

Red Clay focuses on Georgia's energy potential

Georgia's energy policy and future alternatives were the focus of the 17th annual Red Clay Conference held in April.

The conference, "Georgia's Energy Potential: Policy, Alternatives, and Long-Term Solutions," included panel discussions on sustainable development and energy use, hydroelectric power, alternative fuels for mobile sources of pollution and the building industry's response to the new Georgia energy code.

Conference speakers included authorities from the private legal sector, the corporate/business sector, the government and public interest groups.

Jigar Shah, chief executive officer of SunEdison, served as the keynote speaker. Shah's company helps public, private and nonprofit organizations explore using solar power as an energy alternative. Additionally, Shah has worked with the U.S. Department of Energy on alternative vehicles and fuel cell programs.

The conference drew more than 75 attorneys, government leaders, environmental advocates, academics and students.

Sponsored by the Environmental Law Association, the Red Clay Conference was established to increase public awareness of environmental issues of regional, national and international significance through a series of educational presentations and open forum discussions.