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**Newton Marasco Foundation Announces  
2005 GreenFocus Photography Award Winners**

ARLINGTON, VA (October 15, 2005) - The Newton Marasco Foundation (NMF), a national voice advocating responsible stewardship of our environment, is proud to announce the winners of its inaugural 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 contest has two separate events—one focusing on sustainable land use for 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. The initial award—conducted in association with this year's Brownfields Conference to be held in Denver during the first week of November—was open to high school seniors in the State of Colorado.

Amy Marasco Newton, President of the Newton Marasco Foundation, says of this first ever photography contest for the foundation, "Since the roots of the foundation sprung from the Newton family of Mead and the Marasco family in Fort Collins, how appropriate that we launched GreenFocus here in Colorado. And to connect to the nation's premier environmental conference is a privilege for the foundation."

Julie Pendergrass, a senior at Centaurus High School in Lafayette, Colorado, is this year's Grand Prize Winner. She will receive \$300 for her submission of "Nature Versus Humanity" and a \$200 award will be made to Centaurus High School. The other 2005 GreenFocus Awards go to: Mackenzie Haering (First Place, \$200), Emry Walker (Second Place, \$150), Emily Swift (Third Place, \$100), and Courtney Amerin (Honorable Mention, \$50).

Ms. Newton says of all the winners, "We choose to focus on high school students because they are the next generation's leaders. If this contest helps enhance the environmental sensitivity of this generation, then we are in very good hands." A panel of photographers and leaders in the brownfields movement made the selections. The award presentation will be held Wednesday November 2, 2005 at the Denver Convention Center during the Brownfields Conference. The photographs of Ms. Pendergrass' and the other award winners will be on display as part of the conference's Poster Session. The 2006 Earth Day and 2006 Brownfields Conference components of the GreenFocus Photography Award will be underway this year. More information is available on the NMF Web site.

**About the Newton Marasco Foundation:**

Newton Marasco Foundation (NMF) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization whose mission is to work collaboratively on issues related to environmental stewardship through the areas of education and greening. We are national, headquartered in Fairfax, Virginia, with chapters in numerous states and the US Virgin Islands. We aspire to ignite the energy and passion that is embodied by our youth-to teach the ethos of environmental stewardship and to make our children more aware of the fragile nature of their local ecosystems and the role each of us can play in nurturing, protecting, and defending it. We educate and inform companies on sustainable green business practices and promote energy-efficient practices in housing, from design to home living, especially for lower income families.