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Hello,

The New River Valley Planning District Commission (NRVPDC) and its partners in the Green Infrastructure Initiative cordially invites you to participate in a general public session component of a regional workshop entitled, "*Green Infrastructure Workshop: Sustainable Lands and Communities*" to be held on November 7th, 2007 from 9:00am-1:45pm at Mountain Lake Lodge, 115 Hotel Circle, Pembroke, Virginia 24136.

Green Infrastructure is a nationally recognized collaborative method for land use planning designed to meet the needs of all stakeholders. It is not an advocacy tool designed to favor a specific point of view; rather it is a conceptual approach that serves to unite various planning processes into one strategic framework. The workshop will introduce New River Valley residents, businesses, organizations and interest groups to using Green Infrastructure as a process for community planning and development that adds more predictability and certainty into the process for all parties involved. It is a process that has been used already by many counties in the Mid-Atlantic and Southern regions of the United States as well as elsewhere throughout the country. The workshop will highlight both the economic and ecological values of using Green Infrastructure.

The workshop sessions will be taught and facilitated by The Conservation Fund and Green Infrastructure professionals. Participants will learn the concepts, principles and benefits associated with Green Infrastructure, and will be given an opportunity to learn about how a Green Infrastructure Network and Implementation Strategy are developed. For more detail on subject topics, please see the attached program.

The public information component will have a limited enrollment on a first come basis. Local residents who have previously expressed an interest in learning how to develop a Green Infrastructure plan within the region have been invited to participate in this portion of the event. The workshop will prepare participants to guide a Green Infrastructure initiative in the New River Valley.

If you or someone else that you know is interested in attending the *public session* component of the workshop, for more information, please visit <http://www.conservationfund.org/node/671>; and to register visit <https://www.123signup.com/event?id=xytmn>. The **registration deadline is October 31st**. If you have any questions about the workshop, please contact Jodi Stacy of The Conservation Fund at 304-876-7967. Questions about registration will be handled through Radford University Conference Services at 540-831-5800.

Sincerely,

Abigail Convery
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**Green Infrastructure Workshop: Sustainable Lands and
Communities in the New River Valley**

**November 7-8, 2007
Mountain Lake Lodge
Pembroke, VA**

Wednesday: November 7

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| 9:00 – 10:00am | Session 1: Welcome and Introductions
<i>Dave Rundgren, New River Valley Planning District
Commission</i>
<i>Kris Hoellen, The Conservation Fund</i> |
| 10:00 – 10:35am | The Role of Green Infrastructure in Virginia
<i>The Honorable James M. Shuler, Virginia House of
Delegates (invited)</i>
<i>Nikki Rovner, Deputy Secretary of Virginia Department of
Natural Resources (invited)</i> |
| 10:35 – 10:45am | Break |
| 10:45 – 11:30am | Session 2: Green Infrastructure Concepts and Principles
<i>Kris Hoellen, The Conservation Fund</i> |
| 11:30 – 12:15pm | Session 3: Economic Benefits of Green Infrastructure
<i>Chuck Flink, Greenways, Inc.</i> |
| 12:15 – 1:45pm | Luncheon Speaker
<i>CJ Lammers, Prince George's County Case Study, Part I</i> |
| 1:45 – 2:45pm | Free Time to Explore Green Infrastructure surrounding
Mountain Lake Lodge |