

MEMORANDUM

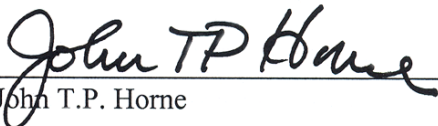
DATE: September 11, 2007
TO: The Board of Supervisors
FROM: Michael D. Woolson, Senior Watershed Planner
SUBJECT: Builders for the Bay Implementation – Better Site Design

In April 2006, select staff was directed by the Development Manager to start the implementation phase of the Builders for the Bay Initiative, *Recommended Model Development Principles for James City County, Virginia*. This initiative was a direct result of the approved Powhatan Creek Watershed Management Plan, Priorities 13 and 14; the approved Yarmouth Creek Watershed Management Plan, Priority 10; and the 2003 Comprehensive Plan, Environmental Section, Action 5. In concert with the Peninsula Housing and Builders Association, members of the design and development community were asked to participate with the County in developing the implementation measures needed to ensure that Better Site Design can be incorporated into the fabric of the community.

Attachments to this memorandum include a report on the committee's findings, *Better Site Design in James City County*, including all the appendices. Due to the volume of materials, these are provided as a reading file item now with the understanding that a work session is scheduled for September 25, 2007. The discussion at the work session will cover the major items included in the summary and can include other items in the report if desired. The material in the appendices should be considered draft and includes, among other things, some proposed ordinance changes. It is staff's desire to bring forth the proposed ordinance changes in the appendices together through both the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors process instead of individually.

Michael D. Woolson

CONCUR:


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