

## WASHINGTON SMART GROWTH ALLIANCE

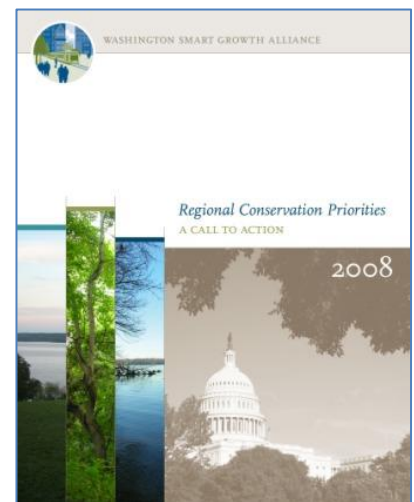


### *You're invited!* *Join us for our 2009 Annual Conservation Summit*

The Washington Smart Growth Alliance invites you to attend our 2009 Annual Conservation Summit at 12:30 – 3:30 P.M. on April 2, 2009. The summit will be held at the Greater Washington Board of Trade SunTrust Conference Center, 1725 I Street, NW, Suite 200, Washington DC 20006.

#### **Why you should attend**

This summit is the official launch of our Regional Conservation Priorities program, which will culminate in the publication of our Regional Conservation Priorities report in the fall. This yearly report highlights conservation projects that are deemed critical to the future quality of life for the region and that would benefit most from timely recognition and a boost in business sector and general public awareness and endorsement. The benefits of listing include business recognition, publicity surrounding the publication release, letters and testimony on behalf of each project, and other opportunities for speaking engagements and support. Summit attendees will have further opportunities to participate in the program during the year and will receive a copy of the 2009 Regional Conservation Priorities report.



#### **The agenda**

The summit program will begin with lunch and a brief talk by **George Hawkins, the District of Columbia Director of Environment**, on the importance of conservation to the region's quality of life and overall sustainability. George brings to the region the insights of a diverse

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background in environmental law, smart growth advocacy, and innovative conservation initiatives. The main work will take place in three facilitated breakouts (by jurisdiction - Maryland, the District of Columbia, and Virginia), where participants will generate a list of potential nominee projects as well as identify overarching themes that cross jurisdictional lines. The meeting will adjourn promptly at 3:30 P.M.

### **Who should attend?**

Attendees recognize the value of setting conservation priorities with an organization that blends the interests of businesses, environmental groups, governmental agencies and civic groups. Join this diverse group for a lively discussion of conservation priorities for the region!

### **Nominate a project or program**

If you know of a conservation initiative that might qualify for listing, please consider submitting a nomination – at the meeting or in advance – using the nomination form available at the link below.

### **Quick Links**

- **Conservation Program Overview**  
(<http://www.SGAlliance.org/rcpl.html>)
- **Details about the 2008 Program**  
(<http://www.SGAlliance.org/ConsPrior2008.html>)
- **2008 Conservation Priorities List**  
(<http://www.SGAlliance.org/RCPL2008.pdf>)
- **Meet our Conservation Jurors**  
(<http://www.SGAlliance.org/ConservationJury.html>)
- **Download a nomination form**  
(<http://www.SGAlliance.org/RCPLNomForm.pdf>)

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Eligible projects may include:

- Specific parcels or geographic areas in need of preservation conservation or preservation of green infrastructure
- Capital projects that will benefit the natural environment, such as stream restoration or storm water management projects
- Restoration initiatives focusing on contaminated and/or blighted parcels, places or resources as working open space, parkland or natural areas
- State, regional or local policies/ programs to promote land conservation



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