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Project: Richmond City Green Infrastructure Assessment

This project began in 2009 as an effort to create a map to help planners and developers in Richmond, Virginia conserve local green infrastructure. In 2010, the project grew to include opportunities for restoration and expansion of existing green infrastructure in Richmond, as well as strategic conservation. The Richmond Green Infrastructure Assessment was released in January 2011 and functions as a “greenprint” to help guide officials, planners, and citizens in the future development of the city.

To view this project visit: <http://www.gicinc.org/Richmond.html>

Upcoming Event: 2011 National Green Infrastructure Conference

The 2011 National Green Infrastructure Conference is the inaugural conference of the National Green Infrastructure Community of Practice. The event will bring together planning officials, practitioners, and designers to share information and resources for green infrastructure implementation across the country. The conference will include exhibits, guest speakers, break-out sessions, and networking opportunities. Participants may also be eligible for continuing education credits. The 2011 National Green Infrastructure Conference will be held February 22-25 at the National Conservation Training Center in Shepherdstown, West Virginia.

To learn more about this conference visit: <http://www.conservationfund.org/GIC2011>

To learn more about the National Green Infrastructure Community of Practice visit:
<http://www.greeninfrastructure.net/>

For more upcoming events visit InterfaceSouth at:
<http://www.interfacesouth.org/events/renderEventsListing?eventType=upcoming>

In the News: Green Power Partnership helps cities choose their shade of green

As local governments continue to pursue ways to reduce their carbon footprints, many turn to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Green Power Partnership (GPP) for advice on choosing the most suitable renewable energy options for their operations. In some cases, direct green power purchases are inaccessible or insufficient, so cities and counties are choosing to support alternative energy through Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs).

Nearly 1,300 organizations, including more than 100 cities and local governments, are part of GPP, says the program's director Blaine Collison. "The questions we get most often are not, 'What are the technologies?' but rather, 'How do we get them?' and 'From where?' We help them to understand the landscape of options available," he says.

Source: American City and County

To view the full article visit:

<http://americacityandcounty.com/technology/green-power-choose-20110112/>

Literature: Using Land Use Planning Tools to Support Strategic Conservation

This fact sheet, published by the Green Infrastructure Center, includes information about planning tools that can be used by practitioners to achieve conservation goals. Topics highlighted in this publication include zoning, subdivision regulations, overlay districts, purchase and transfer of development rights, proffers, and special considerations. Though this resource was developed specifically for Virginia, much of the content also has application across the South.

To view this resource visit: <http://www.gicinc.org/resourcesonlinelit.htm>

Website: Green Infrastructure Center

The Green Infrastructure Center, based in Virginia, helps local governments, communities, and regional planning organizations, land trusts and developers evaluate their green infrastructure assets and make plans to conserve them. The Green Infrastructure Center's website provides resources for green infrastructure planning, including conference presentations, information about past and current projects, methods and tools, and a college course curriculum guide. The website also defines and discusses terms and concepts associated with green infrastructure and offers news, links, and events through the Center.

To view this website visit: <http://www.gicinc.org/>