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MEDIA ALERT

It's Moving Day for D&R Greenway Land Trust

As a follow-up to the story regarding the renovation of the Johnson Education Center featured in April 2005, we are inviting you to a press conference as **D&R Greenway Land Trust, central New Jersey's leading non-profit land preservation organization, moves into the Johnson Education Center!**

When: Monday, March 27, 2006
2:00 pm

Where: Johnson Education Center
One Preservation Place, Princeton, NJ
(Intersection with Rosedale Road, opposite the Johnson Park School)

What: Tour this magnificently renovated circa 1900 barn and find out about the important land preservation and stewardship work that will go on under its roof.

Why: The only facility of its kind in New Jersey and one of only two in the country, the *Johnson Education Center* is a comprehensive resource for land preservation and stewardship. It will encompass the tools, techniques and expertise D&R Greenway's public and private partners throughout central New Jersey need to preserve as much land as possible, as quickly as possible. Through public programs, and exhibits at the *Johnson Education Center*, D&R Greenway Land Trust will promote land preservation and conservation as fundamental priorities for all who live and work in our region. The *Johnson Education Center* will house a research library, GIS and mapping capabilities and other information necessary to support the protection and effective management of land. It will also serve as D&R Greenway's home. Here our professional staff and other experts will provide hands-on education (through workshops and other curriculum) and technical assistance.

RSVP: Please let Jo-Ann Munoz know if you will be able to attend, by calling 609-924-4646 or replying to jmunoz@drgreenway.org. Please note that the only way to reach Jo-Ann on March 27 is on her mobile: 609-577-9734.

Background on D&R Greenway Land Trust

As central New Jersey's leading non-profit land preservation organization, **D&R Greenway Land Trust** works in all six counties of this region – Burlington, Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth and Somerset – where, since our founding in 1989, **we have led the preservation of 8,477 acres valued at \$177.9 million, encompassing 148 individual properties.** Our mission is to preserve and protect a permanent network of natural lands and open spaces, creating the conditions for a healthy and diverse environment to flourish and to provide the public with appropriate access to these lands, encouraging active lifestyles and a greater appreciation of the natural world. For additional information about D&R Greenway Land Trust, please visit www.drgreenway.org.

To date we have led the preservation of

1,690 acres in Hopewell Township, including significant work in the Sourlands. We are also leading the partnership working to preserve the St. Michaels and surrounding properties, over 400 acres in the heart of Hopewell Township.

XXX acres in Lawrence Township, including 186-acre Carson Road Woods and the Jusick and Dorler properties, comprising over 66 acres, in 2005.