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D&R Greenway Land Trust Announces the Inaugural Year of the Upmeyer Internship in Land Preservation and Stewardship at the Johnson Education Center

Princeton, NJ, March 22, 2006 – D&R Greenway Land Trust is now accepting applications for the Upmeyer Internship in Land Preservation and Stewardship. This internship was established in memory of Neil Upmeyer, a member of the Board of Trustees of D&R Greenway for 14 years, who served as Board Chair from January 1998 to December 2001. The application form and guidelines are available on D&R Greenway's website – www.drgreenway.org/jec_upmeyer.html. The application deadline is April 15, 2006.

The goal of the Upmeyer Internship is to train the next generation of leaders in the field of land preservation and stewardship by providing an opportunity to work with experts at D&R Greenway Land Trust in the Johnson Education Center, located in Princeton, New Jersey. The Upmeyer Internship will be made available annually to an undergraduate or graduate college student. Under the guidance of an advisor, the intern will dedicate 100 hours to a project in land preservation or stewardship. The intern's final report will be presented in a public forum at the Johnson Education Center. The intern will receive a stipend of \$1,000 and an invitation to attend all educational programs at the Johnson Education Center for a year.

About Neil Upmeyer

For Neil Upmeyer, life was about good government and preserving land. Mr. Upmeyer was president of the Center for Analysis of Public Issues, editor of the New Jersey Reporter, and former vice president of the Gallup Organization. Under Mr. Upmeyer's leadership, D&R Greenway was able to raise private funds to complete the purchase of three significant properties: Greenway Meadows park, Farm View Fields and Coventry Farm in Princeton, and the Carson Road Woods in Lawrence.

D&R Greenway Land Trust is proud to honor Neil Upmeyer, and provide an experience that we hope will transfer Neil Upmeyer's generosity, dedication, insight, and leadership to a new generation of environmental leaders.



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 its founding in 1989, **D&R Greenway has led the preservation of 8,477 acres valued at \$178 million, encompassing 148 individual properties.** D&R Greenway's 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.

About the Johnson Education Center

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. Professional staff and other experts will provide hands-on education (through workshops and other curriculum) and technical assistance.