



## ***“Rural-Urban Footprints: Implications for Governance”***

**CRRF Fall Conference 2004**

In co-operation with the Tweed Chamber of Commerce

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For 17 years the Canadian Rural Revitalization Foundation has advanced research and education devoted to rural revitalization in Canada. This year's conference will report on seven year's of research under the New Rural Economy (NRE) and NRE<sup>2</sup> projects on forms of community capacity in rural Canada and options and opportunities for the future (see [nre.concordia.ca](http://nre.concordia.ca)).

In partnership with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, CRRF is building on the NRE and NRE<sup>2</sup> research to explore key issues in rural governance. At a time when the “urban agenda” is being debated, CRRF and the FCM are exploring new research opportunities, including how rural-urban interaction takes many forms, but our governance institutions are often poorly suited to the reality of various “rural-urban footprints.” Commuting patterns may cover one regional footprint, while watersheds cover another and sector linkages cover others, and the list goes on. Local governments, meanwhile, wrestle with fiscal, planning and accountability challenges to manage within this “rural-urban” mix of inter-dependencies.

Parallel sessions will also be available for other topics of relevance to rural Canada.

Check [www.crrf.ca](http://www.crrf.ca) in the coming weeks, or e-mail [reneef@mun.ca](mailto:reneef@mun.ca) to propose topics for presentation or have your name put on the contact list for this exciting conference in beautiful Tweed, Ontario.

