

Island Press concludes a nationwide tour with author Bruce Babbitt to spread his new vision of land use in America

Island Press published *Cities in the Wilderness: A New Vision of Land Use in America* by Bruce Babbitt, which makes the case for why we need a national vision of land-use. Babbitt, former Secretary of the Interior and Governor of Arizona, calls for an open space policy that can balance the needs for human settlement and community with those for preservation of the natural world upon which life depends. As a key architect of many environmental success stories, Babbitt reveals how broad restoration projects have thrived through federal and state partnerships and how their principles can be extended to other parts of the country.

From September 2005 to June 2006, Island Press conducted a 35-city tour featuring Bruce Babbitt and his land conservation message. Through the tour, Babbitt reached out to thousands of citizen-activists, policy makers, business leaders, and others, and urged them to think differently about ways to build partnership that foster effective conservation of natural landscapes. Island Press coordinated more than 100 author appearances, ranging from the keynote speaker at the National Land Conservation Conference: Rally 2005 and hosting events in coordination with local business councils, to meeting with members of environmental organizations.

The Babbitt tour reached millions more Americans via features, editorials, and interviews in national and regional print and broadcast media. In addition to being interviewed on national radio (including NPR's "Living on Earth"), Bruce Babbitt was featured more than a dozen times in such leading newspapers as *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *The LA Times*, *The Arizona Republic*, and *The Salt Lake Tribune*.

Island Press conducts numerous author tours throughout the year to bring groundbreaking tools and information to people working to conserve our natural environment. Current tours include Elizabeth Grossman, author of *High Tech Trash: Digital Devices, Hidden Toxics, and Human Health* and Joan Roughgarden, author of *Evolution and Christian Faith: Reflections of an Evolutionary Biologist*.