

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

- Heritage; rural setting; low crime
- Nice area for raising family (not overcrowded, low crime, family values, schools)
- Lower population density than Norfolk/Virginia Beach (south side)
- The sense of community. Unfortunately, we are losing that as we become more populated/congested.
- History; great events; large open spaces (beaches, battlefield, Newport News Park, Harwoods Mill); neat shops; mild climate
- History – historical activities and sites; not too congested – yet; good access to water
- It’s historical and military-friendly.
- History; not urban; we have decent infrastructure.
- History; heritage; good schools; balance of industry and commerce; access to York River and other waterways
- Preservation of historic areas
- History; entertainment; military presence; tolerable cost of living
- Very educational for children and plenty to do when guests come to visit
- Not being crowded into a “development”! Room to garden, etc.
- Convenient to doctors, shopping, hospitals, good schools
- Preserved natural areas/open space; access to water (e.g., boat ramps, etc.)
- Water access
- Interesting mix of people; ability to get around – roads; lots of services available
- I like the rural country atmosphere; small farms and spread-out homesteads.
- Low taxes; no public transportation
- Life is great. Let’s keep things the way they are.
- Less government intervention; no more public transportation than already exists!
- Conservative, unintrusive government steeped in history.
- People died here for my right to life, liberty, and pursuit of property.
- Leave York County as is! Too many town centers.
- York County starting to look like intercity projects. Leave my property rights alone.
- Do not like my property rights being downgraded and taken away with more restrictions.
- I like my “property rights”; historical uniqueness
- I don’t like what is coming. Protect my property!
- We want a place of continued freedom – not more government control.
- Common sense approach to development – not using Agenda 21; using supply and demand
- We would like our elected officials in York County to do their job – not staff, not James City County, not Williamsburg.
- I like York County and want to be separated from James City County and Williamsburg for any zoning rules.
- We don’t want common pages in our 3 comprehensive plans.
- No like or shared pages in our comprehensive plan

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

- Controlled growth supported by adequate roads, utilities, and all amenities that are compatible with a hospitable lifestyle.

- More commercial nodes, less strip commercial. Continue access to water. Maintain individual rights to waterfront. More access for locals in relationship to tourists.
- I would like to still see a community – people who know people and care about people, not just people who exist behind their front door because we create a metropolis of fast-paced development and indifference to impact of decisions on infrastructure, education, business...
- I would prefer we stop building up and out. All the empty homes and apartments and still we build more. Also, the traffic will only get worse if we actually fill all these spaces.
- Still celebrate history; continue to have adequate infrastructure; more/better business/commercial atmosphere
- Another road/roads for Gloucester traffic; more lanes and roads to cross over from Newport News to York County; better training in schools for the job world
- Transportation within the areas coordinated; multi-use developments can only be reached via auto.
- Better traffic management
- Solid industrial base without loss of green space; bike paths and alternate forms of transportation; interconnected communities
- More bicycle- and pedestrian-friendly; continue to preserve open space.
- No changes (I love it!) except bike lanes and bike and walking routes (off vehicular roads)
- Growth in Yorktown Beach; bike path on Route 134
- I would like to see preservation of historical sites and rural living. Reduce high-density whenever possible.
- More support for the aging population based on ability to pay (or not)
- The same as now – no changes
- Would like it to be more supportive of local food production.
- A more realistic view than 20 years – at best a decade. Keep the Historic Sacred Land of our Founding Fathers.
- Less development; more rural land; less management by Planning Commission!
- More liberty; less property rights restrictions; better traffic flow; more friendly to business
- Change nothing!! Cheaper gas, less government.
- Fewer regulations; more business; reasonably low taxes
- I want York County to stand out on its own. Less government – NEW ELECTED OFFICIALS
- More people who can take care of themselves
- Less County intervention in private property rights
- We want private property rights preserved.
- More freedom; less regulation. Not a homeowners association!!
- Leave private property rights alone. Less empty existing storefronts – stop building more.
- Restoration of private property rights; no more government grants for “sustainable” development – that is someone else’s money.
- We do not want sustainable development, smart growth, or other similar programs in our counties.
- Zoning laws reduced to one page.
- We do not want common pages in our 3 comprehensive plans.
- Independent from James City County or City of Williamsburg. Resolution to rid York County of Agenda 21

Question #3: What do you like about the Yorktown/Lower York County Area?

- It’s my home. I like the local heritage and local tradition. I grew up here.

- Good schools; maintained property values (generally); access to military installations; decent access to highways
- Rural setting; low crime; privacy; freedom
- Proximity to mall shopping, CNU theater, Norfolk Scope, Chrysler Theater, the Outer Banks, and Virginia Beach
- The convenience to beaches, mountains, D.C. area
- Like the rural setting.
- The open space, but now we are losing that. Also, a certain character that is going away.
- Sense of community; shared concerns and priorities for good education, environmental consideration, and people coming before money
- Access to water and natural areas (Rodgers Smith boat landing, Newport News Reservoir bike trails, Back Creek Park); shopping areas relatively close to residential areas
- My neighborhood and great neighbors; proximity to highways, shopping, library, concerts; great schools very important.
- I love the convenience of where we live. We are close to everything we need. We love the new sports complex and Grafton schools.
- Neighborhoods within the wetlands and conservation areas – keep the wetlands.
- It is not crowded where I am and I hope it stays that way!
- History; not urban; adequate infrastructure
- Like the rural setting of the community.
- Less traffic
- Below Harwoods Mill = less traffic and more access. Same services and quality of life with less traffic.
- Lower taxes; Yorktown fireworks; military bases
- Historic Yorktown – protect our nation’s history for the future.
- Protect small business owners; stop building huge city centers.
- Like to keep small business owners in York County, not big developers.
- Sense of community; strong national pride; belief in constitutional rights
- I like the citizen Planning Commission.
- Capitalistic development 20 years ago, based on supply and demand. Did not follow Agenda 21 theories.
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- The rural area – STOP sustainable development.

Question #4: What do you want the Yorktown/Lower York County Area to be 20 years from now? What changes would you like to see?

- Revive Route 17 – keep commercial but limit direct access (more nodes, less strips). Limit signalized intersections. Add mixed use and specialty development.
- Sidewalks, crossing lanes that would allow kids to walk to schools
- More pedestrian/bicycle access between neighborhoods and to shopping areas; more bike lanes/trails in general.
- Less siren noise (makes it feel less safe); safe bike routes; unique restaurants rather than chains; control congestion.
- Transportation; retain neighborhoods; minimal industrial growth
- Public transportation; bike paths; plenty of green space
- No higher population density; less traffic issues
- No more growth! Needs to keep the “rural” feel.

- Stop the growth!
- Keep history and adequate infrastructure; more business/commercial; find new industries.
- Still have a sense of community. I would like to see decisions being made for betterment of community, not for money for businesses who develop using loopholes (e.g., draining a watershed wetland and pushing through development to beat pending conservation laws).
- Strong property value retention; synchronized traffic lights on Highway 17
- More support of local food production; consider smaller lots as potentially productive areas; more serious conservation/protection of waterways
- More rural; more agriculture; less high-density housing
- More farmers; more local food; more local business; less medium/high density residential
- More residential oyster farms and free-range chickens
- More oyster farms
- More oyster farming to clean up waters; small business owners with right to use own property
- Keep local watermen – stop adding unfair restrictions.
- No restrictions on commerce when it does not infringe on rights of others
- Honor property rights; friendlier to business; better traffic flow
- Less land ownership by the Land Conservancy; back to private property rights; no dictation from the County on what land is to be used in what way
- No changes that infringe on property rights; nothing connected to Agenda 21 – not “smart growth”
- We want more emphasis on individual rights and freedoms as opposed to the collective and environmental regulations.
- Cheaper gas! Less regulations; smaller government.
- Less government; less development; new initiatives in Colonial National Historic Park
- The way it was 4 years ago; back to York County roots!
- We do not want common pages in our 3 comprehensive plans.
- No stack and pack; no town centers; no sustainable development