



# James City County's Progress Report

## Chairman's Message



**2001 Board of Supervisors members** (standing left to right): John McGlennon, Jamestown District and Board Chairman; Jay Harrison, Berkeley District; and Jim Kennedy, Stonehouse District (Seated left to right), Ron Nervitt, Powhatan District; and Bruce Goodson, Roberts District.

Over the past several years many of you have made it clear that you value efforts to improve the quality of life in our community. I am happy to report that James City County made significant progress toward that goal during the past year.

Our progress can be measured in many ways: new and improved recreation opportunities and facilities, a new fire station, better roads and more options for private car travel. Just as important, we have increased job opportunities for our citizens, and sought creative ways to support individuals and neighborhoods as they improve themselves.

We can point to significant new programs to purchase development rights as a way of preserving farms and forests in James City and of managing stormwater. We are moving forward with a program to provide for our water needs, and we are committed to providing high quality public services, support for our fine public schools, and enhancement of our cultural life.

This progress report provides some detail on our advances this year, but we continue to rely on you to provide us with guidance and feedback so that we can move our County forward together.

John J. McGlennon Chairman, James City County Board of Supervisors

## Preparing for the Future

### Towards A Safer Community

Five automated emergency defibrillator were purchased this year through grant funding for the Police. The defibrillator are placed in patrol vehicles for cardiac emergencies that may occur before Rescue Squad arrival.



A firearms simulator, Range 2000, was purchased through a County Police, Colonial Williamsburg Security and Williamsburg Police Department partnership and grant. The simulator will improve the quality of training within the three organizations.

Fire Station 5 was dedicated in May. The Station serves Route 5/Centerville Road and Greensprings, an area that has seen substantial growth.



In an effort to increase efficiency, the County Police opened an office at Fire Station 5 to complete paperwork and check records. Pictured are (left) former Master Police Officer Kenny Driscoll and Major Emmett Harmon.

A Special Report For James City County Citizens



**Students in the Citizen's Fire Academy** learn fire suppression, and search and rescue while wearing fire turnout gear and carrying Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA). The Academy is open to all County citizens.

## Preparing for the Future

### Committed to Preservation

**Stormwater Management** continues to be a County priority with the inspection and documentation of over 200 stormwater detention

facilities. After inspections and baseline data are completed, staff will have the ability to provide information on overall and specific conditions and establish an inspection program.

**Nine stormwater detention facilities** were inspected and detailed reports were developed in response to requests from homeowner associations. The reports included specific recommendations regarding maintenance plans.

**The Watershed Management Plan** is an FY 01 initiative to determine the current environmental health status of the Powhatan Creek watershed and to recommend future protection

improvements. The Center for Watershed Protection conducted two stakeholder workshops involving staff and citizens. The major components of the Plan will be a Baseline Assessment and Conservation Plan.

**Entrance corridor landscaping** continues as wildflower beds and other plantings were installed at the Route 199/Route 5 intersections and Longhill Road. The installation was completed with the assistance

**This retention pond at The Mews** is part of the Powhatan Creek Watershed

of citizen volunteers and Virginia Peninsula Regional Jail crews. The use of Regional Jail inmates for landscaping and other outdoor maintenance saved \$66,603 in tax dollars.



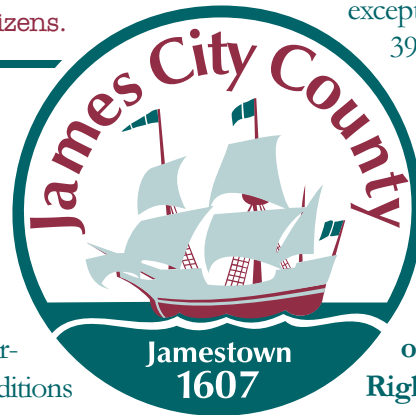
**Stormwater management** can be incorporated into landscaping to create an aesthetically pleasing stormwater detention basin, as seen on Jamestown Road.



## Public Safety calls and statistics:

Fire/EMS - responded to 5,441 emergency incidents with 3,535 patients transported to the hospital. Police - 15,970 calls for service, an increase of .5 percent over FY 00.

**Crime Statistics:** Part 1 Crimes (serious crimes) increased by 4 percent. Clearance rate (number of crimes cleared by arrest or exceptional means) was 39 percent and Clearance Rate for Crimes Against Persons, 79 percent.



**The Purchase of Development Rights (PDR)**

program provides an incentive for landowners to preserve the agricultural or forestal use of their land, allows them some immediate financial benefit, and preserves County land. The Board of Supervisors set aside \$1 million in the FY 02 County budget to fund this progressive program. James City County is one of three Virginia jurisdictions using a PDR program.



**Citizens and local farmers** attend the first PDR information meeting held at the County Library in Norge.

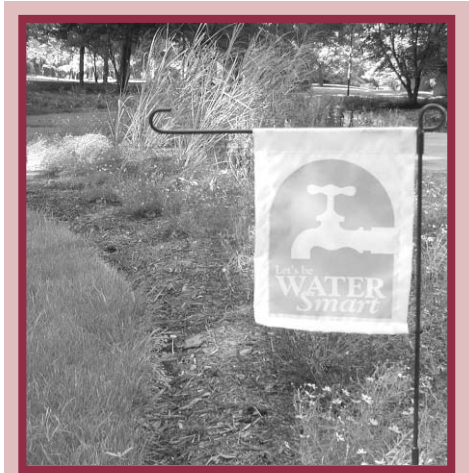
❑ **The Greenway Master Plan**, a Planning and Parks and Recreation initiative began development with a Board-appointed citizen committee. This County-wide Plan is designed to protect critical open spaces and link historic, cultural, natural, scenic, and recreational sites.

❑ **Foot and bike access paths** increased with the addition of over 7,300 linear feet of sidewalk design and construction on Jamestown and Ironbound Roads.

❑ **BayScope landscaping** was installed in front of Building E at the County Government Complex to demonstrate water conserving landscape techniques that help protect the Chesapeake Bay.

❑ **Rehabilitation** of ten existing wells has increased the James City Service Authority's (JCSA) water system permit capacity by 0.5 million gallons per day.

❑ **A Citizen-based Water Conservation Committee** is assisting the JCSA in educating County residents about water conservation



**Let's Be Water Smart**, a private-public water conservation program to encourage wise use of water, helps water customers create and maintain a quality landscape while conserving water. The program offers information and training about plants, watering and landscape designs



## Meeting the Needs of a Diverse Community

### Initiatives Making a Difference

❑ **The Family Mediation Program** began accepting referrals from Circuit Court and now serves all divorce cases where custody and visitation are undecided. In addition, a Parent Education Program was started to serve all parties before the Juvenile and Circuit Courts litigating custody or visitation. Close to 200 citizens have been served.

❑ **A New Revenue Maximization Program** resulted in a \$77,000 reimbursement from the Federal government. The Program is a statewide, voluntary initiative which allows local departments of social services to claim Federal reimbursement through the State Department of Social Services for certain programs.

❑ **A Long-Range Public Transportation Plan** for James City County was completed with assistance from a public/private sector advisory group. The Plan focuses on a seamless transportation network for citizens, students, and visitors, with phased improvements beginning in FY 02 and continuing through the hallmark year, Jamestown 2007.



**The Shopping Circulator route**, a partnership of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), James City County, and The City of Williamsburg was added to James City County Transit (JCCT) service. Stops include the Williamsburg Transportation Center, Williamsburg Shopping Center, Williamsburg Community Hospital, Williamsburg/James City Courthouse, Williamsburg Crossing, and Monticello Marketplace. Pictured above are (left to right) JCCT Administrator, Richard Drumwright; City Council Member Russell Tabb; and, BOS Chairman John McGlennon.





**Phase II of the District Park Sports Complex**, part of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan, was completed by adding two concession/restroom facilities, lighting and utility installations

## Meeting the Needs of a Diverse Community

□ A private contract with the **Penske Company** has eliminated the need to remove Transit vehicles from service during operating hours. The new evening maintenance shift improves the ability to meet FTA performance standards.

□ **The Parks and Recreation Master Plan** continues with construction of a state-of-the-art Skate Park on Longhill Road.



**The Build A Community (BAC) Program** uses a one-on-one approach to build relationships between residents living on Chickahominy and Mooretown Roads. BAC Coordinator, Katherine Tithe is picture above.

**James River Elementary students** will receive support from citizens, parents, and school staff through the Community Partnership for James River Elementary.

## Partnerships That Make a Difference Connected With Citizens

□ **Neighborhood Connections** continues its mission to empower citizens and neighborhoods. Eight new neighborhoods were connected for a total of 108 and six Neighborhood Improvement Grants awarded totaling \$3,000.

□ **Outstanding County volunteers** were recognized monthly during Board of Supervisors meetings to celebrate the International Year of Volunteers, as proclaimed by The United Nations General Assembly. The promotion provides a unique opportunity to highlight the outstanding achievements of volunteers and to encourage more people to engage in volunteer activity

□ The County website ([www.james-city.va.us](http://www.james-city.va.us)) was redesigned through a public/private mentorship. The user-friendly site offers an improved search engine that searches the site and the entire County Code. Citizen polling questions with feedback options and a monthly Spotlight section highlighting County services and people are featured as well.

□ **VirginiaNeighbors.com**, a new web site funded by a Virginia Real Estate Board grant, provides neighborhoods and homeowner associations (HOAs) access to free web pages and information. The site is a private/public partnership between Berkeley Realty Property Management, Inc., and Neighborhood Connections.



**Friends of Williamsburg Rowing** received a Parks and Recreation grant-in-aid for the new rowing program at Little Creek Reservoir Park. The Grant program increases recreational facilities, land, and opportunities for all citizens by partnering with nonprofit organizations. Five projects received \$34,400.

## Partnerships That Make a Difference

### Connected With Citizens

□ County television services initiated a new series of cable programs on County Government Channel 48 titled "County Connections" with in-depth, ongoing features on Park & Recreation facilities and the County Historical Commission. Staff produced or supported the production of 426 video programs. Contracts continue with the City of Williamsburg and W/JCC School Board to provide the live broadcast of their televised meetings.



**Neighborhood College participants** (pictured above) learn skills to enhance neighborhood communications, organization and problem solving. Nineteen College graduates represented fourteen County neighborhoods in FY 01.

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## Connected to the Hampton Roads Region

**Board of Supervisors and County staff** continue their commitment to improve services by participating in a number of regional initiatives designed to meet demands and lower costs.

- Hampton Roads Planning District
- Raw Water Study Group
- Merrimac Detention Center
- Virginia Peninsula Regional Jail
- Crossroads Group
- Jamestown Road/Route 199 Intersection Planning
- King William Reservoir

## Keeping Our Community Vital Through Business

□ The WalMart Import Distribution Center in the Roberts District opened this year. The project occupies approximately one million square feet of warehouse, and employs 250 people.

□ John Deere was honored with the 2001 Captain John Smith award that recognizes significant new business initiatives that benefit the community.

□ Tourism Investment Grants totaling \$80,000 were awarded to Golf Williamsburg, Williamsburg Hotel & Motel Association, and Busch Gardens Williamsburg/Water Country USA.



**Design Master**, a manufacturer of custom gift shop items for major museums in the United States and Europe, is building a new 40,000-square foot facility in the Stonehouse Commerce Park. Pictured above are (left to right) County Administrator, Sandy Wannner; Design Master President, Bryon Whitehurst; Company Partner, Glenn Duff; BOS Chairman, John McGlennon.

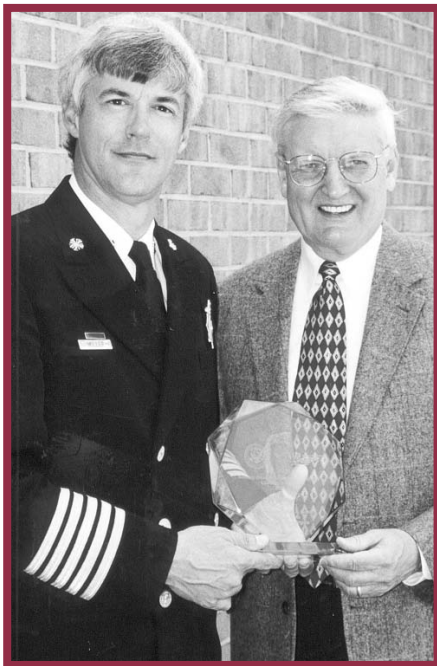


A "Best in Category" **NACo (National Association of Counties) Award** was presented to **Block Buddies: A Neighborhood Health Promoter Program** (pictured above) and the **Family Mediation Program**. Other NACo Achievement Awards included: Women of the Future, County Cable Information Message Board, Campaign Learn to Swim, Teen Tournament Program, Park-to-Park Bicycle Tour, and Electronic Form Filler.

## Recognition for Innovation and Service

County departments and programs were recognized nationally.

**Parks and Recreation** - named one of top four Parks and Recreation Programs on our population category by The National Sporting Goods Association, in cooperation with the National Recreation and Park Association.



A **NACo/Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) award for Disaster Resistant Communities** was presented to Powhatan Supervisor Ron Nervitt (pictured right). County Fire Chief Richard Miller shares the award. The Award recognizes Mr. Nervitt's support and County effort to improve emergency services and preparations in the aftermath of the 1998 Ice Storm, Hurricane Floyd and Y2K.

## Grant Money Awarded

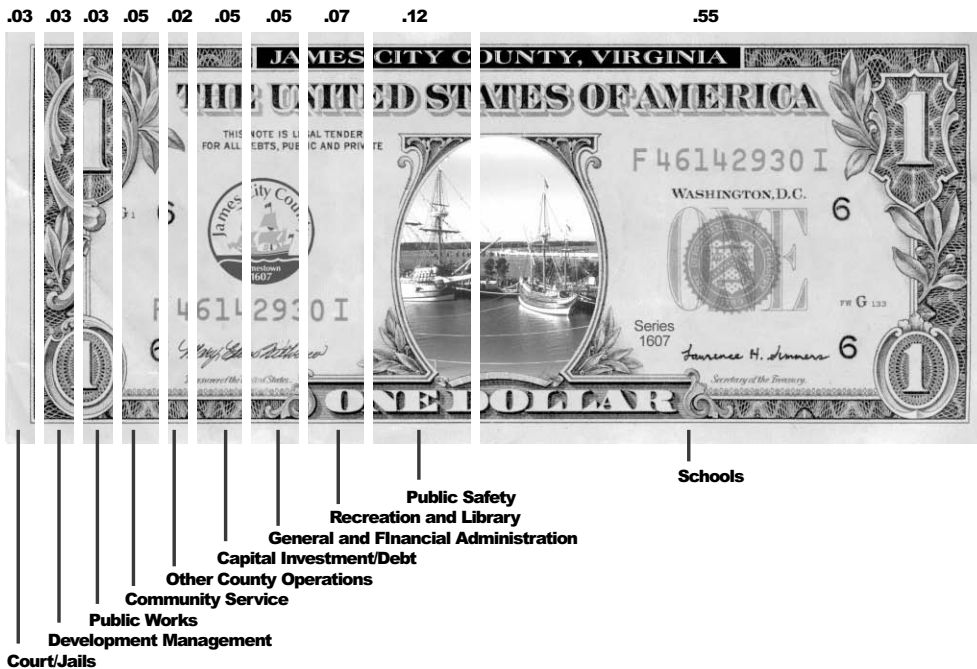
Over \$366,000 in grant money was awarded to the County in FY 01 to continue and create services for citizens. Some highlights:

- Virginia Department of Historic Resources** to conduct architectural surveys of more than 200 County historic structures.
- Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation** for a comprehensive education program to announce FY 03 transit service improvements.
- Public Safety Grants** for School Resource Officers, Automatic Emergency Difibulators, replacement ballistic vests, a Range 2000 (firearms simulator) and radar units.
- Office of Emergency Medical Services Grant** to replace an ambulance chassis.
- Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant** to support construction at Little Creek Reservoir Park.
- Virginia Recreation Trails Fund Grant** to construct a paved multi-use trail around the perimeter of Mid County Park.
- Williamsburg Kiwanis Club Matching Grant** to build a new playground at the District Park Sports Complex.
- Urban and Community Forestry Grant and Virginia Recreation Trails Fund Grant** to complete construction at the Greensprings Trail.

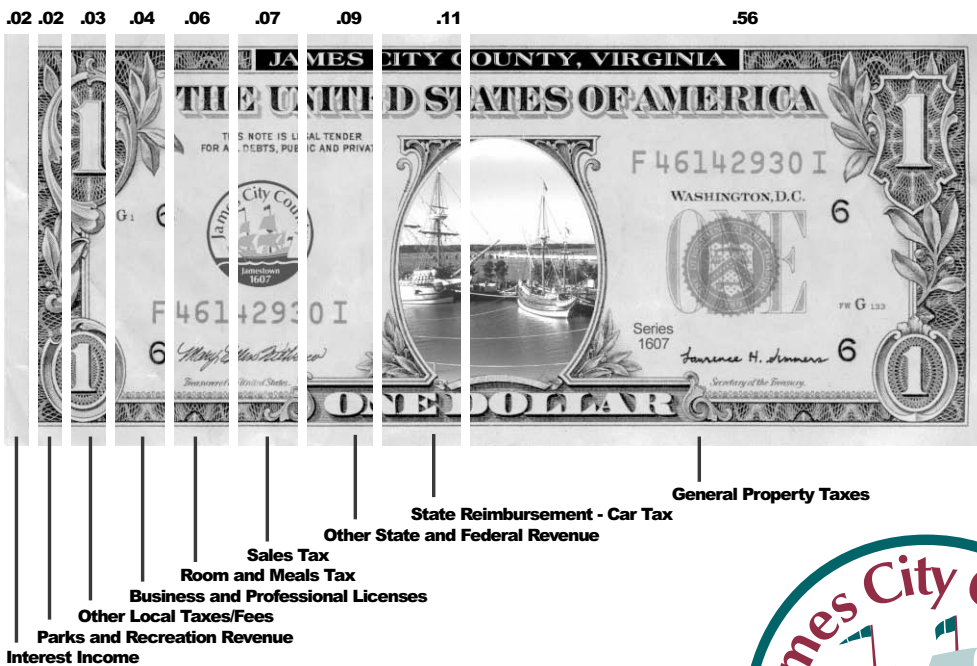
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## FY 2001 -

### How each dollar in the County is spent...



### Where each dollar in the County comes from...



## Census 2000

Census 2000 figures show that James City County is the 8th fastest growing locality in the Virginia. Our County grew by 38.3 percent since 1990.

### Census highlights include:

Population: 48,102  
 Median Age: 40.8  
 Seniors: 17 percent  
 Children under 18: 28 percent  
 The shifting population and growth will result in realigned voting districts locally. The figures also affirm the challenge of providing services to a rapidly growing community.

## James City County Strategic Management Plan

The County's Plan is the guide used to ensure the delivery of cost-effective, quality services to our citizens. The Plan is supported by a mission and four goals:

### Mission

We Work In Partnership With All Citizens To Achieve a Quality Community.

### Goals

- Balance Service Demands With Available Resources
- Enhance the Character of the Community
- Ensure Broad-Based Citizen Involvement in Decision Making
- Promote a Healthy Community



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