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Newton Marasco Foundation Announces GreenFocus Photography Award – Brownfields 2006 Contest

ARLINGTON, VA (April 22, 2006) - The Newton Marasco Foundation (NMF), a national voice advocating responsible stewardship of our environment, is proud to announce the Brownfields 2006 contest edition of its GreenFocus Photography Award.

The GreenFocus Award is an environmental still photography contest for high school students. NMF uses the art of photography to raise community awareness and educate our nation's youth and their families about the ethos of environmental stewardship. The award program has two separate contests—one focusing on sustainable use of contaminated lands in conjunction with the annual Brownfields Conference co-sponsored by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the International City/County Management Association (ICMA); the other focusing on broader environmental themes for our annual NMF-sponsored Earth Day events. To summarize the Brownfields 2006 contest highlights:

What: Newton Marasco Foundation's GreenFocus Awards—an environmental photography contest for high school students. The Brownfields 2006 contest seeks entries of still images that illustrate the impacts or benefits of brownfields reuse—sustainably reusing our contaminated lands to better our communities. Photos must be entered in one of three categories: Blighting the Community (before), Under Construction (during), or Returned to Reuse (after). For more information about brownfields, please visit: www.epa.gov/brownfields.

Who: Entrants must be enrolled in a Massachusetts high school in September 2006.

When: Entries must be received no later than Wednesday, September 13, 2006.

Prizes: Four cash prizes—The Grand Prize winner will receive \$300 and an additional \$200 will be donated to that student's high school. The first place winner for each category will receive \$100. A formal ceremony for the Grand Prize award will be conducted at the Brownfields 2006 Conference in the Boston Convention Center on November 14, 2006— www.brownfields2006.org.

For complete contest rules, entry form, teacher & student instructions, and contest theme information for the GreenFocus Awards (Brownfields 2006), please visit: www.newtonmarascofoundation.org.

About the Newton Marasco Foundation: Newton Marasco Foundation (NMF) is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to inspire responsible environmental stewardship. NMF designs innovative programs that foster learning, appreciation and caring for our natural environment. We collaborate, partner and educate to promote awareness and responsibility for the environment by individuals, schools, businesses and communities. We teach the ethos of environmental stewardship, educate and inform companies on sustainable green business practices and environmental ethics, and we promote the conservation and restoration of unique community ecosystems and habitats. We conduct award programs that encourage consideration of and responsibility for environmental stewardship. We recognize and reward small deeds and great acts that promote environmental awareness and further sustainable, environmental solutions.