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You're invited! Join us for the Eastern Lands and Resources Council's (ELRC) Fall 2005 Conference in Burlington, Vermont, October 2-6, 2005. Details inside...

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Vermont to Host Fall 2005 ELRC Conference



Mt. Mansfield in Vermont

This year, Vermont's Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation will host the Fall 2005 Eastern Lands and Resources Council (ELRC) Conference at the Sheraton Burlington Hotel and Conference Center in Burlington, Vermont, from October 2-6, 2005. Burlington is consistently rated as one of the most livable cities in the country. And what better time to visit Vermont than early October, when fall colors are at their peak?

In addition to the spectacular fall foliage, the conference will provide a great opportunity to share ideas and learn from others on how to meet the many land and resource management challenges public land managers face. This fall's conference theme is "Renewable Energy, Sustainable Economies, and Land Conservation." Presentations and field trips are planned to explore such issues, such as: renewable energy development including biomass and wind energy development; effectiveness of conservation easements to maintain working forests and conserve biodiversity; use of land exchanges to further conservation and economic goals; Lake Champlain regional cooperative conservation initiatives; ski area management issues; and other topics of interest.

Policymakers, program managers, public land administrators and managers, and nonprofit conservation organizations will all benefit from the diverse and exciting conference program. In addition to ELRC and Western States Land Commissioners Association members, the conference is open to all land managing and natural resource agencies and organizations. Representatives from nonmember States, Federal agencies, nonprofit organizations, and guests are welcome.

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Message from the ELRC President...

Dear Friends,

This issue highlights innovative partnerships that many eastern states have with land trusts, land-owners and other states. In this time of constrained budgets, the ELRC is a great forum to discuss new ideas to solve land and natural resource challenges with our counterparts in other states. The Joint Spring 2005 Conference with the Western States Land Commissioners Association this past April in Washington D.C. was a great example of this. We had a chance to share ideas, listen, and discuss issues with great speakers, including: Senator Jeff Bingaman from New Mexico; Rand Wentworth, President of Land Trust Alliance; and Mark Edward Rey, Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

We had a discussion forum on state Payments in Lieu of Taxes to municipalities for state lands that was extremely informative. Speakers covered topics including working forests, biomass, conservation easement monitoring, endangered species legislation, state tax credits for land conservation and the New Market Tax Credit Program. Thanks again to

Elinor Schwartz for planning a great conference, and to Mike Nedd and his staff at BLM-Eastern States for helping to make the conference so successful.

This Fall's conference in Burlington, Vermont (October 2-6) focuses on a theme that is extremely timely and relevant to eastern states: balancing renewable energy, sustainable economies and land conservation. The recently released USDA Forest Service report, "Forests on the Edge," highlights the fact that forests and forest-based rural economies are becoming an endangered species all across the country.

Vermont has been at the cutting edge of protecting its rural character and the economy supported by working forests and farms for many years. From innovative planning laws to one of the first biomass energy plants in the eastern United States, Vermont is a national leader in this area. In fact, Vermont is where the Forest Legacy Program began. Recently, Vermont has taken the lead on evaluating the appropriateness of wind energy installations on state-owned ridges of the Green Mountains. On the land conservation front, Vermont is unique in combining conservation of working farms and forests with the development of affordable housing under one agency.

Vermont's Fall 2005 Conference is a great way to learn more about ELRC and gain valuable information and contacts. We always look forward to meeting folks from nonmember states as well as those who are already members. Hope to see you in Vermont!

Bob O'Connor, ELRC President

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The registration deadline is September 23, 2005. Special ELRC conference room rates are available at the low price of \$89 per night at the Sheraton Hotel and Conference Center in Burlington **if reservations are booked before September 1, 2005**. Consider extending your stay and find out for yourself what makes Vermont such a special place. (Please note, however, that given Vermont's busy fall foliage season, rooms cannot be guaranteed by the hotel after September 1, and if available, may be subject to additional charges.)

If you have questions, please contact Becca Brown at (802) 241-3693 or Mike Fraysier at (802) 241-3682.

The ELRC

...fostering responsible public land management policies for tomorrow

The ELRC is an organization comprised of highly trained public land professionals in the eastern United States which provides a collaborative and unique forum for enhancing land stewardship and conservation.

The ELRC fosters communication, strengthens professional development, and promotes sound policies and practices among those involved in the management and administration of public lands, records, and natural resources.

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Highlights of the Joint Spring 2005 ELRC/WSLCA Conference



(From left) Tia Nelson (ELRC 1st Vice President), Conference Panel Moderator and Executive Secretary, Wisconsin Board of Commissioners of Public Lands; Philip M. Hocker, Manager, ConServCo/Conservation Service Company, LLC; and Kevin Schuyler, Director of Finance and Investments, The Nature Conservancy, discuss successes in using new market and transferable tax credits during the April 17-20, 2005, conference.



Mike Nedd, State Director, BLM-Eastern States (BLM-ES), speaks to attendees at the Joint Spring 2005 ELRC/WSLCA Conference in Washington, D.C. The BLM-ES and the ELRC have eagerly worked together to build a strong, proactive relationship to care for the Nation's natural resources and lands entrusted to them in their areas of jurisdiction.



(Standing) Dave Herbertson (WSLCA Secretary), Conference Panel Moderator and Public Relations Manager, Utah School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration, leads a discussion on Minerals Management Service initiatives for revising natural gas valuation regulations during the conference.

Photos by Peggy Riek, BLM-Eastern States

Hold This Date!

Please join State and Federal Public Land Managers for the ELRC/WSLCA Joint Spring 2006 Conference in Washington, D.C., from March 26-29, 2006, which will feature economic strategies. We will explore development issues on public lands, gateway communities, and successful applications of e-Government. The conference will address mineral appraisals and cultural clearances for land exchanges and disposal of surplus properties. We will also continue our discussion of Payments in Lieu of Taxes, wind energy contracts, and green certification.

The conference will be held at the Doubletree Hotel, 1515 Rhode Island Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20005 Phone: (202) 232-7000; Fax: (202) 521-7103.

For further information, visit the ELRC Web site at www.elrc.org or contact Elinor Schwartz, Joint Spring Conference Coordinator, at (703) 920-5389, (703) 920-5402 (fax); E-mail: es@elinorschwartz.com

ELRC Journal



What's Happening in YOUR State?

Unique Partnering in the North Maine Woods

Partnerships, as we know, have become a viable option in accomplishing a variety of conservation goals for both public and private landowners across the country.

The State of Maine is no exception: new lands added to the public ownership invariably come with some form of “partnering” in both the acquisition and the ongoing management of these lands. One of these involves the North Maine Woods, Inc. (NMW), a nonprofit organization that manages public access and recreation to 3.5 million acres of privately-held forestlands, including some public lands, in northwest Maine. As an entity, the NMW began in 1972. Its legacy to this day frames the essential and historic character of this area: an industrial forest land-base cast in a long tradition of public recreational use of those lands. It is a relationship that actually predates Maine’s statehood in 1820, when undeveloped, 6-mile square blocks (the Unorganized Townships as they are known today) of Commonwealth lands were sold to private landowners, and commonly accessed by hunters and fishermen.

Today, anyone wishing to access these lands are required to register and pay day use and camping fees. The 24 landowners (including the state) that comprise the NMW system do not profit from it; its appeal has been in its ability to provide a consistent recreational access and use policy for visitors to these forestlands. However, what began as a relatively simple objective for this small, nonprofit organization has since culminated into an ongoing debate over the merits of the system, spurred on as a result of the state’s role in the so-called West Branch Project in 2003. As part of that project, which constitutes a larger partnership involving the Forest Legacy Program, the Land for Maine’s Future Program, and the Forest Society of Maine, the Bureau of Parks and Lands acquired 47,000 acres in the Seboomook Lake area that includes a portion of



Bureau of Parks and Lands

Seboomook Lake and surrounding public lands.

the southern boundary of the NMW, and an important access point in the same area.

The relationship between the Bureau and the NMW has been a good one. NMW’s popularity within the public sector, however, has varied widely. A number of visitors like the system, believing that controlled access enhances security, discourages vandalism, and provides a means to acquire emergency services. Others see an expensive operation that returns little to the average user. As a result, many have requested that the Seboomook public lands be removed from the system due to its proximity along the NMW boundary.

To date, the Bureau has elected to leave the Seboomook lands within the system, a position supported by its NMW partner. The Bureau is also in the process of developing a resource management plan for the Seboomook lands as a means to guide future decisions on access and uses of this property. In the meantime, the issue at hand continues to be a test of partnership resiliency.

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Virginia Land Conservation Foundation Grants Awarded

Helping a family continue farming land they have owned since the 1600s, protecting two old-growth stands of northern red oak in Giles County, enlarging a town park, purchasing part of a Civil War battlefield slated for development, and purchasing a 2,000-acre Eastern Shore island are how a few of the 12 grants approved by the Virginia Land Conservation Foundation (VLCF) will be used.

The VLCF, a state land conservation board, approved grants totaling approximately \$3 million. VLCF grants are used to acquire and protect special lands in the following categories: open space and parks; historic areas; and farm, forestry and natural areas. This year, the foundation received 24 requests totaling more than \$6.2 million. The grants require a minimum of a 50 percent match. These projects represent more than \$12.25 million in public and private money going to land conservation across the state.

“This is the first time the foundation has had grant funding available during the Warner Administration,” said Joseph Maroon, Director of the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation and the foundation’s Executive Secretary. “The number and strength of proposals submitted speaks to the importance placed on land conservation throughout the Commonwealth.” DCR staffs the foundation.

The following list provides the project name, requesting organization and VLCF funding for the 12 approved grants. Please note that the dollar figures given reflect only the state grant amount and not the total cost of the project:

Open Space and Parks

- Cedar Creek Bluff (Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation): Purchase a conservation easement on 117 acres in newly established Cedar Creek and Belle Grove Historical Park. \$244,793.50.
- Mount Pleasant Farm (Potomac Conservancy): Purchase of a conservation easement on a 106-acre property on Cedar Creek in a rapidly developing area of Shenandoah County. \$100,000.
- Fray Tract (Wildlife Foundation): Acquire 550 acres in Madison County bounded by the Rapidan Wildlife Management Area (WMA) and Shenandoah National Park. Will become part of Rapidan WMA and accessible to the public. \$190,500.
- Fairview Park (Town of Woodstock): Purchase 23 acres to expand the existing park. \$250,000.

Historic Preservation

- Fishers Hill (Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation): Facilitate acquisition of 25 acres of Shenandoah County battlefield, including earth-works. To be accessible to public. \$212,408.50.
- Battle of Brandy Station Park (Brandy Station Foundation): Acquisition of 19 acres of Culpeper County battlefield slated for residential development. To be accessible to public. \$362,400.
- Riveroak (Trevilian Station Battlefield Foundation): Purchase 938 acres at the Louisa County battlefield. Long-term plans to be open to public. \$200,000.

Farmlands and Forestry

- Port Tobacco (Virginia Outdoors Foundation): Placing a conservation easement on a 1,803-acre Essex County farm, owned by the same family since the 1600s. Home to two endangered species. \$258,000.
- Black Farms Property (The Nature Conservancy): Places an easement on 222 acres of farmland in Northampton County. \$400,000.
- Page Project (Albemarle County): Purchase of development rights on 559 acres of farm and forestlands, 10 miles southwest of Charlottesville. \$85,433.

Natural Areas Protection

- Marks and Jacks Island (The Nature Conservancy): Purchase the 2,000-acre ocean-side island in Accomack County on Virginia’s Eastern Shore. Considered a globally significant site. \$500,000.



Photo by Larry Smith, VADCR

Northeastern beach tiger beetle habitat at Marks Island on Virginia’s Eastern Shore.

- Gilvary Forest/Chestnut Ridge (The 500-Year Forest): Protect 225 acres of old-growth northern red oak threatened by logging on Chestnut Ridge in Giles County through purchase of a natural area preserve deed of dedication and conservation easement. \$224,130.

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Massachusetts Launches Land Conservation Estate Planning Initiative

Of the 3 million acres of private, unprotected open space land left in Massachusetts, approximately half has been identified as a priority for protection in the Statewide Land Conservation Plan.



Photo by The Trustees of Reservations

Tully Valley, central Massachusetts

As part of a new Strategic Land Conservation approach, Massachusetts is launching several new outreach and technical assistance initiatives that target approximately 100,000 private landowners in these areas of statewide natural resource significance. Many of these new initiatives require 5-20 year “no development” covenants or commitments in exchange for assistance with farm and forest business planning and implementation, wildlife habitat restoration, or forest stewardship planning. While these initiatives do not conserve the land permanently, we hope that they will increase the landowner’s interest in permanent conservation.

Massachusetts will continue to work with land trusts, communities, and Federal partners to do focused permanent land conservation. But for a fraction of the cost of permanent protection, these new initiatives will increase the chance that a particular landowner will be amenable to a future conservation sale, possibly at a less than market price, and will increase the chance that land of statewide significance will be available for future permanent conservation efforts.

So far, nearly 1,000 landowners have made temporary “no development” commitments on about 65,000 acres. The newest program to use this approach is our Land Conservation Estate Planning initiative. We have found that many opportunities to

protect land have been lost or greatly complicated when a landowner dies without having done proactive planning for their estate. This program will offer individuals land conservation estate planning information and funding for estate planning services in exchange for 5 and 10 year “no development” covenants. The initiative will include targeted mailings, workshops, and individual meetings, which will be focused in high priority natural resource areas of the state and will include educational tools such as estate planning case studies and a “how to pick an estate planner” brochure. Funding for estate planning services will be based on an individual’s existing estate plan and the need for additional estate planning tools including an up-to-date tax-savings irrevocable trust, will, living trust, power of attorney, health care proxy, and a plan of future alternative actions for their land. Selected landowners will be able to use a qualified estate planner of their choosing. Our goal for the first year of this program is to complete estate plans for 75 individuals and secure “no-development” covenants on 2,000 acres.

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Virginia Introduces New Conservation Tool and Revives Grant Program

Given the ongoing development of Virginia’s open space lands, citizens and officials acknowledge the need to safeguard natural resources, rural landscapes and wildlife. But choosing which properties to protect remains critical. With that in mind, Virginia’s Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) has developed a new, high-tech tool to better target conservation spending.

The Virginia Conservation Lands Needs Assessment (VCLNA) uses Geographic Information System (GIS) technology to model and map land conservation priorities. Last fall, the DCR debuted phase one of the effort, which identifies natural

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lands and wildlife corridors in Virginia's coastal zone. Included in the zone are the state's three largest metro areas: Norfolk/Virginia Beach, Richmond and the Washington, D.C. suburbs.

Nevertheless, VCLNA maps show more than 2,200 cores, or unfragmented natural areas, and document their relative ecological significance. Some VCLNA maps identify potential wildlife corridors that could be restored. Others show the cores in relation to parks and preserves, regions most vulnerable to development, and sites that harbor rare species.

As the VCLNA is expanded, additional issue-specific data will be added to address concerns such as outdoor recreation, sustainable agriculture, historic preservation and drinking water protection.

The new tool already proved useful this spring when the DCR's Virginia Land Conservation Foundation (VLCF) determined how to distribute the first grant funding made available to it in several years. The foundation's grants help local governments and nonprofits acquire and protect parks, farms, forests, historic sites and natural areas. This year, the foundation made a dozen matching grants totaling approximately \$3 million, leveraging an additional \$9.2 million, and protecting over 6,500 acres.

The Nature Conservancy received the largest single grant, \$500,000, for the purchase of a 2,000-acre island on Virginia's Eastern Shore. That island was identified as globally significant by the VCLNA. This example illustrates how the new digital tool provides additional information to decisionmakers as they determine the how to target limited land preservation funds.

Among other projects funded by the recent grant round: a conservation easement for a farm owned by the same family since the 1600s, a preserve encompassing two old-growth stands of northern red oak in the Appalachians, and the purchase of development rights on a Civil War battlefield.

The DCR's VLCF has announced another grant round for an additional \$10 million that closes in September, with awards expected to be made this

December. The VCLNA is available online at www.dcr.virginia.gov/dnh/vclna. Information on the current VLCF grant round is online at www.dcr.virginia.gov/vlcf.

Contact: Sarah Richardson, Land Conservation Coordinator, Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation, (804) 225-2048; E-mail: Sarah.Richardson@dcr.virginia.gov

Ohio and Michigan Collaborate on Land Records and Share ELRC Vision

Ohio and Michigan share a long history and a common border. Now they are also sharing strategies to enhance land management. Officials from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources' (OH DNR) Real Estate Division traveled to Michigan to discuss land records systems and Geographic Information Systems (GIS) with their counterparts in the Michigan DNR (MI DNR). The MI DNR has been developing a sophisticated parcel-based land record system with GIS capabilities. The OH DNR was interested in learning from Michigan's experience, and the MI DNR was anxious to assist, possibly saving time and expense.

The information exchange is a good example of the vision of ELRC in action in order to:

- ◆ Assist public land managers do their job;
- ◆ Help avoid having to reinvent the wheel;
- ◆ Benefit from the experience of others; and
- ◆ Share ideas on maximizing resources, saving costs, new technology, etc.

This effort was the result of contacts made at the Joint Spring 2005 ELRC/WSLCA Conference. An additional outcome of the conference was to identify future opportunities to compare strategies on other real estate matters, such as leasing, rail-trails and exchanges. Michigan and Ohio are also considering inviting other neighboring states, including Indiana and Illinois.

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Renewable Energy, Sustainable Economies, and Land Conservation

Sunday, October 2, 2005

- ELRC Working Meeting 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Conference Registration 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
- Evening Reception (at Sheraton) 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Monday, October 3, 2005

Morning:

- Continental Breakfast 6:30 a.m. – 7:45 a.m.
- **Welcome and Introductory Remarks** 8:00 a.m. – 8:20 a.m.
Jonathan Wood, Commissioner, VT Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation
Michael Nedd, State Director, BLM-Eastern States
- **Introduction to Vermont State Lands** 8:20 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.
- **Senator Patrick Leahy** (or staff representative) 8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
- **Washington Update** 9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.
Elinor Schwartz, ELRC/WSLCA

B R E A K 9:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

- **Vermont Housing and Conservation Trust Fund** 9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.
Paul Hannan, Conservation Director, VT Housing and Conservation Board
- **Managing ATV's in the Northeast – State Land Managers' Perspective** 10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.
(Northeast State Public Land Managers' Panel Discussion)

Afternoon:

Bus Trip to Stowe, VT (box lunch provided on bus)

- **Site Visit – Stowe Mt. Resort/Mt. Mansfield State Forest** 12:45 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Gondola ride to Cliff House at Stowe Mt. Resort
Overview of Mt. Mansfield State Forest, recent land exchange, ski area development
Tour new Smugglers' Notch State Park Campground
- **Vermont Youth Conservation Corps (VYCC) Headquarters, Richmond, VT** 3:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.
Tom Hark, Director, VYCC
- **Conservation Easements, Sustainable Forests, and Forest Ecology** 3:15 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.
John Roe, Director of Conservation Programs, VT Chapter of The Nature Conservancy
- **Chittenden County Uplands Project** 4:15 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.
Panel presentation on landscape level conservation initiative in Chittenden County involving Forest Legacy, VT Land Trust, The Nature Conservancy, Vermont Housing and Conservation Board, and private landowners

Evening:

- Dinner on your own (explore downtown Burlington – LOTS of great places to eat!)



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Tuesday, October 4, 2005

Morning:

- Continental Breakfast 6:30 a.m. – 7:30 a.m.
 - **Biomass Energy Projects and Initiatives in VT** 7:45 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.
 Paul Frederick, Chief of Marketing and Utilization, VT Dept. of Forests, Parks and Recreation
 - **Tour McNeil Woodchip Generation Plan, Burlington, VT** 8:45 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.
- Bus Trip to Howe Center, Rutland, VT
- **Wind Energy Benefits, Impacts, and Siting Considerations** 11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
 Thomas Gray, Deputy Director, American Wind Energy Association
 Alex Hoar, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
 David Publicover, Senior Staff Scientist, Appalachian Mt. Club

Afternoon:

- **Lunchtime Presentation on Green Mt. National Forest** (box lunch provided) 12:15 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- Bus Trip to Searsburg, VT
- **Site Visit to Green Mt. Power’s Wind Farm at Searsburg, VT** 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
 Martha Staskus, Vermont Environmental Research Associates
- Bus Trip to Woodstock, VT

Evening:

- **Tour Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historic Park, Woodstock, VT** 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
- **Dinner in Woodstock area** 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 5, 2005

Morning:

- Continental Breakfast 6:30 a.m. – 7:45 a.m.
- **Regional Conservation Initiative – Lake Champlain Basin Program** 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
 Bill Howland, Program Manager, Lake Champlain Basin Program
 LCBP representatives from VT, NY, and Quebec (invited)

BREAK

- **Vermont Clean and Clear Action Plan** 9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Using Land Conservation to Meet TMDL Goals for Lake Champlain
 Brad Wright, Executive Director, VT Clean and Clear Program
- **Lake Champlain Shoreline and Islands** 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Land Conservation Achievements, Opportunities, and Challenges
 Chris Boget, Assistant Director, Lake Champlain Land Trust
 Jon Binhammer, Director of Protection, VT Chapter of The Nature Conservancy

Bus Trip to Kill Kare State Park, St. Albans, VT



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Afternoon:

Lunch at Kill Kare State Park

- **Tour of Lake Champlain Islands State Parks Aboard Island Runner Ferry** 12:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
(or bus tour of other Lake Champlain State Parks in case of inclement weather)
Discussion of Lake Champlain parks management challenges with state lands managers

Evening:

- **Dinner at “ECHO at the Leahy Center for Lake Champlain,” Burlington** 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Learn about this unique facility on Burlington’s Waterfront and view its many interesting freshwater aquariums and exhibits while enjoying dinner

Thursday, October 6, 2005

Morning:

- **ELRC/BLM-Eastern States Business and MOU Meetings** 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.



REMINDER!

Please fax your completed Registration Form
by September 23, 2005 to:

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Call Becca Brown at (802) 241-3693 with any
conference questions.



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Full Conference (Oct 2, 3, 4, 5, 6) \$350 \$ _____

Guest \$160 \$ _____

One Day _____ \$175 \$ _____

(Please indicate which day you will attend)

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Cancellation Policy: You may receive a refund for conference fees less a \$25 administrative fee until September 23, 2005. Conference fees will not be refunded for cancellations made after September 23, 2005.

Hotel Information

A block of suites has been reserved at a special ELRC rate of \$89 per night for conference participants at the Sheraton Burlington Hotel & Conference Center. This reduced rate is only guaranteed until September 1, 2005. If you are planning to come early or extend your stay after the conference, the Sheraton Burlington has offered to honor this reduced rate on the basis of room availability. The Sheraton Burlington is conveniently located near downtown Burlington, Lake Champlain and the Burlington International Airport.

Reservation Deadline: September 1, 2005.

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