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*The Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation, hosts of the Eastern Lands and Resources Council Fall Conference invites you to...*

## ***Come back to where it all began***

This fall, the Eastern Lands and Resource Council is proud to welcome you back to the land where our country began – Tidewater Virginia. The Ramada Plaza Resort Oceanfront in Virginia Beach is our destination for the fall conference October 14 – 17.

We have put together one of the most comprehensive, and we believe, enjoyable conference packages ever. A host of experts from across Virginia and the east coast will lead us through discussions of land management successes from the federal, state and local levels of government and from the private and nonprofit sectors. Sessions will include:

- ◆ A discussion of the growing role of land trusts in land use and preservation decisions;
- ◆ A look at a rapidly growing city's use of purchased development rights to maintain green space;
- ◆ A rural area's efforts to stimulate economic growth through sustainable development;
- ◆ Presentations on land and historic site preservation initiatives in preparation of the Jamestown area's 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration;
- ◆ Examples of federal, state and local governments working together on land use and preservation efforts;

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## ***From the ELRC President...***

Dear Friends,

Another summer has flown by and soon we'll be together at our fall meeting. I hope that you are all making plans to attend this conference October 14-17, as it looks as though the folks from Virginia are putting together an excellent program with the right balance of information sharing and exciting sites to visit. Speaking of fall meetings, the State of Alabama has agreed to host our 2002 fall ELRC conference. I'm anxious to hear what Jim Griggs and his folks have in store for us next year.

As I write this, I am days away from heading to Utah to attend the annual summer meeting of the Western States Land

Commissioners Association as your official ELRC representative. At this meeting, discussion will continue as to what has been formulated to date by the joint ELRC/WSLCA committee related to plans for a National Public Lands Initiative, which we discussed during the spring conference in Washington, DC. We will continue this discussion in Virginia Beach.

My term as your President will expire in April 2002. It is not too early to seriously consider becoming a candidate for a position on the ELRC Executive Committee for 2002-2004. Please give me a call if you are at all interested, or if you need more information about what the position entails.

I want to thank everyone who has taken an active role in helping ELRC move forward this year: the Executive Committee, the folks from Virginia planning the fall meeting, the states that have recently joined, the National Public Lands Initiative committee, the website committee, and Cathy Rodine and the other BLM staff who have made this newsletter and our directory possible. Thank you all for the great work!

Ed Leary  
ELRC President

***P.S. Mark your calendars now for the Joint ELRC/WLSCA Conference scheduled for April 14-17, 2002 at the Radisson Barcelo in Washington, DC. For more information contact Elinor Schwartz at (703) 920-5389 [elinorschw@aol.com](mailto:elinorschw@aol.com)***

### ***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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Waterbury, VT 05671-0601  
e-mail: [eleary@fpr.anr.state.vt.us](mailto:eleary@fpr.anr.state.vt.us)  
or call Ed at (802) 241-3683

# What's Happening in YOUR State?

## Maine Tackles Concurrent Forest Certification Programs

The Maine Department of Conservation, Bureau of Parks and Lands has contracted with two audit programs, the Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI), and the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC), to conduct third party certification of its 480,000 acres of forestland. The State of Maine is the first public land manager to undertake two forest certification programs concurrently, and will be evaluating the feasibility of conducting a dual audit process.

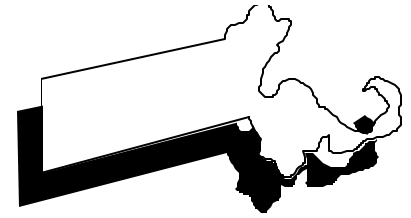


In the fall of 2000, the audit activities began with the Bureau hosting a “kickoff” meeting with staff and representatives from the two certification programs. A readiness assessment and planning session took place the following winter in preparation for field audit activities conducted the first two weeks in June. Bureau staff having responsibility for forest management attended these field activities.

Preliminary findings indicate that the Bureau has passed both certification programs. Final reports of the auditor’s findings, including any conditions and recommendations, will be available in late summer or early fall.

Contact: John Titus, Bureau of Parks and Lands, (207) 287-4916 john.titus@state.me.us

## Tully Valley Project Protects Massachusetts Lands



The Massachusetts Executive Office of Environmental Affairs (EOEA) recently announced the protection of more than 4,200 acres of forest land in the Tully River Valley area of Central Massachusetts.

This land protection effort, known as the Tully Valley Project, represents a new approach to protecting land in Massachusetts: an inter-agency team worked together to conduct a targeted, rapid acquisition of multiple parcels in one specific region. Four thousand, two hundred and thirteen acres, comprised of more than 80 tracts of land owned by 43 different landowners in four towns, were protected in the Tully Valley area in just six months. Although some of the parcels were acquired in fee, the majority of the tracts were protected through the purchase of conservation restrictions.

The Tully Valley Project is part of Secretary of Environmental Affairs Bob Durand’s new two-pronged approach to land conservation, which involves traditional efforts to protect high priority parcels that are threatened by development, as well as a new effort to create landscape-scale protected areas in significant

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## Massachusetts (continued)

regions across the state. The Tully River Valley area was chosen as the pilot region to test this new rapid landscape-scale conservation approach. The goal of the Tully Valley Project is to protect a large landscape area using conservation restrictions that allow public access and encourage sound forest management, while keeping most of the land in private ownership.

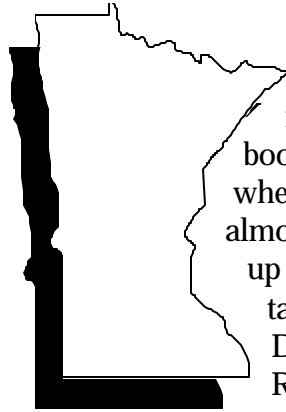
The Tully Valley Project is also unique because it is a team effort involving staff from the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs, the Department of Environmental Management, the Department of Fisheries, Wildlife, and Environmental Law Enforcement, and Mount Grace Land Conservation Trust, a non-profit organization from the Tully Valley area. Mount Grace Land Conservation Trust played a central role in the negotiation and execution of the fast-paced transactions on behalf of the state.

The Tully River Valley area comprises one of the largest contiguous tracts of forest land in southern New England. Although not threatened by large-scale development, small patches of development threaten to fragment this valuable large forest block. The Tully Valley Project also helps protect land surrounding the Tully Loop Trail, a 20-mile loop trail connecting lands owned by federal, state, and non-profit entities.

EOEA hopes to protect an additional 3,000 acres in the Tully Valley area in the upcoming year.

Contact: Kristin Foord, Focus Area Project Coordinator, Executive Office of Environmental Affairs (617) 626-1151.

## Conservation Lands Boost Local Government Budgets



Many local governments throughout Minnesota will receive a substantial boost to their income Friday when the State transfers almost \$12 million to make up for lack of local property taxes on state-owned, Department of Natural Resources administered conservation acreage.

The payment is up from about \$7 million last year, mainly due to major changes passed by the 2000 Legislature. This year's \$11,778,544.73 payment covers the 2000 fiscal year, which ended June 30, 2000. The payment is made directly to Minnesota counties and, like many other state aid payments, is handled by the Department of Revenue.

While the payments increased on average by 70 percent, individual county changes varied widely. Douglas County got the largest percentage increase, over 400 percent, while Beltrami County saw the largest dollar increase, almost \$1 million. Nicollet County experienced a small decrease in its payment due to lowered land values.

The funds are distributed to counties, townships and, in some cases, school districts, mainly to reduce local tax levies.

An annual payment-in-lieu-of-taxes (PILT) for state-owned, DNR-administered land has been paid since 1979 and, in

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## ***Minnesota (continued)***

some cases, earlier. The 2000 Legislature enacted changes that substantially boosted the amount paid to local governments for this conservation land. One of these was an across-the-board 18 percent increase in per acre payments to help offset inflationary increases since 1979.

For payment purposes, state-owned, DNR-administered conservation lands are divided into two tiers, “acquired land” and “other land.” Acquired land is obtained intentionally for natural resource management units, such as state parks or wildlife management areas. Other land comes into state possession by other means. Prior to 2000, \$3 per acre was paid on all acquired conservation land, while a lesser rate of \$0.375 was paid on other conservation lands, including trust lands and some county-administered lands. In 2000, the Legislature increased this per-acre payment to \$3.569 and \$0.446, respectively.

Another major change enacted by the 2000 Legislature was the way in which Consolidated Conservation (Con-Con) lands are compensated. Con-Con lands passed to state ownership in the 1930’s when counties could not pay off bonds issued for drainage ditches and other improvements. The state paid off the bonds and took title of the land. Until 2000, all these lands had been paid at the lower rate. In 2000, however, all Con-Con acreages in state parks, wildlife management areas, or scientific and natural areas were shifted to the higher “acquired” rate. As a result, over half a million acres in seven northern counties are now compensated at the higher rate.

Other changes to this year’s PILT payment to counties are due to changes in the total number of state-owned acres, changes in appraised value of those acres, and in county selection of different formulas for accepting the payment.

Future PILT payments will vary annually according to an inflation index.

*Contact: Paul Purman, Information Officer, Minnesota DNR, Lands & Minerals Division (651) 296-9558  
paul.purman@dnr.state.mn.us*

### ***Your State***

**Share your success stories. Let us hear about innovative activities or programs going on in your state. Send, Fax or E-mail your articles to Ed Leary, President, ELRC at [eleary@fpr.anr.state.vt.us](mailto:eleary@fpr.anr.state.vt.us)**

*Fall Conference (continued from page 1)*

Our Virginia Beach location will also allow ELRC members to visit a variety of intriguing landscapes and historical sites all within easy driving distance. You'll visit the Jamestown Settlement and spend an evening in Colonial Williamsburg. We'll leave the mainland and cross the Chesapeake Bay on the renowned Bay Bridge Tunnel to visit the picturesque Eastern Shore. And we'll return in time once again as we visit one of the Atlantic Coast's last unspoiled ecosystems.

With your \$315 fall conference registration fee you receive:

- ◆ A traditional Virginia Pig Roast with all the trimmings;
- ◆ A sunset dinner reception at Kiptopeke State Park;
- ◆ Admission to the Jamestown Settlement and Jamestown Island;
- ◆ Dinner at a Colonial Williamsburg Tavern;
- ◆ Admission, a dinner reception and IMAX movie at the Virginia Marine Science Museum;
- ◆ Continental breakfast and lunch each day;
- ◆ Transportation on luxury coaches.

The registration deadline is September 14. Please register early as space is limited. A working conference agenda and registration form are printed on pages 8-10 for your review and use. Conference materials and future updates may be found at [www.elrc.org](http://www.elrc.org).

So join us in Virginia Beach. There's no better time to visit than in mid-October when the days are warm, the evenings crisp and the tourists are back home. For more information, contact Gary Waugh, Public Relations Manager, Department of Conservation and Recreation (804) 786-5045 or [gwaugh@dcr.state.va.us](mailto:gwaugh@dcr.state.va.us).

See page 8 for the Fall Conference Agenda and be sure to complete the Registration Form on page 10 and send it to Dave Bergman, ELRC Treasurer .

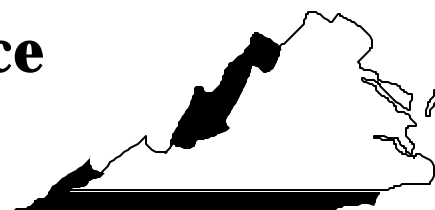
***On the Federal Front...***

**USGS, MMS - Minerals Revenue Management**

Mineral revenue collections from Federal and American Indian lands are up 83.5 percent, or \$2.6 billion, from \$3.1 billion in the first 6 months of calendar year 2000 to \$5.7 billion during the same period in 2001. The increase is primarily due to higher oil and gas prices. Collections in the first 6 months of 2001 are greater than total annual collections in 8 of the past 10 years. Only annual totals of \$6.7 billion in 1997 and \$7.1 billion in 2000 surpassed collections in the first half of 2001. Visit the MMS web site at [www.mrm.mms.gov/Stats/pdfdocs/Coll\\_Qrt\\_Nat\\_01.pdf](http://www.mrm.mms.gov/Stats/pdfdocs/Coll_Qrt_Nat_01.pdf)

The site provides tables, graphs, and narratives addressing royalty, rent, bonus, and other revenue collections from Federal offshore, Federal onshore, and American Indian lands. Information is provided at the State and commodity level in each land category. We encourage you to bookmark this site if you have a recurring requirement for the data. Contact: Hannah Price (303) 231-3373 [Hannah.Price@mms.gov](mailto:Hannah.Price@mms.gov)

# Your 2001 Fall Conference Travel Guide



We've assembled some facts, some figures and more contact information to help you plan for an educational and entertaining visit to Virginia Beach and historic Tidewater Virginia.

## Hotel

Ramada Plaza Resort Oceanfront  
Oceanfront at 57th Street  
P.O. Box 7630  
Virginia Beach, Virginia 23458-7630  
Phone: (800)-365-3032  
Phone: (757) 428-7025  
Fax: (757) 428-2921

Rooms are reserved at the following daily rates:

Oceanfront ----- \$109.00  
Non oceanfront ----- \$ 99.00  
Two-room Suite ----- \$179.00  
Three-room Suit ----- \$259.00

To make your reservations call the hotel at  
1-800-365-3032.

Make sure you identify yourself as a member of  
the Eastern Lands and Resources Council.

**Reservations must be made by September 14,  
2001. After that date reservations will be  
honored only on a space available basis.**

A one night's advance deposit payment or  
credit card deposit is required for each room  
reserved. Balance of payment is due at check-  
in. Any cancellations must come 72 hours or  
more prior to arrival to avoid penalty of one  
night's room & tax charged to your credit card,  
or taken from any deposit received.

Guest check in time is 4:00 p.m. Check out  
time is 11:00 a.m.

## Airport

The *Norfolk/Virginia Beach International Airport*  
serves the Hampton Roads area and is located  
approximately 18 miles from the conference  
facility. Rental cars, shuttle services, limo  
services and taxi-cabs are available on site.

## Suggested Attire

Lightweight to medium clothing is  
recommended for fall in Virginia Beach.  
Clothes that can be layered may be increased  
or decreased as the varying temperatures  
dictate.

## Weather

Average Low for October ---53°F / 11°C

Average High for October ---70°F / 21°C

## For more information

To find out more about the exciting sights that  
await you as part of the 2001 ELRC Fall  
Conference, visit the following Internet sites:

False Cape, First Landing  
and Kiptopeke state parks [www.dcr.state.va.us](http://www.dcr.state.va.us)

The Jamestown Settlement [www.historyisfun.org](http://www.historyisfun.org)

Colonial Williamsburg [www.history.org](http://www.history.org)

The Virginia Marine  
Science Museum [www.vmsm.com](http://www.vmsm.com)

Virginia Beach Tourism [www.vbfun.com](http://www.vbfun.com)

# ELRC Fall Conference Agenda

***Come back to where it all began ... October 14-17, 2001  
Ramada Plaza Resort Oceanfront - Virginia Beach, Virginia***

## Sunday, October 14

3 p.m. Registration Opens  
 4-5:30 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting  
 5:30 p.m. Board buses for First Landing State Park  
 Welcome to Virginia Pig Roast, Chesapeake Bay Center, First Landing State Park  
*A Virginia pig roast with all the trimmings overlooking the Chesapeake Bay. With a welcome from Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation Director David Brickley and an overview of Virginia Beach's eco-tourism initiatives by Mr. Ronald Kuhlman, Virginia Beach Department of Convention and Visitor Development*

Noon Box Lunches are distributed  
 12:15 p.m. Travel on buses to Eastern Shore across the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel  
 1-2:15 p.m. Presentations - Kiptopeke State Park  
 1-1:45 Fall Bird Migrations  
*Mr. Bill Williams, Coastal Virginia Wildlife Observatory*  
 1:45-2:15 Natural Area Preserves - Landscapes and Ecology  
*Ms. Dorothy Fields, Department of Conservation and Recreation*  
 2:15 p.m. Travel to Eastern Shore National Wildlife Refuge  
 2:30-5:15 p.m. Presentations - Eastern Shore National Wildlife Refuge  
 2:30-3 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Southern Tip Partnership  
*Ms. Susan Rice, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service*  
 3-3:30 Development of the Virginia Birding Trail  
*Mr. David Whitehurst, Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries*  
 3:30-4 The Delmarva Cape Initiative  
*Mr. John Hall, The Nature Conservancy*  
 4-4:15 Break - Coffee, sodas, cookies  
 4:15-4:45 Sustainable Technologies  
*Mr. Tim Hayes, Sustainable Technology Park Authority*  
 4:45-5:15 Land Management  
*Mr. Steve Mallette, Resource Management Associates*  
 5:15 p.m. Travel to Kiptopeke State Park  
 Free Time to View Park  
 6-8 p.m. Sunset Reception at Kiptopeke State Park  
 8 p.m. Travel to Conference Facility

## Monday, October 15

7-8 a.m. Continental Breakfast  
 7:30 a.m. Registration Opens  
 8 a.m. Welcome to Virginia Remarks;  
 Welcome to Conference Remarks  
*Mr. David Brickley, Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation*  
*Mr. Ed Leary, ELRC*  
 8:15-9:30 a.m. Business Meeting  
 9:30-9:45 a.m. Break  
 9:45-noon Land Conservation Efforts in Virginia - Presentations and Panel Discussion  
 Moderator: *Mr. David Brickley*  
 9:45-10 Highlights of Conservation Programs in Virginia  
*Mr. David Brickley, Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation*  
 10-10:15 Statewide Conservation Lands Database  
*Mr. Thomas Smith, Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation*  
 10:15-10:30 Virginia Forest Legacy Program  
*Mr. Michael Foreman, Virginia Department of Forestry*  
 10:30-10:45 Virginia Outdoor Foundation Successes  
*Ms. Leslie Trew, Virginia Outdoors Foundation*  
 10:45-11 Break - Coffee, sodas, cookies  
 11-11:15 Local Involvement in Preservation Efforts  
*Mrs. Bo Dale, The Middle Peninsula Land Trust*  
 11:15-11:30 a.m. Virginia United Land Trust  
*Mr. Paul Gilbert, Northern Virginia Conservation Trust*  
 11:30-11:45 a.m. Perspectives from the Nature Conservancy  
*Mrs. Mary Kathryn van Eerden, The Nature Conservancy*  
 11:45 a.m. - noon Questions and Answers and Session Wrap-up

## Tuesday, October 16

7-8 a.m. Continental Breakfast  
 7:30 a.m. Registration Opens  
 8:15 a.m. Board buses for Jamestown/Williamsburg  
 9:30-11:45 a.m. Jamestown Island - Colonial National Historic Park  
 9:30-10 Tour Glassblowing Facility  
 10-11:45 Tour Property and visit fort dig site with Park and Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities (APVA). Presentation on Archeological Digs and Discoveries at Jamestown and Other Activities on the Property by APVA.  
 11:45 a.m. Travel to Jamestown Settlement  
 Noon - 3:30 p.m. Jamestown Settlement

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**Tuesday, October 16 (cont'd)**

12:10-12:30 Welcome to Jamestown Settlement and Planning for Jamestown's 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
*Mr. Philip Emerson, Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation*

12:30-12:40 Lunches are distributed

12:40-1:10 Land Preservation Planning in Jamestown/Yorktown/Colonial Williamsburg/and Chippokes Region  
*Mr. Carlton Abbott, Carlton Abbott & Partners, P.C.*

1:10-1:30 Historic Preservation in Tidewater Virginia  
*Ms. Kathleen Kilpatrick, Virginia Department of Historic Resources*

1:30-3:30 Tour Jamestown Settlement and Museum

3:30 p.m. Travel to Colonial Williamsburg

4 p.m. Stroll the Streets of Colonial Williamsburg

5 p.m. Dinner at Shield's Tavern

7-9 p.m. Evening Event at Colonial Williamsburg

9 p.m. Travel to Conference Facility

**Wednesday, October 17**

7-8 a.m. Continental Breakfast

8:30-11:30 a.m. Local Land Use Issues  
*Moderator: Dr. Curtis Hutto*

8:30-8:55 Southern Watershed Area Management Program (SWAMP)  
*Mr. Eric Walberg, Hampton Roads Planning District Commission*

8:55-9:20 Wetland Impacts from Tulloch ditching  
*Mr. Steve Martin, US Army Corps of Engineers*

9:20-9:45 Operation Big Beach, 300 Feet of Fun, and boardwalk/stormwater improvements  
*Mr. Phillip Roehrs, City of Virginia Beach Dept. of Public Works*

9:45-10 Break - Coffee, sodas, cookies

10-10:25 Agricultural Easement Program  
*Mr. Melvin Atkinson, City of Virginia Beach Dept. of Agriculture*

10:25-10:50 Safe Harbor Agreement for Red Cockaded Woodpecker Habitat Protection  
*Mr. Brian van Eerden, The Nature Conservancy*

10:50-11:15 Management of Virginia Natural Area

Preserves  
*Dr. Curtis Hutto, Department of Conservation and Recreation*

11:15-11:30 Break

11:30 a.m.-Noon Federal Legislative Update  
*Ms. Elinor Schwartz, Western States Land Commissioners Association*

Noon Box Lunches are distributed

12:15 p.m. Travel to Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge

1-1:15 p.m. Back Bay Access MOU Discussion  
*Mr. John Stasko, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service*  
*Mr. Kyle Barbour, Department of Conservation and Recreation*

1:15-4 p.m. Tour Back Bay/False Cape  
*Participants will get to view this unique undisturbed area along the Atlantic. Weather permitting the participants will tour the refuge and enter the park in either the electric trams or the beach vehicle, the Terra-Gator. Both modes of transportation are key to the access plan.*

4-5:30 p.m. Travel from Back Bay Refuge to Conference Facility

7 p.m. Travel to Virginia Marine Science Museum

7:30-10 pm Virginia Marine Science Museum Tour and Reception

7:30-7:45 Virginia Marine Science Museum Activities  
*Mr. C. Mac Rawls, Virginia Beach Department of Museums and Cultural Arts*

7:45-7:50 Closing Remarks  
*Mr. David Brickley and Mr. Ed Leary*

7:50-10 Tour facility, Watch I-Max films, enjoy the Reception

10 p.m. Return to Conference Facility



**2001 ELRC Fall Conference Registration Form**  
**October 14-17, 2001**  
**Ramada Plaza Resort Oceanfront**  
**Virginia Beach, Virginia**

Please register by September 14 with a separate form for each person to help us finalize arrangements.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Office Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Guest \_\_\_\_\_

Registration for ELRC delegates \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$315 Amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse or guest registration \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$250 Amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

**MEALS :** Please note any special meal considerations:

\_\_\_\_\_ Vegan/Vegetarian \_\_\_\_\_ No Shellfish \_\_\_\_\_ Other (please explain)

**OTHER ACCOMMODATIONS:**

Please let us know of any special needs (handicap accessibility, etc.)

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\_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to ELRC CONFERENCE and, if possible, mail with registration to:

Mr. David Bergman, Treasurer ELRC  
Real Estate Administrator  
Ohio Department of Natural Resources  
Division of Real Estate & Land Management  
1952 Belcher Drive, C-4  
Columbus, Ohio 43224-1386  
(614) 265-6410 Phone  
(614) 267-4764 Fax

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Joint ELRC/WLSCA Conference  
scheduled for April 14-17, 2002  
at the Radisson Barcelo  
in Washington, DC.***

## **www. elrc.org**

### **Goal: To Improve Support and Service to Natural Resource Agencies**

The opportunities to enhance support to members and related agencies of the ELRC are boundless through the ELRC website.

How can we best use the site in support of ELRC goals? Several groups are looking at that question as you read this, including ELRC Membership Committee and the "Website Task Force" headed by Dave Bergman of Ohio DNR.

A number of ideas to expand the information available have been suggested including features for:

- News releases from state natural resource agencies;
- Job announcements;
- Recent surveys, reports and publications from the states;
- Recently-passed legislation from the states;
- Links to non-profit conservation groups;
- Links to resource related associations.

The idea would be for the site to be a convenient "one-stop shopping" access center for information or contacts for members. Being able to quickly access information from other states can assist all of us who are grappling with the same issues. Ideally, this would be set up so that each state natural resource agency would add the ELRC website to their distribution lists. Like electronic news releases, the information would go to the website automatically.

What would YOU like to see on this website? This is a great time to forward your ideas on how the website can be a tool to help you. What information would be helpful to you?

Please send your thoughts to Dave Bergman at [dave.bergman@dnr.state.oh.us](mailto:dave.bergman@dnr.state.oh.us) or Ed Meadows at [meadowse@state.mi.us](mailto:meadowse@state.mi.us).

## **Vacancies:**



BLM, Eastern States Office has recently announced a vacancy for a Records Systems Manager for the General Land Office Records Project in Springfield, Virginia. This is a very dynamic and exciting position in the field of optical imaging. Details concerning this vacancy can be located on line at: [www.usajobs.opm.gov](http://www.usajobs.opm.gov)

The vacancy announcement number: ES-01-28. General Land Office Records Systems Manager, GS-0301-13 (\$63,211 to \$82,180). Open to all qualified applicants. Announcement closes on September 5. Contact: Marge Rothenberg at BLM (703) 440-1521.

## **Directory Updates:**

Please mark your copy of the November 2000 ELRC Directory to reflect the following changes:

### **MASSACHUSETTS**

**Add .....** Kristin Foord, Focus Area Project Coordinator, Executive Office of Environmental Affairs, 251 Causeway Street, Suite 900, Boston, MA 02114  
[kristin.foord@state.ma.us](mailto:kristin.foord@state.ma.us)

Send all changes to the Directory to Ed Leary, 103 South Main Street, Bldg., 10 South, Waterbury, VT 05671-0601 e-mail: [eleary@fpr.anr.state.vt.us](mailto:eleary@fpr.anr.state.vt.us)  
FAX: (802) 244-1481

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