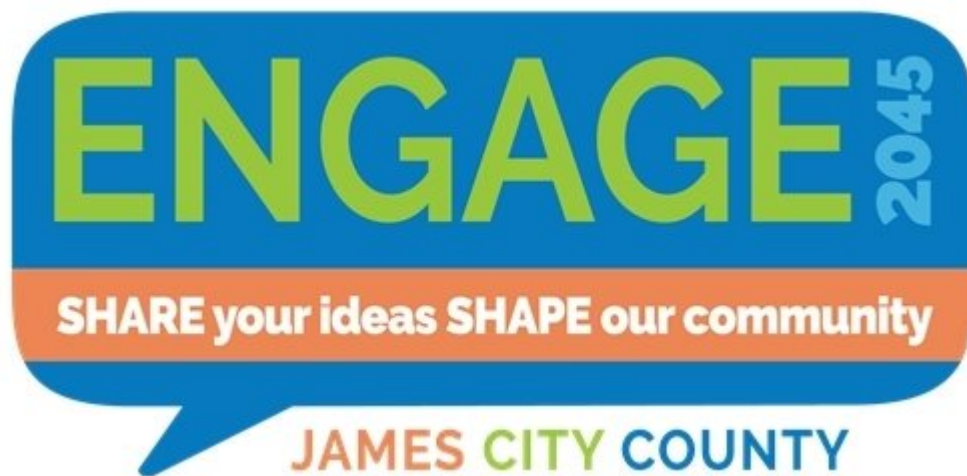


## Comprehensive Plan Update March 2020 Newsletter

*James City County has launched an ambitious effort to explore and affirm the vision for our community for the next 25 years!*



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### Postponed: Listening Forums

Through February, the Community Participation Team (CPT) invited local community organizations to participate in a Listening Forum and to provide input for the County's Comprehensive Plan update. However, due to COVID-19 concerns the Listening Forums previously scheduled for March 9 and March 23 have been postponed and will be rescheduled for a future date. Organizations are encouraged to provide input online at [jamescitycountyva.gov/3748/Listening-Forums](http://jamescitycountyva.gov/3748/Listening-Forums).

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### Summary Report of Phase 1 Public Engagement

The results are in! Thank you for participating!

This past fall's Summit on the Future and online engagement opportunities were a success with high levels of input from you and your neighbors. The Community Participation Team (CPT) and Planning Division used live polling and various station activities to understand the community's aspirations and hopes.

Several themes stood out as important to participants: **nature, community character, affordable housing, economic development, and quality of life.**

To explore these findings in depth, view the Phase 1 Summary Report [here](#).

Results of Phase 1 reinforce findings from the [2019 Citizen Survey](#) and help build a foundation of public opinion on the strengths, opportunities and concerns for the future of James City County. These results will be woven into the next phases of the Comprehensive Plan's development.

### By the Numbers: Input to Date



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### Upcoming: Land Use Application Portal

The Land Use Application portal is now open. Portals are so mysterious. What's in this one?

Land Use designations and development standards are used when the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors consider certain kind of development proposals,

such as rezoning and special use permits. The Land Use Map helps determine what kind of growth will occur in the County and where growth will occur. It helps the County make long-term decisions about infrastructure, road improvements, and public facility location.

Land Use Map designation-change applications will be accepted on the County's [PermitLink](#) site beginning on April 1 through May 31, 2020. For guidance, frequently asked questions and other resources, visit the Land Use Application portal at [jamescitycountyva.gov/3756/Land-Use-Applications](http://jamescitycountyva.gov/3756/Land-Use-Applications)

## Future: Scenario Planning

What's [next](#)? Staff and their consultants are building land use, transportation, and fiscal models to test different scenarios using input from the citizen survey, the Summit on the Future, the upcoming Listening Forums and other data.

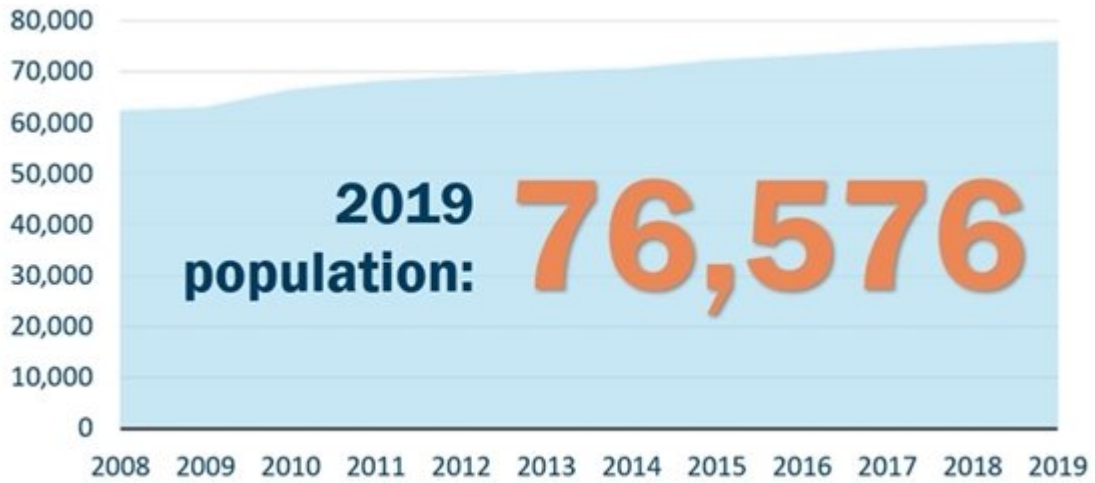
For more information on scenario planning as it comes out, visit the [Planning Commission Working Group webpage](#). We will be looking for your input on the scenarios this summer. Stay tuned!



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## Did You Know?

On average, 1,293 people move to James City County each year, and state and regional [forecasts](#) predict this trend will continue. The Comprehensive Plan analyzes the implications of this growth and sets policies to manage it in a way that best meets the vision of the community.



**104,200 pop.  
by 2040**

**Official Regional Forecast for the  
County (Hampton Roads Planning  
District Commission)**

**104,915 pop.  
by 2040**

**Official State Forecast for the  
County (Weldon Cooper Center)**

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