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THE 2002 NATURAL AREAS CONFERENCE will be held Wednesday, October 2, through Saturday, October 5, at the Renaissance Asheville Hotel and the Asheville Community Theatre in Asheville, North Carolina.

The conference will be designed around the general theme: The Power of Nature and the Empowerment of Natural Areas. We hope to challenge all who attend with new information and new ways to think about natural areas conservation and management. We also hope to raise awareness and optimism about our potential for making a difference in natural lands conservation and encourage everyone about the future of natural areas and the conservation of biological diversity. Adaptive ecosystem management - and what it means to adapt conservation programs within the context of changing natural, political, economic and cultural dynamics - will receive special attention. Preliminary session themes include:

Adaptive Management & Climate ChangeAdaptive Management in Fire Dependent CommunitiesEstablishing Priorities & Managing Invasive Species in an Adaptive Context Hydrologic Alteration & Adaptive Management Designing Cohesive Nature Reserve Systems Building Local Capacity for Land Conservation & Long-Term Stewardship Developing a Sense of PlacePlacing a Value on NatureSite Conservation Planning

Sessions will be held Wednesday (10/2), Thursday(10/3), and Saturday (10/5) with a full range of field trips on Friday (10/4) to stunning natural areas and exciting conservation projects in the southern Appalachians.

## WHO TO CONTACT:

For logistical questions (facilities, registration, fees): Contact the conference organize Doreen DiCarlo: 561-691-8553/ddicarlo@ces.fau.edu

For program questions: Contact the program chair Chuck Williams: cwilliams@clarion.edu

Exhibitor/vendor displays: Vendor or exhibitor display booths are available for \$250 (nonprofit \$100). To guarantee space, payment must be received by August 15. Contact Doreen DiCarlo for information: 561-691-8553/ddicarlo@ces.fau.edu

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