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**Renowned Scholar, Writer David Orr to present on
Green Design & Climate Change at SEEAL Annual Event**

SEEAL, the Southeastern Environmental Education Alliance, will hold its annual year-end celebration on Tuesday, Nov. 24. at the New Bedford Whaling Museum, 18 Johnny Cake Hill.

The annual event will be held from 5-8 p.m., and will feature a celebration of SEEAL's accomplishments, inspirational presentations, music, food and drink, and engaging exhibits. The celebration is free and open to the public, but since space is limited it will be first come, first served.

The event will include a presentation by David Orr, a renowned scholar, teacher, writer, speaker, and entrepreneur in a broad set of environmental fields including politics, education, ecological design, and climate change. Orr is the Paul Sears Distinguished Professor of Environmental Studies and Politics at Oberlin College. He has authored six books including the forthcoming, *Down to the Wire: Confronting Climate Collapse*, an assessment of climate destabilization, and an urgent call to action. He has served as a Trustee for many organizations and foundations including the Rocky Mountain Institute and the Aldo Leopold Foundation. Among his recent projects is a two-year \$2.2 million collaborative project to define a 100 days Climate Action Plan for the Obama Administration, www.climateactionproject.com.

Orr's presentation will be followed by a social hour featuring SEEAL partner exhibits, music, food, and beverages.

SEEAL, whose mission is to support its partners' capacity to provide quality environmental education and stewardship in our region, is a program of the Community Foundation of Southeastern Massachusetts (CFSEMA). The collaborative is open to any individual or organization that shares this goal.

If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Marshall, SEEAL Coordinator, at jmarshall@seeal.org, or 508-493-4343.

About SEEAL

Some of SEEAL's active educational and institutional partners who are present and provide programs in New Bedford include New Bedford Public Schools, Global Learning Charter School, New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School, and UMass Dartmouth. Present and/or active SEEAL non-profit partner organizations that deliver programs and resources to the City of New Bedford include The Trustees of Reservations, Lloyd Center for the Environment, Schooner Ernestina, and Buttonwood Park Zoo. To learn more about SEEAL, visit www.seeal.org.

About the Community Foundation

Since 1995, area residents have been turning to the Community Foundation to make their philanthropic giving as effective as possible. CFSEMA is a public charity serving thousands of people who share a common concern – improving the quality of life in Southeastern Massachusetts.

While the Foundation's primary grantmaking focus is on the SouthCoast communities of Greater New Bedford, Greater Fall River, and Greater Plymouth County, CFSEMA is a regional foundation serving 41 cities and towns. To date, the Community Foundation has distributed more than \$8 million from 120 funds to humanitarian, educational and cultural organizations in the region. To learn more about the Foundation, visit www.cfsema.org.

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