

Resolution to Protect Citizens' Property Rights

The undersigned elected officials and/or community planners officially engaged to create planning programs for the community of _____ do hereby agree to the following:

- That planning involves and affects regulation of private property rights.
- That individual property ownership constitutes an asset of unique value, as well as the foundation of individual liberty for American citizens.

Recognizing that value, we agree that all citizen's private property rights shall be placed in the highest priority of consideration during the planning and zoning process; and, In the event that any part of the planning and zoning process or recommendations resulting from the process shall potentially negatively impact any property rights, property owners or the value of their private property, those affected property owners shall:

1. Be provided full, timely disclosure notifying the property owner or owners of the potential that their private property rights may in some way be infringed or the value of their private property may be thereby affected, and,
2. Be provided an opportunity to join official discussions and deliberations on proposed policy

In the event of property loss or usage by the private land owner due to planning restrictions or zoning changes, the affected private property owner shall be fully compensated in a monetary amount equal to the fractional fair market loss of the original value of his property as a result of such zoning or other related restrictions on the fair legal use of his property.

Further, all affected property owners shall be notified of the potential impairment to their rights by this government body before beginning any program that effects the following:

1. Reconfiguration of zoning that intensifies or in any way adds restrictions to existing rights,
2. Implementation of conservations easements or Trading of Development Rights,
3. Acceptance of grant money by the above named government entity or their assigned planners, whether from non-profit organizations, governmental or private funding sources.

Finally, it is agreed that no government representatives or their assigned planning agents, will come on to private property for any planning purpose without the written consent of the owner.

Signed: (Elected Officials)

Signed: (Planning Firm)
