

# ISLE OF WIGHT... SUCCESS IN SITE

Companies from all over are finding success at a welcoming site - beautiful, centrally located Isle of Wight County. Here, pro-business leadership has cultivated a thriving business environment that's home to Fortune 500 companies and other major industry.

Residents of Isle of Wight and its historic communities of Windsor and Smithfield



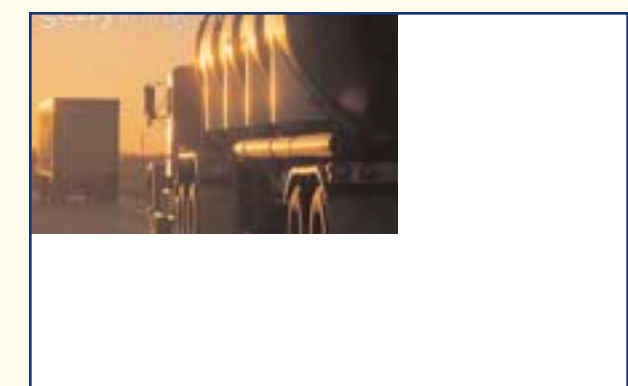
enjoy a lifestyle that's pure, hometown America. Excellent schools, safe neighborhoods and a wealth of recreational opportunities are all surrounded by rolling farmland and sparkling riverfront vistas. At a generous 320 square miles, Isle of Wight offers families and businesses plenty of room to grow.

Located in the Hampton Roads Metropolitan Statistical Area, with a regional population of more than 1.5 million, Isle of Wight draws upon a well-educated, low-cost labor force. At 750,000, Hampton Roads' civilian



labor pool is the largest between Atlanta and Washington, D.C.

Isle of Wight is well connected - Hampton Roads is the East Coast's second-busiest port and is just an hour's drive from the state's capitol. Goods and people travel in and out of Isle of Wight with great efficiency, thanks to a mid-Atlantic location that's within 750 miles of 75% of the nation's population, and transportation infrastructure that's second to none.



## HIGHWAYS

Isle of Wight is connected to Hampton Roads and the entire country's domestic markets by modern interstate and state highway systems. Isle of Wight's major roadways are Route 460, a four-lane artery travelling east-west, and Route 58, both of which link Isle of Wight to the area's interstate highways.

- **I-64** serves as the Hampton Roads region's main artery, from the Virginia Beach oceanfront heading west to Richmond.
- **I-95**, the East Coast's major seaboard highway, is directly accessible via Route 58 through Isle of Wight, and by Route 460, the county's four lane, east-west artery.
- **I-85**, just 30 minutes from Isle of Wight,



- easily accessed by Route 460 south of Richmond.
- **I-295**, accessible within 25 minutes, easily reached via Route 460, offering additional access to I-95.
- **I-664**, 10 minutes from Isle of Wight via Route 460, provides access to all Hampton Roads' cities.

Bridges and tunnels through this coastal region are plentiful and well maintained:

- **The Monitor-Merrimac Memorial Bridge-Tunnel** is a dual tube carrying four lanes of traffic on I-664, connecting Isle of Wight with the city of Newport News and promoting growth within the county.
- **James River Bridge**, a four-lane, double span bridge carrying Route 17 and Route 258 traffic from Isle of Wight to Newport News, is Virginia's longest state-maintained bridge.
- **Hampton Roads Bridge Tunnel** connects Hampton Roads' Southside and Peninsula areas.
- **Third-Crossing** A third bridge-tunnel crossing of the Hampton Roads Harbor is currently in the planning stages.

## PORTS

Hampton Roads Harbor is the East Coast's largest, deepest natural harbor, a fitting spot for the country's leading port in total tonnage. The Port of Hampton Roads links the area to more than 250 ports in 100 countries, with services from an impressive 90% of the world's shipping lines. Hampton Roads has a reputation for providing efficient, modern cargo handling and uncongested, year-round transportation. Isle of Wight's businesses enjoy direct overland access to Hampton Roads' major marine terminals.



- Portsmouth Marine Terminal**
- 20 minutes from Isle of Wight
  - 3,540 feet of marginal wharf with 3 berths
  - Direct CSX rail access, large containership berth space, Roll-on/Roll-off capacity, Kone supercrane lift capacity up to 40 LT, refrigerator hook-ups, specialized warehouse space, and straddle-carrier container stacking
  - \$46 million worth of upgrades are expected between 2003 and 2010, increasing storage capacity and rail facility reconfigurations

- Newport News Marine Terminal**
- 20 minutes from Isle of Wight
  - East Coast's premier steel and project cargo handling port
  - Approximately 400,000 sq. ft. of covered pier storage
  - 256,000 sq. ft. of dry storage
  - Direct rail access to Norfolk Southern
  - Various heavy-lift crane capabilities, Roll on/Roll off, extensive warehouse space, container cranes, and breakbulk cargo service provided by CSX
  - \$28 million in upgrades and renovations planned between 2003 and 2010, adding one berth and enhancing Roll-on/Roll-off capabilities



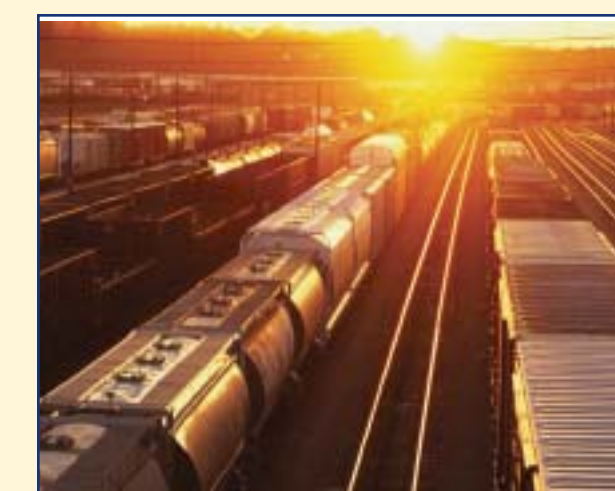
## RAIL

Both Norfolk Southern Corporation and CSX Transportation provide Isle of Wight companies extensive rail service for transporting raw materials and manufactured goods. Both serve

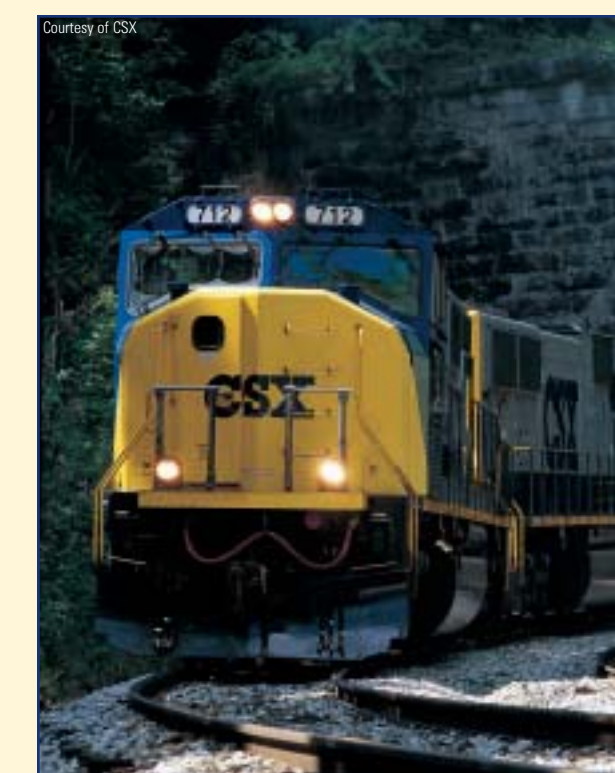


industrial sites in Isle of Wight and all of Hampton Roads' port terminals, offering freight and piggyback services that open the entire country to Isle of Wight's companies.

**Norfolk Southern**, headquartered in Hampton Roads, links Isle of Wight to markets in 22 eastern states, the District of Columbia, and Ontario, Canada via 21,500 route miles. Offers intermodal services for agricultural and industrial products, raw products and consumer goods.



**CSX** operates on 23,000 route miles in 23 states and the District of Columbia, Montreal and Ontario, Canada. Offers the Rail to Truck Transloading facility in Newport News and an Intermodal Terminal in Portsmouth.



## AIR

For their air transportation and cargo needs, Isle of Wight's companies can choose from a range of options. All of Hampton Roads' airports, consisting of two international and two municipal airports, are within an easy, 30-minute drive of Isle of Wight. Major commercial passenger airlines, commuter airlines, private and corporate planes, and helicopters all find uncongested airways and



modern facilities. From anywhere in Isle of Wight, it's a quick trip to the airways - the fastest way to send goods and people.

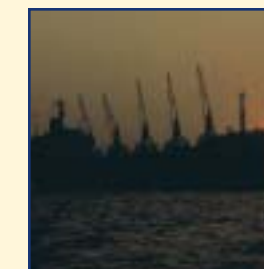
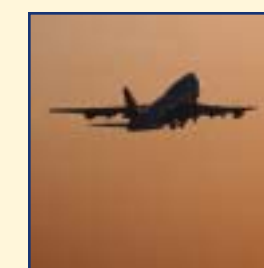
**Norfolk International Airport**, 25 minutes from Isle of Wight, is served by seven major airlines, two all-cargo airlines and five commuter airlines providing over 220 flights



daily to 25 airports. Two modern, efficient cargo terminals offer 88,000 sq. ft. of space, with expansions underway to total 120,000 sq. ft.

**Newport News/Williamsburg International Airport**, located within 30 minutes of Isle of Wight, offers modern terminals providing scheduled air carrier, business charter and general aviation services.

**Franklin Municipal Airport** in Isle of Wight County and **Hampton Roads Airport** in nearby Suffolk also serve residents with small plane and helicopter service.



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