

MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 13, 2005
TO: The Board of Supervisors
FROM: Michael D. Woolson, Senior Watershed Planner, Environmental Division
SUBJECT: Builders for the Bay – James City County Roundtable

On February 10, 2004, the Board adopted a resolution that accepted grant monies from the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation for the *Builders for the Bay – James City County Roundtable*. As a result, the roundtable process was started with representatives from parties having a stake in the development process and attending a series of meetings to discuss, to debate and ultimately to arrive at consensus over each development principle.

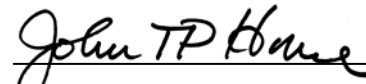
The roundtable is a coalition between the Center for Watershed Protection, the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay, the Peninsula Housing and Builders Association and James City County Development Management to promote environmentally superior building practices for new development within the Chesapeake Bay Region. The consensus document that was developed from this process, *Recommended Model Development Principles for James City County, Virginia*, outlines model development principles and associated recommendations for implementation. The model development principles are guidelines that will help to reduce the impacts of development on the receiving waters of James City County and the Chesapeake Bay.

This roundtable initiative was a direct offshoot of both the Powhatan Creek and Yarmouth Creek Watershed Management Plans (WMPs). Priorities 13 and 14 within the Powhatan Creek WMP, adopted by the Board on February 26, 2002, and Priority 10 within the Yarmouth Creek WMP, adopted by the Board on October 14, 2003, outline the use of Better Site Design to further watershed protection by allowing more environmentally sensitive development possible.

Ms. Jennifer Zielinski from the Center for Watershed Protection will be providing a short presentation that provides some highlights of this successful process. Staff will be working towards implementation of the document and some items may have to go forward to the Board for adoption.

Michael D. Woolson

CONCUR:



John T. P. Horne