

Don't let King William become a dumping ground

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I have been listening to all of the reasons why this Motocross should not be in Aylett, and they are very valid concerns. You have heard them all. But, I have yet another reason why it should not be here that we haven't addressed yet.

Before I address this issue I would like to tell you a little about myself.

I was born and raised in King William County sixty (60) years ago. I attended Hamilton-Holmes Elementary and graduated from Hamilton-Holmes High School in 1965. Went on to graduate from college, got married and left King William because of better economic opportunities. Raised a family; stayed in Maryland for 35 years until retirement in 2004. But my roots are here in King William County.

My husband and I built our dream home two years ago right here in Aylett a few miles from the proposed motocross. Upon returning here I was so surprised to see how the county had changed:

1. Diversity – Caucasians, Afro-Americans, Indians, Chinese, and Hispanic.
2. New Housing developments – Everywhere. The folks want to live here, not in King and Queen, or New Kent – but King William County.
3. New Businesses – Library, Mexican Restaurant, Chinese Restaurant, Italian Restaurant, car wash, Laundry and Dry cleaning Center, Banks, and to top that: even a Curves.

I thought about it because at the time I was here – there was not much going on in the county except going to school and church. But - with time comes change and change is good when it will help the communities grow.

Because of this motocross opposition I have seen the races come together for one goal: to keep King William County an upscale community where families (black, white, blue, or green) can fellowship together in peace and tranquility. Where folks will want to continue to build their homes and raise a family. King William County offers a new comer wholesome, family oriented activities, with businesses everyone can benefit from, backed by faith in God. We have five grandchildren (all living in Maryland) but they tell all their friends about the good times at Granna's and Pop-Pop's house.

Don't let King William County be the "dumping ground" for every developer's idea. If you allow this to happen, then the door will be open for all kinds of undesirables.

My suggestion to the Board is this: take a look at the King's Dominion area – it started out small, now look at the size of it; the State Fair ground will be coming there soon; and the proposed motocross can have a wonderful spot right there too. No homes in the area, – campgrounds already there, Enjoyment for all! **Bikes are fine—in its proper place.**

Please-- don't destroy a County that took thirty or more years to grow into this wonderful place that people of all colors now want to come and live.