



The issues confronting the Richmond Region that I care the most about are...?

- Convention Center Location
- Taxes for Small Companies
- Companies that are going bankrupt
- Migration with counties/cities
- Being progressive and appealing to young people
- Roads/ Downtown and Patterson
- Being inclusive
- Jobs
- Using what we have to our advantage like the river
- Transportation
- Recreational Activities
- Major Sports Team
- Attracting Young Talent
- Counties don't communicate with the city
- Balance vs. Growing
- Trollies-
- Bad planning regulations around River Development
- Following Through with the Capital Trail and other projects
- Lack of Vision from the City
- Redevelopment and unused buildings
- Education- Leave City @ school age
- Alternative Transportation
  - o Walking Trails and high speed rail
- Proactive versus Reactive
- Too traditional
- Slow to implement Change
- Poverty
- Cultural Diversity
- Circuit City Employees
- Divide between the City/ County
- Downtown Development
- Crime Rate and Drugs
- Support of the Arts
- Historic Preservation
- Pollution from Cars
- Lack of vision
- Major Sports Team
- Bus Routes Carpool accessibility
- Social Responsibility- Giving back
- Schools
- Dog Parks
- Roads- Lighting

- Regional Cooperation
- Layoffs- Job Market
- Gentrification
- Sprawl
- Water Front Development
- Transportation
- Public Safety
- History Remembering
- Cost of Living
- Environmental
- Retail- Dispersing of resources
- Smart Growth
- Roadways
- Downtown Living- Revitalize Businesses
- Master Plan for Public Art
- Preserving Green Space
- Rooftop Gardens
- Public Parks
- Lack of Diversity
- Lack of Night Life
- Parking
- Job Market Economy
- Walkable City
- Tolls
- Smoke Free
- More Non-Stop Flights



The Things that I Enjoy Most About Living in the Richmond Region Are...?

- People are nice
- Manageable
- Seasons
- No Traffic
- Diversity
- Walk- able Communities
- Affordable
- Business Community
- History
- Small Town/ City Feel
- River
- Interstate 95 access to other cities
- Small town feel
- Independent Restaurants
- Entrepreneurial Spirit
- Entertainment/ Arts
- Parks
- Intermural Leagues
- Non- Profit Scene
- YP Groups
- 2 degrees of seperation
- Great Schools
- Restaurants
- Eclectic
- Approachable
- River- Parks
- Lack of Traffic
- QOL
- Safe
- Physically Active
- Beach Mountains
- Good Shopping
- Exceptional at Being Average
- Farmers Markets
- Good For Visitors
- Downtown scene
- Neighborhood Culture
- Mix of Businesses
- Place to Raise a Family
- Growth Opps.
- Shockoe Slip
- Live Music
- Close to Everything

- Airport
- Art Scene
- Colleges and University
- Friendly People



The Obstacles that I see Preventing Richmond from becoming a World-Class City Are...?

- Local Gov't that don't collaborate
- Limitations with Cross Promotion Support
- Process For Development, Transportation,
- Promoting Past and Future
- Promotion of Eco Friendly Initiatives and Policies
- Lack of Info- What Richmond has to offer
- Imagination/ Mindset
- Impression (Crime)
- Education System
- Fashion/ Shopping Attractions
- Segregation
- No Left or U Turns
- "A Reason to Come"
- VCU Growth Positive
- Waterfront not used
- Marketing of Cool Events
- Pedestrian Facilities
- No Big Draw
- Trolley System to Facilitate Movement
- Slow Local Government
- Competing Local Government
- Employment Opps Big Business
- RIC not a hub
- Prof Sports
- "Urbanism"
- Rising Energy Costs
- Unemployment
- Responsiveness to Citizens
- Retention Efforts
- Mindset- What is Entertainment
- Bus Services
- Higher City Taxes
- Gov't Innefective
- Resistant to Change
- Identity Problems
- Cleanliness
- Cultural Events throughout Region



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If I could Set Goals For the Richmond Region To Accomplish in the next 5 Years, they Would be...?

- Baseball Team
  - o Closer to Downtown
- Maximize James River
- Fix Roads
- Bike Paths and Travel Capabilites
- Go Green
- More Dog Parks
- Lengthen Friday Cheers
- Attract Big Biz
- Clean Up City Schools
- Revitalization
- Increase Recycling
- Attract Minor League Athletics
- Relationship (Idea Generating Events
- New Coliseum facilities
- Improve Parking
- Job Creation
- Close gap b/w vcu and mcv
- Collaborative Transportation
- Mass Transit and High Speed Rail
- Rehab Abandoned Buildings
- Mixed Use Real Estate
- Regionalization
- Farmers Markets
- Combine City of Richmond and Henrico Co as locality
- Focus Development on Broad
- Recruit Car Sharing Service/ Companies
- Focus on Carpooling
- Marina on the James
- Build up Canal Walk
- Preservation of Churchill
- More attention on homeless problem
- More nightlife opportunities
- Public space around the River



## The Most Exciting Things Happening now in the Richmond Region Are...?

- Rockett's Landing Development – Commercial on the James
- The National, Toad's Place, Carpenter, Center Stage
- Art Walk, First Fridays
- Patrick Henry Charter School
- Farmer's Markets
- Slave Trail
- Hands On GR
- Boulevard 288 Expansion
- Richmond Folk Festival, Heritage Trail
- Church Hill Development, Northside
- VCU Expansion
- Jobs
- Carytown New Years
- Strong Mayoral System
- Short Pump/ Own City
- Expansion of Airport/ Southwest?
- Strong Social Scene
- Cultural Cuisine
- First Fridays Folk Festival
- Carytown Area
- First Fridays
- Museums
- Belle Isle
- River- Tubing
- Maymont, Byrd Park
- Broad St. Revitalization
- Slave trail, Churches
- Botanical Garden
- Tacky Light Tour
- Architecture
- Bringing a new Baseball Stadium
- Local Blogs
- Whole Foods and Trader joes
- Brown Bike Trail
- Agecroft va garden
- Hollywood Cemetary
- Music venues
- Capital to Capital Trail
- Downtown Master Plan
- Movieland
- Art

- History: Layout
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