

MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 24, 2006
TO: The Board of Supervisors
FROM: O. Marvin Sowers, Jr., Planning Director
SUBJECT: Comprehensive Plan Regional Coordination

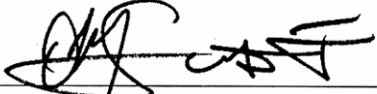
The Regional Issues Committee (RIC) has requested that the City of Williamsburg, York County, and James City County consider the attached recommendations regarding coordination of their respective Comprehensive Plans. In accordance with this request, the staff of each locality is forwarding RIC's recommendations to both their Planning Commission and elected body.

The James City County Planning Commission unanimously endorsed RIC's recommendations on September 11, 2006. On September 20, 2006, and October 12, 2006, respectively, Williamsburg's Planning Commission and City Council endorsed the Committee's recommendations. York County's Planning Commission endorsed the recommendations on October 11, 2006. Its Board of Supervisors is scheduled to consider RIC's recommendations on November 21, 2006.

The recommendations involve three general areas: timing, public discussion, and data collection. Details are provided in the attachment; however, the following is an overview of the recommendations:

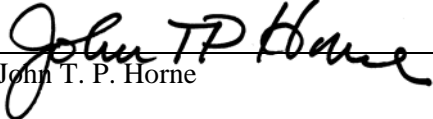
1. Timing. After the completion of the County's 2008 Comprehensive Plan update, RIC recommends that the three localities undertake a simultaneous review in 2010.
2. Public Discussions. RIC recommends that the jurisdictions sponsor a discussion forum among the three Planning Commissions in 2007 and again in conjunction with the 2010 simultaneous update.
3. Data Collection. RIC recommends that the three jurisdictions coordinate data collection for base-line studies such as transportation, population, and economy.

Staff recommends that the Board of Supervisors approve the attached resolution endorsing the recommendations of the RIC. If the Board concurs, staff will incorporate RIC's recommendations into a draft methodology for the County's 2008 Comprehensive Plan update for consideration by the Board and into a subsequent methodology for the 2010 update.



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CONCUR:



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Attachments

1. August 23, 2006, Regional Issues Committee Report
2. Resolution