

Sustainable Sandhills Natural Step Training

Bringing together members of the communities and the region surrounding Fort Bragg, the Sustainable Sandhills Initiative is helping civic leaders and citizens alike take new steps towards building a sustainable future. Co-sponsored by Fort Bragg and the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources, this partnership is an exciting quest, and one of the first of its kind in the country. Through it, participants can help shape the future of the Sandhills region and help protect the vital natural resources we value so highly.

The kickoff meeting for Sustainable Sandhills was held on February 19th, 2003, and over 150 participants attended the half-day session. Leaders from Fort Bragg and North Carolina state and local government agencies discussed the importance of sustainability in meeting their mission and goals, and stressed the importance of working together to address the issues facing the Sandhills. Building on the efforts of regional planning partnerships such as the Regional Land Use Advisory Commission, the North Carolina Sandhills Conservation Partnership, and the Fayetteville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, participants identified the key challenges to regional sustainability and began the process of planning to meet these challenges.

WHAT

The Sustainable Sandhills Natural Step Training & Workshop, offered at no cost, will help further educate participants and partners in the concepts of sustainability, and begin to integrate those concepts into a more concrete regional planning initiative. Over a period of four days, the training and workshop will be presented by Brian and Mary Natrass, authors of *The Natural Step for Business* and *Dancing With the Tiger*. Brian and Mary are specialists in sustainability and organizational change and have led communities like Whistler, British Columbia in regional planning work. Representatives are expected from Cumberland, Harnett, Hoke, Moore, Scotland, and Richmond Counties, as well as various civic and environmental organizations from around the Sandhills.



Speakers at the Sustainable Sandhills Kickoff Meeting included leaders from state government, Fort Bragg, and well-respected experts in the sustainability field.

Registration Form

Please provide the requested information below, detach, and mail to register. Indicate your initial workgroup of choice, in order of preference, from the following list: **Agriculture; Commerce and Economy; Development and Growth; Military; Tourism; and Transportation.**

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Workgroup 3: _____

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WHERE

The training will be held at the Lundy-Fetterman School of Business at Campbell University in Buies Creek, NC. Low-cost lodging is available from the University in shared dormitories. Contact Rusty Harris-Bishop for more information on campus lodging.

A block of hotel rooms is also reserved at the Holiday Inn Express in Dunn, (910) 892-4400 and at the Ramada Inn in Dunn, (910) 892-8101, both under the Sustainable Sandhills name.

You may also register by phone, fax, or on the web. Call Rusty Harris-Bishop at 910-396-3341 (x 366), fax (910) 396-4188, or visit

<http://www.envquest.com/sandhills.asp>

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May 5-8, 2003
9:00 am - 4:00 pm

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