

Outstanding Implementation

New Kent County Subdivision Ordinance

New Kent County, Virginia

About New Kent County

New Kent County is located in Central Virginia, along Interstate 64, between Richmond and Tidewater. The County encompasses 221 square miles of land and water with an estimated population of 16,852 (2006). Agriculture and forestry were once mainstays of the County economy but continue to decline.

Comprehensive Plan, Vision 2020

The New Kent County Comprehensive Plan, Vision 2020, adopted in 2003, reflects the widely-held desire of citizens to maintain the County's rural character while providing opportunities for the creation of income and wealth in the community. Among the objectives of Vision 2020 was the development of a comprehensively rewritten Subdivision Ordinance.

The Subdivision Ordinance is a further attempt to protect the rural character of the County, despite the extreme growth pressures. Unanimously adopted in 2005, the new Subdivision Ordinance has provisions for the preservation of open space through the promotion of cluster subdivisions, as



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well as requirements for recreational space. The implementation of this Ordinance has allowed for positive growth throughout the County in an attempt to prevent uncontrolled development throughout the area.

Website

<http://www.co.new-kent.va.us/planning>