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**SCENIC VIRGINIA ANNOUNCES 2006 ENDANGERED VIRGINIA VIEWSHED**  
“Quintessential” Richmond view is cited as most threatened

*Richmond, Va.* Scenic Virginia has selected the panoramic view of the James River from Libby Hill Park in Richmond as its **2006 Endangered Virginia Viewshed**. The designation, given in conjunction with the statewide organization’s 2006 Scenic Award winners, does not honor work in the field of scenic conservation but instead calls attention to an important view in danger of being lost.

“This was an easy choice,” says Scenic Virginia president Eugenia Anderson-Ellis of Richmond. “The view from Libby Hill Park has scenic, historic, and cultural significance that extends beyond our capital city. It belongs to all Virginians.”

The historic viewshed was the basis for the naming of Richmond due to its resemblance to a view in Richmond-upon-Thames, England. The viewshed is threatened by a proposed riverfront development of massive height that would destroy the view.

“This view of the James River is the quintessential Richmond view,” notes executive director Leighton Powell. “It makes no sense to degrade this important piece of Richmond’s history with mammoth towers. Scenic Virginia and other groups firmly believe that a riverfront park is the best solution to preserving that magnificent view, as well as attracting citizens and tourists to our riverfront.”

Scenic Virginia will ’s 2006 Scenic Awards program will take place on Thursday, November 2, 2006 at noon at the Kent-Valentine House in Richmond. The event is open to the public, but seating is limited. Tickets are \$30 and should be purchased prior to the event.

Established in 1998, Scenic Virginia is a statewide private nonprofit whose mission is to preserve, protect and enhance the scenic beauty and community character of the Commonwealth.

To obtain electronic images of the view of the James River from Libby Hill Park, please contact Executive Director Leighton Powell at 804.363.9453 or [email@scenicvirginia.org](mailto:email@scenicvirginia.org).

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