

Red Clay Conference opens discussion on current environmental topics

Land use, urban sprawl and water management were some of the headlining topics of the 19th Annual Red Clay Conference, titled “When Red Clay Meets Black Asphalt,” held earlier this spring.

This year’s keynote speaker was Robert J. Glennon, the Udall Professor of Law and Public Policy at the University of Arizona Rogers College of Law and author of the book *Water Follies: Groundwater Pumping and the Fate of America’s Fresh Waters*.

Glennon discussed major environmental problems, such as threats to our water supply caused by excessive groundwater pumping.

Conference panel topics included: sign ordinances, takings and inverse condemnation, new urbanism, Georgia’s state-wide water management plan and land use regarding coastal marshes and wetlands.

Attorneys, professors and experts in water use and land conservancy served as panelists.