

# Virginia Beach Sustainable Design Assessment Team Project

## Full-team Visit

**September 14 – 16, 2009**

The American Institute of Architects' Center for Communities by Design has selected Virginia Beach to be one of ten cities to participate in the 2009 Sustainable Design Assessment Team Program. Since its initial visit in May, the AIA has put together a specialized team of consultants from across the country to directly assist the City with the issue of sustainability. Experts in the following areas are coming for the full-team visit to help the City further its vision and offer strategies for Virginia Beach's sustainable future:

**Sustainable and Green Economic Development and Energy**

**Transportation and Complete Streets**

**Local Agriculture**

**Urban Design and Village Centers**

The AIA defines a **sustainable community** as one which meets the economic, physical, social, and environmental needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet those needs.

The City of Virginia Beach seeks to become such a community by fostering its unparalleled opportunities for alternative energy, efficient multi-modal transportation, progressive economic development, local sustainable agriculture and seafood, rich historical heritage, and local cultural identity, to name a few. This program is an exciting step towards realizing the vision of Virginia Beach as a model of comprehensive sustainability and total quality of life.

Virginia Beach Mayor William D. Sessoms, Jr. cordially invites you to participate in this program. The AIA will conduct a **Community Forum** for the team on **Monday, September 14 from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM at The Virginia Beach Convention Center**. Your participation is critical in helping the team understand the needs, challenges and ideas of our whole community.

The team will be presenting an initial outline of their recommendations at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, September 16 at the same location. Your attendance at this presentation is also strongly encouraged.

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