**Communication**

**Books/Booklets**


**Customer Service in Local Government.** By Bruce W. McClendon, 1992. Chicago, IL: APA Planners Press. Local governments benefit when they make customers a priority and incorporate their needs in all government functions. Successful case studies are provided.

**Democracy in Practice: Public Participation in Environmental Decisions.** By Thomas C. Beierle and Jerry Cayford, 2002. Washington, DC: RFF Press. This book compiles the collective experience of 30 years of public involvement in environmental decision-making in 239 cases and evaluates the affects on environmental management and the contextual and procedural factors that lead to public participation.


**Successful Public Meetings.** By Elaine Cogan, 2000. Chicago, IL: APA Planners Press. This comprehensive guide to plan and conduct productive meetings elaborates on components of a successful meeting, crucial tasks, how to avoid disasters, and ways to manage difficult participants are identified.
Reports

The 2004 American Communities Survey. By Smart Growth America and the National Association of Realtors, 2004. This poll of the American public indicated that the real estate industry is not meeting the growing demand for smart growth communities, shorter commutes, walkable neighborhoods, public transit, and affordable housing.


Articles


Media

Building Better Communities: Windows on the Wild. By the World Wildlife Fund, 2004. Windows on the Wild is an educational program for middle school students that helps identify different communities and the many resources, institutions, and ideas that they are built around.

Placemaking: Tools for Community Action. By Susan Boyd and Roy Chan, 2002. CONCERN, Inc. and the Environmental Simulation Center, Denver Regional Office of the U.S. Department of Energy, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. This starter kit is designed for community members, city officials, planners, or design professionals to identify currently available planning tools and to assess their applicability and appropriateness to specific projects or issues, alone or in combination.

Websites


National Center for Environmental Decision-Making Research: Decision-Aiding Tools. (http://www.ncedr.org). This website includes a set of nine fact sheets with information on tools to improve environmental decision-making. Topics include identifying people’s environmental values, gathering social, economic, and political information, and predicting trends as well as the consequences of environmental decisions.
Possible Fieldtrips

- Homeowners association meeting
- Subdivision tour

Potential Guest Speakers

- Advertising company representative
- Communication professor or expert
- Conflicting parties
- Editor
- Graphic designer
- Human resources staff
- Ethnic minority leader
- Local elected leaders
- Mediator
- Nature center educator
- News reporter
- Social marketing expert

Land-Use Planning

Books/Booklets


**Better Models for Commercial Development: Ideas for Improving the Design and Siting of Chain Stores and Franchises.** By Edward McMahon, 2004. The Conservation Fund. Focused on franchises, chain stores, and big box retailers, this booklet describes how new commercial development can be made more attractive, more efficient, and more profitable while respecting local community character.

**Choosing Our Community’s Future: A Guide to Getting the Most Out of Development.** By David Goldbery. Soon to be released, this guidebook is designed to help citizens get up to speed on planning issues, while also helping them to make clear assessments of likely impacts, understand some of the benefits associated with well-designed density, and push for improvements to projects and plans without eliminating the “smart” features.

**Citizen’s Guide to Planning.** By Herbert H. Smith, 1993. Chicago, IL: APA Planners Press. This is a basic guide to understanding the basics of planning. Topics include zoning, subdivision regulation, master plan, and capital improvements programs.


Environmental Land-Use Planning and Management. By John Randolph, 2004. Washington, DC: Island Press. This textbook presents a diverse, comprehensive approach to issues of land-use planning and management and their impacts on the environment. It builds on environmental science, engineering, and geospatial information technologies to enable readers to understand both natural land systems and engineering approaches that can mitigate impacts of land-use practices.


Rural by Design. By Randall Arendt, 1994. Chicago, IL: APA Planners Press. Thirty-eight case studies from different states demonstrate how rural and suburban communities have preserved open space, established land trusts, and designed affordable housing appropriate for their size and character.

Rural Environmental Planning for Sustainable Communities. By Frederic O. Sargent, Paul Lusk, Jose A. Rivera, and Maria Varela. This book provides the basis and components of rural environmental planning and how the process can be guided. It includes case studies from rural communities across the country and legal information.


When City and Country Collide: Managing Growth in the Metropolitan Fringe. By Tom Daniels, 1999. Washington, DC: Island Press. This book examines the fringe phenomenon and presents a workable approach to fostering development that is more compact. It provides alternatives to traditional land-use and development practices and offers a framework for wider adoption of growth management techniques.

Reports

The Economic Benefits of Parks and Open Space: How Land Conservation Helps Communities Grow Smart and Protect the Bottom Line. By the Trust for Public Land. This report shows how open space conservation is not an expense but an investment that produces important economic benefits.


Linking Community Development with National Forest Planning and Management in the South. By Donald E. Voth, Martin Jardon, Cindy McCauley, Zola K. Moon, and Irene Frenz, 1999. Mississippi State, MS: Southern Rural Development Center. This report addresses rural development issues affecting the South.

Smart Growth in the Southeast: New Approaches for Guiding Development. By the Southern Environmental Law Center and the Environmental Law Institute, 1999. This report’s focus is on strengthening communities, making them more livable and walkable while protecting rural character and natural heritage in southeastern communities.

Smart Growth is Smart Business. By the Smart Growth Leadership Institute, 2004. Together with the National Association of Local Government Environmental Professionals, this report was created to provide examples of private businesses around the country that are benefiting from smart growth practices.

Urban-Wildland Interface Design Guidelines. By the East Contra Costa County, 2003. These guidelines for this county in northern California are a part of the Habitat Conservation Plan/Natural Community Conservation Plan. They discuss design features that can be incorporated to minimize damage on wildlife from urban development.

Articles

Growing Greener: Articles on Community Planning, Land Conservation and Urban Design. By Edward T. McMahon, 2002. The Conservation Fund. This compilation of articles discusses smart growth trends, environmentally sensitive development, context-sensitive road design, green space planning, sustainable tourism and many other issues confronting growing communities. It also explains how trees, landscaping, open space and historic preservation add value to both commercial and residential development.

Paying the Costs of Sprawl: Using Fair-Share Costing to Control Sprawl. By Ken Snyder and Lori Bird, 1998. This article discusses the need to quantify the true costs of sprawl and examine market-based strategies for internalizing the costs of sprawl using development impact fees and excise taxes.

Population Press: Networking for a Sustainable Future. By the Population Coalition. This publication features information on urban sprawl, growth management, and community development strategies.

Brochures

Nature-Friendly Toolkit. By the Consortium on Biodiversity and Land Use. This project is a partnership between Defenders of Wildlife, Environmental Law Institute, Island Press, and NatureServe. The toolkit is designed to coordinate research and outreach information to create practical tools that advance land-use planning strategies and protect the environment.

Smart Growth Checklist. By the Corporation of the City of New Westminster, Planning Department, 2004. Developed by city staff in consultation with local architects and developers, the checklist suggests ways to include smart growth ideas and reach stated community goals.
provides the community a clear understanding of the "what," and more importantly, the "why" of smart growth.

**Tree City USA Bulletins.** By the National Arbor Day Foundation. These bulletins are brief, simple brochures on a variety of tree-related topics. A valuable resource for outreach efforts, they can be downloaded for free at: http://www.arborday.org/programs/treecitybulletinsdownload.cfm.

There are several related to land-use planning and policy including:

- No. 3: “Resolving Tree-Sidewalk Conflicts”
- No. 7: “How to Save Trees During Construction”
- No. 9: “How to Write Municipal Tree Ordinance”
- No. 11: “How to Prevent Tree/Sign Conflicts”
- No. 17: “How to Landscape to Save Water”
- No. 20: “A Systematic Way of Building with Trees”
- No 21: “How Trees can Save Energy”
- No 24: “Trees and Parking Lots”
- No. 28: “Placing a Value on Trees”
- No. 31: “Tree Protection Ordinances”
- No. 45: “Trees for Better Streets”

**Media**

- **CityGreen.** By American Forests. This GIS application for land-use planning and policy-making conducts complex statistical analyses of ecosystem services, creates easy-to-understand maps and reports, and calculates dollar benefits based on specific site conditions.

- **CommunityViz.** By Orton Family Foundation. This GIS-based analysis and real-world 3-D modeling allows people to envision land-use alternatives and understand their potential impacts, explore options and share possibilities, examine scenarios from environmental, economic, and social angles.

- **The Dollars and Sense of Preserving Community Character.** By Edward McMahon, 2002. The Conservation Fund. This 1-hour video focuses on the economic, social, and environmental benefits of preserving community character. It is ideal for sharing the keys to successful communities with local officials, business groups, and civic organizations.

- **Greenways: America’s Natural Connections A Video Primer.** By the Conservation Fund. This video focuses on the economic, social and environmental benefits of greenways.

- **InfraCycle Fiscal Impact.** This software tool is used to calculate the life cycle cost of municipal infrastructure including: fire, police, roadways, sidewalks, street light, park land, recreation facilities, storm water, sanitary sewers, garbage collection, transit, schools, and school busing.

- **Introduction to Smart Growth.** By Smart Growth America. A “Smart Growth 101” Power Point presentation designed for individuals and organizations interested in communicating the smart growth message to audiences unfamiliar with the concept. Download this PowerPoint® presentation for free at: http://www.smartgrowthamerica.org/.
Livable Landscapes: By Chance or By Choice? This one-hour film documents five stories in which local residents are struggling with tough land-use decisions. It includes case studies of several small New England communities that are responding to growth challenges. The video comes with a Viewer’s Guide designed to stimulate discussion and take action in your community. Contact dvoorhees@vtsprawl.org for more information.

Smart Growth Shareware. By Smart Growth America, 2005. This CD-ROM features 100 smart growth publications. It contains a library of resources for everyone interested in creating livable, well-planned communities.

The Smarter Land-Use Project. This kit is designed for planning boards, developers, and others involved in planning a neighborhood and aims to reduce conflict between stakeholders.

The YouthPower Guide. By the El Arco Iris Program. An illustrated manual outlines many of YouthPower’s most successful design and planning projects and explains how others can apply them in their neighborhoods.

Websites

American Planning Association. (http://www.planning.org/). This is the site of a nonprofit public interest and research organization committed to urban, suburban, regional, and rural planning.

Atlanta Regional Commission. (http://www.atlreg.com/). The regional planning and intergovernmental coordination agency for a ten-county area, provide resources such as regional data and information on growth and water management.

Local Government Environmental Assistance Network. (http://www.lgean.org/index.cfm). This website provides environmental management, planning, funding, and regulatory information for local governments.

Natural Resource Planning and Interpretation. (http://library.humboldt.edu/~rls/nrplan-plan.htm). This site provides several links to resources about land-use planning.

North Carolina Smart Growth Alliance. (http://www.ncsmartgrowth.org/toolkit/index.html). This site includes several resources and case studies about smart growth and community planning. Available is a toolkit that describes tools communities can use to fix and maintain what they already have, preserve the built and natural environments, facilitate a range of housing and transportation choices, and enhance our rural and urban communities.

Planners Web: City and Regional Planning Resources. (http://www.plannersweb.com/). This site provides access to journal articles, links, and other resources for planners.

Preserve Open Space, Farmland, Natural Beauty and Critical Environmental Areas Guidebooks. (www.smartgrowth.org/about/principles/resources.asp?resource=6&type=1). The Smart Growth Network presents principles of Smart Growth and guidebooks regarding the preservation of open space, farmland, and other areas.

Smart Growth Organization. (http://www.smartgrowth.org/about/default.asp). Various Smart Growth principals and issues with accompanying fact sheets and other resources are listed on this website.
Walkable Communities. (http://www.walkable.org/library.htm). This organization offers downloadable posters to show graphically why some streets work better than others for access, safety, and mobility of all modes. Posters are to assist with the planning of walkways, bike paths and roadways.

Possible Field Trips

- City that uses growth management strategies
- Interface community with a progressive neighborhood association
- Commission or community planning meeting
- Town meeting about controversial land-use issue

Potential Guest Speakers

- Architect
- Citizen activist
- City manager
- Community planning meeting
- Developer of a Smart Growth/New-Urbanist community
- Environmental consultant
- Landscape Architect
- Land-use planning professor or expert
- Local land-use planner
- Regional planner
- Smart Growth Advisory Committee Member
- Transportation planner (metropolitan planner)
- Urban designer

Land-Use Policy and Regulation

Books/Booklets

Choosing Environmental Policy: Comparing Instruments and Outcomes in the United States and Europe. Washington, DC: RFF Press. By Winston Harrington, Richard D. Morgenstern, Thomas Sterner. Two different approaches to environmental policy are presented along with a look at six different environmental problems that were managed differently on opposite shores of the Atlantic.


processes that distribute and allocate power and resources in the United States as they relate to forest policy, the participants in the policy process, and information on forest resource programs, laws, and policies.

**Getting to Smart Growth: 100 Policies for Implementation.** By ICMA and the Smart Growth Network, 2003. The policies and guidelines presented in this primer have proven successful in communities across the United States, and range from formal legislative or regulatory efforts to informal approaches, plans, and programs.

**Getting to Smart Growth II: 100 More Policies for Implementation.** By ICMA and the Smart Growth Network, 2003. This primer describes concrete techniques of putting the ten smart growth principles into practice. The policies and guidelines presented range from formal legislative or regulatory efforts to informal approaches, plans, and programs. This new volume lists and describes an entirely new set of 100 policies for implementation.


**Science at EPA: Information in the Regulatory Process.** By Mark R. Powell, 1999. Washington, DC: RFF Press. Drawing on research and interviews, this book provides a comprehensive examination of the application of science in environmental regulation. Case studies map the origins, flows, and impact of scientific information in eight decisions involving each of the EPA’s major programs.

Reports

Conservation Easements in the Southeastern United States: A Look at Issues Arising Out of Laws, Relationships, and Land Uses. By Enrique Anderson and Janaki Alavalapati, 2004. Bloomington, IN: Indiana University. This research work was presented in the Ninth International Symposium on Society and Natural Resources at Indiana University.

Natural Resource Management: People and Policy. By Blackadder Communication and Naturally Resourceful, 2001. Land & Water Australia. The document is an overview of the results from research projects examining the social and institutional dimensions of natural resource management. The research projects provide a series of tools, checklists, principles, case studies, and guidelines for advisors and policy makers.

Articles


Developer Maintains Open Space in Davidson. By Don Hudson, 2002. Charlotte Observer. This article is about the town’s Open Space ordinance and its effects.

Websites

Business and Legal Reports: Plain English Compliance and Training Tools. (http://www.blr.com/product.cfm/product/5120XX00). This training software is available for purchase and thoroughly covers federal and state environmental policies.

Environmental Protection Agency: Smart Growth. (http://cfpub.epa.gov/sgpdb/sgdb.cfm). A listing of smart growth policies in the United States is accessible through this website.

Greenbelt Alliance Reports. (http://greenbelt.org/resources/reports). This website provides several research reports on cutting-edge open space and livable communities issues to help policy makers make informed decisions and to provide resources to students and concerned citizens.

Southern Environmental Law Center. (http://southernenvironment.org/). This website provides legal expertise and services to other organizations, enabling them to more effectively achieve specific environmental protections.

Possible Fieldtrips

• Local commission or council meeting
Potential Guest Speakers

- Environmental consultant
- Environmental lawyer
- Forestry consultant
- Local elected leaders
- Natural resource policy professor or expert

Natural Resource Management

Books/Booklets


**People Managing Forests: The Links between Human Well-Being and Sustainability.** Edited by Carol J. Pierce Colfer and Yvonne Byron, 2001. Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR). An international team of investigators apply a diverse range of social science methods to focus on the stakeholders living in the most intimate proximity to managed forests.

**A Vision for the U.S. Forest Service: Goals for Its Next Century.** Edited by Roger A. Sedjo, 2000. This book presents a series of reflections on the agency’s past and future, contemporary perspectives about the use and stewardship of public lands, and analyses about the science involved in the practice of "scientific management."


**The Woods in Your Backyard.** By Jonathan Kays, James Finley, and Adam Downing, [Draft Stages]. Natural Resource Agricultural Engineering Service and the Maryland Cooperative Extension. A manual and workbook use a case study approach to guide landowners through a step-by-step process to define their objectives, draw a map, inventory resources, and plan activities. Estimated printing date is April 2006. For more information, email NRAES@cornell.edu.

Reports


A Rationale for Forest Service Involvement in Sustainable Development. By Mike Funston, 1995. USDA Forest Service. This paper discusses the need for sustainable development practices in Forest Service management.


A Spotlight on Wildfires and Fire Fighters: Ways to Increase Fire Safety in the Wildland Urban Interface. By Bonnie Lewis, Van Burns, Gerald McNeill, and Kellen Gilbert, 2002. Southeastern Louisiana University and the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry. This report includes an assessment of fire prevention and suppression needs in Louisiana wildland urban interface areas.

Strategic Factors Driving Timberland Ownership Changes in the U.S. South. By Mike Clutter, Brooks Mendell, David Newman, David Wear, and John Greis, 2005. This report focuses on the primary factors driving changes in timberland ownership and presents the results from several interviews with resource managers.

Under New Management: A Case Study of Southern Timberland Ownership Changes. By Brooks Mendell, Mike Clutter, David Newman, David Wear, and John Greis, 2005. This report uses a case study to summarize the key rationales and players associated with timberland ownership changes.

The West-Georgia Project: Description of the Integration Model and Abstracts of Related Studies. By the Center for Forest Sustainability. Auburn University, School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences. A comprehensive effort by faculty and students investigates land changes associated with urbanization in parts of Georgia.

Articles


Brochures

Tree City USA Bulletins. By the National Arbor Day Foundation. These bulletins are brief, simple brochures on a variety of tree-related topics. A valuable resource for outreach efforts, they can be downloaded for free at: http://www.arborday.org/programs/treecitybulletinsdownload.cfm. There are several on management issues including:

No. 1: “How to Prune Young Shade Trees”
No 2: “When a Storm Strikes”
No. 4: “Right Tree for the Right Place”
No. 5: “Living with Urban Soils”
No. 13: “Trees for Wildlife”
No. 15: “How to Recognize and Prevent Hazard Trees”
No. 22: “Tree City USA: Foundation for Better Tree Management”
No. 23: “How to Conduct a Street Tree Inventory”
No. 27: “How to Manage Community Natural Areas”
No. 40: “Trees in the Riparian Zone”
No. 41: “Reduce Risk of Wildfire”
No. 44: “What Ails your Tree?”


Media

Architecture to Zucchini: The People, Companies and Organizations Pioneering Sustainability. Produced by Arnold Creek Productions, 2005. This is two-hour educational DVD on sustainability provides practical information about sustainability and addresses issues related to socially responsible business. These case studies are international models for sustainability.

Forest*A*Syst CD-ROM. This interactive tool is designed to provide guidance to forest landowners in the Southeastern United States. Users will be able to learn new terminology, develop an understanding of forest, wildlife, and recreation management objectives, assess current management activities, print reference materials, and find contact information for their state forestry and wildlife agencies, state Extension office, and forestry association. There is no copyright associated with this product so copies are free for distribution. Contact: Kris Irwin at (706)-542-7412, kirwin@uga.edu) or Bill Hubbard at (706)-542-7813, whubbard@uga.edu) for more information.
Websites

**The Blue Ridge Forest Landowner Cooperative.** ([http://nextgenwoods.com/blue_ridge_forest_landowner_coop.htm](http://nextgenwoods.com/blue_ridge_forest_landowner_coop.htm)). The cooperative is actively pursuing FSC certification, working on a business plan focused primarily on value addition, and becoming legally incorporated.

**Community Forestry Resource Center.** ([http://www.forestrycenter.org/](http://www.forestrycenter.org/)). Promoting responsible forest management, this site encourages the long-term health and prosperity of small, privately-owned woodlots, their owners and their communities.


**Fire Prevention and Education in the Wildland-urban Interface.** ([http://www.nwcg.gov/pms/prev_ed_wui.htm](http://www.nwcg.gov/pms/prev_ed_wui.htm)). The National Wildfire Coordinating Group provides guides, documents, videos, and other resources about preventing wildfire in the interface.

**Firewise.** ([http://www.firewise.org/](http://www.firewise.org/)). Firewise is a national organization with state and local chapters that provides information for homeowners and tools for educators to help homeowners reduce their risk of wildfire. The website includes media tools, links, information about workshops, and downloadable documents.


**Forest Encyclopedia Network.** ([http://forestencyclopedia.net/](http://forestencyclopedia.net/)). This website provides a wealth of information about understanding the ecology and management of Southern forest ecosystems and their enjoyment and use by people.

**InterfaceSouth: Southern Center for Wildland-Urban Interface Research and Information.** ([http://www.interfacesouth.org/](http://www.interfacesouth.org/)). This USDA Forest Service sponsored site provides current events about interface issues and research, links, and downloadable resources.

**Managing Forest Fragments.** ([http://www.ew.govt.nz/enviroinfo/land/biodiversity/fragments/restoring/index.htm](http://www.ew.govt.nz/enviroinfo/land/biodiversity/fragments/restoring/index.htm)). These pages explain how to manage and protect a fragment of native forest, particularly in rural areas.

**My South Carolina—Environment.** ([http://www.myscgov.com/SCSGPortal/static/environment_tem1.html](http://www.myscgov.com/SCSGPortal/static/environment_tem1.html)). The state of South Carolina’s resource page for environmental issues.

**Natural Environments for Urban Populations: RWU-NC-4902.** ([http://ncrs.fs.fed.us/4902/](http://ncrs.fs.fed.us/4902/)). The USDA North Central Research Station presents research on how urban people perceive, use, benefit from, and value natural environments across the landscape.
Non-Timber Forest Products. (http://www.sfp.forprod.vt.edu/). This site is a place to learn more about the use and markets for non-timber forest products.

Private Landowner Network Website. (http://www.privatelandownernetwork.org/). Private Landowner Network (PLN) is an Internet resource that has been designed to aggregate service providers and information to assist and facilitate voluntary private land conservation initiatives.

Top 10 Watershed Lessons Learned. (http://www.epa.gov/owow/lessons/). An on-line document reporting the most important watershed lessons learned by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and many of their partners.

USDA Rural Development Business and Cooperative Programs. (http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs/). This site gives information on the various programs available to citizens in the rural areas.

Urban Ecosystem Analysis. (http://www.americanforests.org/resources/rea/). The American Forest Organization provides and urban ecosystem analysis to map the structure of a land area.

Possible Field Trips

- Firewise community
- Local government or community planning meeting
- Non-timber forest product industry or business
- Residential or business property, or public land where Best Management Practices are being used
- Recreation trails
- Small-scale thinning or harvesting operation
- Small timber harvesting operation

Potential Guest Speakers

- County/city land acquisition manager
- Forest cooperative member
- Forestry professor or expert
- Private forestry consultant
- Small harvesting operator
- State Forestry Association
- Sustainable forestry initiative speaker
- Timber products company representative
- Urban Forester
- Wildfire mitigation specialists

Wildland-Urban Interface

Books/Booklets

book provides information, strategies, and tools to enhance natural resource management, planning, and policy making at the wildland-urban interface.

**American Perspectives on the Wildland-Urban Interface. By the National Wildland-Urban Interface Fire Program.** This book is a compilation of personal viewpoints from stakeholders, local, state, and federal agencies, private and public landowners, and concerned citizens. Each chapter represents a discipline that affects (or can affect) the continued growth in the wildland/urban interface including the impact on natural resources and the safety of residents and firefighters.

**Assessments of Regional and Global Environmental Risks: Designing Processes for the Effective Use of Science in Decision Making.** Edited by Alexander E. Farrell and Jill Jager, 2005. Washington, DC: RFF Press. This book of suggestions provides information about how to create a team, combining science and policy-making communities, in order to advise decision makers on what actions to take.

**Emerging Issues Along Urban-Rural Interfaces: Linking Science and Society. Edited by David N. Laband, 2005.** Atlanta, GA: Auburn University. This book is the proceedings from an international conference that address natural resource issues at the urban-rural interface.

**Urban-Suburban Interdependencies.** Edited by Rosalind Greenstein and Wim Wiewel, 2000. Lincoln Institute of Land Policy. This book, based on papers originally presented at a conference in 1998, examines how cities and their suburbs are dependent on each other and points out possible avenues for the construction of regional policies.

**Reports**


**Assessing the Environmental, Social, and Economic Impacts of Wildfire.** By Douglas C. Morton, Megan E. Roessing, Ann E. Camp, and Mary L. Tyrrell, 2003. Forest Health Initiative. This is a publication of information from select federal agencies and states involved in fire management, and ten individual fires from the last three wildfire seasons were analyzed for the availability and nature of wildfire impact information relating to the wildland-urban interface. Available online at: http://research.yale.edu/gisf/assets/pdf/ppf/wildfire_report.pdf.


Incorporation, Annexation and Extra-Territorial Jurisdiction: A Double Standard? Predominantly-Minority Towns Struggle. By the Cedar Grove Institute for Sustainable Communities, 2004. African American communities can be excluded from the municipal privileges that their Caucasian counterparts receive, such as city water and paved streets. This paper looks at a sampling of incorporated minority towns in North Carolina and their efforts to grow.


Urban Wildland Interface Communities within the Vicinity of Federal Lands That are at High Risk From Wildfire. By the USDA Forest Service, 2001. Federal Register 66 (160): 43384-43435. This notice provides an update to the initial list of urban wildland interface communities near Federal lands that are at high risk from wildfire.

Articles


Brochures

Not in My Backyard! Uncovering the Dirty Secrets of Your Home Sewage System. By the Lake Pontchartrain Basin Foundation and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. This brochure provides facts and guidelines about the maintenance of home sewage systems.
Media

Exploring Environmental Issues in the Places We Live. Created by Project Learning Tree, 2004. This module helps students (sixth–ninth grade) explore the many ways in which the places we live are changing. Students connect with their surroundings and develop an understanding of issues such as urban sprawl, a sense of place, green space, and community character.


Websites

Natural Resource Challenge Research Learning Center. (http://www.nps.gov/glac/learning-center/Research%20Learning%20Centers.pdf). This National Park Service site aims to foster research that effectively leads to science–based management, the dissemination of information, and the strengthening and building of partnerships.


Recreation, Wilderness, Urban Forest and Demographics Trends Research. (http://www.srs.fs.usda.gov/trends/). The USDA Southern Research Station provides up-to-date information on public demands, perceptions, values, and benefits from outdoor recreation, wilderness, and urban forests. Descriptions on how local community conditions and demographic shifts affect these resources are also available.

SILVIS Lab: Wildland-Urban Interface. (http://silvis.forest.wisc.edu/projects/WUI_Main.asp). This site supplies statistics, data, and maps developed to illustrate where the wildland–urban interface was located in 1990 and 2000.

Southern Regional Extension Forestry (SRFP). (http://sref.info/). This website provides a variety of landowner education tools and programs, best management practices, and other useful information concerning forestry in the southern United States.

The Trust for Public Land. (http://www.tpl.org/). This website is dedicated to issues surrounding land conservation for multiple uses. It presents information about federal and local programs, conservation services, activities, and publications.

Virginia Department of Forestry. (http://www.dof.virginia.gov/R1/gnv-fire-wild-urban.shtml). This website provides information about the wildland–urban interface (mostly fire–related), and discusses other forest issues including conservation, water quality, and management principles.

Possible Fieldtrips or Potential Guest Speakers

Any of those fieldtrip or speaker suggestions listed in the above sections might be appropriate, depending on what topic needs to be addressed.