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Fighting Back In Virginia

By Tom DeWeese

Thursday, November 6th was an historic day in Richmond, Virginia. As has been reported in the APC Newswire previously, organic farmer Martha Boneta has been under siege from a radical land trust called the Piedmont Environmental Council (PEC).

The PEC holds a conservation easement on Martha's property and they have used it as a weapon in an attempt to force her to sell the property. She has suffered through an IRS audit; been subjected to surprise inspections of her property; threatened with massive fines; had her small farm store closed down; and even endured strange vehicles driving past her property with cameras pointed at her. The PEC has colluded with the local Fauquier County, VA government in a two pronged attack against her.

Martha has managed to rally concerned citizens and property rights activists from across the state to join her battle against the PEC harassment. She managed to get a bill passed in the Virginia state legislature called the Boneta Bill to force local governments like Fauquier to back off and she was able to reopen her farm store.

But Martha wasn't finished yet. On November 6th, the day after the massive Republican land slide sent a strong message to repudiate the Obama government overreach, Martha and her supporters sent a message of their own. Land Trusts in Virginia are loosely overseen by the Virginia Outdoors Foundation (VOF). The VOF also holds an easement on Martha's Property. So, that morning, more than 150 of Martha's supporters first held a rally on the state house grounds and then headed to a VOF hearing to air their grievances against the PEC.

I say this is historic because, never in my years of fighting the radical Greens has there ever been an outright attack launched against them to demand that government take action to "defang" them. But that's what happened in Richmond on Nov. 6th. Now it's time for property rights activists across the nation to step up and take these monsters down and reclaim our rights to own and use our own property!

I was a participant in both the Rally and in delivering testimony to the VOF hearing. Attached is video of my talk to the rally and a copy of my testimony to the hearing.

VOF Testimony by Tom DeWeese

Conservation Easements Don't Work for Landowners

For more than 40 years I have been actively working to help protect private property rights across the nation in the face of government overreach and over-zealous environmental groups.

I've seen a lot in those years, but never have I encountered a more reprehensible operation than the Piedmont Environmental Council. In Fauquier County you can almost feel the tension and the oppression brought on by this one private group that seeks to control our county. It doesn't have to be that way.

What the Boneta case proves is that the current system of Conservation Easements doesn't work for the property owners.

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While some may be very satisfied with their results, others find it doesn't work for them.

Perhaps they had a misunderstanding of what they were signing. Or perhaps the land trust with which they are dealing is not honest. Either way, locking land away in perpetuity is not practical, fair or workable.

Even the PEC admits in its documents they have provided this body, that resale value of a land under a conservation easement is greatly diminished from market values.

Here are my recommendations for a remedy:

1. Conservation Easements should not be issued in perpetuity – forever. Instead, if issued at all, they should come with some form of opt out for either party – perhaps after a period of five years. In that amount of time the property owner can fully test to see if it is a desirable situation or not.

Frankly, I question the need for official Easements anyway. If the land owner wants to preserve his land, what's to stop him, unless he is forced by government policies, higher taxes or the force of eminent domain, perhaps in partnership with private developers?

Each of those things fall under control of the government.

A Historic Day – Taking On The Massive Green machine!

**Tom DeWeese's remarks to the Property Rights Rally
at the Richmond, VA State Capital**

What we are building here in Virginia is one of the strongest and most effective property rights movements in the nation.

So - don't do it. Stop making up some environmental scare tactics and leave the property owners alone.

2. But if you insist on continuing this way, locking away land with Conservation Easements, then they should not be under the jurisdiction of private organizations that are not held accountable for their actions.

No property owner should ever be subjected to the harassment and outright tyranny imposed on Martha Boneta by the Piedmont Environmental Council.

No property owner has the massive war chest to match the millions controlled by the PEC. Nor do the property owners have the political clout of the PEC. Nor should they have to in a free society.

3. Above all, the main consideration under any such policy must be that private property ownership and its inherent rights not be negated or sacrificed.

A property owner who wants to conserve his land should not be punished by the very program he sought to help him protect it.

Finally, I call on this body to thoroughly investigate the actions of the PEC and to strongly consider taking action to help revoke its non-profit educational status under 501c3. Remove it from the official land trust status, so it can't victimize any other land owners under the excuse of environmental protection.

In passing the Boneta Bill in the last session, we proved we could defeat very powerful forces who thought they were in control of the legislature.

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Obama Throws American Sovereignty to the Chinese Wolves

Author's note: On Monday, November 10th, Barack Obama met with Communist Chinese leaders and announced a new immigration agreement with that totalitarian dictatorship, creating the following headline: "Putting a bright face on the future of U.S. ties to China, President Barack Obama announced Monday that the two countries would start granting visas to each other's citizens valid for up to a decade." Last June I released the following article to alert Americans of the dangers of dealing with the Red Chinese and specifically through an immigration program called EB-5. Perhaps now, in light of this new announcement by the Administration, more Americans and the news media will take greater note of my warnings. With this new development, I am re-releasing the article. Tom DeWeese

Is the U.S. Being Colonized By Red China?

By
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Militarily, China has literally surrounded the US. Once there was a Monroe Doctrine to forbid any foreign power to exert influence in American's backyard, meaning South, Central and North America. All nations respected that doctrine as America vigorously imposed it. That is until China played on the growing weakness of American foreign policy, as when Jimmy Carter gave away the Panama Canal and scuttled all American bases in one of the most strategic locations of American defense. Since then, China has established relationships and bases in several South and Central American nations.

The Chinese are now building the world's largest and most powerful navy, aggressively challenging US naval passage in international waters; it now claims the entire South China Sea as an internal Chinese lake; and it is building an aggressive space program that will give it the ability to counter US satellite supremacy, resulting in its ability to spy on every location on Earth and counter US military supremacy.

The difference between the Chinese threat today and what turned out to be a hollow challenge to the free world by the Soviet Union during the Cold War, is economics. The genius of the Chinese system is that they are using its growing industrial might to create wealth the Soviets could never have dreamed of possessing. China is using its vast wealth (trillions of dollars) compiled from the glut of

Chinese goods sold in American stores, to buy its power. It's buying American debt and wielding heavy influence on the American economy.

Now, however, that Chinese economic power is taking a bizarre and exceptionally dangerous turn in local American communities, America, it appears, is on the brink of being colonized, because China is fast becoming the largest land owner in America.

This fact is mostly a result of a program through the U.S. Citizen and Immigration Service (USCIS), called Immigrant Investor Regional Centers. The program is known in Washington-Speak as EB-5 Centers, so called because they represent a fifth category of employment-based immigration. In reality, it's a foreign investment program pretending to be a jobs program. To qualify through the plan, applicants must invest \$1,000,000 in a US business or at least \$500,000 if the business is in an area of high unemployment or rural area. That investment must create or preserve 10 full-time American jobs. In exchange, the immigrant will initially gain legal residency and U.S. Green Cards for their entire family. If the enterprise continues and jobs are created, then the applicant can apply for permanent residence.

According to government reports, since it started in 1990, the EB-5 visa program has brought approximately \$6.7 billion to the US and has created

95,000 jobs. Entrepreneurs across the nation have set up regional centers for foreign investment to market local EB-5 projects to investors. There are now at least 480 EB-5 regional centers located in all 50 states. California alone has 116 of the centers. Many of these projects are focusing on building housing developments. Others are concerned with buying up dairy farms, cattle ranches, meat packing plants, and other sources of American food supplies. Still more are centered on getting a piece of American energy sources. Some of the centers are state run, others are private investment entities.

Beyond the Green Cards and residency, the immigrants running these projects can also expect government sponsored benefits such as federal and state grants (taxpayer dollars) tax breaks or perhaps no sales taxes on supplies and materials they purchase to put the projects in place. Along with federal agencies, the projects work directly with state and county development corporations for more cooperation and help getting through the regulatory mine fields that ordinary American companies must endure.

EB-5 Immigrant Investor Regional Centers are promoted as jobs programs and as a way to help financially strapped communities to bring in much needed money. As a result, the projects are growing across the nation with little concern expressed over the impact and end result of such foreign involvement in American communities. Marriot and Hilton hotel chains have successfully worked EB-5 investment deals to build new hotels. Sony Pictures Entertainment and Warner Brothers have used EB-5 investments to fund film projects. Even the new home of the NBA's Brooklyn Nets, Barclay Center, was funded through EB-5 investments.

While the program is open to immigrants from around world, the main interest appears to be from Communist China. According to a report by Michael Snyder ("Chinese Buying Land in US Communities all over America"), in 2012 – 2013, 6,900 visas were issued to Chinese nationals out of a total of 8,567 EB-5 visas issued. In 2014, the number of applicants is 50% higher – again driven by Chinese applicants.

When considering this large influx of Chinese – funded projects, it must be understood that there are no

private companies in China that are free to act on their own. China is a Communist regime. Nothing happens there without the express permission and backing of the government. Individuals posing as Chinese corporate leaders are part of that government. They simply wouldn't have that position if not approved by the government. For the most part they are a front. 43% of all corporate profits in China are produced by companies that the Chinese government controls outright. And all the rest of their companies are subservient to the power of the government and are very careful not to stray. Individual Chinese citizens are not free to invest as they wish or to leave the country by their own decision. It takes a complicated process through the Chinese bureaucracy for that to happen. And that's why massive Chinese investments in the EB-5 program are cause for alarm. What are they up to?

In San Francisco, CA, China Vanke signed a deal for a \$620 million luxury condo project. In Oakland, CA, another Chinese company (Zarsion) signed a deal for \$1.5 billion for a development deal. In Irvine, CA a housing development will include some of the nation's largest developers using Chinese money. In New York City, Zhang Xin, CEO of Soho China joined with Banco Safra Bank of Brazil to buy a piece of the General Motors Building in Midtown. A Chinese developer, Dalian Wanda Group, is planning to build a luxury hotel in Manhattan. In Florida, Chinese investors have put \$30 million into the state's Charter Schools and are intending to invest even more in coming days. 12 Chinese investors have put \$16 million into an aquaculture project on 100 acres in Fellsmere, FL. In Virginia, the Chinese bought Smithfield Foods and its 460 large farms and facilities in 26 states, employing tens of thousands of Americans. More recent efforts show the Chinese making major investments in the Detroit auto industry. In Thomasville, Alabama, the Golden Dragon Precise Copper Tube Group is negotiating with city officials to build a new plant. The town is ready to give them a 40-acre site that includes a 50,000 square foot building built by the city – with tax payer money. More such projects are in the works in Idaho, Ohio and Pennsylvania, and literally every state in the Union.

Meanwhile, Americans were recently shocked to witness a near massacre in the Nevada desert as rancher Cliven Bundy stood his ground against an army

of government agents from the Bureau of Land Management. He was accused of letting his cattle graze on public lands, endangering the Desert Tortoise, even though cattle and the Desert Tortoise have coexisted on the range for 100 years. But for this excuse the federal government amassed an army? Not so fast. There is much more to the story. It seems a certain U.S. Senator has been involved with EB-5 real estate deals for some time. And that issue has close ties to the Bundy situation.

ENN Energy Group wants to build a 5 billion dollar solar farm in the Dry Lake Solar Energy Zone, on which Bundy's farm is located. Who are the investors for ENN? The Chinese, using the EB-5 program. Who represents ENN in its negotiations? Rory Reid, Harry's son. This little band has already run 52 other ranchers in the area. Bundy is the last one left. So was the BLM there in force for turtles or as the private enforcement machine of a corrupt Senator seeking to fill his pockets with cash? Senator Reid is the one who said, "This isn't over yet." He's apparently in a position to know.

However, Reid isn't the only public figure involved in EB-5 schemes. A little research will also reveal an EB-5 deal by Anthony Rodham, Hillary Clinton's brother and former son in law of Barbra Boxer. Also in that deal was Terry McAuliffe, former Clinton advisor and now Governor of Virginia. These two gained EB-5 investments for their car company. And then there is Alejandro Mayorkas, who helped push through the deal for McAuliffe and Rodham and is under investigation for it. Mayorkas is now the number two man at the Department of Homeland Security, aided in getting that position through some questionable maneuvering during his confirmation hearings by none other Senator Harry Reid.

But perhaps the most aggressive Chinese project is moving forward in Sullivan County, New York in the Catskill Mountains. This project is called China City. It will eventually cover over 2,000 acres spread over the towns of Thompson and Mamakating. It will include a Chinese-themed gambling/entertainment complex, hotels, China-related businesses, a high school, a college and 1,000 residences. According to the plan, every province of China will have an office there and the city will be full of symbols of Chinese culture.

When finished it would be a \$6 billion project, including a \$65 million federal grant of tax payer money along with the other incentives such as tax breaks on building supplies and property taxes.

At a recent public meeting, a local citizen asked the China City spokesman if Americans will be allowed to live there. The vague answer was "well, you can visit our amusement park and stay in our hotels." Is this how Americans are to be treated in their own country, in a project paid in part by American taxpayer dollars? And exactly what American jobs will be created (as required) in a planned city where no Americans can live? Will the Chinese government send its own workers to do the construction of the city? And what security process will be used to assure such workers are not involved in espionage?

This is a legitimate concern when dealing with the Communist Chinese government. While brilliant in its strategy, it is single minded in its goal – supremacy. The United States has always stood in its way to achieve that supremacy. But the waning American economy and a US government that no longer sees communism as a threat, makes us vulnerable to a power that knows exactly what it seeks.

American communities are so hungry for money that they will ignore almost anything. Red flags should go up when locals are told they can't live in China City. Why? Is this simply about an investment opportunity, or is China City, and other Chinese investments, actually to be Chinese colonies? Why will it house offices from every China province? Do we know what those offices are to do? Who will man them? Obviously that is not where the 10 permanent American jobs will come from.

It's important to note that the Canadian government has decided recently to halt its immigrant investor program due to the large number of Chinese applications that were found to be fraught with fraud and corruption and to be of little economic benefit to the country. Meanwhile, the US is expanding such programs to make it much easier for foreign investment and ultimately unfettered foreign espionage. We're creating special foreign trade zones (FTZ) designed to give special US customs treatment to US companies that go along with the EB-5 projects. That means security will be lacking in the interest of "good relations."

Yet, it was only a decade ago that US intelligence discovered the Chinese had taken control of both ends of the Panama Canal. Using a shell company called Hutchison Whampoa, which was wholly owned by the Chinese People's Liberation Army, it negotiated a 25 to 50 year lease for the Canal ports. As the United States pulled out of our Panamanian bases and headed home, corrupt Panamanian officials were busy selling former US property to the highest bidders and Columbian drug lords, Russian Mafia and a horde of Chinese "immigrants" filled the void. It was like the bar scene in Star Wars.

Would the Chinese put in missile bases with weapons that could reach the US? As Bill Clinton assured us that everything was just fine, the Chinese were busy negotiating with the Cuban Communist regime and several other South American countries to create a Chinese presence in the entire region surrounding the Panama Canal. They now considered it their territory for the taking.

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When they played their strong arm tactics and tried to intimidate us – we proved it only made us stronger and more determined.

The secret to success is to know exactly who we are fighting and for what reason.

Private property rights are the most important of all American rights. Without the right to stand on our own property, it is very difficult to declare our first, second or even 4th amendment rights.

The other side knows this and that's why they have focused first on eliminating property rights.

As rancher Wayne Hage said, in the face of his stand off with the BLM, "Either you have the right to own and control private property or you are property."

I have been engaged in this battle for more than 40 years. I have held the hands and shared the tears of a lot of Americans who were victims of oppressive government policies and determined NGO groups.

But, never in that 40 years have I encountered a more tyrannical, vicious or vengeful group than the Piedmont Environmental Council.

Is this now what faces American cities where EB-5 investment programs are being imposed with Chinese Communist money? As a new assault by hordes of Chinese "immigrants" legally invade our nation, filling housing developments and building their own cities, our culture will be affected. Even our system of government could change in areas where Chinese populations begin to grow and perhaps even outnumber Americans. All from an enemy we let through the front door in a government program, based more on greed than American interests.

Like the invasion of the body snatchers, it appears the Chinese, aided by a compliant American government, have a well-devised strategic plan to literally colonize the once great United States of America – without ever firing a shot.

Special thanks to New York Property Rights activist Lynn Teger for her help in researching this article. ●

They have colluded with local and state governments to force their way.

And they have over stepped their privileges of a non-profit education organization.

Above all, they have proven that their slogans of buy fresh, by local – and support the family farm are an outright shame, designed to sucker the average American into supporting their brand of tyranny.

Today, we have a rare opportunity to call them out. To demand that their reign of terror be stopped.

Even more importantly, we have an opportunity to express very rare opposition to the very policies that give the PEC its power.

Conservation Easements are nothing but a land grab promoted through scare tactics that farmers are going to lose their land unless they comply.

Today we have a chance to begin the long drive to return property rights back to the property owners.

Today, we must stand firm on protecting private property rights because the first act of a tyrant is to destroy our independence by taking them away. ●

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Of course there are lots of newsletters, blogs, and Internet sites out there with “insider” information. However, I have seen most of them and I know for a fact that many are missing the big picture! They will tell you about federal policies, taxes, bailouts, corrupt politicians, secret deals, and lots of stuff that—while it may be important—fails to connect the dots to the real root of the problem.

Other “experts” are missing the core threat: it is not discussed in the media, at many TEA party rallies or in national conferences, and certainly not in Congress or other levels of government.

The core threat is revealed in detail in my special report.

Only in this manual will you learn:

- How our language is being manipulated to control policy
- The threat we face is not a Republican or Democrat issue.
- The ruling principle that will completely reorganize our society.
- The three E’s of control.
- The threat of the “precautionary principle” and how it will destroy our economy.
- How Public/Private Partnerships are destroying free enterprise.
- How the politically-based radical environmental movement uses fear of environmental damage as camouflage while they work to transform the American systems of government, justice, and economics
- The dawn of “Common-ism” that transformed national sovereignty, natural resources, and private land into “common property” for the UN’s “global commons.”
- How the public education system has been transformed to create “global village idiots.”
- The four international commissions that are transforming the world towards global governance.
- The full definition of an NGO and where they came from.
- The most powerful environmental group in the world and why it is the most dangerous.
- How UN policies become American law.
- The Smart Growth fraud.
- The lunacy of the Wildlands Project.
- How “green” industry is costing taxpayers millions in additional costs and with no benefit.
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Most importantly, the manual includes step-by-step details on how to fight against Agenda 21 in your community, including:

- The exact language necessary to protect property rights.
- The “Resolution for the Protection of Citizen’s Property Rights” and how to use it as an effective tool to stop Agenda 21 in your community.

AND MUCH MORE!

To order a copy of *The Wrenching Transformation of America: Agenda 21* – go to the American Policy Center’s website at www.americanpolicy.org. ●

New manual to teach you how to Stop Agenda 21

By
Tom DeWeese

The Wrenching Transformation of America: Agenda 21

Here's what's in my manual:

- I outline the treaties, policy papers, and international meetings that have set the policy.
- I show how those international policies directly enter local communities disguised as innocent-sounding development projects or historic preservation.
- I reveal how those international plans are moving past Congress and directly into local communities through a network of self-proclaimed “stakeholders.”
- I explain how the Supreme Court has helped them do it.
- I expose how private organizations are able to take control of your community and enforce these policies without a vote or any input from you.
- I also demonstrate how Agenda 21 is affecting you right now:

International policy is currently directing local communities to enforce cutbacks on water use by as much as 75%. The Sierra Club’s plan forces 500 families to live on one acre of land and they deem it “Smart Growth.”

The new corporate law called “Benefit Corporations” enlists corporations to enforce sustainable development policies in their products and promotions. Nearly every state has now either passed or is considering this legislation.

I’m not only talking about radical environmental policy! There is so much more. Do you think Obama’s healthcare policy is his brainchild? Of course not. In the manual, I show you its direct connection to sustainable development and the true purpose behind the planned destruction of America’s health care system.

Do our children receive poor educations because there is not enough money and teachers in the classrooms? I will show you that the dumbing down of American children is intentional and that the schools are operating for what they have been “reformed” to do. It is called “Common Core.”

But wait, there’s still more...

- I will show you how global warming is the greatest hoax ever played on man and I’ll show you why the Sustainablists cannot drop this discredited issue for fear of losing all of their demands for Agenda 21 policy.
- I will show you some of the victims of these tyrannical policies and how they have been robbed of their property and livelihood simply because a government has too much power.

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