

# ***SAMAB's 14th Annual Conference***

***November 4-6, 2003***

***Renaissance Hotel, Asheville, North Carolina***

## ***Meeting the Challenges of a Changing Region***

Join your colleagues and neighbors—caretakers of the Southern Appalachians—to explore community and agency activities addressing the challenges of this region, from air quality to invasive plants to planning for growth.

### ***Conference Topics***

- Appalachian heritage as an economic opportunity
- Prescribed fire and ecosystem restoration
- Facing the threat of the hemlock woolly adelgid
- Air quality: Understanding the issues
- Dealing with invasive plants
- Managing growth around protected areas
- Environmental monitoring by communities and citizens: The public's role in research and management
- Protecting and restoring Southern Appalachian streams and rivers
- Mapping and GIS for planning and protection

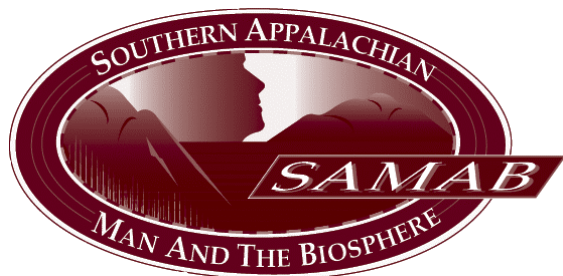
### ***Call for Abstracts***

Send an abstract of your proposed short talk, poster, panel discussion, workshop, or film/video presentation by September 5, 2003 to:

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**“The SAMAB Fall Conference brings together professionals and concerned citizens from across the region in a forum that facilitates information exchange, learning, networking, and brainstorming needed to address the resource and community sustainability challenges of the Southern Appalachians.”**

***Gary Peeples,  
US F&WS, 2003 SAMAB Conference Chair***



### ***Coming Soon***

Session, fieldtrip, workshop, registration, and hotel accommodation details will be made available at [www.samab.org](http://www.samab.org) as they become available.

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