

# STUDENT CONTEST

Express yourself through words, art or photography & win an **iPOD SHUFFLE** or **\$50 CASH!**

## What is the environmental FUTURE of Alexandria?

What can elected officials do to protect the environment; reduce pollution; reduce energy use; encourage walking, bicycling and public transportation use; protect natural resources and wildlife habitat; improve air and water quality; or improve access to healthy, sustainable food?

How can elected officials make Alexandria a better place to live for people of all ages, races, ethnicities, and income levels, while reducing its impact on the environment?

### Attention MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS...

The answers to these questions depend on you. Right now, the City of Alexandria is creating an Eco-City Charter (a sustainable vision for the future of Alexandria) and an Environmental Action Plan (a sustainability plan to put that vision into action) to make Alexandria a better place to live, while reducing its impact on the environment.

### The City of Alexandria wants to know what you think!

Using **WORDS** (in the form of a poem or short essay no more than 300 words), **ART** (drawing, painting, or other artistic medium) or **PHOTOGRAPHY** (digital or 35mm photograph with a short description of the image) answer one of the following questions:

- What does ecological, social and economic sustainability mean (or look like) to you?
- What would you do to make Alexandria a better place to live for people of all ages, races, ethnicities and income levels, while reducing its impact on the environment?

Email your written response or digital photographs to [ecocityalexandria@gmail.com](mailto:ecocityalexandria@gmail.com) or mail your art work or 35mm photographs to: Kim Hodgson, 1021 Prince Street, Suite 200, Alexandria, VA 22314. All contest entries must be received by **Monday, May 5, 2008**.

On **Saturday, May 10, 2008** (9:00am-2:30pm) the City of Alexandria will host a public forum, called **Eco-City Summit**, to review Alexandria's first-ever Eco-City Charter at the new, green T.C. Williams High School. Students are invited to attend and comment on the Charter. The 10 best written responses, artwork and photographs will be displayed and 1 finalist from each category will be selected and invited to present his/her work to City Council members and the general public at the Eco-City Summit.

Don't let this opportunity pass you by. Share what's important to you and help shape the future of Alexandria. **You must live in Alexandria and be a middle or high school student to enter.**

For more information about this contest or the Eco-City Summit visit <http://ecocity.ncr.vt.edu/> or contact Kim Hodgson at [ecocityalexandria@gmail.com](mailto:ecocityalexandria@gmail.com) or 703.706.8131.

