural; maintain rural atmosphere; low-density population; maintain (or improve) eminent domain; low taxes; low energy costs; fewer lawyers and politicians
- Fewer lawyers and politicians
- People should not be zoned out of their homes and neighborhoods undone by development.
- Again I would like to see a fair and balance government. This is a redundant question.
- Less government-managed communities and less waste of tax dollars; more protection of private owners’ property rights.
- Less local government regulations; ultimate allowance of personal property use determination by citizens
- A citizen or citizens to sit in on and voice on all Planning Commission sessions

- I see the area that fought and won freedom standing for our founders' principles to eliminate U.N. Agenda 21 sustainable development from our laws.
- No sustainable development/smart growth; a place of freedom; a place where people's property rights are reserved; a place not based on environmental lies.
- No Agenda 21 policies; more property rights; no smart growth, no regionalism.