

**Regional Greenspace Project
Progress Report
April 13, 2006**

The project team is progressing toward Phase I target deliverables. Following is a brief summary and update of activities and progress since the February 28th kick-off:

March 1st-15th: Community Foundation Grant Application

A grant application was developed and submitted to The Community Foundation of Greater Birmingham on March 14th. The grant application requested funding for Phase II third party assistance for the public outreach plan and publication of promotional items in support of the outreach agenda. On April 10th, Elizabeth Sims and Bob Wilkerson met with representatives of the Foundation's grant committee to discuss the application. Awards will be announced following the Foundation's May 16th board meeting.

March 23rd: GeoBook and Data Inventory Workshop

The project team sponsored a workshop on the Southeastern Ecological Framework's *GeoBook*. The workshop was conducted by Dr Neil Burns- EPA Region 4 GIS Planning Specialist and Technical Policy Advisor. The workshop revealed that a significant portion of the data inventory needs were contained in the Geobook.

March 28th: Committee Work Session

An Advisory Committee work session was held. A strategy was established to address technical issues thru establishment of a technical sub-committee. An update report was given regarding progress toward roll-out of the project's web page (which has since been activated). Consensus was reached for naming of the phase I synthesis document as follows: ***Gateway to Greenspace: Connecting Citizens Governments and Business for Quality of Life Enhancement***. The process of drafting the document has begun; the final Phase I document will be presented on May 30th.

April 10th: Technical Sub-Committee Teleconference

A teleconference was held to discuss technical and data inventory issues. Attendees included Neil Burns, Rick Durbrow and Camilla Warren of EPA Region 4, Nick Tew of GSA, Kay Argo and Bob Wilkerson of RPCGB. A framework was laid for additional collaboration and discussion toward phase I inventory needs: the sub-committee will convene during the week of April 24th.