

**The Greening of Tysons, part of the plan to transform Tysons, is named a top conservation priority for the region by the Washington Smart Growth Alliance.**

Bethesda, MD (December 14, 2009) – The Greening of Tysons is an integral part of the "Transforming Tysons" redevelopment plan recommended to Fairfax County by the Tysons Land Use Task Force. In addition to transforming the automobile-dominated shopping district into an urban center - by increasing the number of residents from 17,000 to 100,000 and jobs from 105,000 to 200,000 by 2050 - the plan recommends increasing open space and establishment of stormwater management goals that will allow for stream stabilization and restoration.

The five regional conservation priorities for 2009 were chosen by the Conservation Jury of the Washington Smart Growth Alliance. The jury reviews nominations and selects projects or programs that offer the most promise or that are of the highest urgency. Mike Kane of the Piedmont Environmental Council of Virginia, the Jury Chair, said projects are also selected because they can benefit from independent support as they seek to increase public awareness, obtain funding or legislative support, or gain local approval.

The Alliance is a partnership of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, the Coalition for Smarter Growth, Enterprise Community Partners, the Greater Washington Board of Trade, the Metropolitan Washington Builders' Council, and ULI Washington.

For more information on the Smart Growth Alliance, visit their website: <http://www.SGAlliance.org>