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Autumn Colors Peak as Dominion Upgrades Visitor Facilities at the Great Dismal NWR

SUFFOLK, VA (October 25, 2006) — Some 50 Dominion employee volunteers will be on hand at the Great Dismal Swamp NWR Thursday morning at 8 a.m. to restore a wildlife observation deck and information kiosk suffering from the ills of Isabel and other recent storms. The platform, which overlooks a trail head at the Jericho entrance, is accessible from White Marsh Road in Suffolk. The project consists of replacing deck boards, removing old handrails, widening a walkway leading to the platform and installing an apron along the perimeter of the deck. Dominion also is providing \$2,500 for building materials and other supplies.

“We have no shortage of goals to improve visitor facilities for the thousands of visitors who come each year,” said Suzanne Baird, Refuge Manager. “What we lack is the funding and manpower needed to make those objectives a reality.

When Dominion approached the City of Suffolk about offering resources to improve an outdoor recreational/educational facility, the refuge was a perfect match. The Suffolk Visitor Center works with refuge staff to promote visitor educational opportunities and was instrumental in introducing the needs of the refuge to Dominion.

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Dominion employees demonstrate their commitment to environmental quality every day in numerous ways. With the support of senior management and corporate funds, teams of Dominion volunteers put their brains and brawn to work on scores of environmental clean-up and refurbishment projects. Some have a strictly local focus. Others are company-wide, spanning a portion of Canada and twenty-eight states, from Texas to Connecticut. In all cases, volunteer efforts have been rewarded by an outpouring of community support. For more information about Dominion, visit the company's web site at www.dom.com.

The Great Dismal Swamp National Wildlife Refuge was established for the purpose of protecting and managing the swamp's unique ecosystem which includes wildlife and habitat. Visitors may participate in a variety of activities including hiking, biking, photography, wildlife observation, fishing and boating. Refuge trails are open year round, Sunday through Saturday, sunrise to sunset. More information can be obtained at the refuge office, Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., (757) 986-3705 or visiting www.fws.gov/northeast/greatdismalswamp.

Narrated bus tours departing from the Suffolk Visitor Center can be scheduled by calling (757) 923-3880. For more information, visit www.Suffolk-Fun.com.

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