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Conservation Weekend will showcase Shenandoah Valley

Environmental groups coming to Frontier Culture Museum Sept. 11–12

Staunton, Va. –Valley Conservation Council joins with the Virginia Conservation Network to host the 2009 Virginia Environmental Assembly conference, Sept. 11-12 at the Frontier Culture Museum in Staunton. The event will showcase the people and nonprofits helping to conserve the natural and cultural heritage of the Shenandoah Valley.

Friday afternoon's Green Tour of Staunton will feature historic architecture, urban land conservation, and innovative stream restoration projects. In addition to a dinner featuring locally grown foods, Friday's lineup includes a silent auction to support environmental education.

On Saturday, Sept. 12, keynote speaker Timothy J. LaSalle will discuss "How farmers can fight climate change and feed the world." As CEO of Rodale Institute, LaSalle oversees research in agricultural conservation and advocates for sustainable and organic farming techniques.

Also on Saturday, staff from Shenandoah Valley Network and Shenandoah Battlefields Foundation will discuss the proposed widening of Interstate 81 and staff from Potomac Conservancy will discuss improved stormwater management in the region.

Conference-goers can choose from a behind-the-scenes tour of the Wildlife Center of Virginia in Waynesboro and a guided hike in the nearby national forest led by staff from Wild Virginia.

To view the complete agenda or to register, visit www.valleyconservation.org or www.vcnva.org. Phone 540-886-3541 with questions or to register by phone.

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