

Proposed motocross in King William is not consistent with Comprehensive Plan

The State Code of Virginia requires counties to prepare and approve a 20-year Comprehensive Plan and review it every five years. Planning is the process through which a community defines its future character and quality of life. The Plan is intended to ensure that local governments give careful consideration to and provide for the future development of the county. In addition to this being a road map for developers, it is also intended to establish the expectations of citizens. Potential land owners may use this plan as a tool when making decisions on land purchases. While the Plan only spans 20 years, it does provide an idea of the future zoning of the surrounding property.

The site of the proposed motocross is currently zoned agricultural conservation. The County's 2003 Future Land Use Map, which may be found at http://www.kingwilliamcounty.us/Future_Land_Use_Map.pdf, indicates that this land will remain agricultural conservation. Furthermore, that same map shows that the site is just northwest of the area that is expected to include moderate to high density residential housing. Approving a motocross track so close to the planned moderate to high residential area of the County will result in the shifting of residential development away from the centralized area and to other areas that are planned agricultural. Rather than focusing dense residential development in close proximity to the Rt. 360 and Rt. 30 intersection, it will sprawl throughout the County consuming open space, farm property, and hunting opportunities.

The proposed motocross project is not consistent with the King William Comprehensive Plan that was developed and approved by the Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission. Why should one project derail the long-term plan of King William County? If you agree that the development of King William should occur as determined by a diligent and well executed process, then call 769-9089 to add your name to the opposition petition or to request a "No Motocross" sign for display. The development practices of King William County will be highlighted with this very visible project. Do we follow our long-term plans or do we switch gears with little thought or process for whatever comes our way?

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