

## VISION MEASURES

### VISION

#### WE ARE A HISTORIC PLACE



James City County recognizes its unique historic identity as the site of the first permanent

English speaking colony in 1607, the first business enterprise and the beginning of representative government in America.

We are a community that preserves and protects its irreplaceable assets for current and future generations from around the world.

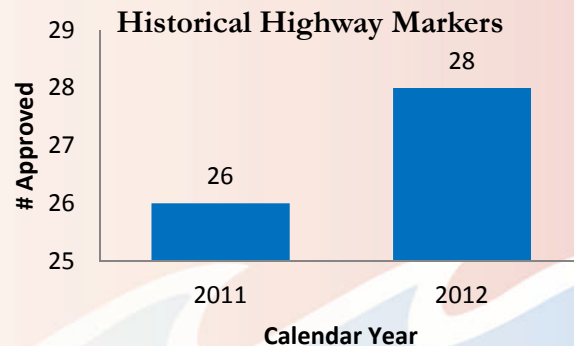
#### WE VALUE HEALTHY MINDS AND HEALTHY BODIES

James City County is a community that values and supports a high-performance education system for its children and adults as well as lifelong learning opportunities for all.



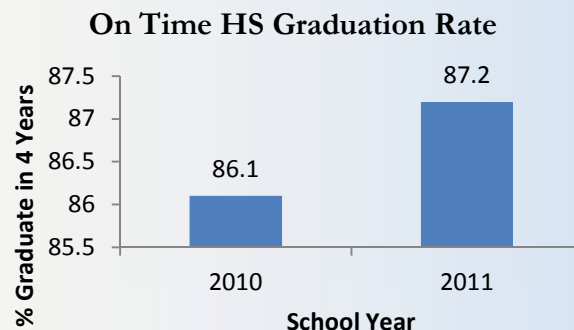
### MEASURE

As you travel throughout Virginia, you will see 2,578 Historical Highway Markers commemorating significant sites. Here in James City County, two additional sites were recently approved which brings our current total to 28.



Source: [Virginia Department of Historic Resources](#)

One Virginia Department of Education success measure is "On Time Graduation Rate" – the percentage of students who begin ninth grade together and graduate in 4 years. W-JCC Schools improved from 2010 to 2011 and is above the overall State average of 86.6%.



Source: [Virginia Department of Education](#)

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### WE VALUE HEALTHY MINDS AND HEALTHY BODIES

We have easy access to a range of quality health care and a quality park and recreation system and leisure opportunities to promote wellness.



## MEASURE

James City County is among the best based on Health Outcomes Ranking. We are ranked 7<sup>th</sup> of 132 localities in Virginia, moving up from 11<sup>th</sup> in 2010. Virginia ranks 20<sup>th</sup> among the 50 states. Rankings are based on 23 measures such as: # of reported measles, pertussis, syphilis and hepatitis A cases and # of primary care physicians.

2010 – Ranked 11<sup>th</sup>  
2011 – Ranked 7<sup>th</sup>



Source: [University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation](#)

James City County is home to 18 parks and 5 swimming pools at 3 locations. There are 39 miles of walking/biking trails and more than 2,000 leisure programs for all ages which include sports, before and after school, swimming, creative arts and fitness.

### WE HAVE A SPECIAL CHARACTER

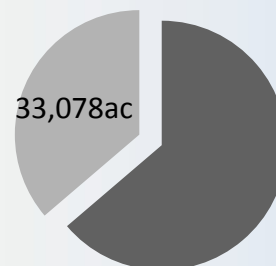
James City County is known for its beauty as reflected in open spaces, vistas and the health of its ecosystems.



Approximately 36% of the County's 90,240ac is designated as open space including:

- Greenspace Parcels owned by County - 1,005ac
- Parks (Federal, State and County owned) - 5,671ac
- Purchase of Development Rights (PPDR) - 616ac
- Easements (Greenway, Open Space, Conservation and Land Conservancy) - 4,213ac
- Resource Protection Areas (RPAs) - 21,573ac (not including water features)

### Land Acreage Designated as Open Space



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### WE HAVE A SPECIAL CHARACTER



We have a sense of community because there is a range of quality housing that is thoughtfully and logically placed and developed with sustainability in mind.



Our community feels safe in its neighborhoods, which are attractive, pleasant and welcoming places to live.



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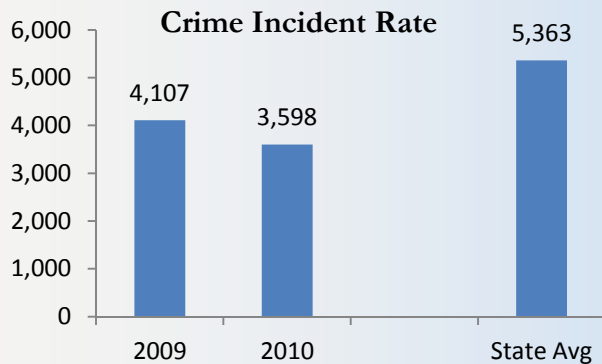
As listed below, we have a variety of single family homes including residential, agricultural and mobile homes on permanent foundation:

Assessed Value	#	%
Under \$75,000	219	1%
\$75,000-\$174,999	4,312	17%
\$175,000-\$274,999	7,734	30%
\$275,000-\$374,999	6,575	25%
\$375,000-\$474,999	3,322	13%
\$475,000-\$574,999	1,649	6%
Above \$575,000	2,149	8%
Total	25,960*	100%

\*Does not include condominiums

Source: James City County Real Estate Assessments

The 2010 crime incident rate per 100,000 population is below the state average. We've seen a decrease from 2009.



Source: [Uniform Crime Reporting Section, Department of State Police](#)

Average response time for EMS/Fire first arriving for all incidents is 5:43. Although up from 5:32 in FY2010, James City County's response time is better than the most recent NFPA Standards for Career and Volunteer Departments average of 6:00.

Source: James City County Fire Department

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Business and industry add to our character and want to locate and grow here. We are economically strong with a stable tax base and meaningful jobs.



We have a safe, efficient multimodal transportation network that is interconnected with the rest of Hampton Roads and Virginia.

### WE ARE A COMMUNITY OF CHOICE

James City County is the County of choice for people of many income levels, cultures and ethnicities.



## MEASURE

James City County's employment rate is higher than the state and national rate. For December 2011, the unemployment rate for people seeking work was:



Source: [U.S. Department of Labor](http://www.bls.gov)

James City County is a desirable place to live. In 2007, citizens participated in the ICMA National Citizen Survey. It was the first time administered and James City County ranked above the national benchmark:

- 85% rated the Overall Quality of Life as excellent or good
- 84% said they are likely to remain for next 5 years

Source: [ICMA National Citizen Survey \(2007\)](http://www.icma.org)

The 2010 Census reports that James City County's median age is 44.9 years. 51.7% of the population is female and 48.3% is male. Average household size is 2.45 people and median household income is \$73,903. A majority of citizens reported their race as white:

Race alone or in combination with one or more other races	#	%
White	55,265	82.5
Black or African American	9,616	14.4
American Indian and Alaska Native	653	1.0
Asian	2,098	3.1
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	133	0.2
Some Other Race	1,178	1.8

Source: [U.S. Census Bureau](http://www.census.gov)



## VISION

### WE HAVE FIRST-CLASS GOVERNMENT



James City County Government focuses on the needs of the community by fostering citizen participation and involvement in local government.

By maintaining a well-trained, professional and ethical staff, we continually strive to make James City County the best community to live, work and visit

## MEASURE

James City County government is well-managed. The County's debt is rated Aa1, one notch below AAA by Moody's Investors Service. Both Standard & Poor's and Fitch's Ratings have rated the County's debt at AAA, the highest rating a bond can get.

Source: James City County Financial Management Services

When asked to rate overall impression of county employees in their most recent contact, 81% of citizens rated James City County staff as good or excellent, again above the national benchmark.

Source: [ICMA National Citizen Survey \(2007\)](#)