

The Southeast Social Forum is an historic event bringing together communities from across Appalachia and the Southeast to build a movement for racial and economic justice!

This exciting event, taking place from Friday June 16 to Sunday June 18 at NC Central University in Durham, will enable activists to analyze, strategize and build movements around the aftermath of the Gulf Coast hurricanes, the fight for immigrant rights and the impact of violence at home and abroad. This gathering will generate ideas in preparation for the first ever US Social Forum in Atlanta in 2007.

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**Help Marshallberg Harbor!
Shrimp and Fish Dinner at Marshallberg Community Club
Saturday, July 15, 4:00-8:00 pm
\$8 donation per plate**

In 1954 easements on the land around Marshallberg Harbor were donated to the community. A developer recently bought surrounding land and is fighting the 50+ year old easements. He's taken local commercial fisherman to court, costing them more than \$50,000 in legal fees – and there's more litigation pending.

Please help community members by attending the Shrimp and Fish Dinner on July 15. For tickets, call:
Nancy and Buddy Garner, 252.729.1406
Wanda Lewis Sobkowski, 252.729.8231
Helen Moore, 252.729.4001

To learn more about issues facing the NC coast, visit <http://www.newsobserver.com/102/story/446955.html> to read about Harkers Island.

Youth Renewing the Countryside

Renewing the Countryside, a Minneapolis-based non-profit organization, in partnership with the USDA's Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE) program, is now seeking stories and story ideas, as well as young writers and photographers to be part of the Youth Renewing the Countryside production team this summer. A national committee composed of representatives from farming, youth development, and entrepreneurship networks, along with writers and photographers, will select the stories to be included in the publication and the writers and photographers who will create it. Selected contributors will be paired with professional writers and photographers who will act as mentors throughout the process. Renewing the Countryside will provide modest compensation to writers and photographers for their work. **The deadline for nominating stories, writers, and photographers is June 15, 2006.** Submissions and nominations will be reviewed beginning in early June. Contact Beth Munnich (beth@rtcinfo.org or (866) 378-0587) with your story idea and the name(s) of potential contributor(s), including young writers or photographers.

North Carolina Rural Economic Development Center, **Creating Entrepreneurial Communities: Lessons from Ten Rural Demonstrations in North Carolina**, http://www.ncruralcenter.org/pubs/comm_demo_report.pdf.

Coastal Enterprises, Inc., **Measuring Impact in Practice: Reflections and Recommendations from Coastal Enterprises, Inc.'s Experience**, April 2006, www.ceimaine.org.

Island Press: Restoration BLOG

If you like online discussions, visit Island Press's new Restoration BLOG at http://blog.islandpress.org/environmental_issues/ecological_restoration/index.html