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VSBN's Annual Meeting Features One Planet Living® Speaker

One Planet Living® or how to build zero energy/zero waste communities that use only one planet's worth of resources will be the theme for Virginia Sustainable Building Network's 13th Annual Meeting, which takes place on June 25th from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM in Richmond, Virginia.

VSBN is pleased to feature two outstanding speakers: **Greg Searle**, Executive Director of BioRegional North America, who brings the Zero Energy/Zero Waste community development idea to Virginia from the BioRegional projects in London, Africa, China, Australia, and North America. He has presented his program at the U.S. Green Building Council's GreenBuild 2006 and at numerous international conferences. **Daniel K. Slone**, Partner, Environmental Solutions Group, McGuire Woods LLP, represents developers and communities seeking to build New Urban and sustainable projects around the country. He will provide a commentary on what Virginia local governments and private developers can do to adopt One Planet Living principles for community development projects in Virginia.

BioRegional North America is an entrepreneurial, environmental organization that creates award winning, commercially viable community projects in partnership with real estate developers and local authorities. These projects focus on meeting a community's everyday needs from local resources, to help enable One Planet Living – living within our fair share of the Earth's resources. Projects feature green building, renewable energy, sustainable agriculture and transportation, biodiversity regeneration, and sustainable lifestyles.

BioRegional began its work in the United Kingdom, where it has a 15 year track record. The organization has expanded its consulting with developers around the world. In North America, the first endorsed One Planet Community is Rohnert Park, California, where BioRegional is working with Coddling Enterprises. There are also three candidate projects in Washington, DC.

Dan Slone, a partner at the Richmond-based law firm, McGuire Woods, represents developers and communities in overcoming the land use and environmental permitting impediments to small and large-scale projects such as new towns, utilities, and industrial facilities. He also provides a wide range of services for developers of New Urban and sustainable projects with a related focus on the convergence of communication, power and essential services. He has assisted clients in dealing with wetland permitting and enforcement for more than a decade and a half. Mr. Slone has received numerous awards for his environmental law practice and serves as the General Counsel for the Congress for New Urbanism, the U.S. Green Building Council, and VSBN.

The VSBN Annual Meeting will also feature the presentation of the 4th annual Green Innovation Awards, which are given to Virginia Green Building Projects, Designers, Organizations, Businesses, and Community Programs.

For information on registration and directions to the VSBN Annual Meeting, which will be held at the University of Richmond, Jepson Alumni Center in Richmond, Virginia, visit www.vsbnet.org or call 703-486-2966.

Virginia Sustainable Building Network, founded in 1995, is a non-profit statewide organization that promotes Green Building and Sustainable Development for Virginia. VSBN's educational activities include specialized conferences for various building sectors, technical training for building managers and the design and construction communities, and a Green Building product and service directory for the mid-Atlantic region. In 2008 VSBN is also leading the development of the 2008 Commonwealth of Virginia Energy and Sustainability (COVES) Conference, in partnership with the Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy and other state and private sponsors. Visit the VSBN website for more information: www.vsbnet.org.