

*The Green Valley Institute and the Sturbridge Planning Department
Cordially invite you to an*

Open Space and Community Planning Workshop Series

Landscape Based Strategies for Protecting Habitat

February 10, 2004 at 7:00 P.M. Veterans Memorial Hall - Town Hall

*This presentation will look at "big picture" strategies for protection of wildlife habitat, including corridor connections and species needs. An overview of the natural resource inventor process in community and regional Open Space Planning will be presented. **With Scott Jackson, Program Director for UMass Extension Service; and Attorney Bob Levite, UMass Extension Service***

The Economic Benefits of Preserving Open Space: How Saving Land Relates to Your Local Taxes

March 9, 2004 at 7:00 P.M. Veterans Memorial Hall - Town Hall

*This workshop will address the economic value of open space protection. It will show how open space protection can help to balance your town's budget. **With Bob Levite***

Planning for Our Future the "Smart" Way: Smart Growth and Our Town

April 13, 2004 at 7:00 P.M. Veterans Memorial Hall - Town Hall

*This presentation looks at sensible or "smart" planning at the town level. It will include an overview of Smart Growth principles and strategies. Examples of Smart Growth projects nationwide and other statewide efforts will also be presented. **With Susan Westa AICP; Co-Director, Extension Educator, Green Valley Institute***

Development Alternatives that Conserve Open Space

May 11, 2004 at 7:00 P.M. Veterans Memorial Hall - Town Hall

*This presentation looks at historic development patterns in our region, current regulations and land use patterns, and considers what alternatives are available to communities. Alternative development patterns, such as conservation subdivisions, can often protect open space through the development process. **With Susan Westa; and Paula Stahl, Community Design Specialist, Green Valley Institute***

Please join us for these presentations and discussions. Refreshments will be served.