



# Soil & Water Conservation Society Annual Meeting

## Frontier Culture Museum, Staunton, Virginia

### October 24, 2007



## Biofuels and the Implications for Conservation



- 9:00-9:30 Registration
- 9:30-9:40 Welcome – *John Myers, President, Virginia Chapter, SWCS*
- 9:40-10:20 Biofuels and the 2007 Farm Bill – *Congressman Bob Goodlatte*
- 10:20-10:45 Water Quality Implications of Biofuel Production in Virginia and the Mid-Atlantic – *Dr. Jim Pease (Virginia Tech)*
- 10:45-11:00 Break
- 11:00-11:30 Energy Needs in Virginia and the Role of Biofuels – *Steve Walz (VA Dept. Mines, Minerals & Energy)*
- 11:30-1:00 Awards Luncheon and Installation of New Chapter Officers – *Gene Yagow*
- 1:00-1:30 Implications of Biofuels: Perspectives from the EPA Chesapeake Bay Program – *Rich Batiuk (Science and Technology Director Chesapeake Bay Program)*
- 1:30-2:00 Alternative Feedstocks for Biofuel Production: State of the Science – *Eric Bendfeldt and John Ignosh (Virginia Tech)*
- 2:00-2:15 Break
- 2:15-3:00 The Implications of Biofuel Production for State/Federal Conservation Programs – *Jack Frye (VA DCR) and Ken Carter, (USDA NRCS)*
- 3:00-3:30 Perspectives from the Biofuel Industry – *Dean Price (Red Birch Energy)*
- 3:30-3:45 Wrap-up and Adjourn – *Jim Cox*
- 4:00 Chapter Annual Business Meeting—*Jim Cox*

In his 2007 State of the Union Address, President Bush proposed a national goal of reducing gasoline usage by 20% in the next ten years. To achieve this goal, the use of alternate and renewable fuels would need to reach 35 billion gallons per year by 2017 (nearly 5 times the 2012 target in the 2005 Energy Policy Act).

From an economic perspective, it makes sense to produce agricultural-based biofuels close to the centers of demand. Thus, the Mid-Atlantic region is seeing a growing interest in biofuel production facilities.

This meeting is designed to enlighten attendees about the potential soil and water conservation implications associated with growing and using agricultural-based feedstocks for biofuels production.

**Registration Deadline is Friday, October 12.** Send registration form (below) and check to:  
 Brian Benham, Biological Systems Engineering, Virginia Tech, 209 Seitz Hall (0303), Blacksburg, VA 24061.

Registration (includes lunch and breaks): \$15—Students \$40—Members \$50—Non-members \$80—Non-members plus 1-year SWCS membership

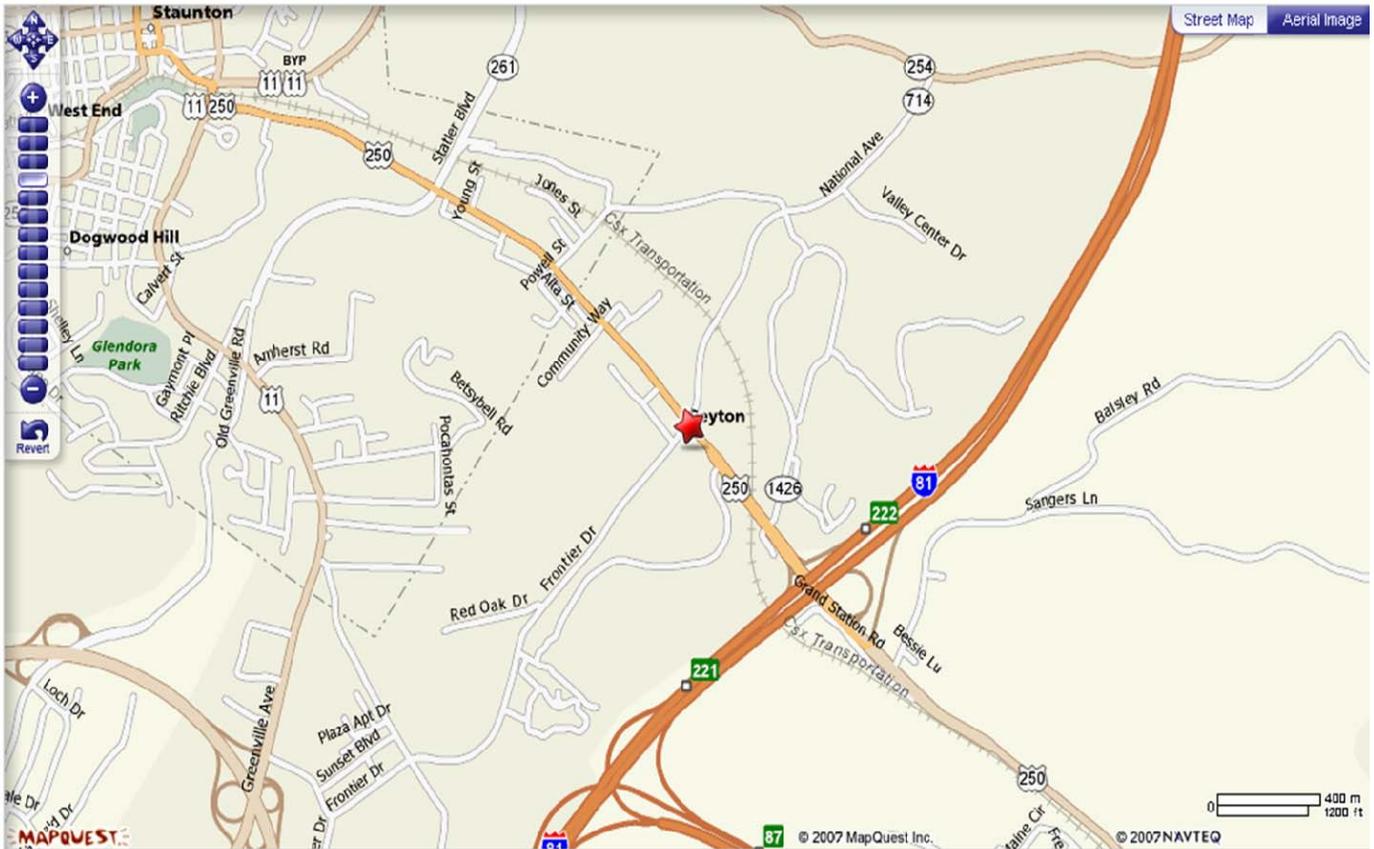
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**Directions to Frontier Culture Museum of Virginia**  
**1290 Richmond Ave Staunton, VA 24401-4976**  
**Phone: 540.332.7850**

**From I-81, Exit 222, Route 250 West, the museum is 1/2 mile on the left.**