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Safe and Affordable Housing

ASPI recently received two grants from the Chicago Jesuit Apostolic Fund and the Dominican Sisters of Springfield, Illinois to expand our Safe and Affordable Housing program through workshops, reports, and other literature.

Ernie Muhly from Keedysville, Maryland has been serving as an ASPI consultant on this project. With Ernie we hope to produce a manual on this topic for community groups. We will be conducting three Safe and Affordable Housing workshops during the next three months (*see Upcoming Events*). Many people are burdened by unaffordable mortgage rates and are willing to build substantially less expensive homes. Our project hopes to address the many hurdles facing those who are considering environmentally and economically efficient alternative housing.

ASPI has completed two more videotapes in the "Home Talk" series. The first 20-minute tape is now available at $20 and records conversations between Phil Stern, Al Fritsch and Lewis VanWinkle on the compost toilets and cisterns demonstrated here at ASPI. The other tape is a videotour with Paul Gallimore through the edible landscape of his Long Branch Environmental Education Center in Leicester, NC. The tour was taped in late June, during the height of fruit, berry and vegetable growth and includes wildscape, garden and orchards. This 60-minute tape is available from ASPI for $25.

Remember: **ASPI's 2nd Annual**

Solar Demonstration Day

October 2, 1993
(Saturday -- 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.)

The event will feature demonstrations of
* passive solar space heating
* solar water heating
* greenhouses
* cold frames
* photovoltaics
* solar food drying
* solar cooking

There is no fee and refreshments will be provided..

River Day, 1993

Forest Project

As part of the ASPI Forest Project, Robyn Arnold has just completed the fifth report of the Critical Issues Series. *A National Forest Dis-Service -- Timber Sales in the Daniel Boone National Forest*, takes a hard look at the historically uneconomical operation of the U.S.F.S. Timber Sale Program, specifically in the D.B.N.F. Each year taxpayers lose about $1 million on below cost timber sales in the Daniel Boone. This very pertinent report emphasizes the fact that 95% of available timber in Kentucky is privately owned and that sales from National Forest timber amount to a very tiny percentage of per capita personal income within the counties of the Daniel Boone. The point is made that the income received by the counties from timber sale receipts can be recouped from other sources. In the paper ASPI calls for an immediate halt to commercial logging in the Daniel Boone and serious scrutiny of the programs in the other National Forests. This report, as well as the others in the Critical Issues series is availale for $4.00 from ASPI Publications.

During the May 28 - 31 weekend the National Forest Reform Network held their 7th annual "Pow Wow". The large gathering of forest activists was held at Cathedral Domain in Lee County, KY. ASPI assisted with the event by conducting an Eco-tour. Beginning at ASPI's Sustainable Forestry plots here on the demonstration center grounds, the tour proceeded to the site of an unreclaimed surface (planned for low-cost