

## **Conservation Landscaping Workshop & Charette**



### **Techniques for Urban Design**

### DATE: Thursday, June 5, 2008

TIME: 8:15 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

# LOCATION: Wetland Studies and Solutions, Gainesville VA (<u>www.wetlandstudies.com</u>)

#### **INSTRUCTORS:**

- Richard A. Street, Environmental Engineer, Spotsylvania County Planning Department
- Lou Verner, Ph.D, Diversity Biologist, VA Dept. of Game & Inland Fisheries
- Carol A. Heiser, Habitat Education Coordinator, VA Dept. of Game & Inland Fisheries

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**WHO's INVITED**: This workshop is primarily intended for Northern Virginia professionals working in the Planning and Zoning, Community Development, Landscape Architecture and Landscape Design fields. Others involved with land-use issues or landscaping practices may also participate, such as directors and specialists from Soil and Water Conservation Districts and Park Authorities. Professionals from Prince William, Fairfax, Fauquier, Culpeper and Stafford counties are encouraged to attend.

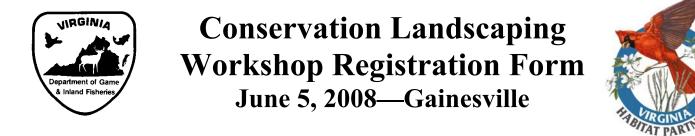
**WORKSHOP CONTENT:** Learn up-to-date information about land conservation methods that protect, improve, or minimize adverse impacts to wildlife habitat and water quality. These methods include large scale planning and design practices that protect or increase biodiversity, such as reducing lawn space, restoring streamside buffers, using native plants in site plans, removing invasive exotic species, and setting aside critical habitat areas. In addition, low-impact development (LID) techniques that reduce the effects of runoff and erosion are part of the agenda, such as biofiltration, rain gardens (or bioretention swales), permeable pavement, and green roofs. During the workshop we will have a walking tour of the Wetland Studies Solutions LID site, and we will conduct a two-part Charette on macro- and micro-scale planning to discuss local challenges and constraints.

**PARTICIPANTS WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR CEU's:** Participants will receive a certificate of completion at the end of the day, which may be submitted to professional organizations for Continuing Education Units (CEUs). This workshop qualifies for 6 "Virginia Certified Horticulturist" CEU's from the VA Nursery and Landscape Association (VNLA), or 6 "Virginia Certified Landscape Designer" CEU's from the VA Society of Landscape Design (VSLD).

**WHAT YOU WILL RECEIVE**: Each participant will receive a set of materials containing fact sheets, plant lists and in-depth background information, as well as a "Low-Impact Development Tutorial" CD, a "Rain Gardens Technical Guide" CD, and the "Reigning in the Storm" DVD.

There is no cost for the workshop, but participants must attend the FULL DAY to receive ALL materials and CEU credit. **TO REGISTER**: Registration is required and will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis; limit 30. If the workshop fills up quickly, we will keep a waiting list and notify of the first available space, if someone else cancels. Please fill out the attached form and send to Carol A. Heiser, Habitat Education Coordinator, VA Dept. of Game and Inland Fisheries, 4010 W. Broad St., Richmond, VA 23230. If you have questions, please contact <u>Carol.Heiser@dgif.virginia.gov</u> or (804) 367-6989.

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE is MAY 28, 2008.** 



Name	Title
Work Phone (Daytime #)	Cell Phone
E-mail	
Street Address	
City	State VA (workshop is for VA professionals) Zip

Please take a few moments to answer these questions that will help us understand more about the work that you do—

- 1. How long have you been in this profession or field of work?
- 2. What are your primary duties and responsibilities?
- **3.** What do you believe are the key issues for the design and planning fields, in terms of land development or land management?
- 4. How did you <u>first</u> hear about this workshop?
- □ Virginia Naturally web site
- Direct mailing
- A list-serve/e-mail announcement (please indicate organization)
- □ Other (please indicate)

Please FAX this form to (804) 367-6179, attention Carol Heiser, or MAIL to: Carol A. Heiser, Habitat Education Coordinator, VA Dept. of Game & Inland Fisheries, 4010 W. Broad St., Richmond, VA 23230. QUESTIONS? Call (804) 367-6989 or e-mail <u>Carol.Heiser@dgif.virginia.gov</u>