



# AGENDA 21

## THE WRENCHING TRANSFORMATION OF AMERICA

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## Introduction to: “The Wrenching Transformation of America: Agenda 21”

The battle to stop Agenda 21 and Sustainable Development is raging across the nation. Local residents and patriot organizations have taken up the battle cry to expose and defeat the most insidious assault on American freedom ever devised.

For more than two decades, Agenda 21 has been sneaking into local, state, and federal policy driven by the same non-governmental organizations (NGOs) that helped plan and write Agenda 21 at the international level. Armed with grant programs they helped create, along with pre-packaged programs containing all the details for their “local” plans, these private organizations operate in secret, working with elected officials behind closed doors, using a language specifically designed to hide their true intent from the public. *“It’s all local policy, decided by local officials and community input,”* they constantly proclaim.

However, Americans are starting to figure it out and take action. As a result, despite the fact that Agenda 21 looked like a done deal, citizens are rising up to expose the policies and, in many cases, succeed in stopping them. While these are baby steps, they are steps forward nonetheless, especially considering the rich, powerful forces that are working to push Sustainable Development into every level of government and in every community in the nation.

As a result, the Sustainablists are in a panic and have stepped up their efforts to discredit and defeat our movement. Proponents of Agenda 21, like the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI) and the American Planning Association (APA), have organized boot camps to train their planners and allies in the local governments on how to counter our efforts. They have changed their planning language after we told citizens which words and labels to be wary of. They have changed the names of programs as we expose them and they have changed their tactics for implementation. Above all, they have worked over time to attack us as fringe radicals and conspiracy theorists, simply because we quote the very programs that they have written. Therefore, it is necessary to keep up with this changing battle and it is vital to change our own tactics to counter theirs.

The purpose of this manual is to provide concerned Americans and activists with the background, history, language, purpose, and inevitable disastrous results that the policies of sustainable development and Agenda 21 bring to our nation and our freedom. The manual lists the names of the perpetrators of Agenda 21, and, most importantly, offers new ideas and tactics for fighting against their schemes in local communities.

This manual seeks to provide you with the knowledge and ammunition necessary to begin a campaign to stop Agenda 21 in your community, state legislature, or even affect the reelection of your district’s congressman or your state’s senator. Every successful action requires a first step; yours is to read and share the knowledge in this manual. *Tom DeWeese, Editor*

### What is AGENDA 21?

Agenda 21 is NOT a treaty. It is NOT law of the land. Agenda 21 is a “soft law” policy designed to define, out-line, propose, guide and direct policy on international, national, state and local levels. While on its own, Agenda 21 does not have the rule of law or the power of enforcement, it is gaining that power through the efforts of non-governmental organizations that created it at the

international level. Through their lobbying efforts on both the federal and state levels and their direct involvement in local governments, these NGOs have become the storm troopers necessary to make Agenda 21 the law of our land and they are now operating in nearly every city, town, and rural area of our nation.

Why is Agenda 21 dangerous? Agenda 21 is not a conservation or environmental policy. It is a comprehensive blue print to literally reorganize human society. If completely implemented, Agenda 21 policy is designed to drastically change the very foundation of American culture, economy, and form of government.

Agenda 21 policy establishes regions based on environmental lines rather than state or community boundaries. To oversee these newly created entities, Agenda 21 proponents work with elected officials to create new governing entities in the form of non-elected regional councils. Eventually, these regional councils gain strength and influence that ultimately overpowers and relegates elected government to a back seat position.

This, in effect, drastically changes our American system of representative government. No longer guided by Constitutional law, Agenda 21 perpetrators seek to create "top-down" government power directed by a few.

Agenda 21 was created to rearrange the world by eliminating sovereign nations, controlling consumption and natural resource use, and virtually eliminating a free market system. Above all, Agenda 21 was created with the specific purpose of redistributing the world's wealth to be managed by international overseers under the excuse of environmental protection and poverty eradication.

While Agenda 21 is not a law, it was created by NGOs operating under the official influence of the United Nations.

Once accepted by representatives of nearly every nation on earth, including the United States, the same NGOs who wrote the soft law policy spread out over the globe, into the U.S. Congress, U.S. government agencies, state legislatures, and local community governments to promote, implement, and follow the guidelines specifically laid out in Agenda 21.

As a result, this "non-binding suggestion" has become an official policy of the federal government as well as nearly every state and most communities. It is being enforced through the use of Presidential Executive Orders, Congressional and State legislation, and particularly through the use of grant programs that are administered through various federal and state agencies. These grants demand that certain policies, like Agenda 21, be imposed as a means of complying with the grant.

Through this specific implementation process, Agenda 21 has grown from a "suggestion or guideline" into an all pervasive policy in which sustainable rules and regulations are effecting private property rights, local development, farming practices, energy creation and consumption, industry and its ability to operate in the nation, modes of transportation, taxes, and education curriculum. In short, nearly every aspect of our lives is affected by the design of Agenda 21. Former Vice President Al Gore described it in his book, "Earth in the Balance, Agenda 21 is a wrenching transformation of human society.

# Update: Agenda 2030

## It's 1992 All Over Again.

### A New Agenda 21 Threatens Our Way of Life

*by Tom DeWeese*

If you had a time machine and could travel back to 1992 as the UN's Earth Summit was underway, and you knew what you know now about Agenda 21, imagine the actions you could take to stop it in its tracks. You wouldn't have to wonder what the NGOs who created it had in mind. You wouldn't have to trust the news media to tell you the details. You would know, just as the NGO's, Nancy Pelosi and all the others openly told you, Agenda 21 is a "comprehensive blue print" for the reorganization of human society.

They told you then, without hesitation, that Agenda 21 was aimed at destroying free enterprise. That is was a clarion call for humans to live on less. That the Earth could no longer sustain the United States of America. That's what they told us, but so many weren't listening. It took over 15 years to most to finally grasp it. And that was only after it was firmly entrenched in every government agency, every community plan, and every school curriculum. So much so than many now say it is impossible to combat. They whine that it's a done deal.

Well, guess what, Agenda 21 is not a done deal and one of the main forces to recognize that fact is the UN itself, along with a mob of NGOs. And because it is not a done deal, they are all planning a new massive gathering to reboot Agenda 21 and force it across the finish line.

Over the weekend of September 25 – 27, 2015, at the United Nations Headquarters in New York City (just as in the 1992 UN Earth Summit in Brazil) thousands of delegates, UN diplomats, representatives of Non-governmental Organizations, heads of state and the Pope, will converge to present a new fifteen-year plan entitled "Transforming Our World: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development."

Just as in 1992, they are openly telling us what the plan includes and how they intend to put it in force. The preamble to the plan says, "All countries and all stakeholders, acting in collaborative partnership, WILL implement this plan." It goes on to say, "We are determined to take the bold and transformative steps which are urgently needed to shift the world onto a sustainable and resilient path. As we embark on this collective journey, we pledge that no one will be left behind."

That, my friends, is a direct challenge and a threat to anyone who dares to disagree with the plan or stand in their way. They promise us that they "WILL" do it and it will be forced on everyone. Our experience with Agenda 21 over the past 23 years tells us what to expect.

Here are the seventeen goals to be presented and what they really mean:

**Goal 1. End poverty in all its forms everywhere. The only answer the plan offers for eliminating poverty is redistribution of wealth.** The document calls for "equal rights to economic resources." That means government is claiming an absolute power take away anything that belongs to you to give to whomever it deems more deserving. That is government-sanctioned theft. These are only Band-Aids that solve nothing. Tomorrow those on the bread lines will still need more. The result is more poor. There is not a single idea in these plans to give the poor a way to earn their own wealth so they no longer need government handouts.

**Goal 2. End hunger, achieve food security and improve nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture. UN documents go into great detail on controlling food supplies.** They detail enforcing “sustainable farming tactics” which have been proven to force up the cost of food production while decreasing yield. It is basically the old Soviet practice of farm control that turned the bread basket of the world into mass starvation. The document details the use of government controlled seed and plant banks... “to ensure access to and fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from the utilization of genetic resources and associated traditional knowledge as internationally agreed.” In other words, our future food sources will be put into the hands of politically connected bureaucrats who have never been on a farm. Smart.

**Goal 3. Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being of all at all ages.** This means cradle to grave control over how and where we live and what we are permitted to eat. The healthy lives they promote means basically forcing us out of our cars and into walking and riding bikes as we relocated into controlled high rise apartment buildings sanctioned by government. Obamacare, anyone?

**Goal 4. Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all.** We learned a long time ago that lifelong learning is only necessary as a means to continually apply behavior modification practices to assure we maintain the desired attitudes, values and beliefs to live in a global village. Give the children a well-rounded academic knowledge in grade school and they will be able to take care of educating themselves on any new developments that arise in their lives.

**Goal 5. Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls.** The rainbow flag flies as we ignore Sharia law and its war on women.

**Goal 6. Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation.** Ask California how sustainable water control is working for them as these policies have torn down water systems and dams to “free the rivers.” The original pioneers found the land to be a desert. They built a sophisticated water control system that resulted in an emerald green paradise. Now, as Sustainable policies are being enforced, they are witnessing the return of the desert, destroying productive land. Meanwhile, across the nation, the EPA is moving to take control of all the water in the United States. Control the water, control the population.

**Goal 7. Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all.** Seriously? Their solution is to ban oil and enforce wind and solar power. Every study across the nation and around the world has proven that these “modern” energy sources are unreliable. They force up the cost of energy and some reports say they are making people sick when forced to live under the wind turbines. Moreover, the carnage of the birds and bats that are being chopped up and fried by these “sustainable” energy sources goes against everything environmentalists told us about protecting species.

**Goal 8. Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all.** One thing our 23 years of Agenda 21 have proven, there is no economic growth. Several nations in Europe that really tried to live by the sustainable guidelines on energy and water controls are now dumping those programs as fast as they can to save their economies. And who decides what is “productive” or “decent” work? Do we leave it to the bureaucrats to decide?

**Goal 9. Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and**

**foster innovation.** Oh come now. Sustainable industrialization means destroyed industry. No real industry can remain in business under a government managed economy with its shifting rules and constant increase in taxes. Government doesn't create industry or prosperity. Our government's real job is to provide protection of the market place so real innovators are free to create new ideas, industries and opportunities. Government itself is a job killer when it gets in the way.

**Goal 10. Reduce inequality within and among countries.** This is another form of redistribution of wealth that forces industries from first world to third world nations. This is done by using oppressive sustainable policies to drive up production costs, forcing companies to take their factories to the poorer nations. The second trick is to exempt those poorer nations from the very environmental rules and regulations that caused the factories to move in the first place. Can anyone explain how this helps the environment? It doesn't. It simply makes everyone equally poor. This is also an assault on national sovereignty.

**Goal 11. Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable.** This is Smart Growth which promises a utopia of families and neighbors playing and working together, riding bikes, walking to work in stress free communities. It really means the end of private property rights, single family homes, and stack and pack high rises where residents are over taxed, over regulated, rents are high and individual thoughts and actions are viewed as a threat to the "well-ordered society." And by the way, the American Planning Association did a study to see if their smart growth plans worked and their own report concluded that Smart Growth doesn't work.

**Goal 12. Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns.** What more is there to say? Control from the top down.

**Goal 13. Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts.** Here it is! The root of the entire plan. Climate Change. How many scientific reports do real scientists have to present to show this is the greatest scam ever devised to create a reason for government to control every aspect of our lives? Well, here, let the Global Warming scare mongers tell you their true purpose in their own words:

"No matter if the science of global warming is all phony – climate change provides the greatest opportunity to bring about justice and equality in the world." Christine Stewart (former Canadian Minister of the Environment). Justice built on a lie? And here is another quote to make it clear. "We've got to ride this global warming issue. Even if the theory of global warming is wrong, we will be doing the right thing in terms of economic and environmental policy." Timothy Wirth (President, UN Foundation). The end justifies the means!

**Goal 14. Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development. Control the water, control society.** This one is really aimed at destroying the oil industry in order to enforce wind and solar power. This is the UN pounding its chest to become the central global government it has always sought to be. It has no more right to the seas than it does to the air we breath or the surface of the moon.

**Goal 15. Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss.** Have you been watching the news as the greatest fires in history are destroying millions of acres of forests? Why is this happening? Because of sustainable forest management that refuses to allow the removal of dead trees from the forest floor. This creates as much of ten



feet of kindling that makes massively hot and unmanageable fires. That kindling is so thick that even small animals have a hard time getting through. If you want to save a forest, send an environmentalist back to his high rise in New York City where he belongs.

**Goal 16. Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels.**

This is Social Justice which really means social engineering. Have you ever once witnessed an “effective” or “accountable” institution coming out of the United Nations? By its very nature, the UN is unaccountable. Who would be the entity to oversee that accountability? Every one of these programs outlined in the 2030 Agenda creates money, power and unaccountability at every level of government. That is why government is now running out of control and people are feeling so hopeless in trying to deal with their governments. Goal 16 should be named the “Foxes Running the Hen House” goal.

**Goal 17. Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development.** This means the re-boot of Agenda 21, because that was the original “global partnership.” This goal is a call for all of the treaties, plans and schemes devised in the massive UN meetings to be made the law of the globe. It is total global government and it is a sure highway to misery, destruction of human society, individual thought, motivation and dreams.

In 1992 they told us that Agenda 21 was just a suggestion. Today, after experiencing the “wrenching transformation” of our society that Al Gore called for, we know it was much more than that. And we have suffered the consequences as our economy has plummeted, as the middle class is disappearing, jobs are now existent and the world is in turmoil.

Now the power elite which prey on the poor and helpless are determined to finish the job. They are fast moving toward the goal of eliminating individual nation states; controlling individual actions and wiping private property ownership from the face of the Earth. Their goal is to make us all “equal” in the same chains to assure none of us can disrupt their well ordered utopian nightmare.

Well, now our time machine has brought us back from 1992 to the present. As we disembark, one voice should be ringing in our ears loud and clear from the 1992 Earth Summit. In a clear and concise voice he warned us of what Agenda 21 was designed to do. He said, “Isn’t the only hope for the planet that the industrialized nations collapse? Isn’t it our responsibility to bring that about?” And remember, that wasn’t said by just an interested bystander. It was from the official statement of the Chairman of the Earth Summit, Maurice Strong.

So now, we are back in good old 2015 as the same forces are about to introduce the 2030 Agenda. We now have the advantage of knowing full well what it is and its intended affect on our lives. They have told us clearly, right in its title: “Transform the World.”

The 2030 Agenda is to be built on the ruins and desolation of a thousand such schemes for control over human life. Each time they have failed and each time they have come back with a new “plan.” The 2030 Agenda is Agenda 21 re-booted. But this time you and I don’t have an excuse to ignore it. We know what it is from the start. Now we have a new opportunity and the obligation to stop it dead in its tracks.

# CHAPTER 1

## The Agenda for the 21st Century



Proponents sell the concept of Sustainable Development through familiar, unthreatening words and beautiful pictures. Take a look at the above graphic from *Nature* magazine. The publication used this image to accompany an article about the glories of Sustainable Development.

An individual is trying to decide on the proper road to take. The road leading to the left heads toward an ugly, grey city with belching smoke stacks. It is clearly marked "Economic Growth." The road leading to the right heads toward a beautiful rural landscape of tall trees and lush green grass. It is boldly marked "Sustainable Progress."

What is missing in the Utopian land of Sustainable Development? There are no homes, no jobs, and no human activity. In reality, the description above is an honest representation of the Agenda for the 21st Century – with one major exception. In the Sustainable Community of the future, where humans are to reside, they will look more like the high rise buildings from the left (without smokestacks, of course) rather than the grassy pastures of the right. That's Agenda 21.

Proponents believe that the free enterprise system that creates factories, jobs, housing, and luxury beyond mere existence upsets their vision of a well-ordered society. If you think that may be overstated, then consider this fact: In 2012, the United Nations held a 20th anniversary event to celebrate the original introduction of Agenda 21 in 1992. At this event, called "Rio+20," several speakers presented the idea of "Zero Economic Growth." This idea suggests zero factories, zero housing, and zero human activity.

But how do they get us to accept the systematic demise of our society? Essentially, this graphic and many more like it are designed to create an instant Pavlovian knee-jerk reaction to any kind of human development that is almost always depicted as damaging to the environment. People have been so conditioned that, when you begin to mention the environment, their eyes start to glaze over and their ability to reason shuts down.

And so, here we are, more than 20 years after Agenda 21 came on the scene at the UN's Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro. We are witnessing an unbelievable transformation of human society that is leading to shortages, sacrifices, higher prices for goods and services, and massive government intrusion in our lives. How has it been accomplished?

## **One step at a time.**

In 1993, in order to bring the United States into compliance with the comprehensive blue print for the reconstruction of human development--called Agenda 21--President Bill Clinton created the President's Council on Sustainable Development.

With great fanfare, the Council issued a comprehensive report containing all the guidelines on how our government was to be reinvented under Sustainable Development. Those guidelines were created to direct policy for every single federal agency, state government, and local community government. However, the policies are written using indirect language that seems to "dance around" its true intentions. While it sounds reasonable and non-threatening on the surface, one gets the feeling that something important is missing. The concept seems difficult to grasp, thus making it difficult to argue unless one understands the full agenda. For example, here is the definition of a sustainable community from the 1996 Report of the President's Council on Sustainable Development:

***"Sustainable Communities encourage people to work together to create healthy communities where natural resources and historic resources are preserved, jobs are available, sprawl is contained, neighborhoods are secure, education is lifelong, transportation and health care are accessible, and all citizens have opportunities to improve the quality of their lives."***

Notice the language used--carefully selected to sound positive, to paint images of stability and normalcy. Jobs. Education. History. Health. Opportunity. All the things needed for a stable, happy community. Nothing to argue. Nothing to fear. To fully understand the meaning of this definition, one must break down the language and ask key questions. Most importantly, one must ask, "How do you intend to achieve these goals?"

To translate the above definition of a sustainable community in order to understand its true meaning and its consequences on America's everyday community life will take this entire report. That is my mission – and it is no easy task.

Let's begin by taking each of these glowing ideas one at a time. How do we put such ideas into action? What are the consequences? Are we better off? Is the environment better off?

**"Sustainable communities encourage people to work together..."** There certainly are members of our society who take the whole Sustainablist agenda to heart and love to get involved in improving their community. They clean out river banks, collect trash along roadways, recycle, watch their thermostats, and ride their bikes whenever possible. Good for them. That is their decision and they are free to make it.

But there are others who may have a different vision on how they want to live. Perhaps they don't agree with the dire predictions about environmental Armageddon. How do they fit in the Agenda for the 21st Century?

They are dealt with. Their children in the public schools are pummeled with the political correctness of being proper environmental stewards. Guilt plays a huge part in that indoctrination. It is necessary so future generations will be prepared to "work" together in their communities. In addition, in many schools now, the children are required to fulfill a certain number of hours of community service in order to qualify for their diploma. In a sustainable world proper attitude is at least as important as scholarship. Today's curriculum to ensure proper citizenship is called Common Core. It is the curriculum of Agenda 21 and is intended to be "life-long."

Cooperation from adult citizens is just as structured. In the past, public meetings to discuss new policies were based on the guidelines called "Roberts Rules of Order" through which everyone got a fair chance to have their say and then took a vote on the matter. Today, we have "facilitators" trained in psychology to ensure that they lead a gathering in exactly the direction needed for the predetermined and desired outcome. If the facilitator is really good at his job, everyone in the meeting will believe the outcome was his or her own idea. Those in charge hail the meeting as a huge success in which everyone in the community "worked together" to set these plans in place.

**"...to create healthy communities..."** This can mean many things. Healthy? We see the growing power of the food police today who have declared many things in our diet as unhealthy. We see the mayor of New York declaring large sodas unhealthy and working to ban their sale. We see fast food establishments picketed for selling fries made with grease or hamburgers that are deemed animal cruelty by animal rights advocates. There are mandatory vaccinations, without which children cannot enter schools and parents who refuse to comply are charged with child abuse.

Local governments enforce grand comprehensive plans designed to pack and stack people on top of each other in massive high-rise buildings. Is that what they mean by healthy? History would show that forcing people into massive containers reduces quality of life, spreads disease and promotes violence. These are not healthy communities. The Russians called them Gulags.

**...natural resources are preserved...** The fear is that over consumption will bring shortages of natural resources and so the sustainable plan is to erect endless forests of windmills. That is the natural way, we are told. Man will live on the surface of the earth doing no harm. Of course, they never seem to mention that the massive wind turbines will take more energy to build than they will ever generate in their lifetime. In addition, to bring the power online so it can be used by society requires a massive infrastructure of wires, cement, and roads. While one nuclear power plant located on ten acres can supply enough energy for a massive city, wind power would require thousands of acres of clear-cut, cement wastelands. Power then becomes unstable and unreliable, causing homes to grow cold or hot. That is not healthy for our communities. Moreover, there is the side effect of millions of birds being chopped up in the turbines, including "endangered" raptors like eagles. They call that environmentally sound?

One more question comes to mind as we lock away resources for future generations. At what point would these locked away resources ever be allowed to be used by a society so afraid of itself? Won't there always be a future generation that might need them? Meanwhile, science keeps discovering that the dire predictions of resource depletion are outrageously overblown. It has

recently been discovered that the United States has the largest oil and gas supplies in the world. Hydraulic fracturing is benign American technology that is ecologically sound and economically advantageous. But it has been deemed “unsustainable” by Sustainablists who quickly oppose any source of cheap energy. Yet, fracking stretches our energy reserves several hundred years into the future. That would certainly give science ample time to come up with new technology.

**“...historic resources are preserved...”** Frankly, I have no idea what a historic “resource” is, but I do know that Sustainablists prey on America’s love of history as an excuse to lock away any land where once a person from the past may have taken a walk. They then use the land to generate massive federal grants so planners can stop development even in towns where nothing of historic significance ever occurred. It is a growth industry in the world of sustainable lockaways.

**“...jobs are available...”** What must magically happen in a Sustainable Community to suddenly create jobs that are not there now? The government does not create jobs. Creative, driven, free people create jobs to fill needs they have discovered. No government-controlled economy would ever have created a factory that makes drink umbrellas or little pieces of plastic that go on the ends of your shoelaces. Bureaucrats don’t think that way. They only think in terms of need and urgency—the bare minimum. Luxury is never part of the government plan. The fact is, Sustainable Development is one of the biggest killers of jobs. Its rules and regulation make it near impossible for many companies to survive. The EPA, by enforcing sustainable policies, is killing power plants, mines, farms, and even, as was recently announced, bullet factories. They are destroying the economies of whole states. So, where will these glorious sustainable jobs come from? Government jobs.

**“...sprawl is contained...”** Evil sprawl--those areas of community growth where people run to escape the mega cities. In nearly every case, those new homes in their shiny developments are a place where a family first opened the front door with smiles on their faces because this was their home. They have back yards where the kids can play. They have a real sense of community. And those terrible strip malls that spring up around the new developments that supply goods and services for the new residents also create jobs and enhance the economy. Stack and pack cities are not livable if you actually believe in fresh air and a place for the kids to play. Cities are full of government, drugs, disease, and inefficient use of energy and resources. Do the Sustainablists focus on stopping murders by drug cartels and beatings by gangs of illegal aliens? You never seem to hear anything about that in their plans. All of these facts were actually exposed in a report by the American Planning Association (APA) on the effects of Smart Growth. The report revealed that it does not work. Nonetheless, this fact has not changed the APA’s policies because Smart Growth is full of government grants. That is the real game--sustainable income for non-governmental organizations.

**“...neighborhoods are secure...”** How is this done? Massive police control? Cameras on every corner? Gun control? TSA in the subway and bus station? NSA listening in on every conversation and computer key stroke? Security over privacy and individual choice? Certainly, there is no sustainable “freedom” in such a scheme.

**“...transportation is accessible...”** This one is easy. Public transportation. Trains for long distance and bikes for the quick run to the store. No cars. You will rarely leave the neighborhood. Imagine the hassle involved in taking the family on a trip to the beach using inconvenient train schedules? Of course, people flocking to the beach is already deemed to be unsustainable, so you won’t need to imagine it. Just read about it in a history book.

**"...healthcare accessible..."** Well, we used to have accessible healthcare, then the government got into the game. Perhaps you think it is unfair to mention Obamacare in a report about Sustainable Development. Simply Google "sustainable medicine" to find more than 5,850,000 references on the subject and you will discover almost all the provisions of Obamacare.

**"...all citizens have the opportunity to improve the quality of their lives..."** Really? What part above leads to improvement of the quality of life? We used to call it tyranny, now we call it quality of life. As George Orwell said in his landmark book, 1984, it is all called doublespeak. Look around you now as sustainable policy is being forced upon us. America's economy is in shambles and not improving. Costs of everything, especially healthcare, food, and energy are skyrocketing. These industries are the very first to be impacted by Sustainable Development. How will it improve under a policy of planned shortages and locked away resources? What or who are they counting on to pull us out? Eventually even the most determined producers give up when enough roadblocks are put in their way.

The Sustainablists use seemingly innocent sounding descriptions to illustrate their plans for us. They deny that they do this intentionally and anyone who calls them out on it is labeled a fringe nut.

However, there is another way to say it, a much older description of Sustainable Development that explains the motivation behind the policy in a much more direct manner: "From each according to his ability. To each according to his need." If you recognize this quote, then you fully understand the true nature of Sustainable Development.

## **Some History...**

**What is Sustainable Development?** Now, I keep using the term sustainable development, but what is it? In short, sustainable development is the policy for the implementation of Agenda 21. You hear the term used everyday, but few know what it really means. I have spent the past 20 years studying every facet of this new political agenda—it affects our businesses, our public education system, our personal property, and our individual lives.

Interestingly, this is not a Republican or Democrat issue, nor is it liberal or conservative. The agenda is being implemented on a purely bipartisan basis. It is now the official policy of the United States, put in force by literally every department of the government. It is the official policy of every state government, and nearly every city, town, and county in the nation.

Most people immediately equate sustainable development with environmental policy. Concern for the environment is the reason most often given for its implementation. Land use control is at the heart of sustainable development policy. However, understanding sustainable development to be simply good environmental stewardship is a serious and dangerous mistake.

The term sustainable development was born in the pages of "Our Common Future," the official report of the 1987 United Nations World Commission on Environment and Development (UNCED), authored by Gro Harlem Brundtland, Vice President of the World Socialist Party. Since its publication, the world has never been the same.

The term appeared in full force in 1992, in a United Nations initiative called the U.N. Sustainable Development Agenda 21, or, as it has become known around the world, simply Agenda 21. Agenda 21 was unveiled at the 1992 UNCED ballyhooed as the Earth Summit. In fact, the Earth

Summit was one of the provisions called for in the Brundtland report as a means of implementing sustainable development around the world. More than 178 nations adopted Agenda 21 as official policy. President George H.W. Bush was the signatory for the United States.

As presented by its proponents, the following is the most common definition of sustainable development: *"Development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs."* Again, this simple-worded, positive-sounding definition hides an agenda that can only lead to a breathtaking transformation of society. According to its advocates, to achieve the goal of meeting today's needs without compromising the needs of the future requires massive amounts of land and natural resources to be permanently locked away from use. More importantly, it requires an entirely new way of thinking about how society is organized.

In order to fully comprehend the magnitude of the changes required to enforce sustainable development, a much more descriptive and honest definition is necessary. Imagine an America in which a specific ruling principle is created to decide proper societal conduct for every citizen. That principle would be used to consider regulations guiding everything from what you eat, to the kind or size of home you are allowed to live in, the type of job you may have, the method of transportation you use to get to work, the way you dispose of waste, the size of your family, as well as the quality and amount of education your children may receive. As I said, sustainable development affects every aspect of our lives.

In short, sustainable development requires a complete transformation of American society including our system of justice, our economic system, and our ability to make individual life choices such as careers, family size, and the location of our homes. This is the "wrenching transformation of society" that Al Gore refers to in his book, *Earth in the Balance*. He claims that this radical reorganization of human existence on earth is necessary in order to cleanse our society of the purported evils of the 20th Century's Industrial Revolution.

Al Gore's words are pretty powerful and should concern anyone trying to make their way in our modern world. The rules are changing and a new power elite is taking control.

Perhaps you are beginning to notice such changes as you go about your daily routine, but haven't understood where those changes, and the ideas behind them are coming from. Sustainable development papers, guidelines, and regulations are imposed upon us daily:

- Sustainable development imposes upon our **public education system** – to prepare our children to be proper "global citizens" living in a sustainable world. Today that curriculum is called Common Core.
- Sustainable development imposes upon our **economy** – to create Public/Private Partnerships (PPPs) between business and government, making sure business becomes a tool to help implement the policies.
- Sustainable development imposes upon the **environment** – leading to controls on private property and business. Under sustainable development, environmental protection becomes the excuse for all policy decisions, regardless of whether the environment would even be affected. It is called the "precautionary principle." It forces long delays and massive studies over

what might happen if all the stars are properly aligned with the moon on any given day of the week before deciding if a policy or business plan is a danger to the environment. In short, the precautionary principle is a killer of economies – especially when the final decision is being made by boards, panels, and councils armed with a very specific anti-business bias.

- Sustainable development imposes upon our **health care** – the new drive against obesity is leading directly toward controls on what we eat. The current debate on rationed health care and “death” clauses is right out of the sustainable playbook as it considers older people and the sick to be no longer valuable resources to society. Google “Sustainable Medicine” and you will find all of the many parts of Obamacare.
- Sustainable development imposes upon **farming** – Sustainable development policies affect farmers’ ability to produce crops by regulating precious chemicals, energy, and water use in the name of environmental protection. To fully understand the folly of sustainable farming, one should take a good look at current agriculture courses in several colleges (check out Green Mountain College in Vermont) and AG symposiums that now feature the use of Oxen as replacements for non-sustainable tractors. Students are paying for a college education to learn Davy Crockett’s farming methods. Need more be said?
- Sustainable development imposes upon our **social and cultural environment** – Political correctness is controlling immigration policy, multiculturalism, marriage laws, and even restrictions on what we can say in open society. “Globally-acceptable truth” (an actual UN-driven concept) dictates the science and the knowledge that we are allowed to pursue. This concept is now at the root of the public education system.
- Sustainable development imposes upon our **mobility** – with emphasis on carpools and public transportation. The expensiveness of gas is a result of sustainable development policies. These policies ban the drilling of oil, specifically American oil, in order to create shortages and drive up the price to get us out of our cars and into public transportation.
- Sustainable development imposes upon **public safety** – New laws and regulations affect our right to privacy. According to sustainable doctrine, the implementation of REAL ID and the creation of a total surveillance society using biometrics is necessary to insure that each citizen is adhering to sustainable policies in daily life.

It is crucial for every American to understand that these issues we face today are not just random concerns that accidentally find their way into the forefront of the political debate. They are all interconnected with the policies of sustainable development and the restructuring of our way of life.



## CHAPTER 2

### Top-Down Control

To quote a special sustainable development document prepared by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD): *"A new ecologically balanced economics will drive the pursuit of Community Sustainability within modern society's all encompassing urban-rural industrial civilization.... This global marketplace is destined to recast the meanings of industry, work, play, health, agriculture, communications, learning and much more."*

Sustainable development calls for changing the very infrastructure of the nation away from private ownership and control of property to nothing short of central planning of the entire economy. This is often referred to as top-down control.

Sustainable development policy is built on something called the "precautionary principle." That means that any activities that might threaten human health or the environment should be stopped, even if no clear cause and effect relationship has been established and even if the potential threat is largely theoretical. This makes it easy for any activist group to issue warnings by news release or questionable report and have those warnings quickly turned into public policy – just in case.

Truly, sustainable development is designed to change our way of life, but does it lead to the happy, healthy, productive lives it promises?

Today, many in the work place who have to deal with government on any level are beginning to notice that there are more layers, more players to deal with, and far more regulations that must be followed. These regulations have been decreed from above rather than voted into place by elected representatives. They are finding layers of non-elected regional governments and governing councils enforcing policy. There are powerful new voices coming from members of private organizations that are now empowered with making and enforcing policy. They are called non-governmental organizations (NGOs) like the Sierra Club or the Nature Conservancy or any number of local or affiliated activist groups including Planned Parenthood and the National Education Association. Every city now has representatives of the American Planning Association (APA) and/or the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI) working hand in hand with local planning commissions. Each of these private organizations has its own political agenda and each has a financial war chest to influence the news media and marshal public opinion to enforce its goals.

Some very radical groups actually flaunt public law through civil disobedience as a means to gain publicity and public sympathy for their cause and thereby force their agenda onto elected bodies. Such groups include Earth First (which engages in environmental sabotage, destroying machinery, or driving spikes into trees to prevent them from being milled) and People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PeTA) (which openly attacks, threatens, stalks and in some cases ignites bombs against those who hunt or dare make pets of animals) There are many more radical groups promoting the "wrenching transformation of our society" through the use of violence and intimidation. The result in most cases is to drive the agenda further and further toward implementation. Fear leads to policy.

As these policies are implemented, locally-elected officials are actually losing their governing power and decision-making ability in their own communities. Most decisions are now being

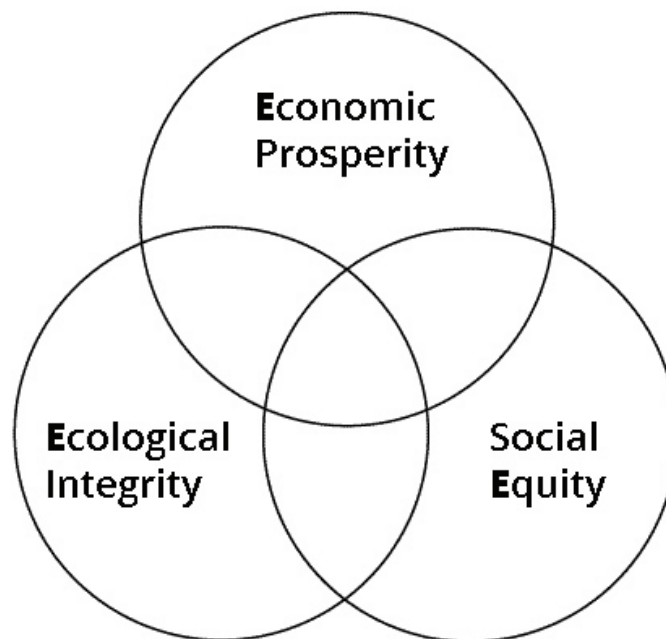
made behind the scenes in non-elected “sustainability councils” which come armed with truckloads of federal regulations, guidelines, and grant money which these private NGO groups helped create as a means to further their private agendas.

In fact, a recent study reported that elected city councils and commissioners have lost approximately 10% of their legislative power during the past 10 years while NGO power has increased by as much as 300%. It is a “wrenching transformation” indeed.

Meanwhile, Congress is not the main governmental force for implementing sustainable policy. Amazingly, there have been few direct votes or floor debates on sustainable development policy in Congress. Instead, most of its implementation is being done through cleverly arranged wording of existing budgets using UN treaties as guidelines. Even more comes from the President’s executive order pen. It is mostly being done under the radar.

In a meeting on sustainable development, former Commerce Secretary Ron Brown told the President’s council that his agency could implement at least 67% of the sustainable agenda with no new legislation. And so it has been.

## The Three Es



According to its authors, the objective of sustainable development is to integrate economic, social, and environmental policies in order to achieve reduced consumption, social equity, and the preservation and restoration of biodiversity.

The Sustainablists insist that society must be transformed into feudal-like governance by making nature the central organizing principle for our economy and society. As such, every societal

decision would first be questioned as to how it might effect the environment. To achieve this, Sustainablism policy focuses on three components: land use, education, and population control and reduction.

The sustainable development logo used in most literature on the subject contains three connecting circles labeled Social Equity, Economic Prosperity, and Ecological Integrity (known commonly as the 3 Es). Let us take a look at them individually.

## **Social Equity**

Another term for social equity is the "Third Way." The term is used to explain sustainable development as an economic scheme different from capitalism and socialism. In the comparison, sustainable development is defined in near utopian terms, capitalism is dismissed as ownership by a wealthy elite which cares nothing for protecting the environment, and socialism, according to the Sustainablists, is inefficient and run by a political elite.

On the other hand, sustainable development is presented as an "anticipatory" approach, which seeks to control problems today in order to avoid them tomorrow. That, they say, is accomplished through strict environmental regulations, financing what they call "green industries," and planning for future generations.

These plans are implemented through the public education system. Sustainablists deride education in "unenlightened" capitalist and socialist systems as simply training people to get jobs (though that is absolutely false in a capitalist society).

Sustainablists promote their education system as one that "teaches people to become life-long learners and virtuous human beings with the capacity to adapt to change, become masters of technology, and build civilization through their 'leisure work,' and "pursue the highest spiritual values."

In other words, the Sustainablists understand that their tightly controlled environmental and economic controls and their necessary transformation of our justice system are radically different from the historic views and objectives of Americans in a free society. Therefore, in order to achieve their objectives, the system requires massive behavior modification to change the way people naturally think into a system where the wants, needs, and desires of individuals conform to the views and dictates of central planners.

Sustainable development's social equity plank is based on a demand for something called social justice. It should be noted that the first person to coin the phrase "social justice" was Karl Marx. Today, the phrase is used throughout Sustainablism literature. The Sustainablism system is based on the principle that individuals must give up selfish wants for the needs of the common good, or the community. How does this differ from communism?

In the Sustainablism's world, everyone has a right to a job with a good wage, a right to health care, and a right to housing. To assure those rights, wealth must be redistributed. Here is an example of how it works: If a person fails to pay rent, he is evicted--that is the law. However, if the person could not pay rent because he could not afford to get a good education and therefore could not get a decent paying job--that is social injustice.

David Brower, Founder of Friends of the Earth, a major UN NGO, said, "The goal now is a social-

ist, redistributionist society, which is nature's proper steward and society's only hope." In short, social justice means a forced utopia with promises of healthcare for all, jobs for all, housing for all, and ultimately equality for all.

Take a close look at the major initiatives coming out of the Obama Administration today. There is, of course, the complete takeover of the nation's healthcare system, using the excuse that everyone has a right to it and only government can guarantee it. Second, there is now a major drive underway to force a higher minimum wage. In our cities, planners are now implementing programs to integrate low income housing into all neighborhoods. The Obama Administration has announced plans to monitor the percentages of minorities living in each neighborhood to assure diversity. Each of these programs is derived from the social equity plank of Agenda 21. Capital ownership is systematically deconcentrated (no single private owners), but is made directly available to every person. That, they say, is social justice. This means that there will be no single owners of property or business. All will be controlled by society (by self-appointed stakeholders) for the common good.

This is the same policy behind the push to eliminate our nation's borders in order to allow the migration of those from other nations into the United States to share our individually-created wealth and our taxpayers-paid government social programs. Sustainablists preach, "justice and efficiency go hand in hand." "Borders," they say, "are unjust."

Under the Sustainablism system, private property is an evil that is used simply to create wealth for a few. So too, is business ownership. Instead, "every worker/person will be a direct capital owner." Property and businesses are to be kept in the name of the owner, keeping them responsible for taxes and other expenses. However, control is in the hands of the community. In short, when you break down sustainable policy, it becomes clear that the social equity is really a clever mix of socialism and fascism.

## **Economic Prosperity**

Sustainable development's economic policy is based on one overriding premise: that the wealth of the world was made at the expense of the poor. It dictates that, if the conditions of the poor are to be improved, wealth must first be taken from the rich. Consequently, sustainable development's economic policy is based not on private enterprise but on Public/Private Partnerships (PPPs).

In America's free market of the past, businesses were started by individuals who saw a need for a product or a service and then set out to fulfill the need. Some businesses prospered and became huge corporations, while others remained small "mom and pop" shops. Some businesses failed and dissolved altogether. Most business owners were happy to be left alone to run their businesses on their own, not encumbered by a multiplicity of government regulations. If they failed, most found a way to try again. In the beginning of the American Republic, the government's only involvement was to guarantee that individuals had the opportunity to try.

However, in order to give themselves an advantage over competition, some businesses, particularly large corporations, now find a great advantage in dealing directly with the government, actively lobbying for legislation that will inundate smaller companies with regulations that they cannot possibly comply with or even keep up with. This government/big corporation back-scratching has always been a dangerous practice because economic power should be a positive check on government power, and visa versa. If the two should ever become combined,

control of such massive power can lead only to tyranny. One of the best examples of this was the Italian model in the first half of the Twentieth Century under Mussolini's Fascism. During the first years of the Clinton Administration in the early 1990s, there was much fanfare about the new policy to "reinvent government." It was sold as a way to make government more efficient and less costly. It would, said its proponents, "bring business technologies to public service."

Pro-business, anti-big government conservatives were intrigued. It sounded like their kind of program. The plan's call for Public/Private Partnerships sounded like their kind of government. Government, they said, would finally tap the tremendous power of the entrepreneurial process and the force of the free market into making government more effective. It sounded new, revolutionary, and workable. That is why today, many conservative and libertarian leaders continue to support the so-called free trade efforts.

The North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) was the first of the "free trade" policies to implement the concept of Public/Private Partnerships. NAFTA was sold to the American public simply as a means to expand markets for American industry and agriculture beyond U.S. borders into Canada and Mexico, thereby offering American business and workers "better jobs, better wages and more exports." In reality, NAFTA is about changing economic order.

This international system encompasses the free trade movement and Public/Private Partnerships, all pulled together into a government driven economy called "corporatism." It is not capitalism or free market though it may have some of the trappings of such. The marketplace is still there, its laws have not been repealed. However, corporatism does not trust the marketplace to do what the elites want done. Thus the alignment of corporations and government is done at the expense of ordinary people—the exact opposite effect of free markets controlled by consumers.

Today, under this Sustainablist system, there certainly is a reinvention of government, as a new business elite is being created through the establishment of the Public/Private Partnerships. These partnerships have enabled business leaders and government officials to take the old lobbying system to heights of power and coercion never envisioned in a free market.

Together, select business leaders who have agreed to help government impose Sustainablist green positions in their business policies, and officials at all levels of government are indeed merging the power of the economy with the force of government.

These partners are busy creating for themselves a whole treasure chest of goodies paid for by taxpayers including subsidies handed out to the corporate partners for implementing the policies along with tax-breaks and insider privileges unavailable to those who "won't go along." It is little understood by the general public how Public/Private Partnerships can be used, not as a way to diminish the size of government, but in fact, as a way to increase government's power. This is due to the fact that no one ever comes forward to tell the general public the entire plan for something as vast as Agenda 21. No one ever calls for a debate or a vote to implement the plan with public approval.

Instead, it is done incrementally, a piece at a time, in an easy to disguise program here or a suggestion there. There are few debates or discussions. Even elected officials rarely know the true agenda they are helping to put in place. Slowly, the pieces come together. By the time people realize the truth, it is already in place. Policy is set. Public/Private Partnerships are becoming the

fastest growing process to impose such policy. State legislatures across the nation are passing legislation that calls for the implementation of PPPs.

Beware. These bonds between government and private international corporations are a double-edged sword. They come armed with the government's power to tax, the government's power to enforce policy, and the government's power to enforce eminent domain.

At the same time, the private corporations use their wealth and extensive advertising budgets to entrench the policy into our national conscience. Cute little jingles or emotional commercials can be very useful tools to sell a government program.

Further, participating corporations can control the types of products offered on the market. Witness the drive for solar and wind power, even though the technology does not yet exist for these alternative energies to actually make a difference. Yet, the corporations in partnership with government to impose these policies have convinced the American public that this is the future of energy.

Rest assured that if any one of these companies had to sell such products on the free market controlled by consumers, there would be very little talk about them.

However, today, an unworkable idea is making big bucks, not on the open market, but in a controlled economy for a select few like British Petroleum and General Electric because of their partnerships with government. Public/Private Partnerships can be used by international corporations to get a leg up on their competition by entering into contracts with government to obtain favors such as tax breaks and store locations not available to their competition, thereby creating an elite class of "connected" businesses.

A private developer which has entered into a Public/Private Partnership with local government, for example, can now obtain the power of eminent domain to build on land not open to its competitors. The fact is, current use of eminent domain by local communities in partnership with private developers simply considers all property to be the common domain of the state to be used as it sees fit for some undefined common good.

The government profits from the higher taxes created by the new development. The developer gets the revenue from the work. The immediate losers, of course, are the property owners. But other citizens are losers too. Communities lose control of their infrastructure. Voters lose control of their government.

Using PPPs, power companies can obtain rights-of-way over private land, as is currently happening in Virginia where Dominion Power is planning to construct massive power towers on private property, despite the strong objections of the property owners.

Private companies are now systematically buying up water treatment plants in communities across the nation, and are, in effect, gaining control of the water supply. They are also purchasing control of the nation's highway systems through PPPs with state departments of transportation.

The most recent development in building the power of Public/Private Partnerships is called "Benefit Corporations." As researcher Wynne Coleman describes, "Imagine a legislative brotherhood of business where favored businesses get to go to the front of the line for permits, licenses and

opportunities merely because they agree to advance the principles of Sustainable Development and Agenda 21." (See Wynne Colman's full report on Benefit Corporations later in this manual.) At a 2007 meeting in Calgary, Canada, as part of the Security and Prosperity Partnership (SPP), government officials, business leaders, and academics met to discuss redistributing Canada's water to Mexico and southwestern United States. Canada has water, lots of it, and the Public/Private Partnerships of the SPP are swarming on it like locusts as they seek to drain it out of Canada's rivers and lakes and ship it to potential profit centers south of the Canadian border. If implemented, the Trans Texas Corridor would provide water pipelines for shipping and PPPs will buy up the rights and dispose of the water as they see fit. Canadians are suddenly feeling the raw power of the lethal combination of government and private industry as they dictate policy. The people of Canada now understand that they will have little say in the matter. Private companies operating in the free market lack the one thing that the government has: the power of coercion. That is a good thing. Imagine if Hershey's Chocolate had the power to stop you from buying Mars candy, of course telling you it was for your good health.

The free market operates alongside individuals, making decisions based on personal choice. Under Public/Private Partnerships the choices are decided for you in meetings behind closed doors. How many times now are we seeing free choices taken away in the name of government policy? Pharmaceutical companies are an example of PPPs using government partnerships to take away personal choice by using the power of the FDA to regulate and remove availability of natural supplements from the open market. Today, more and more Americans are turning to natural supplements as a way to stay well and healthy. But the American medical establishment is based on sickness and medications. In response, the pharmaceutical industry seeks to have the FDA take control of the growing supplement industry by making many available only through prescription.

Meanwhile, private companies that are not part of a PPP are unable to compete with those that are. They face the unfair competition from the establishment of economic development zones, which provide the chosen elite with reduced real estate taxes and financial aid. Meanwhile, companies that find themselves outside of the elite status of the PPP suddenly run into regulatory difficulties to get their own projects completed. It's not just a coincidence? All of these things are happening through agreements between certain industries and government. PPPs are one of the reasons why people feel as if they can no longer fight city hall. The private companies gain the power of government to do as they please and the government earns the independence of the companies and therefore no longer needs to answer to voters. It is the perfect partnership, but it is not freedom. Such a process allows the private companies to be little more than government-sanctioned monopolies, answerable to no one. Their power is awesome and near absolute. Some call such policy corporatism. Another term would be corporate fascism.

What Public/Private Partnerships are not, however, is capitalism or free enterprise, though it may have some of the trappings of such. The marketplace is still there. Its laws have not been repealed. Ultimately, corporatism does not trust the marketplace to do what the elites want. Thus the alignment of corporations and government is done at the expense of ordinary people. It is the exact opposite of free markets controlled by consumers. However, it is not free enterprise and it is not free trade.

It is sold as being civic-minded, environmentally-correct, and socially acceptable. After all of the goodies have been handed out, they even give awards to each other to praise their commitment to the common good. As a result, sustainable development policy is redefining free trade

to mean centralized global trade that freely crosses (or eliminates) national borders. People and companies are no longer able to trade freely with each other. Its real goal is to redistribute American manufacturing, wealth, and jobs out of our borders and to lock away American natural resources. After the regulations have been put in place, literally destroying whole industries, new "green" industries created with federal grants bring newfound wealth to the partners. This is what Sustainablists refer to as economic prosperity.

The sustainable development partnerships include some corporations both domestic and multi-national. In turn, they are partnered with the politicians who use their legislative and administrative powers to raid the treasury to fund and enforce the scheme.

Of course, as the new elite eliminate the need for competition through government power, the real loser is the consumer who no longer counts in market decisions. Government grants are now being used by industry to create mandated green products like wind and solar power. Products are put on the market at little risk to the industry, leaving consumers with a limited selection from which to choose. True free markets are eliminated in favor of controlled economies that dictate the availability and quality of products.

## **Ecological Integrity**

*"Nature has an integral set of different values (cultural, spiritual and material) where humans are one strand in nature's web and all living creatures are considered equal. Therefore the natural way is the right and human activities should be molded along nature's rhythms."* - from the U.N.'s Biodiversity Treaty presented at the 1992 U.N. Earth Summit.

This quote lays down the ground rules for the entire sustainable development agenda. It says humans are nothing special, just one strand in the nature of things, or, put another way, humans are simply biological resources. Sustainablism oversees any issue in which man reacts with nature. Because the environment always comes first, there must be great restrictions over private property ownership and control. This is necessary, sustainablism says, because humans only defile nature. In fact, the report from the 1976 U.N. Habitat I conference said: "Land...cannot be treated as an ordinary asset, controlled by individuals and subject to the pressures and inefficiencies of the market. Private land ownership is also a principle instrument of accumulation and concentration of wealth, therefore, contributes to social injustice."

Under sustainable development there can be no concern over individual rights; we all must sacrifice for the sake of the environment. Individual human wants, needs, and desires are to be conformed to the views and dictates of social planners. The U.N.'s Commission on Global Governance said in its 1995 report: "Human activity...combined with unprecedented increases in human numbers...are infringing on the planet's basic life support system. Action must be taken now to control the human activities that produce these risks." Harvey Ruvin, Vice Chair of the International Council on Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI) said, "Individual rights will have to take a back seat to the collective."

Under sustainable development there can be no limited government, as advocated by our Founding Fathers, because, we are told, the real or perceived environmental crisis is too great. Maurice Strong, Chairman of the 1992 U.N. Earth Summit stated, "A shift is necessary toward



lifestyles less geared to environmentally-damaging consumption patterns. The shift will require a vast strengthening of the multilateral system, including the United Nations.”

Under sustainable development government, working in partnership with the “concerned” and “dedicated,” activists must have every available resource to meet the “environmental crisis.” In 1997, U.N. Secretary Kofi Annan proposed that the Commission on Global Governance should serve to “link the U.N. and civil society (NGOs) in their collective trusteeship for the integrity of the Global environment and commons area.”

These, then, are the third set of partners necessary to impose the sustainable development agenda. To make it all work, tax-exempt foundations and private activist groups (NGOs) control vast amounts of wealth and public influence, both in the halls of government and in the news media, and dictate the tone of debate and the camouflage necessary to sell their scheme to an unsuspecting public.

As described above, should local government officials on the town council fail to impose sustainable development policies in their community, local representatives of the private organizations can step in and apply pressure to enforce the policies. They will insert articles in the newspaper informing the community that their city fathers have failed to take advantage of millions of dollars in grant money, neglecting to mention that the money comes with thick strings attached to implement the top-down control.

Sustainable development is not about “saving the environment.” It is about a revolutionary coup in America. It is about establishing global governance and abandoning the principles of Natural Law. The United States was founded on the principle that we are all born with specific, natural rights, and that the government’s only responsibility to protect them.

Sustainablists are committed to abolishing private property rights and to destroying individual liberty, equal justice, and limited government. Link by link, sustainable development seeks to destroy the governing authority of the United States Constitution, subvert the principles of the Declaration of Independence, and turn this sovereign nation into a globally governed “homeland” where human beings are treated as biological resources subject to dictated “human rights.”

The politically based environmental movement provides the necessary camouflage for sustainablists as they work to transform the American systems of government, justice, and economics. It is a masterful mixture of socialism (with its top-down control of the tools of the economy), fascism (where property is owned in name only), and corporatism (where partnerships between government and private business create government-sanctioned monopolies). Sustainable development is the worst of both the left and the right. It is not liberal, nor is it conservative. It is a new kind of tyranny that, if not stopped, will surely lead us into a new period of pain and misery yet unknown to mankind.

# CHAPTER 3

## BEGINNING OF THE TRANSFORMATION: Attack of the NGOs (They are in your town!)

One rarely hears of it. Few elected officials raise an eyebrow. The media makes no mention of it, but power is slowly slipping away from our elected representatives. In much the same way Mao Tse Tung had his Red Guards, so the U.N. has its NGOs. They may well be our masters of tomorrow, and few even know who or what they are.

There are two forces that work together to advance the global sustainable development agenda, ultimately leading toward U.N. global governance. Those two forces are the U.N. itself and non-governmental organizations (NGOs).

Beginning with the United Nations, the infrastructure pushing the sustainable development agenda is a vast, international matrix. At the top of the heap is the United Nations Environmental Program (UNEP).

Created in 1973 by the UN General Assembly, the UNEP is the catalyst through which the global environmental agenda is implemented. Virtually all of the international environmental programs and policy changes that have occurred globally in the past three decades are the result of UNEP efforts.

But the UNEP does not operate on its own. Influencing it and helping to write its policy are thousands of non-governmental organizations (NGOs). These private groups seek to implement a specific political agenda. Through the UNEP, they have great power.

The phrase “non-governmental organization” came into use with the establishment of the United Nations Organization in 1945 with provisions in Article 71 of Chapter 10 of the United Nations Charter. The term describes a consultative role for organizations that are neither government nor member states of the U.N.

NGOs are not just any private group hoping to influence policy. True NGOs are officially sanctioned by the United Nations. Such status was created by U.N. Resolution 1296 in 1948, giving NGOs official “consultative” status to the U.N. That means that they can sit in on international meetings and actively participate in creating policy, right alongside government representatives. There are numerous classifications of NGOs. The two most common are operational and advocacy. Operational NGOs are involved with designing and implementing specific projects such as feeding the hungry or organizing relief projects. These groups can be religious or secular. They can be community-based, national, or international. The International Red Cross falls under the category of operational NGO. Advocacy NGOs promote a specific political agenda. They lobby government bodies, utilize the news media, and organize activist-oriented events, all designed

to raise awareness and apply pressure to promote their causes which include environmental issues, human rights, poverty, education, children, drinking water, and population control—just to name a few. Amnesty International is the largest human rights advocacy NGO in the world. Organized globally, it has more than 1.8 million members, supporters and subscribers in over 150 countries.

Today these NGOs have power nearly equal to member nations when it comes to writing U.N. policy. Just as civil service bureaucrats provide the infrastructure for government operation, NGOs provide such infrastructure for the U.N. In fact, most U.N. policy is first debated and then written by NGOs and presented to national government officials at international meetings for approval and ratification. It is through this process that the individual political agendas of NGO groups enter the international political arena.

The policies sometimes come in the form of international treaties or simply as policy guidelines. Once the documents are presented to and accepted by representatives of member states and world leaders, obscure political agendas of private organizations suddenly become international policy and are then adopted as national and local laws by U.N. member states. Through this system, sustainable development has grown from a collection of ideas and wish lists of a wide variety of private organizations to become the most widely implemented tool in the U.N.'s quest for global governance.

The three most powerful organizations influencing UNEP policy are three international NGOs: the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF), the World Resources Institute (WRI), and the International Union for Conservation and Nature (IUCN). These three groups provide the philosophy, objectives, and methodology for the international environmental agenda through a series of official reports and studies such as World Conservation Strategy, published in 1980 by all three groups, Global Biodiversity Strategy, published in 1992, and Global Biodiversity Assessment, published in 1996.

These groups not only influence UNEP's agenda, they also influence a staggering array of international and national NGOs around the world. Jay Hair, former head of the National Wildlife Federation, one of the U.S.'s largest environmental organizations, was also the president of the IUCN. Hair later turned up as co-chairman of the Presidents Council on Sustainable Development.

The WWF maintains a network of national chapters around the world that influence, if not dominate, NGO activities at the national level. It is at the national level where NGOs agitate and lobby national governments to implement the policies that the IUCN, WWF, and WRI get written into the documents that are advanced by the UNEP. In this manner, the world grows ever closer to global governance.

Other than treaties, how does UNEP policy become U.S. policy? Specifically, the IUCN has an

incredible mix of U.S. government agencies along with major U.S. NGOs as members. Federal agencies include the Department of State, Department of Interior, Department of Agriculture, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the National Park Service (NPS), the U.S. Forest Service (USFS), and the Fish and Wildlife service. These agencies send representatives to all meetings of the UNEP.

Also attending those meetings as active members are NGO representatives. These include activist groups such as the Environmental Defense Fund, National Audubon Society, The Nature Conservancy, National Wildlife Federation, Zero Population growth, Planned Parenthood, the Sierra Club, the National Education Association, and hundreds more. These groups all have specific political agendas that they desire to become law. Through their official contact with government agencies working side-by-side with the UNEP, their political wish lists become official government policy.

How can this be, you ask? How can private organizations control policy and share equal power to elected officials? Here's how it works:

When the dust settled over the 1992 Rio Earth Summit, five major documents were forced into international policy that will change forever how national policy is made. More importantly, the Rio Summit produced the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED). UNCED outlined a new procedure for shaping policy. The procedure has no name, nor is it dictatorial. It is perhaps best described as "controlled consensus" or "affirmative acquiescence."

Put in simple street language, the procedure really amounts to a collection of NGOs, bureaucrats, and government officials, all working together toward a predetermined outcome. They have met together in meetings, written policy statements based on international agreements, which they helped to create and now they are about to impose laws and regulations that will have dire effects on people's lives and national economies. Yet, with barely a twinge of conscience, they move forward with the policy, saying nothing. No one objects. It is understood. Everyone goes along with it. This is surely a barbaric procedure that insures their desired outcome without the ugliness of bloodshed, or even debate. It is the procedure used to advance the radical, global environmental agenda.

The UNCED procedure utilizes four elements of power: international government (UN), national governments, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and philanthropic institutions.

The NGOs are the key to the process. They create policy ideas from their own private agendas. The policy idea is then adopted by one or more U.N. organizations for consideration at a regional conference. Each conference is preceded by an NGO forum designed specifically to bring NGO activists into the debate.

There they are fully briefed on the policy and then trained to prepare papers, lobby, and influence the official delegates of the conference. In this way, the NGOs control the debate and assure the policy is adopted.

The ultimate goal of the conference is to produce a convention--a legally-drawn policy statement on specific issues. Once the convention is adopted by the delegates, it is sent to the national governments for official ratification. Once that is done, the new policy becomes international law. Then the real work begins. Compliance must be assured. Again, the NGOs come into the picture. They are responsible for pressuring Congress to write national laws in order to comply with the treaty. One trick used to assure compliance is to write into the laws the concept of third-party lawsuits.

NGOs now regularly sue the government and private citizens to force policy. They have their legal fees and even damage awards paid to them out of the government treasury. Through a coordinated process, hundreds of NGOs are at work in Congress, in every state government and in every local community, advancing some component of the global environmental agenda. However, the U.S. Constitution's Tenth Amendment bars the Federal Government from writing laws that dictate local policy. To bypass this roadblock, NGOs encourage Congress to include special grants to help states and communities fund the new policy, should they want to voluntarily comply.

Should a community or state refuse to participate voluntarily, local chapters of the NGOs are trained to take action. They begin to pressure city councils or county commissioners to accept the grants and implement the policy. Should they meet resistance, they begin to issue news releases telling the community their elected officials are losing millions of dollars for the community. The pressure continues until the grant is finally taken and the policy becomes local law. Americans must begin to understand that the debate over environmental issues has very little to do with clean water and air; it has much more to do with the establishment of power. NGOs are gaining power as your locally elected officials are losing it. The result is that the structure of American government is forced to change in order to accommodate the private agendas of NGOs.

# CHAPTER 4

## Creating the “Agenda for the Twenty First Century” Step by Step

Throughout the 1990s, the U.N. held summits and conferences around the world where NGOs could work their magic, authoring an agenda to completely restructure the world.

In Vienna, the focus was on human rights, particularly the rights of children over parents. The conference produced the “Convention on the Rights of the Child.”

In Cairo, forced abortion and sterilization were put forth as solutions for population control--a major component to the implementation of sustainable development.

In Copenhagen, the United Nations revealed its daring plan for global taxes that would give the international body an independent source of funding. The payment of such taxes would help finance a U.N. court and a U.N. army for enforcement of its policies.

As mentioned, at the Earth Summit in Rio, five major documents to define and implement the sustainablist agenda were presented for ratification.

First was the “Convention on Climate Change,” to address the issue of Global Warming. It was the precursor to the Kyoto Climate Change Protocol, later adopted in 1997.

The second document presented was the “Biodiversity Treaty.” This treaty would declare 50% of all the land in every state of this nation to be “off limits” wilderness.

The third document was called the “Rio Declaration” which called for the eradication of poverty throughout the world. Its solution to poverty was the redistribution of wealth from richer nations to poorer, developing nations.

The fourth document was the “Convention on Forest Principles” calling for international management of the world’s forests, which essentially shut down or severely regulated the timber industry.

And the fifth document was Agenda 21. This one document contained the full agenda for implementing worldwide sustainable development.

Throughout the 90s and into the 2000s the U.N. has continued to hold additional conferences and meetings to “retool” and update previous conventions. In 1996, Istanbul, Turkey was the site of the Habitat II conference. This conference focused on the details of how towns and cities were to be developed and the kind of materials used in building homes. It called for a “remapping” of society, downsizing cities and towns into “urban clusters” where workplaces, housing, and nature would be blended together.

There were more conferences in Mexico to further discuss the implementation of U.N. taxes as well as in South Africa to further discuss sustainable development. The main event, the Millennium Assembly in 2000, held at U.N. headquarters in New York City, was attended by literally every world leader and head of state.

## The Charter for Global Democracy

In preparation for this major event the NGOs worked overtime to prepare the most radical, comprehensive wish list to restructure for global governance ever conceived. The working document was called the Charter for Global Democracy. The Charter's twelve principles were taken directly from the blue print published back in 1995 by the U.N.'s Commission on Global Governance. Now, here in one document, were the plans for full implementation. The Charter for Global Democracy is nothing more than the plan to abolish individual freedom.

**The first principle** calls for the consolidation of all international agencies under direct U.N. authority. These would include the World Bank, the World Trade Organization, and the World Health Organization.

**The second principle** calls for regulation by the U.N. of all transnational corporations and financial institutions, requiring an international "code of conduct" concerning the environment and labor practices.

**The third principle** demands an independent source of revenue for the U.N. such as the "Tobin Tax," which would tax every single international monetary transaction, and put billions of dollars in U.N. coffers. It also calls for U.N. taxes on aircraft, shipping fuels, and licensing the use of what it calls the "global commons." The global commons is defined as "outer space, the atmosphere, non-territorial seas, and the related environment that supports human life."

**Principle number four** would eliminate the veto power and permanent member status on the U.N. Security Council.

**Principle five** would authorize a standing U.N. army.

**Principle six** would require U.N. registration of all arms and the reductions of all national armies, "as part of a multinational global security system" under U.N. authority.

**Principle seven** would require individual and national compliance with U.N. Human Right treaties and declarations, specifically the U.N. Declaration on Human Rights.

**Principle eight** would activate the International Criminal Court.

**Principle nine** called for a new institution to establish economic and environmental security by insuring sustainable development.

**Principle ten** called for the creation of an International Environmental Court.

**Principle eleven** called for the declaration that climate change is an essential global security interest that requires the creation of a "high level action team" to allocate carbon emission based on per capita rights. In other words, it calls for the creation of an entirely new economic order based on energy use. Today it is called "Cap and Trade."

And finally, **principle twelve** called for the cancellation of all debt owed by the poorest nations, global poverty reductions, and for "equitable sharing of global resources" as allocated by the United Nations.

The delegates and world leaders at the Millennium Assembly did not sign the Charter for Global

Democracy outright. Its language was too blunt and forthright to fit in a U.N. diplomatic document. Instead, a much less direct "Millennium Declaration" was issued after the Summit. While the methods of implementation were vague in the final Declaration, the goals for accomplishment were incredibly specific.

Rather than calling for the outright creation of a U.N. army, the Declaration called for a dramatic change in which authority determines the deployment of peacekeeping missions. Traditionally, this authority has resided in the U.N. Security Council--a board consisting of the major heads of state. It allowed the major contributing nations to decide whether or not certain deployments were worthy of their contributed resources. However, this is no longer the case. Now, peacekeeping decisions will be the sole authority of the U.N. bureaucracy, specifically the Secretary General. It will be called the Rapid Deployment Force (RPF).

Second, the U.N.'s Criminal Court is now a reality, giving the U.N. ability to enforce its own rule of law. Nations aren't even required to ratify the Court as a treaty. Once 60 nations signed on, it affected every single nation, unprecedented in international law. The final twelve signatures needed were gained at the Millennium Assembly. Clearly, the Charter for Global Democracy is well under way toward full implementation. It is the crowning achievement of private organizations to impose their agenda of global governance. In every case, every conference, and every document, the NGOs, side-by-side with their counterparts in government agencies, have worked out the language to create the policy that is to become rules for the rest of us to live by. The UNEP and its web of control had done its job to the fullest.

## **Global Policy Becomes Local**

In June 2005, the city of San Francisco was the site of an international conference called World Environment Day. The agenda of this conference was much bigger than just another "hippie dance" in the park. This meeting of the global elite had a specific target and an agenda with teeth. The goal was the full implementation of the U.N.'s Agenda 21 policy and sustainable development. This time, the target audience was our nation's mayors. The U.N.'s new tactics on full display at this conference was to ignore federal and state governments and go straight to the roots of American society. Think globally – act locally.

As part of their participation in the conference, mayors were pressed to commit their communities to specific legislative and policy goals by signing a slate of United Nations accords. Two documents were presented for the mayors' signature.

The first document was called the Green Cities Declaration--a statement of principles that set the agenda for the mayors' assigned task. It says, in part, "As Mayors of cities around the globe, we have a unique opportunity to provide leadership to develop truly sustainable urban centers based on culturally and economically appropriate local actions..." The Declaration was amazingly bold in that it details exactly how the U.N. intends to implement a very specific agenda in every town and city in the nation. The document includes lots of rhetoric about the need to curtail greenhouse gases and preserve resources. The final line of the Green Cities Declaration was the point of the whole affair: "Signatory cities shall work to implement the following Urban Environment Accords. Each year cities shall pick three actions to adopt as policies or laws."

The raw meat of the agenda was outlined in detail in the second document, called the "Urban Environment Accords." The Accords include exactly 21 specific actions (as in Agenda 21) for the mayors to take, controlled by a timetable for implementation.



Here is a quick look at a few of the 21 agenda actions called for: Under the topic of energy, action item number one calls for mayors to implement a policy to increase the use of "renewable" energy by 10% within seven years. Renewable energy includes solar and wind power.

Not stated in the U.N. documents is the fact that in order to meet the goal, a community would have to reserve thousands of acres of land to set up expensive solar panels or even more land for windmills. Consider that it takes a current 50 megawatt gas-fired generating plant about 2-5 acres of land to produce its power. Yet to create that same amount of power through the use of solar panels would require at least 1,000 acres. Using windmills to generate 50 megawatts would require over 4,000 acres of land, while chopping up birds and creating a deafening roar. The cost of such "alternative" energy to the community would be vastly prohibitive. Yet, such unworkable ideas are the environmentally correct orders of the days that the mayors were being urged to follow.

Energy actions two and three deal with the issue of reducing energy consumption. Both of these are backdoor sneak attacks by the U.N. to enforce the discredited Kyoto Global Warming Treaty, which President Bush has refused to implement. Kyoto would force the United States to reduce its energy consumption by at least 30%, forcing energy shortages and severely damaging the nation's economy. Kyoto is the centerpiece of the U.N.'s drive to control the world economy and redistribute wealth to third world nations. It would do nothing to help the environment. Yet, the mayors are being pushed to help implement this destructive treaty city-by-city.

Perhaps the most egregious action offered in the Urban Environmental Accords deals with the topic of water. Action number 20 calls for adoption and implementation of a policy to reduce individual water consumption by 10% by 2020. Interestingly, the U.N. begins by stating, "Cities with potable water consumption greater than 100 liters per capita per day will adopt and implement policies to reduce consumption by 10 percent by 2015."

One must be aware that 100 liters equals about 26 gallons per person, per day. According to the U.N., each person should only have 10% less than 26 gallons each day to drink, bathe, flush toilets, wash clothes, water lawns, wash dishes, cook, and more.

However, according to the U.S. Geological Survey, Americans need about 100 gallons per day to perform these basic functions. The use of the 100 liters vs 100 gallons is a direct attempt to mislead and actually cut water consumption by 75%.

Consider also that there is no specific water shortage in the United States. According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, annual water withdrawal across the nation is about 407 billion gallons, while consumption (including evaporation and plant use) is about 94 billion gallons. Such restrictions, as outlined in the Urban Environment Accords, are really nothing more than a major campaign by the U.N. to control water consumption. Yet, the nation's mayors are being pushed to impose policies to take away our free use of water. Water is a local issue, not an international issue.

The rest of the Accords deal with a variety of subjects including waste reduction, recycling, transportation, health, and nature. Perhaps the most blatant promise of action is action number sixteen in which the mayors are supposed to agree to "identify three products, chemicals, or compounds that are used within [each] city that represents the greatest risk to human health and adopt a law to eliminate their sale and use in the city."

There you have it. Every year, our nation's mayors promise to ban something! What if there is

not a “chemical or compound” that poses a risk? They have to ban something anyway. In the 1990’s Anchorage, Alaska had some of the most pristine water in the nation—it had no pollution. Yet, the Federal Government ordered the city to meet strict federal clean water standards that required it to remove a certain percentage of pollution. In order to meet those requirements, Anchorage was forced to dump fish parts into its pristine water so that it could then clean out the required quotas. Your city’s mayor may have to ban the ink in your fountain pen to meet his quota--and ban it he will.

And what is the mayor’s reward for destroying private property rights, increasing energy costs on less consumption, and banning something useful every year? He gets green stars. That’s right. According to U.N. documents, if your mayor can complete 8-11 of the prescribed 21 actions, the town will get a green star and the designation, “Local Sustainable City.” With 12-17 actions completed, the town will garner two green stars and the designation, “National Sustainable City.” With 15-18 actions completed the town will bring in three green stars and the title “Regional Sustainable City.” Finally, the energizer bunny mayor who gets 19-21 actions completed will get a full four green stars and the ultimate designation of “Global Sustainable City.” Certainly he or she will also get a plaque and get to sit at the head table at the next U.N. sustainable development conference.

In the San Francisco summit, the mayors were wooed by the elite: U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan, Maurice Strong, Senator Diane Feinstein, Hollywood activists Robert Redford and Martin Sheen, and Chimp master Jane Goodall. All the usual suspects were there to press the flesh and push the agenda. Businesses like Mitsubishi, which hope to make huge profits from green industry with its government subsidies and taxpayer grants, helped pay for the event. The news media was well represented too, not in a journalistic role to report the news, but as full-fledged sponsors helping to spread their own brand of propaganda. All understood that a new governing elite, elected by no one, answerable to their own set of standards, is being created for the care and feeding of us all. With the right contacts and the proper show of public spirit, there are riches and power to be created. Even for your local mayor.

Sustainable development is truly stunning in its magnitude to transform the world into feudal-like governance by making nature the central organizing principle for our economy and society. It is a scheme fueled by unsound science and discredited economics that can only lead modern society down the road to a new Dark Age. It is a policy of banning goods and regulating and controlling human action. It is systematically implemented through the creation of non-elected visioning boards and planning commissions. There is no place in the sustainable world for individual thought, private property, or free enterprise. It is the exact opposite of the free society envisioned by our nation’s founders.

Even before the San Francisco conference, the U.N.’s influence over the nation’s mayors had been felt as 132 U.S. mayors moved to implement the Kyoto Treaty in defiance of the Bush Administration’s rejection of it. Moreover, the treaty was the centerpiece of the agenda for the national meeting of the U.S. Conference of Mayors, slated for Chicago just one week after the San Francisco meeting. “Think globally, act locally” is no longer just a slogan on the back of a Volvo, it is a well-entrenched national policy bleeding down into your local community, carried there by Judas goats who have been elected by you.

America’s mayors are the elected representatives closest to the people. They are the ones that our founders intended to have the most influence over our daily lives. If the U.N. succeeds in its efforts to enforce sustainable development policy through our mayors, the process will accelerate at an astounding rate and locally controlled government will cease to exist. Signs adorned with green stars will certainly greet us at every city limit line as the inhabitants--stripped of their property rights, buried under huge tax burdens, struggling under reduced energy flow--shuffle on as their proud mayor gleams in the global limelight under the banner “think globally, act locally.”

# CHAPTER 5

## IN THEIR OWN WORDS: How Environmentalism, through implementation of Agenda 21, will lead to global governance

Rather than working to create policies to help improve our society and standard of living, many of those leading the environmental movement and, in turn, promoting sustainable development, take a very cynical view of humanity, technology and mankind's capacity to meet challenges. In fact, many openly express their desire to see the human race disappear. They basically take the attitude that man is not part of the ecology and is a danger to the earth. They openly express an attitude that if only man could be eliminated, then the earth and its animals could "have a chance." Sustainablists openly advocate that human population levels be reduce by 85%. And they do not seem to care how brutal the methods of reducing the population may be. Further, to achieve their goals, truth and facts do not seem to matter much. Read these following quotes carefully to fully understand the mentality of those leading the sustainable movement.

### It does not matter if global warming is a lie – it is a useful tool for control

- "No matter if the science of global warming is all phony...climate change provides the greatest opportunity to bring about justice and equality in the world." **Christine Stewart** (former Canadian Minister of the Environment)
- "We've got to ride this global warming issue. Even if the theory of global warming is wrong, we will be doing the right thing in terms of economic and environmental policy." **Timothy Wirth**, (President of the UN Foundation)
- "I believe it is appropriate to have an over-representation of the facts on how dangerous it is, as a predicate for opening up the audience." **Al Gore** (Former Vice President of the United States)
- "It doesn't matter what is true, it only matters what people believe is true." **Paul Watson** (Co-Founder of Green Peace)
- "The common enemy of humanity is man. In searching for a new enemy to unite us, we came up with the idea that pollution, the threat of global warming, water shortages, famine and the like would fit the bill. All of these dangers are caused by human intervention, and it is only through changed attitudes and behavior that they can be overcome. The real enemy then, is humanity itself." **Club of Rome** (Premier environmental think-tank consultants to the United Nations)
- "Climate Change is real. Not only is it real, it's here and its effects are giving rise to a frighteningly new global phenomenon: the man-made natural disaster." **Barack Obama** (President of the United States)

### Destroy civilization and human population

- "Isn't the only hope for the planet that the industrial nations collapse? Isn't it our responsibility to bring that about?" **Maurice Strong** (Chairman, 1992 Earth Summit)
- "If I were reincarnated I would wish to be returned to Earth as a killer virus to lower human population levels." **Prince Phillip** (of Great Britain, leader of the World Wildlife Fund)
- "Land ...cannot be treated as an ordinary asset, controlled by individuals and subject to the pressures and inefficiencies of the market. Private land ownership is also a principle instrument of accumulation and concentration of wealth, therefore, contributes to social injustice." Report from UN's Habitat 1 Conference, 1976
- "In order to stabilize world populations, we must eliminate 350,000 people per day." **Dr. Jacques Cousteau**
- "The extinction of Homo Sapiens would mean survival for millions, if not billions, of Earth-dwelling species. Phasing out the human race will solve every problem on Earth – social and environmental." **Ingrid Newkirk** (Founder of PeTA)
- "Childbearing should be a punishable crime against society, unless the parents hold a government license. All potential parents should be required to use contraceptive chemicals, the government issuing antidotes to citizens chosen for childbearing." **David Brower** (Sierra Club)
- "To feed a starving child is to exacerbate the world overpopulation problem." **Dr. LaMont Cole** (Yale University)
- "Among environmentalists sharing two or three beers, the notion is quite common that if only some calamity could wipe out the human race, other species might once again have a chance." **Richard Conniff** (Audubon Magazine)
- "My three main goals would be to reduce human population to about 100 million worldwide, destroy the industrial infrastructure and see wilderness, with its full complement of species, returning throughout the world." **Dave Foreman** (co-founder of Earth First)
- "Our vision is simple, we live for the day when Grizzlies in Chihuahua (Mexico) have an unbroken connection to Grizzlies in Alaska; When gray Wolf populations are continuous from New Mexico to Greenland." **Dave Foreman** (Founder of Earth First)
- "A reasonable estimate for an industrialized world society at the present North American material standard of living would be 1 billion. At the more frugal European standard of living, 2 to 3 billion would be possible." **United Nations Global Biodiversity Assessment**
- "Current lifestyles and consumption patterns of the affluent middle class – involving high meat intake, use of fossil fuels, appliances, air-conditioning, and suburban housing – are not sustainable." **Maurice Strong** (chairman, UN Earth Summit)
- "The native ecosystems and the collective needs of non-human species must take precedence over the needs and desires of humans." **Reed Noss**, (a creator of the Wildlands Project)

- “Human beings, as a species, have no more value than slugs.” **John Davis** (editor of Earth First Journal)

## Destroy free markets and the economy

- “We must make this an insecure and inhospitable place for capitalists and their projects. We must reclaim the roads and plowed lands, halt dam construction, tear down existing dams, free shackled rivers and return to wilderness millions of acres of presently settled land.” **Dave Foreman** (co-founder of Earth First)
- “Global sustainability requires the deliberate quest of poverty, reduced resource consumption and set levels of mortality control.” **Professor Maurice King**
- “A massive campaign must be launched to de-develop the United States. De-development means bringing our economic system into line with the realities of ecology and the world resource situation.” **Paul Ehrlich** (Professor of Population Studies, Stanford University)
- “If we don’t overthrow capitalism, we don’t have a chance of saving the world ecologically. I think it is possible to have an ecology sound society under socialism. I don’t think it’s possible under capitalism.” **Judi Bari** (Earth First)
- “Loggers losing their jobs because of Spotted Owl legislation is, in my eyes, no different than people being out of work after the furnaces of Dachau shut down.” **David Brower** (Director of the Sierra Club)

## Stop cheap energy and technology

- Giving society cheap, abundant energy is the worst thing that could happen to the planet.” **Prof. Paul Ehrlich** (Professor of Population Studies, Stanford University)
- “Our insatiable drive to rummage deep beneath the surface of the earth is a willful expansion of our dysfunctional civilization into Nature.” **Al Gore** (author of Earth in the Balance)
- “Complex technology of any sort is an assault on human dignity. It would be little short of disastrous for us to discover a source of clean, cheap, abundant energy, because of what we might do with it.” **Amory Lovins** (Rocky Mountain Institute)
- The prospect of cheap fusion energy is the worst thing that could happen to the planet.” **Jeremy Rifkin** (Greenhouse Crisis Foundation)

## It all comes down to the drive for global governance

- “Democracy is not a panacea. It cannot organize everything and it is unaware of its own limits. These facts must be faced squarely. Sacrilegious though it may sound, democracy is no longer well suited for the tasks at hand. The complexity and the technical nature of many of today’s problems do not always allow elected representatives to make competent decisions at the right time.” **Club of Rome** (The First Global Revolution)
- “The emerging ‘environmentalization’ of our civilization and the need for vigorous action in the interest of the entire global community will inevitably have multiple political consequences. Perhaps the most important of them will be a gradual change in the status of the United Nations. Inevitably, it must assume some aspects of world government.” **Mikhail Gorbachev** (State of the World Forum)
- “The concept of national sovereignty has been immutable, indeed a sacred principle of international relations. It is a principle which will yield only slowly and reluctantly to the new imperatives of global environmental cooperation.” **UN Commission on Global Governance**

- “In my view, after fifty years of service in the United Nations system, I perceive the utmost urgency and absolute necessity for proper Earth government. There is no shadow of a doubt that the present political and economic systems are no longer appropriate and will lead to the end of life evolution on this planet. We must therefore absolutely and urgently look for new ways.” **Dr. Robert Muller** (UN Assistant Secretary General)
- “Nations are in effect ceding portions of their sovereignty to the international community and beginning to create a new system of international environmental governance as a means to solving otherwise unmanageable crises.” **Lester Brown** (WorldWatch Institute)

## Agenda 21 as the “system” to achieve global governance

- “Humanity stands at a defining moment in history. We are confronted with a perpetuation of disparities between and within nations, a worsening of poverty, hunger, ill health and illiteracy, and the continuing deterioration of the ecosystems on which we depend for our well-being. However, integration of environment and development concerns and greater attention to them will lead to the fulfillment of basic needs, improved living standards for all, better protected and managed ecosystems and a safer, more prosperous future. No nation can achieve this on its own; but together we can - in a global partnership for sustainable development.” **Preamble to Agenda 21**
- “Regionalism must precede globalism. We foresee a seamless system of governance from local communities, individual states, regional unions and up through to the United Nations itself.” UN Commission on Global Governance “(We) will map the whole nation... determine development for the whole country, and regulate it all...” **Thomas Lovejoy** (scientific advisor to the Department of the Interior)
- “We reject the idea of private property” **Peter Berle** (National Audubon Society)
- “Endangered species is the wedge for imposing a new land ethic that compares land ownership to slaves and involves discarding that concept of property and trying to find a different understanding of the landscape.” **Bruce Babbitt** (former Secretary of the Interior)
- “We require a central organizing principle - one agreed to voluntarily. Minor shifts in policy, moderate improvement in laws and regulations, rhetoric offered in lieu of genuine change, these are all forms of appeasement, designed to satisfy the public’s desire to believe that sacrifice, struggle and a wrenching transformation of society will not be necessary.” **Al Gore** (author of *Earth in the Balance*; page 274)
- “The goal now is a socialist, redistributionist society, which is nature’s proper steward and society’s only hope.” **David Brower** (Founder of Friends of the Earth)
- “Effective execution of Agenda 21 will require a profound reorientation of all human society, unlike anything the world has ever experienced. A major shift in the priorities of both governments and individuals and an unprecedented redeployment of human and financial resources. This shift will demand that a concern for the environmental consequences of every human action be integrated into individual and collective decision-making at every level.”

### Agenda 21

# CHAPTER 6

## Regional Planning Brings Regional Governance

*By (the late) Henry Lamb*

So what is wrong with regional governance? Nothing unless you value the republican form of government and individual freedom and detest autocracy in all its forms. Regional governance evolved as a way to get around the obstacles presented by multiple local governments, all of which may have a stake in the region, but often disagree on what the region needs.

Regional governments--and their initiatives--are driven by government, not by the people. Government, by its very nature, seeks to increase its power and overcome any obstacles in its path. Local governments, like individual neighbors, often disagree on how best to resolve a common problem. Consequently, governments, especially the executive branch, tend to look for ways to get around the obstacle of disagreement. One successful method is regional governance, which diminishes the power of local governments by conferring increasing levels of authority on the executive branch, which then implements its authority through appointed bureaucrats. In very short order, it is the unelected bureaucrats who wield the power. Elected officials become little more than a rubber stamp whose approval provides "official" respectability to the bureaucracy.

A classic example of just how this works is available in a report titled "Regional Governance Districts" produced by the Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations (TACIR). The purpose of the report includes, "...to assist the state in responding to globalization..." The report makes the following clarification: "Governance is distinct from government — while government is the traditional organization of public authority used to provide necessary services, governance is the provision of those services. While the word has been used to refer to service provision by traditional government, it has come to be used to refer more specifically to service provision through a non-traditional approach, such as by a contractor or through a public-private partnership." Virtually every state now has some form of this new regional approach to governance, which is simply further evidence of how extensively the "administrative" form of global governance has influenced domestic policy.

The Chattanooga Area Regional Council of Governments, which consists of at least six alphabet agencies of appointed bureaucrats, has applied for a \$2.5 million grant from the federal government's Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant program. Before the application is considered, each participating government must sign a Memorandum of Agreement to "develop a shared vision," and to "develop livable communities," and other specific steps, all of which are defined by and must be approved, by the federal government. The Mayor of the city of Chattanooga has signed this MOA, thereby committing the entire city to conform to the requirements of the federal government in the expenditure of the federal money.

The citizens of Chattanooga have no idea that this grant application has been submitted, or what funding of the grant will mean to their individual freedom. They have had no opportunity to express their consent or opposition to this program, and it is unclear whether their elected representatives were even given the opportunity to vote on the application. Sixteen counties and all the municipalities they contain will be constrained by this grant application, and more importantly, by the forty-year regional plan it produces.

This process creates an administrative form of government which does not require the consent of the governed. Each step in the expansion of this process further extinguishes the republican form of government.

The federal government promotes this transformation of local government into regional administrative units which complies with the recommendations set forth in Chapter 8.5 of Agenda 21, which says: (e) Adopt integrated approaches to sustainable development at the regional level, including transboundary areas, subject to the requirements of particular circumstances and needs. The federal government has been using grants to shape regional governance for years. The Chattanooga Area Regional Council of Governments has already received more than \$4 million in federal grants in just the last couple of years, and is only one of several regions supported by the federal government.

Citizens in the Chattanooga area, and across the nation, should realize that once these regional administrative units are in place, there will be no way to return to the republican form of government that allows citizens to expect their city councilman or county commissioner to consider their wishes. The consent of the governed will no longer be a factor in public policy. Virtually all human activity will be subject to the approval of a professional bureaucracy that first creates a plan it thinks is a utopian community, and then requires every person to live where the plan dictates, to travel in a vehicle approved by the plan, and to be employed with a job allowed by the plan—whether you like it or not.

Freedom cannot exist in an administrative form of governance.

Henry Lamb is the man who discovered Agenda 21 and sounded the alarm. He attended multiple UN meetings around the world to report on them. To fight back, he created Freedom 21, which held 10 national conferences to educate and train activists to expose and stop Agenda 21. He passed away in 2012, but lived long enough to see Americans starting to heed his warnings and fight back against Agenda 21.



# **10 Reasons to Avoid Regional Plans**

## *By John Anthony, Sustainable Freedom Lab*

Planning is not a one-size-fits-all exercise, yet that is exactly what regional plans attempt, while gradually silencing local officials and the public.

Here are 10 reasons to avoid implementing regional plans and councils. Cleaner Greener NY [1], also called the Capital Region Sustainability Plan [2], is a model of why community members and local public officials must work together and say “NO” to regionalization and regional planning. See how many apply to your region’s proposal.

### **1. Planners gain miniscule community participation when forming the regions, the plans or the councils**

There over 1 million residents in the proposed Capital Region Sustainability Plan (CRSP). Despite claims of “stakeholder engagement” (CRSP p26), less than 300 participated in planners’ workshops. In CRSP surveys, only 96 people--less than .0001%of residents--participated (CRSP Appendix 16, p11).

### **2. Plans are prepackaged and do not represent unique community needs.**

In spite of claims to the contrary, most plans encompass the same government sponsored top-down “livability” control features. CRSP includes the same “livable communities” (p99), fewer vehicle miles traveled (p128), and increased compact living (p105) as most regional plans. Cleaner Greener NY (CGNY) further promises the government and non-governmental organizations pushed standbys of virtually every plan: confiscation of open spaces (p75), forced environmental justice (p58), hi-speed rails (p63), and dilution of privately controlled farmland interests through conservation easements (p90).

### **3. Plans do not protect individual property rights.**

Few regional plans mention the potential individual property rights infringements, tax increases or loss of potential wealth accumulation inherent in most proposals. None offers any method for protection against such losses. The CRSP contains no enforceable landowner protections.

### **4. Plans fail to protect communities against onerous regulations passed by regional councils.**

Once installed, regional councils or consortiums, have immense power to pass regulations with minimal or no local input. The CRSP offers a seat for council representatives. However, having a community representative sitting on a larger multi-county consortium is not the same as making planning decisions with local citizens and local public officials working together in your hometown (CRSP p8).

### **5. Plans rely on questionable “experts” for critical advice.**

The CRSP relies on the Apollo Alliance for assurances there will be green jobs, which are fundamental to the plan's success. Yet, Apollo advised on the 'stimulus program' assuring there would be shovel ready and green jobs if passed. A year later, we learned Apollo exaggerated the job potential (CGNY p40, p44).

#### **6. Plans release questionable or incomplete statistics, which create false impressions.**

In the case of Cleaner, Greener NY, the plan optimistically depends on green jobs, stating the US had a 9.1% increase in these between 1998 and 2007. The authors omitted that NY actually lost 1.9% of their green jobs during that same period. They also failed to notify community members that Congressional hearings cast serious doubt on the permanency, quality or even existence of the green jobs claimed (CGNY p37).

#### **7. Promotes community solutions without explaining the potential negative effects.**

The CRSP promotes conservation easements to protect farmland from development without addressing the loss of dominant estate status, potential for plan changes, the downsides of 'best practices' and a host of ways in which landowners can lose their property and its value while still technically being the owner (CGNY p90, p100).

#### **8. Councils open the door for government grants, which often contain restrictive policies to reduce vehicle use while forcing low-income housing and social justice.**

The CRSP states that future grant monies will be necessary, but not their source nor stipulations that will be attached (CRSP p8).

#### **9. Regional councils confiscate much of local officials' power, leaving the community with less representation.**

In the CRSP, 25 local leaders have already diminished their oversight by agreeing to allow Albany to take the lead in all grant processing. To protect constituents, public officials must carefully study all grants and report the implications to their constituents before approval. Grants are the doorway to regulatory control of community members' lifestyles, activities and residential opportunities (CRSP p8). In NY, communities are already beginning to pay the price for regionalization before the plan is even approved.

#### **10. Once formed, regional councils are virtually irreversible.**

Once officials agree to form a region and council, if community members discover they dislike its regulations, how can they disband the entity and roll back the dictates? There is no provision in the CRSP for its break up or regulatory rollback.

# CHAPTER 7

## Benefit Corporations: The Demise of Free Enterprise

*By Wynne Coleman*

In 2010, Maryland was the first US state to enact a bill that gives class status and legal protection to a new type of corporation called the benefit corporation. Vermont and New Jersey quickly followed. Soon, bills were filed in a number of other states. State legislators passed the bills with no questions asked. What could be wrong with helping corporations to do good things for society? Things are seldom as they seem. Opponents of Agenda 21 and sustainable development know that fact only too well.

In March of 2012, the **SB 26 North Carolina Benefit Corporation Act** was filed in North Carolina and it sailed through the North Carolina Senate 50-0. In time, an opponent of Agenda 21 learned about this act. She read between the lines and realized that the benefit corporation is intended to benefit supporters of Agenda 21, not U.S. citizens.

With little time left in the legislative session to oppose SB 26, she recruited the help of fellow activists and worked rapidly to contact certain republicans serving on House Committees that were going to review the SB 26. The republican majority on the Judiciary Subcommittee C was receptive to the warnings. They prevented SB 26 from going to the House Floor for a vote before the 2011-2012. Benefit corporation lobbyists returned in the new 2013- 2014 session. Consequently, identical North Carolina Benefit Corporation bills were introduced in the Senate (**SB 99**) and House (**HB 440**) by bipartisan Sponsors. Activists persisted in their opposition to the bills resulting in the defeat of HB 440 on the House Floor on May 15, 2013. The defeat prevented HB440 from crossing over into the Senate. Now, a new bill cannot be introduced until 2015.

The North Carolina House has set an example for all states where there are bills pending. It is vitally important to prevent new bills from being filed in other states.

### **Where does Agenda 21 fit in?**

The benefit corporation concept is driven by powerful institutions that are influenced by the founding fathers of Agenda 21, such as The Rockefeller Foundation and The Aspen Institute. The Rockefeller Foundation initiated and funded the model benefit corporation legislation.

### **Sustainable Development: Know the Philosophy!**

A Benefit Corporation is a new type of corporation that, in the name of "Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)," uses profits to pursue social and environmental missions. This new business model fundamentally changes the way we do business in the U.S. by shifting the economic focus from making profits for shareholders (**known as the "single bottom line"**) to diverting profits from shareholders in order to fulfill social and environmental missions (**known as the "triple bottom line,"** or "People, Planet and Profits"). The "triple bottom line" sets socialistic precedents in economy, society, and environment that are incompatible with our free market/free enterprise system.

Benefit Corporations push Agenda 21 goals through the back door in a clever and subtle way

using three essential elements of sustainable development (or sustainability) known as the 3Es. They are Economy, (Social) Equity and Environment. They are inseparably related, can be stated in no particular order and are symbolized by three interlocking circles.

The 3E words do not conform to traditional American definitions based on our U.S. founding documents. They conform to the definitions of Agenda 21 and many other United Nations documents. Economy blurs the lines between the economic sectors. It combines government with business to create public-private partnerships (PPPs) that often lead to temptation, corruption, monopolies, and corporate cronyism. This undermines the checks and balances that should separate the sectors in our free enterprise system. Equity, known as “social equity” or “social justice” is unlike our free enterprise system of equal opportunity for individuals. Social equity emphasizes equal outcomes or results; equality of materialism for groups, not for individuals such as the poor, employees, laborers, women, youth, etc. This type of equity calls for a redistribution of wealth from the wealthy and middle-class to the poor. Environmentalism views man as a threat to nature. The human population must be reduced. Precautions must be taken to prevent or stop disasters, crises, and shortages despite the lack of scientific certainty that these crises or threats are real. Government dictates these precautions through countless laws and regulations. The Rockefeller-funded model legislation (upon which all state laws for benefit corporations are based) requires that a benefit corporation must have a corporate purpose to “create a material positive impact on society and the environment.” (1) The legislation ensures that benefit corporations fulfill the 3E formula in which benefit corporations use profits (economy) to fulfill social (equity) and environmental missions.

### **The Third Party Standard**

A key aspect of the state bills is that legal benefit corporations must undergo assessment by third party organizations (called “standards”) for how well they fulfill their selected missions to benefit society and the environment.

B Lab is a non-profit organization certifying corporations trademarked as “B Corps.” Displaying the “Certified B Corporation” logo gives special validation, similar to a Good Housekeeping Seal of Approval. B Lab is the primary lobbyist for state legislation to create a legal form of benefit corporation in which the benefit corporations are assessed (not merely certified) for fulfilling social and environmental missions. B Lab receives funding from The Rockefeller Foundation. B Lab collaborates with The Rockefeller Foundation to create the Global Impact Investment Rating System (GIIRS), a comprehensive transparent system for assessing the social and environmental impact of companies in order to change investor behavior. (2)

All three founders of B Lab are Henry Crown Fellows of The Aspen Institute. Interestingly, to be certified by B Lab, the benefit corporation’s board of directors must sign a B Corp Declaration of Interdependence. (3) The Declaration aligns with the conviction of The Rockefeller Foundation and The Aspen Institute that national sovereignty must be forsaken for global interdependence? (4)

To keep sustainable development under the radar, B Lab does not openly speak of sustainability when lobbying in the legislatures. B Lab is not the only third-party standard willing to assess benefit corporations. A short list of third-party standards posted on the B Lab website make it very clear that assessing benefit corporations for sustainability requirements is a priority of these organizations. (5)

## Why become a benefit corporation?

At this time, the purpose of the benefit corporation laws is solely to protect corporate board of directors and other benefit corporation officers from shareholder liability. Tax breaks for benefit corporations are not yet written into benefit corporation state laws, but this could happen in the future. Benefit corporations are beginning to receive special incentives from cities. Philadelphia and San Francisco are already giving benefit corporations incentives such as tax breaks or the ability for certified benefit corporations (B Corps) to skip to the front of the line to attain licenses, permits, and contracts. If business owners don't get on board with benefit corporation standards, they will be left out in the cold. (6)

Citizens should make every effort to keep benefit corporation legislation out of their states. If your state already has a benefit corporation law, it is never too late to ask your state legislators to repeal it. Corporation legislation does not benefit American citizens. It is intended to benefit the supporters of Agenda 21, and that is the triple bottom line.

For a legislative map and a list of states that have passed or introduced benefit corporation legislation, go to: <http://www.bcorporation.net/what-are-b-corps/legislation> and <http://www.benefitcorp.net/state-by-state-legislative-status/>

Update: The Governor of Delaware has now signed the Delaware Public Benefit Corporation legislation on July 17, 2013 . The pro-benefit corporation advocates are ecstatic. They say that that "this is a tipping point in the evolution of capitalism" because Delaware is "home to 1 million businesses, including 50% of all publicly-traded companies and 64% of the Fortune 500. It is the most important state for businesses that seek access to venture capital, private equity, and public capital markets. The path is now clear to scale business as a force of good." After Governor Jack Markell Signed the Delaware legislation on July 17, he traveled to New York City to attend a program on benefit corporations hosted by the World Economic Forum.

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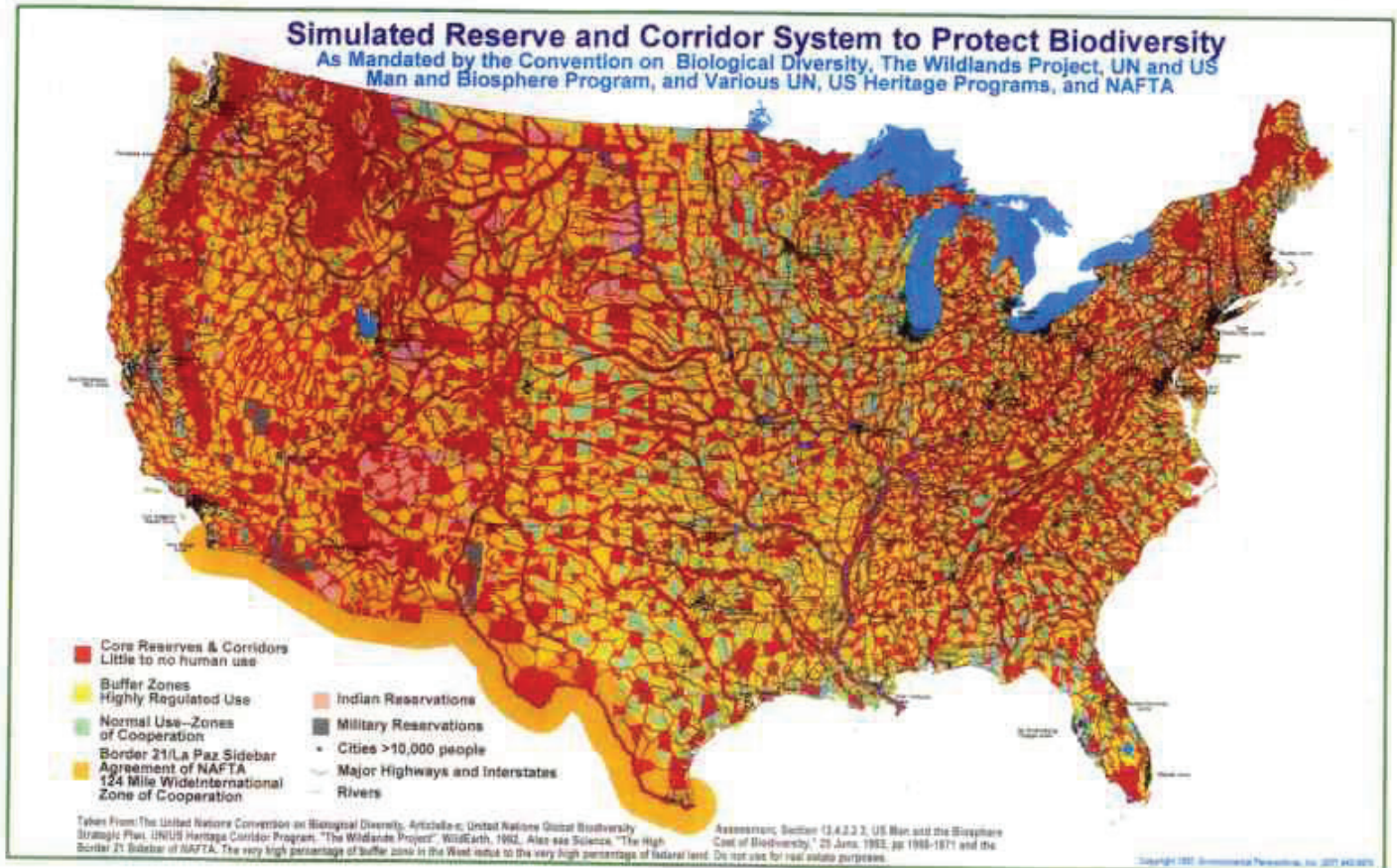
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# CHAPTER 8

## BIODIVERSITY TREATY AND THE WILDLANDS PROJECT

*By Dr. Michael Coffman*



This map is based on the strategy and procedures laid out in what is known as the Wildlands Project and the UN/US Man and the Biosphere Program (MAB). Both are based on the need of protecting biological diversity using core wilderness reserves surrounded by buffer zones that variably regulate human activity to protect the attributes of the core reserves (see below). Areas not included in core reserves or buffer zones are zones of cooperation where regulations are designed to favor biodiversity and ecosystems.

The Statutory Framework of the World Network of Biosphere Reserves, the Seville Agreement for the MAB Program, and the Strategic Plan for the USMAB all state that the MAB Program is designed to help implement the Convention on Biological Diversity, a treaty currently before the U.S. Senate for ratification. Likewise, Section 13.4.2.2.3 of the United Nations Global Biodiversity Assessment defines the Wildlands Project as the basis for preserving biodiversity for the Convention on Biological Diversity. The Wildlands Project is based on the science of conservation biology and was developed by Dr. Michael Soulé, co-founder and first president of the Society for Conservation Biology, Dr. Reed Noss, current editor for the journal of Conservation Biology, and David Foreman, co-founder and long-time leader of Earth First.

The science of conservation biology was largely created by the IUCN (International Union for Conservation of Nature). The IUCN is an accredited U.N. advisor comprised of government agen-

cies and NGOs (non-governmental organizations). These include the EPA, U.S. Forest Service, U.S. National Park Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Sierra Club, National Wildlife Federation, Natural Resources Defense Council, Nature Conservancy, Society for Conservation Biology, and many others. The IUCN is also one of the primary promoters and developers of the Convention on Biological Diversity. This perhaps explains why the U.S. Government and environmental organizations appear to be working in concert to implement the Wildlands Project and Biodiversity Treaty even though the treaty has not been ratified.

This map is drawn under the supervision of a Ph.D. in Ecology, and follows instructions provided by the Wildlands Project, the U.N./U.S. MAB, and the rapidly increasing control within U.S. counties through the U.N./U.S. Heritage programs. This is especially true for counties having federal land, particularly in the Western U.S. The map incorporates, when available, actual maps as well as a multitude of government and environmental literature demanding various reserves or national parks to be interconnected with corridors.

## **MAGNITUDE OF THE WILDLANDS PROJECT**

“Conservation must be practiced on a truly grand scale,” claims Reed Noss. Taken from the article, “The Wildlands Project: Land Conservation Strategy” in the 1992 special issue of *Wild Earth*, Noss provides the whopping dimensions of this effort. Core reserves are wilderness areas that supposedly allow biodiversity to flourish. “It is estimated,” claims Noss, “that large carnivores and ungulates require reserves on the scale of 2.5 to 25 million acres... For a minimum viable population of 1000 [large mammals], the figures would be 242 million acres for grizzly bears, 200 million acres for wolverines, and 100 million acres for wolves. Core reserves should be managed as roadless areas (wilderness). All roads should be permanently closed.” Corridors are “extensions of reserves... Multiple corridors interconnecting a network of core reserves provide functional redundancy and mitigate against disturbance... Corridors several miles wide are needed if the objective is to maintain resident populations of large carnivores.”

Buffer zones should have two or more zones “so that a gradation of use intensity exists from the core reserve to the developed landscape. Inner zones should have low road density (no more than 0.5 mile/square mile) and low-intensity use such as...hiking, cross-country skiing, birding, primitive camping, wilderness hunting and fishing, and low-intensity silviculture (light selective cutting).”

## **What Do Reserves and Corridors Really Mean?**

While this effort has a noble mission, the implications are staggering. As noted in the June 25, 1993 issue of *Science*, the result is “nothing less than the transformation of America to an archipelago of human-inhabited islands surrounded by natural areas.”

According to the Wildlands Project, “One half of the land area of the 48 conterminous [united] states be encompassed in core [wilderness] reserves and inner corridor zones (essentially extensions of core reserves) within the next few decades... Half of a region in wilderness is a reasonable guess of what it will take to restore viable populations of large carnivores and natural disturbance regimes, assuming that most of the other 50 percent is man-aged intelligently as buffer zone” (Noss, 1992). If fully implemented, the Convention On Biological Diversity would have to displace millions of people through unacceptable regulations, nationalization of private land, and forcing people to move out of core reserve areas and inner buffer zones. It would seriously reduce the production of agriculture, forest, and mining products. In the process, millions

of Americans could lose their jobs. As a result of scarce resources, Americans will have to pay double and triple for these products.

This may sound insane, but it is either being planned or implemented right now across America. Land is being condemned or zoned in reserves, corridors, or buffer zones under a variety of names to reestablish or protect biodiversity and/or specific species. Should these quasi-religious theories and pseudo-science determine our future?

## **RESERVES & CORRIDORS DO NOT WORK**

What science is really showing is that there is no clear evidence that reserves and corridors work or are even needed. Rather, good forest management, including the use of clear-cutting, enhances biodiversity and sustainability:

- "The theory has not been properly validated and the practical value of biogeographic principles for conservation remains unknown...The theory provides no special insights relevant to conservation." Zimmerman, B.L. and R.O. Bierregaard. 1986. *Journal of Biogeography* 13:133-143.
- The theory behind the need for reserves and corridors is "heavily criticized...as inapplicable to most of nature, largely because local population extinction was not demonstrated."
- Simberloff, D. J. Farr, J. Cox, and D. Mehlman. 1992. "Movement Corridors: Conservation Bargains or Poor Investment?" *Conservation Biology* 6(4):495.
- "No unified theory combines genetic, demographic, and other forces threatening small populations, nor is their accord on the relative importance of these threats."
- "There are still few data, and many widely cited reports are unconvincing... [The theory that reserves and corridors] facilitate movement is now almost an article of faith."
- "Studies that have been frequently cited as illustrating corridor use for faunal movement, do not, in fact, provide clear evidence." Of those that do support the need for corridors, wooded fencerows are adequate for many species, while only a few require well-vegetated strips. Hobbs, R.J. 1992. "The Role of Corridors in Conservation: Solution or Bandwagon?" *Tree* 7(11): 389.

The science used in the Convention on Biological Diversity does not work and may actually reduce biodiversity. The implications of this treaty are enormous and must be thoroughly reviewed before it is considered for ratification.



# Michael Coffman's map warned us twenty years ago!

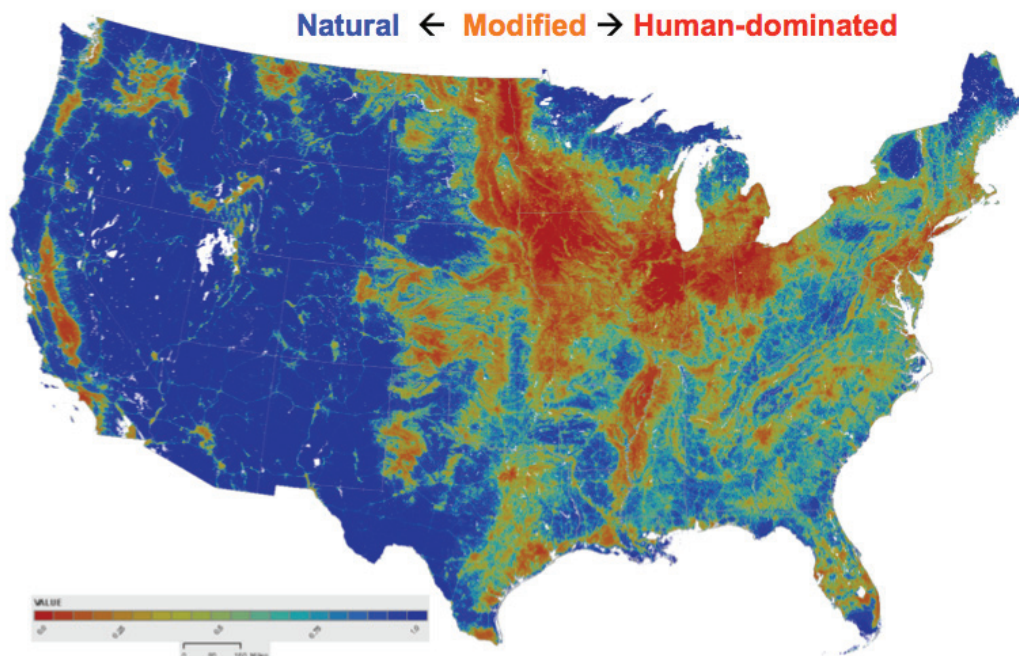
*By Kathleen Marquardt  
Special thanks to Steve Busch*

In 1994, Dr. Michael Coffman warned us about the coming land grabs from Agenda 21, specifically, from the UN's Biodiversity Treaty (which also came from the 1992 Earth Summit). Dr. Coffman took the written work of Dr. Michael Soulé, co-founder and first president of the Society for Conservation Biology, Dr. Reed Noss, editor for the journal of Conservation Biology, and David Foreman, co-founder and long-time leader of Earth First and drew the map most people identify with the Wildlands Project. This map stopped Congress from voting for the Wildlands Project and ratifying the Biodiversity Treaty.

Since that time, as with all other aspects of Agenda 21, all administrations--Republican and Democrat--have worked diligently to see that Agenda 21 was integrated into every department of the federal government and every state and local government in the United States. Were they to have used the name, the Wildlands Project, we could have slowed it down greatly but, as with all other U.N./global elite schemes, not only does the name change (i.e., rewilding, wilding, etc) but many different, overlapping programs are created that are designed to achieve the same goals as the Wildlands Project while gobbling up even more private property and eroding freedom. Dr. Coffman's map paints a scary picture of massive areas of the nation locked away from human activity using wilderness bordered by corridors (which are extensions of the wilderness preserves), then buffer zones of two levels, and finally human habitat areas (mega-cities). Looking at the map you can see that humans are to be caged while wild animals roam free.

Dr. Coffman's map predicted the land grabs twenty years ago. The sustainablits said that Coffman's prediction was just a crazy conspiracy theory.

Here is the reality through official government maps used by government officials to map policy and take private property:



**The map on the previous page is from the Wildlands Network** (<http://www.twp.org/sites/default/files/Wild%20LifeLines%20White%20Paper.pdf>)

“The result is a map displaying a branching system of pathways (or Wild Life Lines TM) representing the highest permeability or highest-scored paths that allow movement across the landscape while avoiding areas of human-modification. The total system of lines can thereby be considered a ‘wildlife circulatory system’ or a **‘civilization avoidance network’ for the nation.**”

This map shows, in blue, the amount of American land that is already controlled by federal and state governments. The green shows areas ripe for picking, with several projects already in the works. The red shows “human habitat areas” (rural and suburban areas already used by humans, for now). Dr. Coffman’s 1994 predictions were not far off in his mapping; in fact, he states that his predictions in 1994 were 80% correct.

Areas for human habitation will not be like where we live now with suburban housing, backyards for the kids, and personal garages. Instead, stack and pack high-rise apartments in over crowded cities are the predicted norm of Smart Growth cities now being created by professional planning groups like ICLEI and the American Planning Association. Under their plans, first rural and then suburban areas will experience depopulation via the Wildlands Project and other parallel and overlapping programs listed below.

**The following are just some of the programs aiding and abetting the Wildlands Project. Quotations have been added from some of the sites to emphasize their venal purposes.**

## **America 2050**

This one is a must go-to. It has maps of the mega-regions laid out for all to see how our continent is being set up for regional planning.

<http://www.america2050.org/>

“As the population grows and development expands, environmental conservation needs to help shape--and not simply react to--decisions about land use and urban infrastructure. Landscape conservation is about taking a holistic approach to managing watersheds and habitats and addressing long-term issues such as climate change. It means looking beyond property and political boundaries.”

## **GAP Analysis and PAD-US**

<http://gapanalysis.usgs.gov/> <http://www.protectedlands.net/>

“Global Reporting — A thorough national database will allow the U.S. to better meet key treaty obligations for reporting on the state of conservation to the World Conservation Monitoring Centre, the Commission on Environmental Cooperation (CEC) and other international organizations. It may even assist other countries struggling to find effective inventory strategies.”

[http://gapanalysis.usgs.gov/padus/files/2012/09/PADUS\\_FinalJuly2009LowRes.pdf](http://gapanalysis.usgs.gov/padus/files/2012/09/PADUS_FinalJuly2009LowRes.pdf)

## **National Climate Change and Wildlife Science Center**

"NCCWSC partners with Federal, tribal, state, local, university, and non-governmental organizations (NGOs)."

<https://nccwsc.usgs.gov/aboutNCCWSC>

## **Landscape Conservation Cooperatives**

<http://www.doi.gov/lcc/index.cfm>

## **The National Fish Wildlife and Plants Climate Adaptation Strategy**

"Ecological systems will sustain healthy, diverse, and abundant populations of fish, wildlife, and plants. These systems will provide valuable cultural, economic, and environmental benefits in a world impacted by global climate change."

<http://www.wildlifeadaptationstrategy.gov/strategy.php>

## **The North American Intergovernmental Committee on Cooperation for Wilderness and Protected Area Conservation (NAWPA)**

<http://nawpacommittee.org/> Rural Lands Council. <http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2011/06/09/executive-order-establishment-white-house-rural-council>

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# CHAPTER 9

## National Heritage Areas

*By Tom DeWeese*

*Nineteen counties in Southern Virginia were to be included in a proposed Heritage Area called The Crooked Road National Heritage Area. The excuse for that federal land control program, as usual, was that it would honor and bring nationwide attention to the rich musical heritage of the area that was home to such famous acts as the June Carter family. Plans called for a 300-mile Heritage Corridor that would connect nine major heritage venues and more than fifty affiliated music venues. Tourism and economic growth were the promises.*

*It all sounds so American until you begin to look at the details, including documents not open to the public, refusal to announce the plan to those in the affected area, a horde of federal agencies and special interest groups ready to suck up the tax dollars, and a Congressman who promised to include language to protect property rights but failed to keep his word. In desperation, local activists and scared property owners asked me to journey to the area and give them the facts on the dangers of National Heritage Areas. Below is what I told them. (TAD)*

National Heritage Areas. What does that term mean to you? We hear it a lot. There are many government programs dealing with historic preservation.

There is the Scenic Rivers designation, the American Heritage Rivers Initiative, the National Register of Historic Places, and the National Historic Landmarks Program, to name a few. By the way, National Heritage Areas are not to be confused with United Nations Heritage Sites. That is a different animal.

Americans love history. And we love preserving significant places that played an important role in the making of our unique nation. So when we hear of a new plan in our area presented as a chance to preserve some of our local heritage we are interested and even supportive. However, in this day of massive government control over so much of our land, our economy, and our basic ability to live free lives, we must be cautious and look at the details of plans, no matter how innocent or well-meaning they may seem. National Heritage Areas are such a concern.

I've been studying them for about a decade and have grave reservations. In fact, my organization, the American Policy Center, has been one of the only groups in the nation to testify in Congress concerning Heritage Areas.

Here is what I know about them. Heritage areas are sold as a means to honor historic or cultural events that took place in a specific locale. We are told that they will preserve our culture and honor the past and that they will preserve battlefields where our forefathers fought and died for freedom. They will preserve birth places, homes, buildings and hallowed grounds for posterity and we are assured that they will help build tourism and boost local economies.

Is all of this true? Is that what National Heritage Areas are really about? Well, let us take a look.

### **Pork and top-down land control**

Specifically, what is a National Heritage Area? To put it bluntly, it is a pork barrel earmark that harms property rights and local governance. Heritage Areas have boundaries, very definite boundaries, and they have very definite consequences for folks who reside within them. National historic significance, obviously, is an arbitrary term, so anyone's property can end up falling under those guidelines.

Here are the details as to how a Heritage Area operates. Funding and technical assistance for Heritage Areas is administered through the National Park Service, a federal agency with a long history of hostility toward private landowners.

The recipients of these funds, in partnership with the Park Service, become a "managing entity," which typically consists of strictly ideological special interests groups and local government officials. The managing entity sets up non-elected boards, councils, and regional governments to oversee policy inside the Heritage Area. In the mix of special interest groups you will find all of the usual suspects: environmental groups, planning groups, and historic preservation groups, all with their own private agendas. They work behind the scenes creating policy, hovering over the members of the non-elected boards (perhaps even assuring their own people make up the boards), and collecting the Park Service funds to pressure local governments to install their agenda. In many cases, these groups actually form a compact with the Interior Department to determine the guidelines that make up the land use management plan and the boundaries of the Heritage Area itself.

After the boundaries are drawn and after the management plan has been approved by the Park Service, the management entity and its special interest groups, are given the federal funds, typically a million dollars a year or more, and told to spend that money getting the management plan enacted at the local level.

Here is how they operate with those funds. They go to local boards and local legislators and say, Congress just passed this Heritage Area. "You are within the boundaries. We have identified these properties as those we deem significant. We have identified these businesses that we deem insignificant and a harm to these properties and a harm to the Heritage Area. We don't have the power to make laws but you do. And here is some federal money. Now use whatever tools, whatever laws, whatever regulatory procedures you already have to make this management plan come into fruition."

Proponents argue that National Heritage Areas do not influence local zoning or land use planning, yet, by definition, this is precisely what they do. Found right in the language of Heritage Area legislation, including a new bill before Congress right now--H.R. 4099--the management entity is specifically directed to restore, preserve, and manage anything and everything that is naturally, culturally, historically, and recreationally significant to the Heritage Area.

This sweeping mandate ensures that virtually every square inch of land within the boundaries is subject to the scrutiny of Park Service bureaucrats and their managing partners. That is the way it works. It is done behind the scenes and out of the way of public input.

It is also worth noting that these are permanent units of the Park Service. Proponents claim National Heritage Areas are merely seed grants and that sooner or later they will attain self-sufficiency and no longer need federal funding. Yet, National Heritage Areas almost never meet their funding sunset triggers. Once created, they are permanent units of the National Park Service and always dependent on federal funds. The Park Service has testified several times that Nation-

al Heritage Areas could be considered permanent units of the Park Service because they always need oversight.

In addition, within the Heritage Areas, the Park Service looks for opportunities to create other Park Service programs. Former Deputy Director of the National Park Service, Donald Murphy, testified before the Senate Subcommittee on National Parks that one of the things the Park Service does when administering National Heritage Areas is survey land that would be suitable for future National Parks or National Park expansions.

Of course, as with so many other invasive planning schemes, we are always assured that these are local initiatives, something that citizens want in order to bring honorary federal designation to help drive tourism into their regions.

This simply is not the case. For the most part, Heritage Areas are first dreamed up by national organizations or small wealthy organizations that are looking to promote their own agendas. The process then becomes federally driven by the National Park Service and sometimes by Congressmen who use the legislation to hand out cash to the very groups that are pushing them.

## **The connection between Heritage Areas and sustainable development**

There is another driving force behind Heritage Areas. I mentioned H.R. 4099, a bill now before Congress to “authorize a National Heritage Area Program, and for other purposes...” The bill describes the need for Heritage Areas in this way: “Certain areas of the United States tell nationally significant stories; they illustrate significant aspects of our heritage; possess exceptional natural, cultural, scenic, and historic resources; and represent the diversity of our national character.” So, name a section of our nation that does not contain “significant stories” or locate a place where people from the past did not walk, live, or carry out their lives. The above definition is simply too broad to be practical if the real purpose is to honor our heritage.

The bill goes on to explain, “In these areas, the interaction of natural processes, geography, history, cultural traditions, and economic and social forces form distinctive landscapes that should be recognized, conserved, enhanced, and interpreted to improve the quality of life in the regions and to provide opportunities for public appreciation, education, enjoyment, and economic sustainability.”

Where have we heard these very words before?

Well, try this quote from the President’s Council on Sustainable Development: “Sustainable Communities encourage people to work together to create healthy communities where natural resources are pre- served, jobs are available, sprawl is contained, neighborhoods are secure, education is lifelong, transportation and health care are accessible, and all citizens have opportunities to improve the quality of their lives.”

The President’s Council on Sustainable Development, by the way, was organized by Bill Clinton in the 1990s to create policy to reduce or eliminate “unsustainable” activities by controlling such things as consumerism, high meat intake, use of fossil fuels, roadways, automobiles, dams, pastures, golf courses, and much more.

So, now, wait a minute. Are we talking about historic preservation where we just want to honor our past? Or are we talking about a massive zoning process involving central planning? That is

what sustainable development is, and even the planning groups will admit that. So, why is the same language of sustainable development in a bill on Heritage Areas? Could they be from the same top-down agenda?

In that light, consider this additional excerpt from the President's Council: "Private land use decisions are often driven by strong economic incentives that result in several ecological and aesthetic consequences...the key to overcoming it is through public policy." That means new legislation and government programs. And so, what are Heritage Areas but legislation for a new government program.

Did the people of the affected areas ask for it, or did it just appear for no apparent reason? Is there an emergency? Is there a dire need? If so, can anybody name those needs? These questions must be asked before such policy is put in place.

Finally, look at this quotation from the same policy making source--the President's Council: "We need a new collaborative decision process that leads to better decisions, more rapid change and more sensible use of human, natural and financial resources in achieving our goals." Better decisions for who? A more sensible use of resources according to whom?

This description of government leads away from elected representatives doing the people's bidding. Instead, it establishes non-elected boards, councils, and regional government entities in which local citizens have little or no input. My friends, the language is the same between sustainable development and Heritage Areas because they are both part of the same "collaborative" process.

As proponents talk about historic preservation and heritage inside the Heritage Area, you will also find the catchwords "resource conservation" and "resource stewardship." They desire control of land, resources, and decision-making. How does that fit with the claim of preserving the American culture that was built on ideals of free enterprise and private property? It does not. In reality, National Heritage Areas are nothing more than land targeted by NPS for future national parks, historic sites, landmarks, and land acquisition. The Rivers of Steel Heritage Area in Pennsylvania has existed almost exclusively as an NPS lobby that outwardly campaigns for federal land acquisition authority and national park status. Proponents of NHA also claim that they are "locally driven" projects. Nothing could be further from the truth. Landowners within the boundaries of proposed Heritage Areas are left in the dark throughout the entire process. Why? Each and every Heritage Area bill refuses to notify property owners. The Park Service and their management "partners" are seemingly not too eager to share all the good news with the local citizenry.

I have personally been in meetings with congressional staffers to discuss Heritage Areas, specifically the staff of Congressman Frank Wolfe. I asked them if they intended to notify affected landowners living inside the boundaries of a specific Heritage Area. They looked at me like I had two heads. They shuffled their feet, looked down at the table, and then said, "There's no way to do that; it would be too costly and how could we reach everyone?" They quickly changed the subject.

Of course the ability is there. The mailman delivers to each and every one of the homes in the designated area every day. However, the truth is that they do not want to tell you in advance because you might object and that would disrupt the "process." No matter how noble a project may sound, alarm bells should go off when proponents want to enforce their vision in secret.

If these National Heritage Areas were truly driven by local enthusiasm we would not even be here today. Instead, local enthusiasm would have attracted and generated local funding to create local Heritage Areas. Such locally supported Heritage Areas are plentiful across the nation. Instead, National Heritage Areas depend on federal tax dollars because they lack local interest. Not a single Heritage Area has ever succeeded in attracting local interest throughout their entire infinite lives.

Federal money is the true villain. If you just wanted to honor an area for its historic or cultural achievements, a simple resolution from congress and a plaque at the county line could do that.

## **Forty-nine Heritage Areas so far**

There are forty-nine National Heritage Areas across the country so far with several more, including the proposed Crooked Road, now being considered. Crooked Road, if legislated, will affect nineteen Southern Virginia counties--that is a massive area to cover.

Let me tell you what I know about a few of the existing Heritage Areas and paint a picture of what you might expect from the proposed Crooked Road:

The entire city of Baltimore is a National Heritage Area.

The entire state of Tennessee is covered by the Tennessee Civil War National Heritage Area. In Waterloo, Iowa--a major part of the nation's breadbasket and home of John Deere tractors--Silos and Smoke Stacks Heritage Area was sold as a means to "honor" the farmers.

Since its creation, not much has changed for farmers inside the Heritage Area. There has been no effort by its leaders to actually help farmers by keeping taxes down or helping them compete with overseas competitors. Instead, they are essentially putting American farmland in a museum.

Waterloo's slumlords who owned dilapidated buildings and empty store fronts in the downtown area did receive massive taxpayer funding to fix up their buildings and raise their rents. There are strict controls on use of the buildings, including how they can be repaired or upgraded. Grants flow like water to special interests in the name of historic preservation. There are educational programs paid for by taxpayers for such vital subjects as why manure is important to farm life. In the process, downtown Waterloo has been designated as an historic area. There is only one problem: nothing of historic significance ever happened in downtown Waterloo. As usual, follow the money.

Along the Mississippi River there are two Heritage Areas: Mississippi Delta National Heritage Area and Mississippi Gulf Coast National Heritage Area. Now, here is a region rich in history. There must be all kinds of good things happening along the mother of all rivers.

Well, today you will not find people participating in one of the grand historic traditions of the river: living on river boats. There were once whole generations of river people living on such boats. Talk about American Heritage--right out of Mark Twain. However, back in the 1990s, as part of Bill Clinton's American Heritage Rivers Initiative, those living on houseboats were moved off the river. Certain other boat traffic and river activities were also curtailed. It was all in the name of environmental protection, of course.



In addition, the traditional flood plain designations were moved to an extreme distance from the river, making it impossible for existing homes to get flood insurance, and stopping any further building along the river. This was land use planning directly from the sustainable development plan and the Wildlands Project. So, the Heritage Areas were used to honor what? Certainly not life on the river. They are essentially putting the Mississippi River in a museum.

In West Virginia we find the National Coal Heritage Area. Introduced in 1996 by Congressman Rahall, it was sold as a way to honor the coal industry.

Apparently, Rahall thought that since the miners have all lost their jobs to environmentalism, perhaps, he can make up for it by throwing a few extra bucks their way to give tours of their bankrupt area.

Try to mine a lump of coal inside the National Coal Heritage Area. Not on your life. Restricted. Taboo. In short, they have put West Virginia coal in a museum. Do you get the picture? As I said, these examples are just tidbits on information I have picked up over the years as I have watched the spread and development of National Heritage Areas.

## **The Journey Through Hollowed Ground**

But let me tell you about one that I know personally because I live in it. Not only that, I led the attack to stop it and succeeded for more than three years before we were betrayed by two Republican members of Congress.

It is called the Journey Through Hallowed Ground Heritage Area. Much of what I am about to tell you is taken directly from Congressional testimony presented by the American Policy Center's former Legislative Director, Peyton Knight.

The Journey Through Hallowed Ground Heritage Area created a 175-mile long federal corridor, encompassing portions of Virginia, Maryland, and Pennsylvania. It was sold as a means to honor and protect some of the most precious historic areas of the nation, running from Jefferson's Monticello to the Gettysburg battlefield. Chief Sponsor was Virginia Republican Congressman Frank Wolfe, who promoted it saying, "The Journey Through Hallowed Ground Corridor holds more American history than any other region in the country and its recognition as a National Heritage Area will elevate its national prominence as deserved." He also claimed that it was an "effort to create economic opportunity by celebrating the unique place in American history the region holds." The legislation assigned the usual "management entity" consisting of the Journey Through Hallowed Ground Partnership. This was an umbrella group of preservation activists and lobbyists that helped power the legislation through Congress. They now stand to directly benefit from the power gained from the bills passage. Also strongly pushing for passage was the Department of Interior, who saw the Heritage Area as a means to oversee development and land use in the area.

One example of a group that pushed hard to establish the JTHG Heritage Area was the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Another was Scenic America. Both of these are national groups that have very benign titles but very serious missions. Are they interested in historic preservation or massive top-down controlled land use restrictions?

Well, here is some insight into the answer to that question. You may have heard about Measure 37 in Oregon passed in 2004. This is a basic property rights initiative that is not very hard to sup-

port no matter who you are, even if you are indifferent to property rights. All it does is reaffirm the Fifth Amendment to the Constitution. It simply says that when state or local governments pass laws that take away somebody's property rights and devalue their property, those states and local governments have to compensate that person, or if they cannot compensate that person, they have to waive the regulation. It is that simple. It basically stops state and local governments from stealing private land.

It passed overwhelmingly despite a massive campaign by Greens to try and prevent its passage; it was even upheld by the Oregon Supreme Court. Groups like the National Trust for Historic Preservation and Scenic America actually fought this ballot initiative tooth and nail. It had nothing to do with historic preservation per se or a scenic America; obviously these groups support a much bigger agenda.

So beware. When Heritage Areas come to your region, you are inviting these groups in to oversee your land use decisions.

As I said, proponents often claim these are just honorary designations that are designed to enhance tourism but the bills that they actually create have very little to do with driving tourism to the region. Tourism is typically a result of good advertising. The bills have very little to do with advertising but have a lot to do with giving these groups power to influence land use decisions.

## **No Protection of Private Property Rights**

When property owners express concern that their property could be taken in the process, Heritage Area groups have a ready made answer. Don't worry, they say as they quickly point to language in the Heritage Area bills that assure property rights protections.

Congressman Griffith specifically did that in recent letters to constituents concerning the proposed Crooked Road Heritage Area. The language he quoted from yet another Frank Wolfe Heritage Area bill said, "Nothing in this subtitle...abridges the right of any property owner... including the right to refrain from participating in any plan, project, program, or activity conducted within the National Heritage Area..."

In other words, he is assuring all of you that you actually have the right to opt out of the Heritage Area, so there is absolutely no threat to your property rights. Wow! Yes, Congressman Wolfe tried to use that very language to flim flam us too.

Now, it is physically impossible to opt out of an official government boundary that you live inside. It is also impossible to simply declare that you are going to opt out of any of the land use regulations, down zoning, or other restrictions that result from the Heritage Area designation. When your local government passes legislation that affects your property rights because of the Heritage Area, you can not go to him and say, wait a minute, I opt out. He will just laugh. If you do not believe me, go down to the County Supervisor's meeting next week and tell them you want to opt out of any rules that say you have to have a building permit for a new porch. Call me when the laughing stops.

## **Property Rights Experts say no to National Heritage Areas**

So, as we worked to oppose Heritage Areas, we asked proponents in Congress if they had asked property rights experts to look over the legislation to find any dangers. We said, "Have you put

these bills before experts, specifically before public interest property rights attorneys?" The answer in at least one instance was, "No, and we don't plan to."

Well, we did, and let me tell you what some had to say, specifically about the Journey Through Hallowed Ground National Heritage Area. Keep in mind, these comments really apply to all Heritage Areas, by and large, because the legislative language is fairly boilerplate.

James Burling, a principle property rights attorney for the Pacific Legal Foundation, had this to say about this particular Heritage Area bill: "This bill suggests that Congress still doesn't get it. The so-called protections for private property are largely symbolic; so long as regulators can browbeat landowners into becoming 'willing sellers' we will continue to see the erosion of fee simple property ownership in rural America. With the influx of federal funding, the regulatory pressure on landowners to sell will, in many cases, be insurmountable. The legacy we will leave to future generations will not be the preservation of our history, but of the preservation of a façade masquerading as our history subverted by the erosion of the rights that animated our history for the first two centuries of the Republic."

Joe Waldo, president of a Virginia property rights law firm, Waldo and Lyle, said this regarding this particular Heritage Area bill: "The bill before Congress has nothing to do with a heritage trail, but will result in a trail of tears for those least able to stand up for their property rights. This is no more than an effort to overreach by the federal Government with regulations that will restrict homeowners, farmers and small business people in the use of their property."

He went on to say: "Traditionally the elderly, minorities and the poor are most impacted by regulatory measures that restrict property owners in the use of their land. Protecting our heritage is a noble ambition; however these matters need to be handled at the local level by those closest to the issues at hand. It is important that the fundamental right of private property not be threatened by more misguided federal legislation."

What he is talking about is that once a Heritage Area goes into effect, locals find themselves with a federal special interest wedge between them and the people who are elected to serve them. They can not break through that wedge because the wedge is wealthy and has federal money. It has influence, and it is put there purposely between those people who enact an agenda and those people who may not agree with it.

R. J. Smith, a well know property rights advocate with the Competitive Enterprise Institute, had this to say in regard to the Journey Through Hallowed Ground Heritage Area: "The name itself for this National Heritage Area raises serious questions. It seems improper, even indecent, to name this the Hallowed Ground corridor and claim it is to appreciate, respect and experience this cultural landscape that makes it uniquely American, when it tramples on the very principles of private property rights, individual liberty and limited government that the Founding Fathers risked and gave their lives for."

Smith continues, "Lincoln himself reminded us in the Gettysburg Address that 'we cannot dedicate, we cannot consecrate, we cannot hallow this ground.' He reminded us that we must be dedicated to see that this new nation, 'conceived in liberty,' had 'a new birth of freedom,' and did 'not perish from the Earth.' Rejecting the very principles of the Founding Fathers that created our liberty and freedom is not a journey any free person should want to undertake."

Roger Pilon, the renowned constitutional scholar from the Cato Institute, says, "There is nothing

wrong with historic preservation. In fact, it is commendable. But it has got to be done the right way. Indeed, it is not a little ironic to simply take those historic rights in the name of historic preservation.”

## **Congressmen in opposition to National Heritage Areas**

The late Representative Gerald Solomon from New York wrote a letter September 19, 1994, to his colleagues regarding a National Heritage Area program for the Park Service. His letter said: “I urge you to defend property rights and strongly oppose the American Heritage Area Participation Program. The environmentalists advocating this bill have federal land use control as their primary objective. The bill wastes tax dollars that could be more appropriately spent on maintaining our national parks. Property rights defenders have legitimate concerns about the provision in the bill requiring localities to obtain approval by the Secretary of Interior for land use plans. Why spend \$35 million on non-federal heritage areas when our national parks desperately need funds for maintenance and repair? Again, I ask you to defend property rights and oppose this bill.”

Little has changed in the eighteen years since Congressman Solomon warned his colleagues about the imprudence and danger of National Heritage Areas. The advocates of this program still have federal land use control as their primary objective. Heritage Areas still waste tax dollars that would be better spent on a Park Service maintenance backlog that now numbers in the billions of dollars. The Secretary of Interior still has the ultimate say over the management and land use plans of each Heritage Area. Clearly, National Heritage Areas are nothing less than federal land use policy.

Representative Bob Smith from Oregon penned a letter to Congressman Richard Pombo, also in 1994, warning him about Heritage Areas. He wrote, “Dear Richard, On Tuesday, the House will consider legislation that I consider to be the most significant threat to private property rights I have seen during my twelve years in Congress.

“This legislation will threaten private property by authorizing a broad new program of federal land use controls, extending from coast to coast. There are nearly 100 Heritage Areas currently under consideration and it’s likely that your constituents will be impacted by these incredible restrictions on private property.

“This program is based on the existing Columbia Gorge Scenic Area in Oregon and Washington. The management plan for the Gorge regulates nearly every detail of private property use, including the color landowners can paint their homes and the species of trees they can plant in their own yard. Your constituents, like mine, will be outraged at this gross abuse of government over-regulation if this bill is enacted. Believe me, you do not want to be part of a town hall meeting after masses of your constituents learn the federal government has the final say over what they can do on their own property.”

Getting to that situation, we have an example of just what happens when a Heritage Area is formed and the people eventually do find out about it.

In 2000, Congress designated the Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area in Arizona. Less than 10 years later citizens became upset with how their property rights were being restricted. A bill was introduced in Congress, but never passed, to try to restrict and redesign the boundaries of that heritage area to comply with all the outrage that is still happening with the citizens in Yuma.

Accompanying that bill was a report that was submitted by the chairman of the House Resources Committee, Congressman Pombo. His report explained the situation in Yuma. The report states:

“When the Yuma Crossing Heritage Area was authorized in 2000, the public in Yuma County did not understand the scope of the project and was surprised by the size of the designation... Concerns were raised by citizens about the size of the designation and the potential for additional Federal oversight. The fear of adverse impacts on private property rights were realized when local government agencies began to use the immense heritage area boundary to determine zoning restrictions.”

That’s how they work. The reason that the citizens of Yuma were surprised is because citizens did not find out about Heritage Area designations until they actually happened.

Allowing for notification, as I mentioned before, would help make this a more fair and honest process. Proponents fight this tooth and nail, obviously, because they would rather spring it on unsuspecting landowners than tell them about it first.

## **Republican betrayal**

The American Policy Center took these facts as I have related them here to the senior staff of Congressman Frank Wolfe. As we entered the meeting room, Wolfe’s Chief of Staff greeted us by sitting in his seat with his arms folded in front of him and a look of contempt on his face. As we began to present our case, he interrupted us and said, look, you are going to make your protests about property rights and then we are going to pass this bill. So this meeting is over. He left. So much for listening to constituents, including myself.

From there, we went to Senator George Allen. We again presented our opposition and appealed to his legislative director to join us in upholding property rights. We begged him not to co-sponsor this bill. The staffer assured us he would take our concerns to the Senator. Soon After, Allen became the chief Senate sponsor of the Journey Through Hallowed Ground Heritage Area.

## **Indirect control and why National Heritage Areas are such a threat**

True private property ownership lies in one’s ability to do with his property as he wishes. Zoning and land use policies are local decisions that have traditionally been the purview of locally elected officials who are directly accountable to the citizens that they represent. However, National Heritage Areas corrupt this inherently local process by adding federal dollars, federal mandates, and federal oversight to the mix along with an army of special interest carpet baggers who call themselves stake holders.

It must be understood the Heritage Area affects all the land in the designated area, not just recognized historic sights. The federal designation, made from congressional legislation creating federal regulations and oversight through the National Park Service, require a form of contract between state and local governmental entities and the Secretary of the Interior. That contract is to manage the land use of the region for preservation. That means federal control and zoning, either directly, under the terms of the “management pact” or indirectly.

Such indirect control is the real danger. In spite of the specific language in the bill which states that property rights will be protected, the true damage to homeowners may well come from pri-

vate groups, non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and preservation agencies which receive public funds through the Park Service to implement the policies of the Heritage Area. The funds flowing from the Park Service provide a seductive pork barrel system for private advocacy groups to enforce their vision of development of the Heritage Area.

The experience with at least forty-nine such Heritage Areas now in existence nationwide clearly shows such groups will convert this money into political activism to encourage local community and county governments to pass and enforce strict zoning laws.

While the tactic makes it appear that home rule is fully in force, removing blame from the federal designation, the impact is fully the fault of the Heritage Areas designation. The result being private property owner's rights are diminished and much of the local land use brought to a standstill.

Specifically, when an area is designated a National Heritage Area, the Park Service partners with environmental or historic preservation special interest groups to "restore, preserve, and manage" anything and everything that is naturally, culturally, historically, and recreationally significant to the Heritage Area.

This sweeping mandate ensures that every square inch of land, whether private or public is a prime target for regulation or acquisition.

But what of the promised tourism that is supposed to help local communities? Many members of Congress admit they support the concept of Heritage Areas for this very reason: that jobs are created by people visiting a certain little part of the world to see why it is so special. Is it true? As I said, those boundaries result in strict control over the use of the land.

Certain industries may prove to be too "dirty" to satisfy environmental special interests. Eventually, such existing industrial operations will find themselves regulated or taxed to a point of forcing them to leave or go out of business.

Property that is locked away for preservation is no longer productive and no longer provides the community with tax dollars. Roads most assuredly will be closed (to protect the integrity of the historic area). That means land is locked away from private development, diminishing growth for the community. It also means hunting and recreational use of the land will most certainly be curtailed.

Eventually, such restrictions will take away the community's economic base. Communities with sagging economies become run-down and uninviting. Preservation zoning and lack of jobs force ordinary people to move away. Experience has shown tourism rarely materializes as promised. It is never enough to save an area economically.

These are the reasons why the specific language in the Heritage Area legislation designed to protect private property rights is basically meaningless. Congressman Griffith needs to learn this fact. While the land is not specifically locked away in the name of the federal designation, its very existence creates the pressure on local government to act. The result is the same.

## **Most significant historic spots already preserved**

Heritage Area designations are completely unnecessary. Most of the historic sites are already

under the control of the National Park Service, including Thomas Jefferson's home, Manassas "Bull Run" Battlefield, and Gettysburg Battlefield. Several other birthplaces and significant historic sights are also well preserved. The men who fought in Gettysburg, for example, specifically laid out the boundaries of the battlefield. Most of the land was private and donated to the park by the owners more than 125 years ago. While protecting private property and the farms across which the battle raged, they preserved the most significant parts into what today is a comprehensive memorial.

This old system of voluntary contributions and non-coerced purchases of the land is far superior to a process that uses the massive power of the federal government to rip out the roots of property owners who are simply unlucky enough to live near something that should be special and precious. Given their way, many preservationist special interest groups would set out to turn the entire nation into a museum.

In contrast, it is significant to note that today, as a coercive preservation policy is imposed in Gettysburg, the community has seen the near destruction of its once vital downtown area as private businesses are being forced out. Many parts of downtown are now void of significant businesses like clothing shops or hardware stores. Most businesses in the downtown area today are restaurants and tee shirt shops designed for the tourist industry. This is not the way for a town to build a future.

Every step of land in America is historically significant. Let us remember that those who fought on these fields of "hallowed ground" did so to protect our liberty, including the liberty to own property. One must ask how those soldiers of the past, from the Revolution of 1776 to the War between the States, would react to huge government restrictions over the land now, simply because they fought there. One can envision these freedom fighters taking up arms again to free the land from government clutches.

Proponents of Heritage Areas are using our great love of history as an emotional sledgehammer to impose a massive federal pork barrel scheme. This scheme enriches the pockets of private advocacy groups by helping to impose draconian controls over the dreams of average American homeowners.

*The Crooked Road Heritage Area, which was proposed for nineteen counties in Southern Virginia in 2012, appeared to be just like the other Heritage Areas across the nation: it was massive in size, it was pushed for by special interests, it was supported by a Congressman who used empty assurances of property rights protection, and proponents refused to notify those living inside the boundaries. Above all, there was simply no reason for it.*

*The one great difference separating the Crooked Road Heritage Area from all the rest is this: citizens stood up and said no. Step by step they got one county government after another to vote against Crooked Road, until finally supporters were forced to withdraw the proposal. Crooked Road became the first proposed Heritage Area in the nation to be stopped.*

*It can be done. As more Heritage Areas are being proposed around the nation, now is the time to stand up in defense of your property rights, before the legislation is written and presented. We are engaged in a battle to preserve the unique American system that our Founding Fathers worked so hard to guarantee. They knew one truth that we must all relearn very quickly. They knew that the only way to make sure government does not abuse its power is to not grant it such power in the first place. Arm yourselves with that knowledge, and then step by step, stop these intrusive raids on your rights and your property.*

# CHAPTER 10

## Green Energy: Our Least Sustainable Energy Option

*By Paul Driessen*

**From a land use, economic, environmental, or raw materials perspective, wind is unsustainable.**

President Obama and a chorus of environmentalists, politicians, corporate executives, and bureaucrats are perennially bullish on wind power as the bellwether of our “clean energy economy of the future.”

In reality, wind energy may well be the least sustainable and least eco-friendly of all electricity options. Its shortcomings are legion, but the biggest ones can be grouped into eight categories.

### **Land**

As American humorist and philosopher Will Rogers observed, “They ain’t making any more of it.” Wind turbine installations impact vast amounts of land, far more than traditional power plants. Arizona’s Palo Verde nuclear plant generates 3,750 megawatts of electricity from a 4,000-acre site. The 600-MW John Turk ultra-supercritical coal-fired power plant in Arkansas covers part of 2,900 acres. Two 600-MW coal-fired units in India use just 600 acres. Gas-fired units like Calpine’s 560-MW Fox Energy Center in Wisconsin require several hundred acres. All generate reliable power 90-95% of the year.

By contrast, the 600-MW Fowler Ridge wind installation (355 turbines) spans 50,000 acres of farm country along Indiana’s I-65 corridor. The 782-MW Roscoe project in Texas (627 turbines) sprawls across 100,000 acres. Oregon’s Shepherds Flat project (338 gigantic 2.5 MW turbines) covers nearly 80,000 wildlife and scenic acres along the Columbia River Gorge, for a “rated capacity” of 845 MW.

The Chokecherry-Sierra Madre project will blanket some 320,000 acres of sage grouse habitat and BLM land in Wyoming with 1,000 monstrous 3-MW turbines, to generate zero to 3,000 MW of intermittent power. That is eight times the size of Washington, DC, to get an average annual output one-fourth of what Palo Verde generates 90% of the time. But C-SM has already received preliminary approval from BLM.

To replace just 20% of the United States’ 995,000 MW of total installed generating capacity, we would need to blanket an area the size of Kansas with wind turbines, and then add nearly a thousand 600-MW gas-fired backup generators...and thousands of miles of new high voltage transmission lines.

### **Raw materials**

Wind turbine installations require vast amounts of steel, copper, rare earth metals, fiber-glass, concrete, rebar, and other materials for the turbines, towers, and bases.

A single 1.7 MW wind turbine, like 315 of the Fowler Ridge units, involves some 365 tons of materials for the turbine assembly and tower, plus nearly 1100 tons of concrete and rebar for the



foundation. Bigger units require substantially more materials. Grand total for the entire Fowler wind installation: some 515,000 tons; for Roscoe, 752,000 tons; for Shepherds Flat, 575,000 tons; for Chokecherry, perhaps 2,000,000 tons. Offshore installations need far more raw materials. To all that must be added millions of tons of steel, copper, concrete, and rebar for thousands of miles of transmission lines—and still more for mostly gas-fired generators to back up every megawatt of wind power and generate electricity the 17 hours of each average day that the wind does not blow.

## **Money**

Taxpayers and consumers must provide perpetual subsidies to prop up wind projects, which cannot survive without steady infusions of cash via feed-in tariffs, tax breaks, and direct payments.

Transmission lines cost \$1.0 million to \$2.5 million per mile. Landowners get \$2,000+ a year per turbine, plus royalties on all energy produced from the turbine, plus payments for every foot of access road and transmission lines. However, taxpayers pay more, while the landowners' neighbors suffer property devaluation, scenic disruption, noise, health problems, and interference with crop spraying, but no monetary compensation. Direct federal wind energy subsidies to help cover this totaled \$5 billion in FY 2010; state support added billions more; still more billions were added to consumers' electric bills.

The other peoples' money well is running dry. The "manmade catastrophic climate change" thesis behind the wind energy campaign is in shambles. Voters and consumers are understandably fed up.

## **Energy**

Mining, quarrying, drilling, milling, refining, smelting, and manufacturing operations make the production of metals, concrete, fiberglass and resins, turbines, and heavy equipment to do all of the above very energy-intensive. Ditto for transporting and installing turbines, towers, backups, and transmission lines. That takes real energy: abundant, reliable, affordable—not what comes from wind turbines.

In fact, it probably requires more energy to manufacture, haul and install these monstrous Cuisinarts of the air and their transmission systems than they will generate in their lifetimes. However, no cradle-to-grave analysis has ever been conducted, for the energy inputs or pollution outputs. We need one now.

## **Health**

Whereas environmentalists garner scary headlines over wildly speculative claims about health dangers from hydraulic fracturing (to extract abundant natural gas for wind turbine backup generators), they ignore and dismiss a growing body of evidence that wind turbines cause significant health problems.

Principal health issues are associated with noise—not just annoying audible noise, but inaudible, low-frequency "infrasound" that causes headache, dizziness, "deep nervous fatigue," and symptoms akin to seasickness. "Wind turbine syndrome" also includes irritability, depression, and

concentration and sleep problems. Others include “shadow flicker” or “strobe effect” from whirling blades, which can trigger seizures in epileptics, “vibroacoustic” effects on the heart and lungs, and non-lethal harm to animals. Serious lung, heart, cancer and other problems have been documented from rare earth mining, smelting, and manufacturing in China, under its less rigorous health, workplace and environmental regulations.

To date, however, very few health assessments have been required or conducted prior to permit approval, even for major wind turbine installations. Perhaps the trial lawyers’ guild could redress that oversight.

## Environment

Raptors, bats, and other beautiful flying creatures continue to be sliced and diced by wind turbines. Thankfully, the Bureau of Land Management has included an “avian radar system” to track the slaughter within its 500-square-mile Chokecherry region, and banned mining among the turbines.

Wind turbines are supposed to reduce pollution and carbon dioxide emissions. However, because backup generators must repeatedly surge to full power and back to standby as wind speed rises and falls, they operate inefficiently, use more fuel, and emit more--much like cars forced to stop repeatedly on freeways.

## Jobs

The myth of “green jobs” is hitting the brick wall of reality. While the turbines are installed in the USA and EU, the far more numerous mining and manufacturing jobs are in China, where they are hardly “green.” As Spanish and Scottish analysts have documented, the “green” installer and maintenance jobs cost up to \$750,000 apiece and kill 2.2 to 3.7 traditional jobs for every “eco-friendly” job created.

## Electricity costs and reliability

Even huge subsidies cannot cure wind power’s biggest defects: its electricity costs far more than coal, gas, or nuclear alternatives, and its intermittent nature wreaks havoc on power grids and consumers. The problem is worse on hot summer afternoons when demand is highest and breezes are minimal. Unable to compete against cheap Chinese and Indian electricity and labor, energy-intensive industries increasingly face the prospect of sending operations and jobs overseas. Bayer Chemical’s warning that it may have to close its German facilities is just the tip of the iceberg.

When it comes to wind, Nat King Cole’s lyrics ring true: “Unsustainable that’s what you are, unsustainable though near or far. Unsustainable in every way, and forever more that’s how you’ll stay.” This may not be the case forever, but certainly for the foreseeable future, especially compared to increasingly abundant natural gas.

So, take a hint from Spoon’s lively tune and “cut out the middleman.” Forge a direct relationship with energy you can afford, energy that works nearly 24/7/365; energy that causes the least ecological damage and is far more sustainable than wind power: the hydrocarbon, hydroelectric, and nuclear power that have sustained our society and brought unprecedented health, prosperity, and living standards to billions.

Then help the planet’s less fortunate people do likewise.

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## **Fracking brings employment and economic revival**

*By Paul Driessen*

**However, anti-energy activists promote falsehoods about this vital, safe, job-creating technology. They inhabit a callous, parallel universe and wage war on cheap energy, jobs, and the poor.**

Signs of pride and prosperity were evident all over Williamsport and the gorgeous northern Pennsylvania countryside around it. Friendly, happy people greeted us. New cars, trucks, hotels, and restaurants sparkled in a clean, bustling downtown. Late model tractors worked the fields, and formerly dirt roads are now paved.

Men and women again have high-paying jobs, young people are coming back instead of moving away, their salaries are supporting other businesses and jobs, and many are taking college programs in oilfield technical and business specialties, according to Vince Matteo. As president and CEO of the Williamsport/Lycoming County Chamber of Commerce, he has witnessed the transformation.

“Ninty-eight percent of the change has been positive,” he says. Contributions to United Way are increasing each year, county infrastructure has improved enormously, and environmental impacts are minimal.

Visits to several Anadarko Petroleum drilling and fracking sites explained why. The operations are far more high-tech than what I had seen previously on rigs in the Rocky Mountains, off the Louisiana and California coasts, and last fall in Alberta’s oil sands region. Hydraulic fracturing was first employed in Kansas in 1947. Steadily improving fracking technology is now combined with computers, down-hole sensors, and microseismic instruments. Drilling equipment lets crews send a bit 6,000 feet down and 8,000 feet laterally into Marcellus Shale formations—and end up within three feet of their intended target!

The operations are conducted from atop a multi-layered felt and impermeable plastic pad, surrounded by a berm, to keep unlikely spills from contaminating farm and forestland. Multiple wells are drilled from a single pad and “kicked out” horizontally in various directions. The drilling rig is skidded a short distance to four or five more locations around the pad, the entire array is fractured at high pressure, and short wellheads are installed to collect natural gas, and send it to local and interstate pipeline networks.

A nearby impoundment is also lined with plastic to hold water for fracturing operations. Topsoil removed to prepare the pad and pond is stored nearby. As operations are finished, the land is reclaimed, topsoil is replaced, and local grasses, flowers, and shrubs are planted to create meadows for deer and wild turkeys, or anything else the landowners prefer. To launch 20-40 years of hydrocarbon production from a 15,000-acre (23-square-mile) area requires barely 2% surface disturbance, most of it for just a few months.

Once the work is completed, the area quietly and unobtrusively produces decades of energy and, in turn, revenue for farmers, wildlife organizations, hunting groups, and local, state, and federal treasuries.

Hydraulic fracturing takes place some 5,500 feet (almost four Empire State Buildings) below the water table. To prevent groundwater contamination, pipes penetrating the first seven hundred feet are surrounded by layers of steel casing and specialized cement. During the drilling and fracturing process, even rainwater collected from the drill pad is saved and used. Some of the water used to fracture the shale is also recovered during gas production; this "flowback" water itself is filtered, treated, and reused.

The hydraulic fracturing process requires some 2.0-4.2 million gallons of water per well, but fresh or brackish water works equally well. A 2013 Ceres study concluded that hydraulic fracturing consumed 75 billion gallons of water per year on average nationwide, in 2011 and 2012. EPA says fracking consumes 70-140 billion gallons a year nationally, and the Texas Water Resources Board estimates that Lone Star State oil and natural gas companies used 27 billion gallons of water for fracking statewide in 2011. However, Texas homeowners used 495 billion gallons for lawns and gardens (18 times what fracking consumed), and household landscape irrigation nationwide consumes nearly 3 trillion gallons of water annually, according to EPA (21-43 times the EPA and Ceres estimates for hydraulic fracturing).

Even more revealing, according to the U.S. Department of Energy, fracking requires just 0.6 to 5.8 gallons of water per million Btu of energy produced. By comparison, "renewable" and "sustainable" corn-based ethanol requires 2,510 to 29,100 gallons per million Btu of usable energy and biodiesel from soybeans consumes an astounding and unsustainable 14,000 to 75,000 gallons of water per million Btu.

As to chemical contamination, fracturing fluids are 99.5% water and sand. Moreover, the 0.5% chemicals portion is increasingly basic, nontoxic household or kitchen stuff. Anadarko's chemicals today are only "slickeners" (to help the sand get further into cracks created by the pressurized water) and "biocides" that prevent bacterial buildup in the well pipes. To determine which chemicals are used for any single well in the United States, go to [www.FracFocus.org](http://www.FracFocus.org). Every EPA, DOE, and other study conducted to date has concluded that fracking has never contaminated a single U.S. well.

Hydraulic fracturing has created 1.7 million new direct and indirect jobs in the United States, with the total likely to rise to 3 million jobs over the next seven years, according to IHS Global Insight reports. Fracking has injected billions of dollars into North Dakota, Pennsylvania, Texas, and other state economies. It has added \$62 billion to federal and state treasuries, with that total expected to rise to \$111 billion by 2020. By 2035, U.S. oil and natural gas operations could provide over \$5 trillion in cumulative capital expenditures into the economy, while generating over \$2.5 trillion in cumulative additional government revenues.

In the process, fracking has revived America's petrochemical, steel and other manufacturing industries, and reinvigorated American ingenuity and economic competitiveness. One shudders

to think how awful the U.S. unemployment, part-time employment, and economic picture would be in its absence.

This game-changing technology has also transformed U.S., E.U., and global political equations and power structures. With the United States, Argentina, Britain, China, Israel and many other countries collectively sitting atop centuries' worth of now economically producible oil and natural gas, OPEC and Russia can no longer control prices and threaten customer nations. For poor developing countries, natural gas from shale provides fuel to generate abundant, affordable electricity that will transform lives.

So, why do Hollywood and radical greens celebrate misleading films like *Gasland* and *Promised Land*, even after Phelim McAleer and Ann McElhinney's documentary *FrackNation* completely demolished *Gasland*'s lies and half-truths? Why do outfits like Food and Water Watch, the Sierra Club, and ill-informed activists like Yoko Ono, continue to scream hysterical nonsense about the process?

Follow the money and the ideology. Big Eco is big business--and big egos. It seeks more and more power and greater control over our lives. Fracking threatens all of that.

"What you get in your mailbox is a never-ending stream of crisis-related shrill material designed to evoke emotions," former National Audubon Society COO Dan Beard once admitted, "so that you will sit down and write a check" or click the "Donate Now" button. This multi-billion-dollar-per-year industry would collapse without the crisis du jour it conjures up, with help from the news media, politicians, and regulators.

Deep Ecology adherents view fossil fuels as evil incarnate and fervently believe in "peak oil" and Climate Armageddon. They are frustrated that fracking guarantees a hydrocarbon renaissance and predominance for decades to come, and helps reduce carbon dioxide emissions without massive economic sacrifice.

They also tend to be well-off, and clueless about the true sources of modern living standards. They have disturbingly callous attitudes about people who have lost their jobs because of Mr. Obama's war on coal and cheap energy, and about poor rural New York families that are barely hanging onto their farms, unable to tap the Marcellus Shale riches beneath their land, because Governor Cuomo refuses to lift his moratorium on fracking. Many do not give a spotted owl hoot about the world's impoverished billions whose hope for better lives depends on the reliable, affordable electricity that "frack gas" can help bring.

These shameful attitudes hurt people and the planet. We need to frack for a better, cleaner, happier world!

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# CHAPTER 11

## GLOBAL WARMING:

### *The Driving Force Behind Agenda 21*

The sustainablists needed a dire threat to enforce their plans. Global warming and its threat of global environmental Armageddon became the issue of choice.

The Club of Rome, one of the world's influential globalist leaders, much like the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR), put the whole sustainablism agenda in prospective when it said: "In searching for a new enemy to unite us, we came up with the idea that pollution, the threat of global warming, water shortages, famine and the like would fit the bill... All these dangers are caused by human intervention... The real enemy, then, is humanity itself."

For more than a decade, humankind has been surrendering its hopes and dreams of a prosperous, happy future, cowering under their recycling bins, taught to hate the SUVs they love, freezing in winter, roasting in summer while they strive to control their thermostats to reduce their carbon footprint. To the environmentalist, the size of your carbon footprint is a measure of your guilt.

The guilt worked for a while, until real science began to show that there simply is no evidence of man-made global warming. Once the truth started to escape past the propaganda barriers, it did not take long for the lies to be exploited.

The lies of global warming began to unravel when Senator James Inhofe (R-OK) became chairman of the U.S. Senate Environment and Public Works Committee after the Republicans gained control of the Senate. For the first time, scientists who were not buying into the global warming scare campaign were able to testify before the Senate committee. The global warming walls of fear came tumbling down!

## **Mankind Has an Insignificant Impact On the Climate of Planet Earth**

*By Jay Lehr, Ph.D. Science Director of The Heartland Institute*

1- Carbon dioxide is not a pollutant. On the contrary, it makes crops and forests grow faster. Mapping by satellite shows that the Earth has become about 6% greener overall in the past two decades, with forests expanding into arid regions. The Amazon rain forest was the biggest gainer, with two tons of additional biomass per acre per year. Certainly, climate change does not help every region equally, but careful studies predict overall benefit, fewer storms, more rain, better crop yields, longer growing seasons, milder winters and decreasing heating costs in colder climates. The news is certainly not bad and on balance may be rather good.

2- Someday the world will wake up and laugh when they finally understand that the entire pursuit of economic ruin in the name of saving the planet from increasing carbon dioxide is in fact a terrible joke. You see it is an unarguable fact that the portion of the Earth's greenhouse gas

envelope contributed by man is barely one tenth of one per cent of the total. Do the numbers yourself: CO<sub>2</sub> is no more than 4% of the total (with water vapour being over 90% followed by methane, sulphur, and nitrous oxides). Of that 4%, man contributes only a little over 3%. Elementary school arithmetic says that 3% of 4% is 0.12% and for that we are sentencing the planet to a wealth of damaging economic impacts.

3- The effect of additional CO<sub>2</sub> in the atmosphere is limited because it only absorbs certain wavelengths of radiant energy. As the radiation in the particular wavelength band is used up, the amount left for absorption by more of the gas is reduced. A simple analogy is to consider drawing a curtain across a window - a large part of the light will be shut out but some will still get through. Add a second curtain to the first and most of the remaining light will be excluded. A point will quickly be reached where adding more curtains has a negligible effect, because there is no light left to stop. This is the case with the absorption of energy as more carbon dioxide is added to the atmosphere.

4- If greenhouse gases were responsible for increases in global temperature of recent decades then atmospheric physics shows that higher levels of our atmosphere would show greater warming than lower levels. This was not found to be true during the 1978 to 1998 period of 0.3 degrees Centigrade warming.

5- 900,000 years of ice core temperature records and carbon dioxide content records show that CO<sub>2</sub> increases follow rather than lead increases in earth temperature which is logical because the oceans are the primary source of CO<sub>2</sub> and they hold more CO<sub>2</sub> when cool than when warm. Therefore, warming causes the oceans to release more CO<sub>2</sub>.

6- While temperatures have fluctuated over the past 5000 years, today's earth temperature is below the average for the past 5000 years.

7- A modest amount of global warming, should it occur, would be beneficial to the natural world. The warmest period in recorded history was the Medieval Warm Period roughly 800 to 1200 AD when temperatures were 7 to 9 degrees Fahrenheit warmer than today allowing great prosperity for mankind, and Greenland was actually green.

8- Temperature fluctuations during the current 300 year recovery from the Little Ice Age which ended around 1700AD, following the Medieval Warming Period, correlate almost perfectly with fluctuations in solar activity. This correlation long predates human use of significant amounts of fossil fuels such as coal, oil and natural gas.

9- The National Aeronautic and Space Agency (NASA) has determined that during the time the Earth was warming, so was Mars, Pluto, Jupiter and the largest moon of Neptune.

10- We know that 200 million years ago when the dinosaurs walked the Earth, average carbon dioxide concentration in the atmosphere was 1800 ppm, five times higher than today.

11- All four major global temperature tracking outlets (Hadley UK , NASA's Goddard Institute for Space Studies, University of Alabama Huntsville , and Remote Sensing Systems Santa Rosa) have

released updated information showing that in 2007, global cooling ranged from 0.65C to .75C., a value large enough to erase nearly all the global warming recorded over the past 100 years--all in one year's time.

12- NASA satellites measuring Earth atmosphere temperature found 2008 to be the coldest year since 2000 and the 14th coldest of the past 30 years. U.S. climate Monitoring Stations on the surface show greater warmth, but pictures of most of the 1,221 U.S. temperature stations show 90% to be located near human sources of heat (exhaust fans, air conditioning units, hot roof tops, asphalt parking lots and so forth). The conclusion is inescapable: The U.S. land based temperature record is unreliable.

13- While we hear much about one or another melting glaciers, a recent study of 246 glaciers around the world between 1946 and 1995 indicated a balance between those that are losing ice, gaining ice, and remaining in equilibrium. There is no global trend in any direction.

14- On May 1, 2007 National Geographic magazine reported that the snows on Mt. Kilimanjaro were shrinking as a result of lower precipitation rather than a warming trend.

15- Never mind that the overall polar bear population has increased from about 5000 in the 1960s to 25,000 today, and that the only two populations in decline come from areas where it has actually been getting colder over the past 50 years. Also ignore the fact that polar bears were around 100,000 years ago, long before at least one important interglacial period when it was much warmer than the present. Clearly, they survived long periods of time when the climate of the Arctic was much warmer than today. Yet they are not expected to survive this present warming without help from government regulators.

16- No computer model ever used to compute climate change has been able to calculate our recent past earth temperature though all measured data inputs were known and available.

17- The inability of current computer hardware to cope with a realistic climate model projection was put in perspective by Dr. Willie Soon of the Harvard Smithsonian Institute who calculated that to run a 40-year projection using all variables across all spatial scales would require 10 to the power 34 years of supercomputer time. This is 10 to the power 24 times longer than the age of the Universe.

## **ECONOMICS**

1- The Nature Conservancy predicts that by 2030 "eco-friendly" wind solar and biofuel projects will require extra land equivalent to Minnesota to produce the energy we now get from oil, gas, and coal. Interior Secretary Salazar's proposal to have offshore wind turbines replace gas, coal, and nuclear electricity generators would mean 336,000, 3.25 MegaWatt behemoths off our coasts if they operate 24/7/365. Far more if they do not. Where exactly will we site those turbines and where will we get the billions of tons of concrete, steel, copper, and fiberglass it will take to build and install the expensive, unreliable, subsidized monsters?

2- The idea that you can run America on "solar, wind and biodiesel" is laughable. Since 70% of



the electricity generated in the U.S. involves the burning of coal, natural gas, or oil and another 20% from nuclear, a real viable alternative energy is decades away. A single 555 Mega-Watt gas fired power plant in California generates more electricity per year than do all 13,000 of the state's wind turbines. The gas-fired plant occupies just 15 acres. The 300-foot tall wind turbines impact 106,000 acres, destroy scenic vistas, and kill tens of thousands of birds and bats every year only to provide expensive, tax-subsidized, intermittent, insufficient electricity.

3- The Federal government has been investing in renewable power research and technology for decades, with virtually nothing to show for it. Billions of federal dollars are diverted to the renewable power industry every year, yet the industry still cannot come close to producing power anywhere near as economically efficient as fuel sources such as coal and gasoline.

4- The automotive, coal, and oil industries will be hit the hardest by expensive new penalties and mandates regarding carbon dioxide production and by increasing the cost of transportation and electrical power to the consumer.

5- A typical 1000 Mega-Watt power station could burn about 3 million tons of coal per year requiring 300 trains per year to supply the coal. If Carbon, Capture and Burial is required, the extra power needed will call for another 150 trains of coal. And if trains were used to haul the captured CO<sub>2</sub>, the mass of material moved would require another 1150 trains per year, each train carrying 10,000 tons.

6- According to the United States Energy Information Administration economic models, last year's proposed Lieberman-Warner bill to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, if passed, would have cost the average U.S. household between \$4000 and \$7000 per year, would have increased unemployment by at least 2.5 percent, and would have reduced our Gross Domestic Product by 2.6 percent each and every year.

7- One side effect of Obama's cap-and-trade plan is the elimination of about 83,000 mining related jobs, 60,000 coal-energy power plant jobs, 31,000 coal transportation jobs, and the tens of thousands of indirect jobs that produce products used by the coal sector.

8- California and Spain have proved that the war on carbon dioxide will kill real jobs faster than fake green jobs can be created. At the time, the silly claims that alternate energy can provide continuous, economical, and reliable power will encourage neglect of U.S.'s key reliable low cost electricity source: coal power. When the lights go out, industry migrates to Asia and our power bills will soar and it will be too late to prevent great harm to our national economy, our jobs, and our lifestyle.

9- The potential Federal revenue stream from cap and trade boggles the mind. White House sources estimate at least \$72 billion per year in new funding for government coffers. They concede it could be much more, depending on auction prices. Who will foot the bill? Energy consumers of course, but those living in coal dependent regions will pay the most.

10- In the 15 mid-west states stretching from the Appalachians to the Rockies, residential power bills will increase between \$20 and \$26 per month if the CO<sub>2</sub> permit auction price is as low as \$20 per metric ton, but the price will likely be higher. Ohio will be hit the 6th hardest as a result of its energy sources.

## POLITICAL POSITIONS

- 1- Historically Michael Crichton said the claim of consensus in science has been the first refuge of scoundrels. It has been a way to avoid debate by claiming a matter to be settled. Whenever you hear that a consensus of scientists agree on something or other reach for your wallet because you are being scammed.
- 2- Since credible scientific evidence established that CO<sub>2</sub> from mankind has little impact on temperature and none on public health, the net result of CO<sub>2</sub> limitations will be a transfer of wealth and the ceding of more authority to the United Nations as a global government.
- 3- Once we accept the principle that carbon should be monitored, controlled, and taxed, we open the door to the most invasive kind of bureaucratic meddling, and to all the carbon cops who want to stick their noses into every aspect of the way we live, whether it is the kind of car we drive, our holiday destination, our pleasure boat, or even the food miles accrued in our choice of food.
- 4- Computer models of climate are now predicting that there will be no change in global temperature over the next ten years. In some cases, these predictions say no significant warming until 2030. Take your pick. If these models are so great, how did they miss the time-out we are experiencing from global warming?
- 5- Surely you have heard that nine of the ten warmest years recorded in the U.S. lower 48 states since 1880 have occurred since 1995, with the hottest being 1998. Well, that also has been shown to be wrong. Less than a decade ago, the U.S. government changed the way it recorded temperatures. No one thought to correlate the new temperatures with the old ones, until Canadian researcher Steve McIntyre did so correcting the record to show that 1934 was in fact the hottest year, with 1998 second and 1921 third. Four of the 10 hottest years were in the 1930s and only 3 in the past decade. Eight of the 15 hottest years in the past century occurred before carbon dioxide began its recent rise.
- 6- The world's largest coal supplies are situated in the U.S., China, and Russia which are all increasing their production. Electricity generated from coal in 2008 was a record, with China increasing production by 200 million tons. Unilateral efforts to cut CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in the face of this fact are therefore useless.
- 7- Representative Waxman and Markey's 648 page discussion draft of the climate bill with its descriptions of permitted light bulbs is so complex, confusing and impossible to understand, let alone implement without breaking some regulation, that it will make the old central planning of the Soviet Union seem like a back of the envelope outline by comparison.
- 8- The Precautionary Principle often claimed as reason to curtail CO<sub>2</sub> emissions cuts both ways. If we make it harder or more expensive for people in Africa to use their coal, it means they keep inhaling smoke from wood fires, babies get lung disease, and forests are razed for fuel. Meanwhile, electric trucks cost more to run and that makes fresh food more expensive, refrigerated meat is not available and malnutrition increases and money for medical research shrinks.

## PHILOSOPHICAL CONSIDERATIONS

- 1- There is no consensus of scientists in favor of human caused global warming. While opinion polls do not determine truth in science, more than 31,000 American scientists signed a petition drafted by the Oregon Institute of Science and Medicine which stated: "There is no convincing scientific evidence that human release of carbon dioxide, methane or other greenhouse gases is causing or will in the foreseeable future cause catastrophic heating of the Earth's atmosphere and disruption of the Earth's climate. Moreover, there is substantial scientific evidence that increases in atmospheric carbon dioxide produce many beneficial effects upon the natural plant and animal environments of the Earth."
- 2- While global warming is not currently happening, perhaps we should wish it were. Far more premature deaths result from cold than from heat, longer growing seasons yield larger crops, respiratory and cardiovascular diseases increase in cold weather, increased precipitation in warm weather adds to water supply in water scarce areas. U.S. heating bills will decline substantially.
- 3- Paradoxically, the world environment is likely to be damaged far more by misguided attempts to reduce carbon emissions than would be caused by man-made global warming even if it were real and continued unchecked. If third world countries were prevented from exploiting their natural resources to provide a better standard of living for their citizens, not only would their peoples continue to suffer poverty, disease, and low life expectancy, but they would not have the ability to protect their natural environments because only wealthy countries can afford to do so.
- 4- Nobody believes a weather prediction 7 days ahead but now we are asked to reorder our economy based on climate predictions 100 years hence which are no longer supported by current evidence.
- 5- Carbon offsetting and trading schemes have the potential to make large profits for those who run them. You cannot actually offset carbon emissions by planting trees as they merely store some of it for a while before releasing it once they rot or burn, and the storage will not even offset the emissions for many, many years after planting. Plus, the Earth would have to be covered entirely by trees to even theoretically counter the impact of man-made emissions.
- 6- Subsidies given to develop renewable energy sources such as wind power are a license to print money for their operators at the expense of the rest of us. Companies promote green products that may be little more than extremely profitable gimmicks.
- 7- Although the court of public opinion already weighs climate change as a very low economic priority, the media continues to uncritically accept and vigorously promote shrill global warming alarmism.
- 8- The United States government budgets \$6 billion a year for climate research to support a growing industry of scientists and university labs that specialize in the subject. It all adds up to a significant institutionalization of the impulse to treat carbon as a problem.
- 9- More than six decades of painstaking conservation efforts that have brought the majestic

whooping crane back from the brink of extinction may come undone because of the proliferation of wind farms in the United States.

10- Although the Alaska Department of Fish and Game reports the global polar bear population is now between 20,000 and 25,000 up from 8000 to 10,000 in 1960, the polar bear has been listed as a species threatened by global warming.

11- Climate change is not a scientific problem that found political support; it is about eco-activists and politicians who found a scientific issue they feel can leverage them into power and control. The environment is a great way to advance a political agenda that favors central planning and an intrusive government. What better way to control someone's property than to subordinate one's private property rights to environmental concerns?

## CONCLUSIONS

1- While the most extreme environmental zealots may be relatively few in number, they have managed to gain undue influence by exploiting the gullibility of many ordinary and scientifically illiterate people, who are only too willing to believe that the planet needs saving from man's excesses. Perhaps it is a psychological throwback to those earlier civilizations that offered human sacrifices to the gods, to assuage their sins and spare them from punishment in the form of drought, flood, famine or disease. There are certainly many parallels between modern environmentalism and religion.

2- By focusing our priorities on future generations, we focus less on improving the lives of people who are alive today. These future generations bear no closer relationship to us than those now living in developing countries whose lives we disdain to save. Why are we not feeding people in the world who are hungry? Why are we not giving clean water to the almost one billion people who do not have access to it? The greatest source of environmental degradation is poverty. Why are we helping eliminate poverty? One answer is that perhaps it is a lot easier worrying about future generations than trying to fix present day problems.

3- Global warming is a major industry today. Between 1992 and 2008 the U.S. Government spent \$30 billion on climate change research and now contributes \$6 billion a year. This finances jobs, grants, conferences, international travel, and academic journals. It not only keeps a huge army of people in comfortable employment, but also fills them with self-righteousness and moral superiority regardless of the fact that real science did not support it.

4- It is clear that, with the deep roots of the global warming scare, it is not about to go away. It has the added advantage of not being able to be proven false in our lifetime. In the meantime, the most practical course for us is to gain what limited perspective we can (remembering the global cooling alarm of a generation ago) and proceed cautiously. We are going through a scare with many causes, so we need to step back from it and take time to look at the scientific evidence before doing anything rash.

# CHAPTER 12

## Using the schools to enforce Agenda 21

*Ed Note: On the education front, it is obvious to almost everyone that our schools are failing. Why? Politicians tell us the problem is lack of money, too many students in the classroom, and not enough qualified teachers. Steadily, the children grow less knowledgeable in academics from history to math. The fact is, our public education system has been drastically changed, away from teaching academic knowledge to mere job training and indoctrination centers to prepare students to live in the sustainable global village. TAD*

### Education for Sustainable Tyranny

*By Michael J. Chapman*

### The United Nations Plan for Our Children

On September 10, 2003 in Prague at the International Conference on Education for a Sustainable Future, the United Nations declared 2005 through 2015, "The Decade of Education for Sustainable Development (ESD)." To nobody's surprise, the U.N. also named UNESCO (The United Nations Education, Scientific, and Cultural Organization) as the lead agency for this global effort. The official launch ceremony took place on March 1, 2005 in New York City. [1] Few Americans paid attention, but they should have. On June 12, 2002, President Bush had announced that America would rejoin UNESCO and "...participate fully in its mission..." [2] According to UNESCO, "The Decade of ESD is a far-reaching and complex undertaking... that potentially touches on every aspect of life. The basic vision... is a world where everyone... learns the values, behavior, and lifestyles required for a sustainable future and for positive societal transformation." [3] Unfortunately for America, the "values, behavior, and lifestyles" that UNESCO requires for "societal transformation" run contrary to a Christian worldview and American principles of liberty.

### What is Sustainable Development?

The term "Sustainable Development" (SD) was introduced in 1987 at the World Commission on Environment and Development. Their report entitled, "Our Common Future" defined Sustainable Development as, "Meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs." [4] Behind this noble sounding goal, however, was a radical agenda that had more to do with controlling the economy and society than sustaining development.

Our Common Future, for example, revealed that SD involves "...a progressive transformation of the economy and society (p.43), ...international interdependence (p.47), ...redistribution [of wealth] (p.50) ...less material and more equitable growth (p.50-52), ...ensuring a sustainable level of population (p. 55), ...merging environment and economics in decision making (p.62); ...and a new ethic that will include the relationship between man and nature above all (p.71). Clearly there is more to SD than simply good stewardship of natural resources.

At the September 2002 World Summit on Sustainable Development, unelected "representatives of the peoples of the world" adopted a document called, "Agenda 21," and called it the global roadmap for SD implementation. [5] The Chapter Titles of Agenda 21 reveal the extent of government control necessary to implement SD, including goals to: Change Consumption Patterns; Promote Sustainable Human Settlements; Plan & Manage All Land Resources, Ecosystems, Des-

erts, Forests, Mountains, Oceans, Fresh Water; Agriculture; Rural Development; Biotechnology; Ensuring Equity; an increased role for Non-Government Organizations (NGOs); and even define the role of Business and Financial Resources. All this was to be accomplished on a global, national, and local scale. [6] Since freedom-loving people would never willingly submit to such totalitarian control, education became the “key” to sustainable development. Chapter 36 of Agenda 21, called Education, Public Awareness, and Training, made clear an intention to integrate Agenda 21 into ALL curriculums as a de facto international education standard.

## **America’s Sustainable Development Education Standards**

Is ESD part of the plan for American education? According to Dr. Robert Paige, President George W. Bush’s first Secretary of Education, the answer is “YES!” On October 3, 2003, celebrating our new partnership with UNESCO, then-Secretary Paige addressing the U.N. Round Table on Education explained: “The United States is pleased to return to UNESCO... There and here, we agree that we must make education a universal reality. Our governments have entrusted us with the responsibility of preparing our children to become citizens of the world. ... UNESCO... knows the importance of education on a global level by coordinating the Education for All initiative (EFA). EFA is consistent with our recent legislation, the No Child Left Behind Act.” [7] In other words, the United States and UNESCO’s goals for education are one in the same and mandated through No Child Left Behind.

In fact, ESD has been a goal in America for many years. To save space, I’ll connect the dots only as far back as 1990, the year President Bush Sr. endorsed UNESCO’s EFA Initiative and promised implementation by the year 2000. (America 2000 was written by the National Governors’ Association, chaired by then Governor, Bill Clinton). In June 1993, as President, Bill Clinton signed an executive order creating the President’s Council on Sustainable Development (PCSD). In 1994, the PCSD published “Education for Sustainability: an agenda for action,” calling on educators “to serve society by fostering the transformations needed to set us on the path to sustainable development.” [8] That same year, the EFA/ESD goals became President Clinton’s “Goals 2000,” establishing the framework for our National Standards, Curriculum, and Assessments. All 50 states adopted Goals 2000 in order to receive the funding that came with it. [9]

Today, President Bush’s No Child Left Behind (NCLB) holds states “accountable” to implement their previously signed agreements. States and districts that refuse to “align” their standards, curriculum, and assessments with these so-called “world-class standards” will lose federal funding. NCLB requires full implementation by the end of 2014, which just so happens to be the final year of The United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development. What a coincidence!

The U.S. Department of Education carefully insulated themselves from critics of this radical agenda by funding tax-exempt, non-government organizations (NGOs) to do their dirty work. Sometimes an NGO is several layers removed from its true funding source. For example, the Education for Sustainable Development Toolkit, published through the University of Tennessee in July 2002, was “made possible by a grant from The Waste Management Research and Education Institution” (an NGO funded by the U.S. Department of Education). [10]

According to the Toolkit: “From the time sustainable development was first endorsed... in 1987, the parallel concept of education to support sustainable development has also been explored. ...Initial thoughts concerning ESD were captured in Chapter 36 of Agenda 21...”[11] One goal the Toolkit holds for education is: “World Citizenship: A Global Ethic for Sustainable Development” defined as “encompassing the constellation of principles, values, attitudes and behavior that the

people of the world must embrace if sustainable development is to be realized.” [12]

## **ESD, Global Citizenship, and America’s National Curriculum**

Promoting World Citizenship over National Sovereignty is now Official U.S. government policy for education. Evidence may be found by looking at The Center for Civic Education (CCE). CCE is an NGO funded by the U.S. DOE in 1994 to write America’s “National Standards for Civics and Government.” The CCE and its model Civics textbook, “We the People,” continue to be specifically named and funded by No Child Left Behind. [13] (All publishers are now rewriting their textbooks to conform to the official model).

To illustrate their mission, the CCE posted an article on their website called: “Teaching Democracy Globally, Internationally, and Comparatively: The 21st Century Mission of Schools.” It explains: “In the past century, the civic mission of schools... was education for democracy in a sovereign state.... In this century, by contrast... education will become everywhere more global.... And we ought to... improve our curricular frame- works and standards for a world transformed by globally accepted and internationally transcendent principles....” [14]

In other words, education is no longer about preserving liberty based on American principles, but transforming America based on international principles.

The international “constellation of principles, values, attitudes, and behaviors” that our children “must embrace” are imbedded in today’s curriculum and divided into three major themes as explained in Agenda 21, the U.S. Agenda for Action, and the U.S. ESD Toolkit: They are: Sustainable Environment, Economy, and Society.

### **Sustainable Environment – A New Global Ethic**

The “sustainable environment” education standards are captured in “The Earth Charter,” commissioned by the UN in 1987 and approved by UNESCO in March 2000. Claiming to represent “the values and principles for a sustainable future,” it is actually an Earth-centered religious treatise carried to schools throughout the world in a mock ark-of-the-covenant called, “The Ark of Hope.” [15] The four sides of the ark carry depictions of the four pagan spirits: Earth, Wind, Fire, and Water. Mikhail Gorbachev, who participated in writing the Earth Charter, said, “My hope is that this charter will be a kind of Ten Commandments, a ‘Sermon on the Mount,’ that provides a guide for human behavior.” [16]

In the United States, the tenets of the Earth Charter are included in the ESD Toolkit, including its goal of “a shared vision of basic values to provide an ethical foundation for the emerging world community.” [17]

One good example of the “new earth ethic” is the popular children’s book, “Dear Children of the Earth,” which was written as a letter from Mother Earth. Heavily illustrated with mystical paintings of animals, children are frightened into believing people are a cancer and threat to the sustainability of the planet. The text, under one illustration of a dying Rhinoceros, explains: “The animals have told me, ‘We are worried, Mother Earth. We are afraid because our homes are being destroyed by people who don’t know better, or don’t care. ...Tell me, my children, where will the animals live when my forests are gone? Where will the whales and dolphins swim when my oceans are too dirty to live in?’” [18] Likewise, mainstream textbooks include similar scare tactics based on questionable science. For example, one popular second grade textbook celebrates Earth Day by asking second graders: “How would you feel if there were no trees?” [19] Another

popular fifth grade social studies textbook parrots the dying earth theme by summarizing: "The Earth needs your help... we are all children of the Earth. It does not matter what country you look at. We are all Earth's children and we should treat her as our Mother." [20]

Do these lessons have an effect on our children's worldview? A recent St. Paul Pioneer Press "letter to the editor" from a second-grader indicates the message is taking root: "The black rhinoceros is becoming extinct because of us...When we cut down trees to build homes for us, we are destroying homes that were already there. Some people say, 'why should we help save the black rhinoceros?' I say because to me they are no more or less than we are... The animals are dying 1,000 times faster than they would be if it were just plants and animals in the world." [21] So much for this 7-year-old's self-esteem lessons!

## **Sustainable Economy - Toward a Socialist Global State**

The threat of environmental catastrophe is used to justify global governance including a planned economy. Children are indoctrinated to accept total control through biased economic lessons in their social studies texts. Compare the positive language describing government control over the economy to the negative language describing free-market systems:

In a lesson on Stalin: "An economy completely controlled by government is called a command economy. Within just 20 years the Soviet Union became one of the world's strongest industrial nations. Thousands of railroad lines crisscrossed the country, linking towns and cities that had never been connected before." [22]

Castro's Cuba: "For some people life became better under Castro's communist dictatorship. There is less poverty since Castro gained control." [23]

Mao's China: [Next to a picture of Mao surrounded by cheering peasants]: "The Communists... had become very popular.... The Communists also worked with farmers, showing them ways to produce more crops... They provided housing, medical care, and food supplies for city workers. They supported education for all, along with equal rights for women." [24]

American Economics: "Understanding Imperialism: The chief motivation behind imperialism is usually economic gain. Powerful nations can establish new markets for their manufactured goods.... Despite the importance of economics, Americans usually cited other reasons to justify their imperialism. Many Americans believed that they had a right and obligation to extend what they considered their superior culture to people less fortunate than themselves." [25]

Under a cartogram depicting America controlling most of the world's wealth: "Do you remember how imperialism affected countries in Africa and Asia? The natural resources and labor from those countries helped build the strong economies of... North America..." Although the countries of the world are linked by interdependence, not all of them share equally in the world's riches." [26]

The message for our children is this: True economic success comes from government control, but in America, success came from imperial aggression. Missing are the failures of socialism. McMillan's, *The World Past and Present*, for example, ends a lesson on the Soviet Union by asking 7th graders: "How do people in Moscow recycle some products?" [Teachers answer:] "Torn stockings are used to stuff pillows or to scrub dishes; milk cartons take the place of pots and pans." [27] Apparently, these measures were not the result of economic failure, but an ecologically conscious Soviet citizenry!



Are these lessons having an effect? According to the National Center for Education Statistics report, "What Democracy Means to Ninth-Graders," the answer is YES:

84.2% of 9th-graders now believe it is the government's responsibility to set prices. 63.5% believe government is responsible for "reducing differences in income and wealth among people." 58.6% now believe government must "provide an adequate standard of living for the unemployed." [28] What's frightening is that the U.S. Dept. of Education considers these "attitudes" correct answers, and identifies them as "international principles of democracy!" The ultimate goal of Education for Sustainable Development is to prepare children to accept the total transformation of America under global totalitarian control, for the good of all. A popular McMillan 7th grade teachers' edition explains the methodology used to build understanding toward the goal: "A growing awareness of deep national and international interdependence is vital... [This book] systematically builds students' understanding of the economic, cultural, political, and ecological connections among peoples." [29] Here are some social studies lesson examples from a variety of grades and publishers:

2nd Grade Silver Burdett and Ginn Teacher's Edition: "Why is the Earth one community? ...Second graders develop a sense of being involved with other people and of the earth being everyone's global home." [30]

4th Grade Houghton-Mifflin: "To be a community, people must share the same customs and have some common purpose.... You also belong to the world community. ...The things we share in our world are far more valuable than those which divide us. ...What might 'global village' mean? Ask [students] to find out more about the idea of a 'global village.'..." [31]

5th Grade Houghton-Mifflin: "Today, the debate over how land is used involves the entire world." [32]

7th Grade McMillan, Teachers' Edition: "Encourage students to think of such possibilities as government or voluntary agencies to regulate the sale of land, size of factories, hours of labor, supervision of children, etc. Discuss all possibilities." [33]

5th-9th Grade Constitutional Rights Foundation Curriculum: "The police power also allows the government to restrict the use of property... or force an owner to give up his or her land under the exercise of eminent domain.... Governments sometimes use the power of eminent domain to protect the environment. Taking land for environmental reasons generally falls under two categories: (1) controlling pollution and (2) preserving natural areas." [34] By following the book sequence, one may easily see how students are programmed to respond, "Yes" to world citizenship and prepare to accept new principles. For example, the textbook demotes America's Bill of Rights as an antiquated "document of the eighteenth century, reflecting the issues and concerns of the age in which it was written." [35] The lesson then promotes the Universal Declaration of Human Rights as "positive" rights and the next phase in mankind's social evolution. [36] Although the entire Universal Declaration of Human Rights is contained in the appendix, the textbook fails to teach what it says about the source of human rights in contrast to America's Declaration. According to America's Declaration of Independence, our Founders understood the self-evident truth that "all men are created equal and endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights...." Therefore, they recognized the primary function of government was to protect those inalienable Creator-given rights. The Universal Declaration by contrast, limits Human Rights to an enumerated list, and then gives government the power to take them away.

According to Article 29.3 "These rights and freedoms may in no case be exercised contrary to the

purposes and principles of the United Nations.” In other words, under the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, man, as represented by a United Nations global government, becomes god! Once government becomes our god, citizenship takes on a new meaning. According to the CCE, “citizenship” is defined as “the status of being a member of a state, one who owes allegiance to the government.” [37] NOT allegiance to the principles of liberty – but allegiance to government – the new source of our rights. That was exactly Hitler’s definition of citizenship! According to the CCE, “civic virtue” now means: “The dedication of citizens to the common good, even at the cost of their individual interests.” [38] ...Even at the cost of liberty.

Are these lessons taking hold? One distraught mother showed me her daughters test response to the question: “Is the United States a ‘sovereign state?’” Her ‘correct’ answer: “Yes, because our government has absolute authority over the citizenry.” [39] Our children—America’s future citizens, voters, and government officials—are being prepared to accept total government control in the name of sustainable development!

20 million American children have now graduated from the Center for Civic Education’s program of indoctrination. Many unaware Christian schools have also adopted the “We the People” textbooks. The warnings of scripture are clear: While we were sleeping, the enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat. Our Founders sacrificed their lives, fortunes, and sacred honor to give us our liberty. Don’t let the torch of freedom flicker and die on our watch! Wake up oh sleeper and strengthen what remains... before it’s too late!

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# **Common Core is the Education Curriculum for Agenda 21 Rotten to the Core**

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"In July [2013], the state of New York announced the results of its first tests based on the Common Core: The region has not been this battered since Superstorm Sandy. Just 26 percent of students in third through eighth grade passed the English exam, and only 30 percent passed the math test. In one Harlem school, just seven percent of students received passing scores in English, and 10 percent in math. We've gone from No Child Left Behind to Well-Just-About-Every-Child-Left-Behind ...progress of a kind. If 'learned helplessness' is the Common Core's goal, it's a stunning success." Businessman George Ball

Indeed, the tests based on the new Common Core so-called standards horrified both parents and educators in New York State, as they are sure to do in the other 45 states that have accepted the new federal-education standards.

Yet in the very definition of a clueless response to the disastrous test results, N.Y. State Education Commissioner John B. King, Jr. said that "these proficiency scores do not reflect a drop in performance, but rather a raising of standards to reflect college and career readiness in the 21st century." Nice try, Mr. King. Go back to sleep.

## **HISTORY OF COMMON CORE**

How did this happen? Here's a little history. When President George W. Bush introduced No Child Left Behind, liberals and teachers' unions went crazy. How dare any program actually measure the effectiveness of classroom teachers or, worse, hold them accountable for decade after decade of failure? How dare that same program document the great number of students allowed to progress through grade after grade in spite of jaw-dropping deficits in math and literacy? Isn't it wrongheaded, critics asked, to 'teach to the test' instead of giving students better skills and deeper knowledge? As if testing skills and knowledge is a bad thing!

However, No Child Left Behind – with its reliance on clueless (and largely leftist) government functionaries to run the program (particularly through the Federal Department of Education) – can accurately be described as the prelude to Common Core, sort of a segue way to their ultimate goal.

And sure enough, the "evolved" progressives and educrats among us decided to contrive a better mousetrap for improving the devolving state of American public-school education and they called their brainchild Common Core, a program that was formally adopted by the federal government in 2010 and by N.Y. State in 2011. Other contributors to this dumbed-down excuse for education included members of the leftist Aspen Institute that was founded in 1950 to "define a good society."

By its very title, Common Core suggests that we are all in this together and we all believe in education that includes America's "core" values?

Don't be fooled. As author and journalist Dean Kalahar writes, "Common Core...may look delicious, but before you take a bite out of the apple, it might be a good idea to know a razor is inside."

As Kalahar explains, "President Obama and Education Secretary [Arne] Duncan falsely said the Common Core standards were developed by the states and voluntarily adopted. Common Core was actually developed by an organization called Achieve, approved by the National Governors Association and funded by the Gates Foundation for at least \$173 million dollars. The [cash-starved] states were bribed by \$4.35 billion 'Race to the Top' dollars if they adopted the standards. Federal laws prohibit the U.S. Department of Education from prescribing any curriculum, but four billion is a big carrot -- or is it a stick? Forty-six states and the District of Columbia have sold out... I mean 'signed on.'"

Astonishingly, the Common Core so-called standards were implemented with virtually no empirical evidence of its value, and it was rushed into school systems without consulting – drum roll here – students, teachers, and parents! Education-reformer Diane Ravitch says that the standards have been adopted "without any field test ... imposed on the children of this nation despite the fact that no one has any idea how they will affect students, teachers, or schools." This takes on a certain grotesque logic when, according to businessman George Ball, you realize that in "the 60-person work group that developed the curriculum, there was not one practicing teacher! David Coleman, chief architect of the Common Core curriculum, now heads the College Board. That's worrisome, and so is Coleman's background as a consultant at McKinsey & Co., the firm that so ably advised Kmart, Enron, Swissair and Global Crossing." So irresponsible were our educators and so avaricious to feed at the federal trough that they bought the whole package without even a sneak-peek at its contents.

What did they buy? Kalahar states that "for all intents and purposes, Common Core is nationalized education. History has shown that state-run information control, which begins with education, has always led to disastrous results, [for example] the USSR, Germany, and Cuba." "The foundational philosophy of Common Core," Kalahar adds, "is to create students ready for social action so they can force a social-justice agenda."

According to Wall St. Journal writer David Feith: "Common Core is about an obsession with race, class, gender, and sexuality as the forces of history and political identity...nationalizing education via Common Core is about promoting an agenda of anti-capitalism, sustainability, white guilt, global citizenship, self-esteem, affective math, and culture-sensitive spelling and language. This is done in the name of consciousness raising, moral relativity, fairness, diversity, and multiculturalism." Again, this is done with zero input from students, teachers, and parents – and zero knowledge by any parents about what is going on in their children's classrooms!

## **PRIVACY & HYPOCRISY**

For instance, did you know that the people who bleat most loudly about transparency – in this case those in Obama's U.S. Dept. of Education – rewrote federal privacy laws in 2012 allowing the powers-that-be to share your child's academic record with virtually anyone? Now states are starting to combine student test scores, discipline history, medical records, nicknames, religion, political affiliation, addresses, extracurricular activities, fingerprints, iris scans, DNA, blood type, religion, family income, bus stop schedules and psychological evaluations into a private database called inBloom.

"The federal government is acquiring a massive amount of data that can be sold to the highest bidders," says Carole Hornsby Haynes, Ph.D., a curriculum specialist and writer. "This is an invasion of student and family privacy and a violation of our 4th Amendment rights."

The education-technology buzzards are circling overhead and, having smelled the strong scent of money, are salivating at the thought of making billions from this new goldmine.”

Did the principal of your child’s school let you know about this gross – and I believe, unconstitutional – invasion of privacy? Did your child’s teacher? Did the superintendent? Did the School Board? No? Is that alone not an indefensible breach of trust and a further reason to reject this insidious Trojan Horse into American education?

## **COMMON CORE FLAWS**

Journalist and author Michelle Malkin calls Common Core “the stealthy federal takeover of school curriculum and standards across the country.” She explains that for decades, “collectivist agitators in our schools have chipped away at academic excellence in the name of fairness, diversity and social justice. [They] denounced Western civilization requirements, the Founding Fathers and the Great Books as racist. They attacked traditional grammar classes as irrelevant in modern life. They deemed ability grouping of students (tracking) bad for self-esteem. They replaced time-tested rote techniques and standard algorithms with fuzzy math, inventive spelling and multicultural claptrap.” Malkin says that independent members of the expert panel in charge of validating the standards refute the claim that Common Core standards are superior. “Stanford University professor James Milgram, the only mathematician on the validation panel, concluded that the Common Core math scheme would place American students two years behind their peers in other high-achieving countries. In protest, Milgram refused to sign off on the standards. He’s not alone.”

For instance, Ze’ev Wurman, a prominent software architect and longtime math advisory expert in California and Washington, D.C., said, “Common Core marks the cessation of educational-standards improvement in the United States. No state has any reason left to aspire for first-rate standards, as all states will be judged by the same mediocre national benchmark enforced by the federal government.”

Shockingly, journalist Cheryl Carpenter Klimek reveals that, “We’ve all been taught that  $2+1=3$ , but under Common Core the answer could be 4, or pretty much any number you want to offer – as long as you can explain how you calculated the problem....” She cites a video of a Chicago teacher, Amanda August, explaining the, ahem, logic of this Common Core policy: “Even if they said, ‘ $3 \times 4$  was 11,’ if they were able to explain their reasoning and explain how they came up with their answer really in, umm, words and oral explanation, and they showed it in the picture but they just got the final number wrong, we’re really more focusing on the how.”

## **CHANGING HOW AMERICA THINKS**

Writer Tabitha Korol has pored over a number of the textbooks used in the Common Core curriculum. She reports that Prentiss Hall’s “World History,” currently used in Brevard County, Florida, devotes a 72-page chapter to Islam and only small paragraphs about Judaism and Christianity, which are embedded in other chapters. Multiple editions of Houghton Mifflin’s “Across the Centuries” were found to contain Islamic preaching. And Pearson, the world’s leading pre-K-20 educational publishing company, is “dedicated to working with educators to change the way America thinks.”

“With whose approval?” Korol asks. Indeed!

In "Contemporary Human Geography 2e," Korol found mention of "the Five Pillars of Islam, the Four Noble Truths of Buddhism, but not the values and righteous ethics of the Ten Commandments of Judaism and Christianity. In "Human Geography," Korol found that "two of the topics posed the acceptability of murdering Jews, but for different reasons and judged by different circumstances. The superintendent of schools in one of the districts said he didn't find that offensive..."

"Not only have they removed classes in civics, history, our nation's foundation and traditional values," Korol states, "but they have ensured the erasure by discontinuing cursive writing from the curriculum, the same script used for our original official documents, including the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution, to make them indecipherable and insignificant. Gone are the studies in economics, needed for creative, entrepreneurial job opportunities, the country's growth, and the arts, a reflection of the culture. How different is this from the book-burning events of Nazism and other conquering tyrannical regimes?"

"Further, the students will suffer a 60 percent cut in reading classic literature, poetry and drama, including the works of Charles Dickens, Edith Wharton, and Mark Twain, and the introduction of Algebra 1 and, by extension, advanced math will be delayed. From this information alone, it appears that the next generation is destined to become the drones of a worker society, not the citizens of an exceptional nation."

Korol says that the Common Core textbooks "omit essential data and provide indoctrinating narratives that devalue Israel, Judaism, and Christianity in favor of Islam."

For one egregious example out of many, in Albany, New York, a high school English teacher used a Common Core textbook for her students' assignment, which was to watch old Nazi propaganda films and justify to the Kommandant (portrayed by the teacher) why the Jews should be murdered. And a teacher in Brentwood, Tennessee, asked her students if it was acceptable for Palestinians to kill Jewish children, based upon Israel's "occupation" of "Palestine."

In yet another Common Core textbook, Korol says, "two spellings are given for the Arab capitals of Mecca and Medina, but Jerusalem, the Jewish capital in Israel for three millennia since the days of David, is absent! Similarly, the text mentions Muslim mosque designs, Christian churches and church architecture, Hindu temples, Buddhist and Shinto Pagodas, and Baha'i Temples, but not one mention of the various Jewish synagogue creations that reflected the architecture of their host cultures over the centuries."

This is the tip of the proverbial iceberg. Korol and Malkin document their findings exhaustively and extensively, as do others who have made it their business to research the astoundingly racist – and of course leftist – standards and curricula, which are so replete with omissions, mistakes, and distortions that it insures a one-size-fits-all population of astounding ignorance and deeply-embedded prejudice. Or, as Will Fitzhugh, publisher of The Concord Review has said: "The Common Core curriculum ...is enabling students to be ignoramuses."

Journalist and author Dr. Ileana Johnson Paugh provides additional examples of the vile indoctrination the Common Core inflicts on students. She cites the development of a first-grade Democracy Plan to help people in need. "Is this what first graders do now, they think about ways to organize people in their communities to fix social problems? This is community organizing; this is communism, not literature and writing."

"In the same series of books," Johnson Paugh adds, "educators are directed to teach first graders about emotional words of anger and fear in order to accomplish their social justice goals. The workbook gives the following example, 'My mom\_\_\_ (tells) (nags) me to clean my room.' Students are supposed to choose 'nags' because it is an emotional word of anger. If a student chooses 'tells,' the answer is incorrect."

Homework activities, she says, include practicing being upset and angry because "feelings cause people to act." "Is there any wonder that we have the Occupy Wall Street mobs, angry mobs, flash mobs, and people talking over each other? Liberals are taught to be ruled by feelings and not by logic."

By third grade, Johnson Paugh explains, teachers must "measure attitudes, beliefs, and dispositions," noting on the Student Observation Form whether "growth and change in individual student's behavior and attitudes is observed. Does the student use the plural 'we' and 'our' to advocate ways to solve social problems? In other words, I and my, individualism, are frowned upon." Not incidentally, as a dangerous companion program to Common Core, the American Library Association is now teaching librarians how to push Islam. As part of a National Endowment for the Humanities program funded by \$150 million of our taxpayer dollars, 25 books and a DVD are being provided to 800 public libraries – is your library included? – but no books on Judaism, Christianity, Buddhism, Hinduism, et al.

## **FIGHTING BACK**

The good news is that all over the country more and more people are becoming aware of the totalitarian nature of the Common Core and fighting back. Malkin lists grassroots parents groups and Tea Party groups in Massachusetts, Georgia, Utah, Texas, Indiana, Alabama, Florida, Ohio, South Carolina, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and nearly a dozen other states that are now educating themselves and their state legislatures about "the centralized education racket." In addition, the Indiana state senate passed legislation to halt Common Core implementation and similar legislation is moving through the Alabama state legislature. And Governor Rick Scott of Florida held an education summit for education, business and political leaders on Common Core. Writing of the summit, activist Laura Rambeau Lee says: "The primary objection is that it is taking the control of our children's education away from the parents, teachers, and local, even state, departments of education."

For instance, she adds, "on a nationwide scale, every teacher in every second grade class will be doing the same assignment on the same day of the same week. Teachers are no longer responsible for lesson plans. They are given the specific assignments and are teaching them to their students. If a student does not understand he or she will be out of luck, because tomorrow it is on to the next assignment. There is no opportunity to help the students who do not 'get it.' They will become frustrated and begin to have behavior problems and hate school. Many parents are already experiencing these problems with their children."

Additionally, she explains: "What is the correct answer? All I know is it is not 'B.' Parents will not understand the assignment sufficiently to help their child and the child will begin to believe their teacher knows more than their parents."

Rambeau Lee exhorts every parent to demand to see his or her child's assignments. She says

there are anti-Common Core Facebook pages for every state, and links to other education websites on her blog, Right-Reason.com (under the education tab).

Jenny McKeigue, a mother of three from Ohio, did ask, only to learn that her 7th-grade son was being taught how to become a Muslim. When she asked her school district to remove the Islamic proselytizing video – which portrayed non-Muslims as uneducated bigots and Muslims as persecuted victims – from the curriculum, they refused. It took her over 18 months – and help from the Thomas More Law Center – but she finally prevailed.

Significantly, it is not just conservatives who are railing against Common Core.

According to Kathleen McGrory of the Miami Herald, the Badass Teachers Association (BAT) is a Tallahassee-based, 25,000-member group of left-wing educators, union members and progressive activists who “are pushing back against the national (learning) standards with Twitter strikes, town hall meetings and snarky Internet memes.” McGrory adds that even the more traditional teachers union – the Florida Education Association – is also beginning to turn on Common Core. And members of Florida Parents Against Common Core (FPACC) are up in arms because of a survey called “What Kind of Party Animal Are You?” that was given to Ms. [Megan] Kendrick’s 7th grade class. While parents were never offered an opt-out option for their children, the survey included numerous questions, including:

Question #1: “I would support a government increase of my taxes if the money were used to pay for expanded health and social programs.”

Question #2: “I think the government should impose stricter limits on access to guns.”

Question #3: “I believe organized prayer should be kept out of schools. Having students pray is a violation of the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.”

Question #6: “I believe if you have nothing to hide, there’s no reason to worry about government surveillance. It would not bother me if my government listened in on my personal phone calls as long as the surveillance was helping to catch terrorists.”

Question #7: “I believe the government should relax regulations on immigration and find a way for law-abiding illegal immigrants to stay in the U.S. legally and pay taxes.”

Any parent who reads this should get the picture! This is not education – this is indoctrination! David Bloomfield, professor of Education, Law and Policy at Brooklyn College, describes the defensiveness, excuses and rationalizations we’ve started to hear from the educational establishment this way: “The amount of spin is directly proportional to the size of the screw-up.” But Michelle Malkin sums it up best: “Common Core is rotten to the core.”

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# CHAPTER 13

## Sustainable Healthcare

Healthcare is the issue of the day. The Federal Government intends to control the entire health care industry, ready to demand that every American carry health insurance –whether government issued or private; more proposals dictate the amount of doctor compensation. As predicted government costs rise, Congressmen begin to look for ways to cut them, resulting in “rationing” and “death counseling” proposals. Americans are shocked at the very concept. Yet, for those who have been studying the policies of sustainable development, such ideas are familiar. Both are a well-known part of “Sustainable Medicine.” Simply Google “sustainable medicine” and find all of the bits and parts of Obamacare.

### **Sustainable Medicine + Sustainable Development = Duty to Die** *By (the late) Madeleine P. Cosman Ph.D.*

Sustainable development is a private property grab. Sustainable medicine is a body grab.

#### **U.N. AGENDA 21 AND SUSTAINABLE MEDICINE**

Legend, not science, states that crabs are easier to boil than frogs.

Frogs placed in a pot of hot water jump out to safety. In a cauldron of crabs, however, if one crab laboriously crawls up the pot wall from the hot water to the rim to escape, the other crabs snatch him back down so they all cook together.

Frogs are individualists who save their skins and know their minds. Crabs are egalitarian communitarians. What is good for one is good for all. Most Americans are either frogs or crabs. Frogs cherish private property, their bodies, and demand personal responsibility for medical directions and medical decisions. Crabs cherish the state, its central control, and state medical decisions for everyone in the group. Crabs live by Hegel’s philosophy that whatever is efficient is right. Crab worldview, crab means of analyzing reality, and crab ethics of action are the philosophical foundations of the United Nations’ Agenda 21, Chapter 6, and its sustainable medicine. Sustainable medicine is central to the concept of sustainable development of the world’s landmasses, air, and water. Sustainable development esteems the planet’s intrinsically valuable environment. In that bio-diverse environment human beings are a dangerous, capricious burden. In the Agenda 21 worldview, people, especially rich intelligent people, consume too much and they make too many of themselves. Their effects must be curbed and their numbers reduced.

Sustainable development is a private property land grab. It is justified in the name of global equity, overcoming economic disparities, and assuring global integrity of the environment. Sustainable medicine is a body grab. It is justified in the name of achieving global medical equity, overcoming health disparities, and assuring an enduring global environment free of too many people.

Sustainable medicine makes decisions through visioning councils that determine what shall be done or not done to each body in its group in its native habitat. Sustainable medicine experts do

not refer to citizens in sovereign nations but to “humans” in their “settlements.”

Sustainable medicine uses two classes of public actions to affect the largest numbers of people worldwide most efficiently. The first class of actions attacks high technology products. The method is to create a public health crisis that forces government or industry to eliminate a valuable medical or surgical technology that because of its expense and inequitable distribution makes it medically “unsustainable.” Sustainable medicine therefore clamors to eliminate such important, life-saving and life-extending medical devices as flexible polyvinylchloride plastic tubings treated with phthalates. During the past 50 years, flexible medical tubing has revolutionized breathing machines, intravenous medicating and blood transfusing, kidney dialysis, parenteral feeding, and neonatal medicine and surgery. Sustainable medicine’s second class of public action attacks ideas of high technology scientific progress. The method is to revise people’s expectations for health, for medical care, and for long life “in harmony with the environment.” Sustainable medicine devotees celebrate human death as natural, inevitable, and environmentally beneficial. Rather than a mere right to die, sustainable medicine inculcates a duty to die.

Sustainable medicine is the pivot around which all other sustainable development revolves. Principle #1 of the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development (1992) states: Human beings are at the center of concerns for sustainable development. They are entitled to a healthy and productive life in harmony with nature. Few Americans know the meaning of sustainable medicine, or worse, the implications of healthy life in harmony with nature. However, an Internet Google search for sustainable medicine yielded (in May, 2005) a total of 5,850,000 English language references. Germans, English, Canadians, and Scandinavians under socialized medicine appreciate sustainable medicine for they daily deal with its rationing, long waiting times for care, low technology, and emphasis on medical caring, not medical curing.

Who decides what shall be done or not done to your body whether healthy, diseased, injured, or fatally ill? Sustainable medicine uses identical protocols for human body ownership as sustainable development proposes for private land ownership.

## **PEEVE**

PEEVE is a valuable acronym for remembering the basic concepts than animate sustainable medicine and sustainable development. PEEVE incorporates the infamous three “E”s of sustainable development: equity, economy, and environment. sustainable medicine is guided by:

### **P = Precautionary Principle.**

If any risk, stop. If evidence is inconclusive, stop absolutely. If no proof, stop anyway. The prudent “Better safe than sorry” is perverted to “Safe sorrow for all!”

The pernicious Precautionary Principle destroys risk-benefit analysis. It hinders experiment and innovation. It impedes progress and requires reversion to simpler, more “natural” products. In land use, it requires removing “invasive species” and beneficial genetically manipulated seeds that could harm some plant, insect, or person. In medicine, the Precautionary Principle deprives courageous masses of people of necessary, life-sustaining medication and equipment because of potential harm to a few. The Precautionary Principle propels its proponents beyond intellectual cowardice to anti-technology, anti-progress, Luddite primitivism.

In both land use and medicine, the Precautionary Principle almost always is paired with its cra-

ven corollary, the Irreversibility Principle. In landscape, the Irreversibility Principle requires that rather than mine a precious resource that once extracted is irreversibly used, better save it than spend it on today's life-sustaining necessities even if people will pay and legally own the resource. In bodyscape, the Precautionary Principle plus Irreversibility Principle withhold beneficial, aggressive, high technology diagnostics and medical therapies that might harm someone or something now or later.

## **E = Environment over all.**

Its "intrinsic value" is necessary for future generations on the globe. Of what value to whom is never explained. Mystical inherent goodness, importance, and protection-worthy vulnerability of the environment make the environment trump all other needs of people and societies.

It is better to force people to starve by insect-destroyed crops and to die of malaria than to use the pesticide DDT that potentially might harm birds, fish, polar bears, or human infant reflexes. E = Equity demands no "disparities."

This refers to all people globally, among all people inter-generationally, and among all species of life and non-life: human, animal, plant, and inanimate rock. Equity between current and future generations requires prudent use, no squandering, and abstaining from use of available assets. Equity among rich and poor requires no greedy group abusing the "carrying capacity" of the world's natural resources. Species-equity is more important than equity among peoples. In the contest between preserving habitat for spotted owls, long-fingered salamanders, salmon, and fairy shrimp versus habitat and livelihoods of ranchers, loggers, and mineral miners, the "natural needs" and "value" power of animals are superior to those of people.

The sustainable medicine documents quote the U.N. Biodiversity Treaty's inscrutable rule: "Nature has an integral set of different values (cultural, spiritual, and material) where humans are one strand in nature's web and all living things are considered equal. Therefore the natural way is the right way, and human activities should be molded along Nature's rhythms."

V = Visioning councils for stakeholders.

Sustainable medicine uses the same "visioning," vision councils, vision language, vision consensus-building techniques, and vision incentives, bribes, prohibitions, protocols, and principles that facilitate the sustainable development land grabs of private property. Local Agenda 21 groups impose laws and regulations on localities that bypass votes of state legislatures and of the U.S. Congress. Depredations of the Endangered Species Act and the Environmental Protection Agency derive from international treaties, and work of non-governmental organizations such as ICLEI, the International Council on Local Environmental Initiatives.

The vision is the cluster of global community ideas. Agenda 21 outsiders impose these concepts upon local citizens and their leaders while encouraging locals to believe they themselves initiated the ideas of the vision. Regulations and restrictions inevitably follow the implanted vision in order to implement it. The implanted vision is viewed as prophecy and revelation of future global peace. Actually, the vision is a tenacious Marxist apparition from old, surly, nihilistic Fabian socialism.

The Wye River Group On Healthcare, for instance, held its National Summit at the University Club in Washington, DC, on September 23rd 2003, attended by the elite of academic medicine, pharmacology, and government including Dr. Mark McClelland, then head of the FDA, now Director of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid. The meeting topic was "Communities Shaping a Vi-

sion for America's 21st Century Health & Healthcare." Experts answered such questions as: Why create a shared vision based on principles and values in America? How best connect community leaders with the vision and enable them to advance change? Is this the right time to spring the vision?

Wye River Group on Healthcare promotes the Sustainable Medicine vision for the future by working in 12 selected cities that have active Sustainable Development visioning groups: Albuquerque, NM, Chicago, IL, Fort Lauderdale, FL, Hanover, NH, Jackson, MS, Muncie, IN, Portland, OR, Raleigh/Durham, NC, Salt Lake City, UT, San Diego, CA, San Antonio, TX, and Spokane, WA. Wye River Group's separate Foundation for American Health Care Leadership addresses "lack of healthcare infrastructure...health disparities... unique demands of an aging population, unrealistic public expectations, and appropriate use of burgeoning technology" that require "visionary leadership focused on a shared vision" for American health and healthcare.

### **E = Economic equity.**

High technology is too expensive and inequitably distributed. Whatever everyone cannot have, no one shall have. Under sustainable development, the use of waterpower or fossil fuel for generating electricity in the Third World will pollute the environment as well as distract the native population from its indigenous culture in harmony with the environment. Wind power is cleaner and more sustainable, even if not dependable nor adequate for modern progress.

Likewise, under sustainable medicine, medical Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRIs) for diagnostics, and organ-transplant techniques for life-extending treatments are unsustainable. People must revise their expectations for long life and good health, and reject ever more sophisticated medicine and surgery dedicated to curing rather than to caring.

We must reach a level sustainable plateau in medicine, says medical ethicist Dr. Daniel Callahan. As the natural world has its predictable cycles of birth and death, so people, especially Americans, must accept natural limits to life and reject interventions that unnaturally extend life at its beginnings, such as neonatal medicine, and at life's ends. We must not expect progress, we must not waste, and we must not spend on futile care.

## **SUSTAINABLE MEDICINE DOCUMENTS**

The original documents that enunciate sustainable medicine are astonishing in their theory and in their calls for implementation. Few physicians, surgeons, or lawyers have access to the materials that I first reviewed in August 2003. I obtained them directly from their source in Switzerland, the office of Dr. Jasmin von Schirnding, World Health Organization, Geneva. Documents in English and French are not issued to the general public (and may not be "re-viewed, abstracted, quoted, reproduced or translated, in part or in whole, without the prior written permission of WHO"). Some of these texts are available electronically from WHO: <http://www.who.int/wssd/resources/en/>.

Here are typical titles:

Health in the Context of Agenda 21 and Sustainable Development: Meeting the Challenges of the 21st Century. von Schirnding, Y. (2001). Sustainable Development International.

Health and Sustainable Development: Key Health Trends. WHO. (2002). (WHO/HDE/HID/02.2) Making Health Central to Sustainable Development: Planning the Health Agenda for the World Summit on Sustainable Development. Report of the WHO meeting: "Making Health Central to Sustainable Development", Oslo, Norway, 29 November - 1 December 2001. WHO. (2002). (WHO/HDE/HID/02.5)

Health in the Context of Sustainable Development. Background document prepared for the WHO meeting: "Making Health Central to Sustainable Development", Oslo, Norway, 29 November - 1 December 2001. WHO. (2002). (WHO/HDE/HID02.6)

Health and Sustainable Development. Summary Report. Meeting of Senior Officials and Ministers of Health, Johannesburg, South Africa, 19-22 January 2002. WHO. (2002). (WHO/HDE/HID/02.7) Johannesburg Declaration on Health and Sustainable Development. Meeting of Senior Officials and Ministers of Health, Johannesburg, South Africa, 19-22 January 2002. WHO. (2002). (WHO/HDE/HID/02.8)

Health and Sustainable Development: Addressing the Issues and Challenges. WHO Background Paper prepared for the World Summit on Sustainable Development. WHO. (2002). (WHO/HDE/HID/02.12) French version. Chapter 6 of Agenda 21, on Health: <http://www.un.org/esa/sustdev/documents/agenda21/english/agenda21chapter6.htm>

The Johannesburg Plan of Implementation (the plan of action stemming from the World Summit on Sustainable Development) is available at [http://www.un.org/esa/sustdev/documents/WSSD\\_POI\\_PD/English/POIToc.htm](http://www.un.org/esa/sustdev/documents/WSSD_POI_PD/English/POIToc.htm) Americans must learn sustainable medicine theory and implementation for it affects their lives and their property. Seven recurrent themes pervade the sustainable medicine documents.

First: sustainable medicine scholars who examine interrelationships between bodily health and the natural world conclude that poverty causes and exacerbates disease, and inequitable distribution of valuable land, minerals, and forests causes poverty. Therefore private property in land ownership must be eliminated. The global forest, for instance, is common heritage of all. Those who consume too much greedily "take" from the rest of humanity that has social rights to the arboreal ecosystem. Private taking from the collective is inequitable and immoral even if the over-consumers now own the property from which they benefit.

Second, private industry in the richest nations creates global health-endangering commercial pollution. Commercial filth causes illness and disease in people and burdens the limited "carrying capacity" of the environment. Third, intellectual property rights in pharmaceuticals hinder sustainable medicine everywhere on the planet. Big pharma deprives the poorest nations of their "rights" to inexpensive necessary medicines for their sick citizens. The poor also require free condoms to combat AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases. Poor nations therefore should not be bound by drug patents or by copyrights. The poor require humanitarian free access to all the drugs and sex supplies they require.

Fourth, economic burdens on the poorest nations must be eliminated. Their foreign debts must be cancelled. Economic equity must be created between high income and low-income "human settlements." Economic disparities must vanish.

Fifth, and most medically important: sustainable medicine must eliminate health disparities. There must be no disparities of health among peoples and no disparities of access to medicine

and surgery. There shall be no health disparities country to country, so that the poor shall not have less medicine and less health than the rich. There shall be no disparities generation to generation. Those alive now must save medical resources for all generations to come. There shall be no health disparities among human species, animal species, and plant species. Health of people is central to the health of the ecosystem. Yet human health cannot exist at the expense of environmental health. The sixth concern, therefore, is human quality of life that must be integrated with interspecies equity. The quality of life of people must not exceed the quality of life of animals, birds, fish, amphibians, trees, plants, rocks, and stones in the environment.

Finally, the United States must pay more towards sustaining sustainable medicine. American must accelerate payments for medicine to poor countries to reach, annually, US \$22 billion by 2007.

Americans must wake up, alert and alarmed to sustainable medicine's intrusions upon their liberties. Demands begin overtly for American money but conclude with covert demands for American lives. sustainable medicine ideas will not enhance any individual American's life. sustainable medicine assuredly will promote Americans' deaths. Agenda 21's sustainable medicine powerfully attacks products of modern medical technology and ideas of modern medical progress.

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# **CHAPTER 14**

## **Meet the Planners**

### **TRUSTS, NGO'S AND PLANNERS:**

### **The Implementers of Sustainable Development**

*By John Anthony*

Here is a small sample of prestigious national, regional, and private planning organizations across America. Though well respected, each of these groups intentionally, or unintentionally is furthering the ambitions of Agenda 21/sustainable development and Smart Growth using template solutions that gradually confiscate property and reduce if not sever private property rights. It is important to note that, while not every planning group, nor every conservation easement or grant is detrimental to property ownership, an alarming number are. Therefore it is important to know, not only the back-ground of the planning organization but to read every word of every document and have it reviewed by an independent attorney before proceeding either individually or as a community with planning programs.

#### **National Associations Implementing Sustainable Development:**

##### **American Farmland Trust**

The AFT is a non-governmental organization (NGO) formed in 1980 by a group of farmers and conservationists to preserve farm and ranchland in the US. In 1981, they were instrumental in passage of the Farmland Protection Policy Act, which "minimized the extent to which Federal programs contribute to the...conversion of farmland to non-agricultural uses..."

Over the years, their methods of "protecting" farmlands shifted from preservation to acquisition and control of development rights. In 2007, they joined over 100 sustainability experts to help draft the President's Climate Action Plan. Today, the AFT provides enticing community surveys showing that residential land costs more for communities to sustain than farmland because of required public services. This is the initial step in farmland acquisition or control.

Through the Purchase of Agricultural Easements (PACE) and Transfer of Development Rights (TDR,) the AFT and other trusts or NGOs, such as the Nature Conservancy, convince farmers to sell their land development rights via various schemes that often include a tradeoff of their rights for money and a limited or permanent agricultural easement. Many landowners agree to abide by "best practices," yet retain ownership. In practice, federal or local agencies often upwardly redefine best practices until the land may no longer be profitable to farm, in which case there is a public or private trust ready to buy out the property.

##### **American Planning Association**

This venerable, not-for-profit organization evolved in 1978 from the merger of two other planning groups. A well-regarded NGO, the APA has grown into one of America's largest planning groups with chapters in 47 states, 100,000 members and over 16,000 certified planners. From its urban planning roots, the APA transformed itself into one of the nations' leading proponents of Smart Growth and sustainable development. HUD and other federal agencies paid the APA to create the, "Growing Smart Legislative Guidebook." This is a massive, 1500 page compila-

tion of boilerplate legislation and planning practices that operationalizes the principles of United Nations Agenda 21 as implemented through the now disbanded President's Council on Sustainable Development.

Planners learn what some may consider manipulative methods for gaining plan agreement from local citizens and public officials. For example, many APA organizations participate in Water Words that Work™ training. Here is a sample course description: "The Water Words That Work™ environmental message method is a four-step process for transforming professional language into action language that will help make fundraising, issue advocacy, and behavior change campaign a success."

Today, the APA is one of the nation's largest purveyors of the Agenda 21 brand of sustainable development. They engage in "physical, economic and social" planning. The "Growing Smart Legislative Guidebook" is found in nearly every university, state and county in the US. It is the planning guide preferred by most urban and regional planners.

## **Metropolitan Association of Planning Organizations**

The Federal Highway Act of 1962 required that localities with populations over 50,000 form planning organizations to assist with the Interstate Highway System in and around urban areas. By 1965, these were formalized into Metropolitan Planning Organizations. HUD issued grants to those MPOs run by the public rather than private sector thereby encouraging public sector local and regional councils.

AMPO was formed in 1994 to serve the needs of all MPO's nationwide. AMPO implements federal transportation policy through state and local partnerships via local MPO's. Because AMPO engages in air quality planning, they are subject to all EPA regulations and guidelines.

One example of AMPOs dedication to Smart Growth and the elimination of automobiles as a transportation mode is evidenced in their planning work in Jonesboro, Arkansas. During a December 2010 public meeting, Muhammad Ulkarim, the Transportation Study Director for the MPO of North East Arkansas made it clear that proposed bike trails were for the purpose of reducing cars on the road, not improving transportation choices or increased mobility. He went on to explain that this was part of the MPO's Smart Growth initiative.

## **National Association of Regional Councils**

NARC, created in 1965, as regional councils and MPOs sprang up across the nation to meet common multi-jurisdictional challenges, became an independent entity representing all regions by 1967. Today over 500 regional councils including some 350 MPOs constitute NARC's membership. NARC advocates and represents interests for regional groups in the U.S. Congress and with Federal agencies in the Executive Branch.

NARC, regional councils and MPOs are "experienced collaborators adept at bringing people together and getting results." Frequently the way they get results is questionable. While touted as beneficial to local communities and a channel for citizens to be heard, in practice, NARC's regional councils can at many times stifle community input by rolling numerous communities into one large regional initiative thereby stunting local councils' comments and feedback.

As the NARC website says, "regionalism is already a salient topic in the world of governance and



academia." That is true, but for many wrong reasons. While some regional groups are beneficial, too often, they represent quasi-governmental vehicles for accelerating the implementation of extreme environmental policies while compromising of individual property rights by reducing public dissent. One example is Chattanooga, TN where 16 communities were rolled into a single regional plan. A recent critical meeting was announced in a single newspaper in one county. Of the 130 attendees, nearly 120 were "stakeholders" who were promoting the plan. Most counties had no representation or notice of the meeting.

## **Regional Groups Implementing Sustainable Development:**

### **American Planning Association Massachusetts Chapter (1000)**

This group is the MA chapter of the National APA. One indication of the group's involvement in the implementation of sustainable development is evidenced in a recent published ad for a Sustainability Planner for the City of Cambridge. The position requires the applicant "to be part of the city's climate change mitigation and adaptation program. Responsibilities include promotion of walking, biking, public transit and car sharing...supporting sustainable transportation and other green programs."

### **Las Cruces MPO (Metropolitan Planning Organization)**

The Las Cruces MPO, formed in 1982 plans all aspects of the Las Cruces transportation system, including roads, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, public transit and the airport. The MPO's Transportation Improvement Program includes several surface transportation projects funded with American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (stimulus) funds.

The reduction or elimination of automobile use is a key element of sustainable development programs. The Las Cruces MPO works in conjunction with the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) programs being developed across the country to encourage children to walk or bicycle to school. This program responds to questionable studies regarding congestion, pollution and child health issues stemming from students being driven to school.

### **Middle Peninsula Planning District (Virginia)**

The Middle Peninsula Planning District commission promotes the orderly and efficient development of the physical, social and economic elements of the district by planning, and encouraging and assisting localities to plan, for the future. They provide grant application assistance, management services for program implementation, land use planning services, mapping, highway development, and specialized transit.

In their 2010 study entitled, "Conservation Easements – Fiscal Impacts to Communities in the Middle Peninsula," the commission addressed the issue of tax revenue loss due to conservation easements imposed by the commission. While addressing taxes, the study glossed over the loss of individual rights. The report notes that landowners have numerous ownership rights, but falsely concludes that the surrender of their development rights to conservation easements will have little impact on their remaining rights.

In reality, once a landowner agrees to a conservation easement, their property may be subject to surveillance, fines and the devaluing of the property. Typically, owners agreeing to a conser-

vation easement are subject to punitive actions for easement violations, even if observed or caused by a third party. The MPPD does not mention this in their study.

## **Southeastern Tennessee Development District**

The Southeast Tennessee Development District is a voluntary association of municipal and county governments located within the Southeast Tennessee region. SETDD provides planning and development services including Utility Development, Regional Planning, and Housing Development.

STDD is a classic example of how regionalization can tear down citizen involvement. A recent initiative involves the roll-up of 16 counties into a regional sustainable development program that embraces principles such as compact development, redevelopment, transit-oriented development, transfer of development rights and open space development. In addition, "complete streets," "urban forests," "green parking," and "narrow streets" design formats are used to reduce automobile usage and create walkable communities. The initiatives are in response to the findings from a 2011 study entitled, Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy. The study creates a crisis by making highly speculative claims regarding future economic growth and population increase in the region then concludes this is a cause for action.

This planning initiative left 15 of 16 counties unrepresented in a recent critical stage regional meeting. In subsequent meetings, local county authorities noted they were again uninformed of meeting times or dates. Local officials are moving ahead with designs at a rapid pace in spite of the lack of community involvement and poor awareness of the personal impact the planning will have.

## **Public and Private Firms Implementing Sustainable Development:**

### **ARUP**

ARUP is a global planning and engineering company headquartered in London, the United Kingdom, with offices in 42 countries. The firm has engaged in projects on some of the world's best-known structures including the Sydney Opera House in Australia and the Tappan Zee Bridge in NY. The firm specializes in "built environment" projects that include environmental sustainability. Their designs transform cities to meet the challenges of "climate change, population growth... and resource depletion." Their "Smart Cities" program outlines ways to use current technology to develop approaches that "might fundamentally transform the way cities are governed, operated, interacted with and experienced."

### **Clarion Associates**

Clarion Associates of Chapel Hill, NC is a national planning, land use regulation and real estate consulting firm with offices in seven cities. They were retained by the Smart Growth Office of the United States Environmental Protection Agency to help define rural "smart growth" and act as lead author for a report making recommendations for priority revisions to local development codes and growth management policies to achieve rural smart growth goals. The principles of Agenda 21/sustainable development were embedded in the EPA following Pres. Clinton's signing of executive order 12852.

## **Kennedy, Coulter, Rushing and Watson**

KCRW is a planning organization located in Chattanooga TN. According to their website, they help “organizations and communities through vision, planning, citizen participation, and effective implementation.” The firm specializes in urban projects and sustainable communities. Their members are part of the team implementing the TN 16 county initiative that has frequently left the majority of local citizens poorly informed of the negative consequences of sustainable planning.

## **Renaissance Planning Group**

RPG is a Southeastern US planning firm with offices in Washington DC. They “specialize in the integration of transportation, land use, urban design” by supporting “transit, walking, bicycling and social interaction.” Today, planners incorporate communication methods to modify citizens’ thought processes to better accommodate the planner’s vision. This is evident from RPG’s website where the firm takes pride in its ability to communicate, “by weaving together words, numbers and visualizations into compelling and understandable stories about place.”

WRT Design (Wallace, Roberts, Todd)

WRT is a national collaboration of regional planners, urban designers, and architects, headquartered in Philadelphia. The group specializes in Sustainable Communities Planning, Education, Parks and Open Spaces and Urban Places. The firm helps “communities plan environmentally, economically, and socially sustainable futures.” Planning “socially sustainable futures” often requires the altering of individual citizen’s behaviors to meet community social requirements as outlined in the planners’ design. This frequently means weaning people from cars and into walkable areas; or convincing landowners to sacrifice property development rights for the good of future generations and the community.

## **MEET ICLEI**

Many Americans ask how dangerous international policies can suddenly turn up in state and local government, all seemingly uniform to those in communities across the nation and around the globe. The answer – Meet ICLEI, a non-profit, private foundation, dedicated to helping your mayor implement all of his promises.

Originally known as the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI), today the group simply calls itself “ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability.”

In 1992, ICLEI was one of the groups instrumental in creating Agenda 21. Today ICLEI is used as one of the mechanisms to undo the political recognition of unalienable rights.

The group’s mission is to push local communities to implement Agenda 21 policy that restructures our representative form of government through global and non-elected regional government. Of course, ICLEI uses Global Warming and environmental protection as the excuse. ICLEI is there to assure that the mayors and county commissions keep their promises and meet their goals. Climate change, of course, is the ICLEI mantra. When a community signs an agreement with ICLEI they are agreeing to impose Sustainable Development as official community policy. Here are just some of the programs ICLEI pushes into the community agenda in the name of “community services” and environmental protection: When ICLEI takes over a town it organizes like a well-oiled machine, using Access to a network of “Green” experts, newsletters, conferences

and workshops – to assure the indoctrination of city employees is complete; Toolkits, online resources, case studies, fact sheets, policy and practice manuals, and blueprints used by other communities – so you know you are not alone;

Training workshops for staff and elected officials on how to develop and implement the programs; And, of course, there's Notification of relevant grant opportunities – this is the important one – money – with severe strings attached;

And some of the ways to implement those regulations can get downright silly. For example, ICLEI's program, called "Green Power Government," creates legislation to guarantee homeowners and businesses access to sunlight by establishing a hypothetical "solar fence" that limits the amount of shade cast by new construction sites.

ICLEI recommends that the community hire a full time "sustainability manager," who, even in small towns, can devote 100% of his time to assure that every nook and corner of the government is on message and under control.

And here are some of the consequences once those programs and policies are enforced:

- High-density housing scams
- Traffic congestion by disallowing the building of roads
- Open Space where access is not allowed
- Government "partnering" with favored private business and non-profit agencies, using your tax dollars
- Undermining Constitutional administration of government
- Managed control over your life
- Mismanagement of public utilities
- Prohibitions on natural resource management, leading to increased fire hazards, lack of water, and private property restrictions

Increased taxes, fees, regulations and restrictions ICLEI's method for imposing Sustainable Development policy is to create a "soviet" system of non-elected boards, councils and regional governments in which local residence have little or no ability to question or oppose government actions.

*\*Source: Freedom Advocates - [www.freedomadvocates.org](http://www.freedomadvocates.org)*

Following is a full report, issued by the Capital Research Center, on how ICLEI operates in local communities.

## **ICLEI - LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FOR SUSTAINABILITY": Taxpayer Dollars and Foundation Grants Help a U.N.-Inspired Group Show U.S. Cities How to Enact Climate Change Policies** *By David Libardoni*

Summary: The big push is on to control global warming by regulating the American economy. While the outgoing Bush administration hesitates to push national legislation, one environmental group is building a coalition of cities and counties to enact local laws regulating carbon emis-

sions. "ICLEI- Local Governments for Sustainability" is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit created by a U.N. conference. Now it's offering advice to local politicians and recruiting "strategic partners" to build pressure for municipal energy regulation.

These days city government officials are using precise numbers when they talk about global warming. Naples, Florida mayor Bill Barnett says his city needs to reduce the 757,323 metric tons of greenhouse gases it generated in 2006. Roanoke, Virginia is trying to cut its "carbon footprint" by 12.5%, but so far it's only managed to cut its emissions by 1.5%. The average resident of Lexington, Kentucky generates 3.46 metric tons of carbon dioxide, far above the national average of 2.24 tons, say city officials, who attribute the bluegrass region's surprising excess to the use of coal to generate electricity. Officials of New Castle, New York (2000 population: 17,491) says its streetlights, water filtration plant, and exhaust from city workers driving to and from work produced a total of 3,446 metric tons of greenhouse gases. The town is encouraging carpooling and will make its streetlights more energy efficient.

"Save the Planet—Or Else" announced Newsweek magazine last year in an issue (April 16) devoted to making big government environmental regulation a planetary imperative. The magazine showed a smiling California governor Arnold Schwarzenegger spinning the globe on his finger. To show that passing laws to control the world's climate is the only sensible thing to do, the magazine explained that governors and even U.S. mayors are getting in on the act:

Embarking on an environmental program sounds like a great idea. But if you're a mayor trying to cut greenhouse gases, where do you begin? How do you even know how to measure your current levels? That's where an organization called ICLEI—Local Governments for Sustainability can help.

## **U.N. Plans, Local Actions**

ICLEI- Local Governments for Sustainability is an obscure group pushing local governments to regulate the environment—and it's having tremendous success. Originally called the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives—hence the acronym ICLEI—the group is the product of a United Nations conference: the U.N. World Congress of Local Governments for a Sustainable Future. That conference, which met in New York City in 1990, brought together delegates from 200 local governments in 43 countries. They were united by a belief that cities do not need to wait for national governments before taking action on global climate issues.

Ambitious local politicians around the world are using ICLEI as an international platform that allows them to build their careers and quickly network with one another on environmental issues. In 2003, the group revised its name to reflect its mission as an advocate for "local governments on the international sustainability stage." Renamed ICLEI, Local Governments for Sustainability, the international organization is headquartered in Toronto, Canada, and has 150 staff located, in 11 offices worldwide [[www.iclei.org](http://www.iclei.org)]. Its membership consists of 977 local governments around the world from Aalborg, Denmark to Zacatecas, Mexico. They focus on broad issues of "sustainability," the code word for eco-friendly policies, lower industrial production, lower personal consumption, economic equality and other measures of global "social justice."

The American branch of ICLEI [[www.icleiusa.org](http://www.icleiusa.org)] was founded in 1995 by politician Nancy Skinner and includes Berkeley, Richmond, and parts of Oakland. Skinner was once on the Berkeley city council (1984- 1992) where she pushed for an ordinance that made Berkeley the first American city to mandate the recycling of 50% of its waste. So it was natural for her to take a lead in

making ICLEI a U.S. pilot project involving a handful of local city governments. Skinner initially ran the program out of her garage with help from a single staff member.

Skinner subsequently became U.S. director of The Climate Group, an international climate change advocacy organization with corporate and government members started in 2004 by former British Prime Minister Tony Blair. Today the U.S. headquarters for ICLEI and The Climate Group are conveniently located a few floors apart in an Oakland, California office building. Both groups are 501(c)(3) tax-exempt public charities.

Despite its humble origins, ICLEI's influence in the U.S. has grown exponentially. Over 400 cities and counties in 48 states (except Hawaii and South Dakota) are ICLEI members. The group is shooting for 1,000 U.S. members three years from now. Just two years ago, ICLEI had a mere 142 members. Its goal is to build a network of mayors, city councils and local politicians committed to the ideal of "sustainability" and, specifically, to promoting compulsory carbon emissions standards.

The group's 13-member national board of directors includes mayors and county executives as well as ICLEI international members. They include the mayors of Albuquerque, Anchorage, Sacramento and North Little Rock; the county executives of Westchester, N.Y. and Washington's King County (Seattle), and the clerk of Miami-Dade County.

## **How Cities Use ICLEI's Resources**

When cities join the ICLEI flagship program, the Cities for Climate Protection Campaign® (CCP), they get help in creating climate change policies for their own communities. ICLEI asks its members to adopt a formal resolution within the first six months of joining to "affirm your community's commitment to climate protection work." Payment of a sliding-scale fee (based on population) enables ICLEI to give its member cities a range of useful services. They include:

Software products and associated training to assist with the quantification of greenhouse gas reductions and other benefits of climate protection planning.

Access to a professional network of peers through listservs, newsletters, conferences, and workshops.

Toolkits, online resources, case studies, fact sheets, policy and practice manuals, and guides on approaches that other local governments have successfully used to reduce greenhouse gases.

Training workshops for staff and elected officials on how to develop and implement effective long-term emission reduction strategies.

Technical assistance in designing and implementing actions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Notification of relevant grant opportunities. Assistance in publicizing local climate protection successes.

Outsourcing the details of policy work to ICLEI lets member cities and counties effectively and quickly enact climate policies. As for a city's overall climate goals, ICLEI specifies "Five Milestones for Climate Protection" that its member localities must implement:

- Conduct a baseline emissions inventory and forecast
- Adopt an emissions reduction target Develop a Local Climate Action Plan
- Implement policies and measuring, monitor, and verify results

This is a tall order, but ICLEI is available every step of the way to offer cities suggestions on how they can reduce their carbon emissions. ICLEI software technology is a major tool that allows cities to measure local carbon emissions, estimate and then track the benefits of emission reduction, and formulate comprehensive local climate action plans. ICLEI encourages cities to compare their carbon reduction strategies and learn from each others' policies. But cities are not the only entities using ICLEI tools. Air quality agencies, universities, consulting firms, other state agencies, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) also make use of ICLEI's emission analysis tools. What happens next? One ICLEI program called Green Fleets shows cities how to "green" their police, fire and municipal vehicle fleets, encouraging city authorities to use fuel efficient and hybrid vehicles, as well as those powered by natural gas. Greenfleets.org gives city officials a blueprint for action, provides sample ordinances and step-by-step scenarios on how to draft a "greenfleet" resolution or executive order.

Another ICLEI program, Green Power Governments, suggests model city legislation to reward green technology, specifically solar and wind power. For instance, thanks to ICLEI, the city of Boulder, Colorado enacted an ordinance "to protect the potential to use solar energy." The law guarantees homeowners and businesses access to sunlight by establishing a hypothetical "solar fence" that limits the amount of shade cast by new construction sites. ICLEI has other programs that go beyond limiting carbon emissions. At heart, its Cities for Climate Protection Campaign (CCP) is just that—a campaign. That means the group finds funding sources, creates media opportunities and develops broad-scale policy goals to "push the boundaries of traditional leadership in the U.S. and achieve stronger, accelerated movement toward sustainability goals through measured performance and tangible results."

## **Tax Dollars and Foundation Grants for ICLEI Programs**

Several years ago, ICLEI embarked on an aggressive expansion strategy. Since 2005, it has opened five regional headquarters in Boston, Chicago, Houston, Denver and Seattle, in addition to its national headquarters in Oakland, which employs a staff of 35. A sixth office is planned for the Southeast late in 2008. The Seattle office, opened in 2006, has been particularly successful, tripling in a year's time the number of membership cities in the Pacific Northwest.

ICLEI can increase its regional headquarters and the scope of their operations because it is well-funded. The group flourishes on a healthy mix of revenue sources, including foundation contributions, program revenues, municipal membership fees, and taxpayer support.

For years, the EPA has generously supported ICLEI programs. The federal government agency not only underwrites the organization's operational costs, but it also serves as a source of funding for local governments that want ICLEI to help "green" their cities. Over the past 11 years, ICLEI has received between \$250,000 and \$1,500,000 annually in EPA grants to fund its CCP Campaign and emissions analysis software. In 2006, it reported \$904,000 in government grants (out of \$3.3 million in total revenue) on its IRS 990 tax form, the most recent available.

The federal National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) gives ICLEI grants for its Climate Safe Cities program. This program trains city officials to develop emergency prepared-

ness plans to deal with the possibility that global warming will cause rising sea levels, storm surges, and 100-year flood cycles. The ICLEI program is also supposed to train the media on how to provide press coverage explaining these events.

Likewise, EPA funds ICLEI's Urban Heat Island Mitigation, a program that shows cities how to use research on cool paving materials. The EPA grant helps ICLEI develop fact sheets and model city legislation. In addition, ICLEI helps mayors and city councils apply for other EPA grants programs like Clean Schools, Clean Cities and Clean Diesel.

Liberal and environmentalist groups also subsidize ICLEI operations. In 1997, George Soros's Open Society gave ICLEI a \$2,147,415 grant to support its Local Agenda 21 Project, also sometimes known as Communities 21. These are ICLEI-funded city projects that promote "sustainability." They draw their inspiration from the Rio Earth Summit, the 1992 United Nations environment conference held in Brazil. Communities that adopt Agenda 21 projects get ICLEI's help in creating "sustainability inventories" and they pass resolutions affirming that they will pursue the "three E's" of sustainable development: environment, economy, and equality. Of course, ICLEI's definition of "sustainable development" comes from the U.N. and liberal groups such as the Sierra Club, Center for American Progress, Natural Resources Defense Council, and The Climate Group.

More recently, ICLEI has received major contributions from the left-leaning Rockefeller Brothers Fund, (\$650,000 in March 2008, \$525,000 in 2006), the Surdna Foundation (\$200,000 in 2006), the Kendall Foundation (\$150,000 in 2007) and the Richard and Rhoda Goldman Foundation (\$100,000 in 2007). ICLEI also got \$500,000 in 2006 from the Kendeda Sustainability Fund, a donor-advised fund administered by the leftist Tides Foundation, to support its Mayors for Climate Protection Initiative.

ICLEI seeks foundation grants for regional projects. Chicago's Joyce Foundation gave ICLEI \$200,000 in 2004 "to convene municipal officials from U.S. and Canadian cities around the Great Lakes in a series of meetings to develop climate policy responses for towns and cities." The grant (along with a \$125,000 grant from the Argosy Foundation) paved the way for the ICLEI Midwest regional headquarters, which opened in Chicago in 2007. ICLEI also received \$299,000 from the New York Community Trust, which allowed the Big Apple to become the largest city in the world to conduct its own carbon emissions inventory.

Currently, ICLEI wants to establish a global standard for emissions accounting. It is developing cutting-edge internet-based software to allow users to calculate, track, and conduct comparative analysis of greenhouse gas emissions. The William J. Clinton Foundation and Microsoft Corp. are partnering with ICLEI on this new initiative. The global ICLEI network and a group called C40, comprised of the world's largest cities on the carbon-reduction bandwagon, will have no-cost access to the program.

## Targeting Politicians

ICLEI is well liked by mayors and city council members because it shows them how to promote climate change initiatives and then does their work for them. (The Center for Climate Strategies, profiled by Christopher C. Horner in the April 2008 Organization Trends, pushes state-level global warming policies and is similarly beloved by many governors including Minnesota Gov. Tim Pawlenty). New York City mayor Michael Bloomberg has called ICLEI's leadership "invaluable" because its "expert technical assistance was instrumental in helping us to complete our first-ever



greenhouse gas inventory last year.” Susan Rainey, mayor of Walnut Creek, California, a Bay-area city of about 65,000, said this about ICLEI:

ICLEI’s five-milestone process makes sense and yields results. That’s what sold the Walnut Creek City Council on ICLEI. ICLEI staff is knowledgeable, accessible and invaluable in organizing our coordinated local effort. ICLEI provides training and technical assistance to city staff, identifies best practices and meets with regional air quality, utility, solid waste, and transportation agencies to generate baseline emissions inventories that are both useful and defensible. Thank you ICLEI! Local governments gratefully outsource their work to ICLEI, which even offers hiring advice. The group recommends that cities hire a “sustainability manager” to coordinate an inter-departmental green team representing city administrative, public works, environment, facilities, budget, economic development, planning, social services, and parks agencies “to share ideas about how to improve internal operations to make them more consistent with environmentally sound practices.”

Will a green czar strong-arm city departments into adopting green goals? Will mayors with environmental stars in their eyes set up “visioning” committees to tell city agencies what to do? ICLEI’s broad-brush approach shows just how eager it is to shape the urban agenda and how eagerly local politicians seek it out. The Seattle Greenhawk and his “Emerald” City’ Seattle Mayor Greg Nickels is perhaps the best example of a city official who has bought into the ICLEI vision of “sustainability.” His public outreach campaign, called Seattle Climate Action NOW! proposes job creation for a green economy, clean renewable energy, improved public transit and reduced car usage, and ways the city can help citizens and employers conserve natural resources, reduce waste and build energy-efficient homes and offices. The city makes use of ICLEI services, including the Green Fleets initiative for city vehicles. It uses ICLEI emissions calculators to help local businesses cut their carbon emissions. Seattle city government conducts technical assistance workshops for local employers, offers networking services, and provides a recognition program for companies that adopt a carbon-cutting program.

Nickels’ plan to decrease Seattle’s “carbon footprint” calls on city residents to make changes to how they live—and to pay for those changes. Among U.S. cities, Seattle spends the most per capita on waste management. Mayor Nickels recently proposed a 20-cent “green tax” on paper and plastic shopping bags used by food and drug stores. According to Seattle Public Utilities, the tax would generate nearly \$10 million annually for the city. The city would use \$2 million to fund a switch to reusable bags, which it would give away at no cost to families with fixed or low incomes. The other \$8 million would fund more recycling, waste management, and environmental education.

The measure, approved by the city council on July 29, takes effect on January 1, 2009, along with a ban on foam containers.

Seattle also sponsors “Green Power options” for city residents. A campaign encourages utility ratepayers to pay a little more each month on their electric bill—a “green” premium—to allow the city to fund (“invest in”) solar power pilot projects.

How much does all this cost Seattle? Forbes magazine, which ranked Seattle the #2 “Cleanest City” in 2008 (after Miami) also ranked it the “Most Overpriced City” in 2004 and 2005. In 2008 Forbes called Seattle “America’s Most Increasingly Unaffordable City.” The city currently battles the highest inflation rate –5.8%– in the U.S.

Nickels is a vocal advocate for local green action. When 141 countries ratified the Kyoto Protocol in February 2005, he launched a campaign to have at least 141 cities sign a U.S. Conference of Mayors' "Climate Protection Agreement." To date, the agreement has been signed by 850 mayors representing nearly 80 million constituents. It calls for cities to meet or beat the Kyoto Protocol's carbon emission reduction goals: To cut carbon emissions 7% from 1990 levels before 2012. The mayors further promise to urge state and federal legislators to enact a carbon emissions cap-and-trade system to cut greenhouse gases.

To heighten media exposure, ICLEI sponsors a recognition program for mayors who sign the agreement. A "Cool Mayors" website spotlights mayors who do "whatever it takes to bring about climate protection, piece by piece, solution by solution." The Sierra Club similarly promotes cities that sign its "Cool Cities" agreement. Using the media, it provides "showcase solutions" to implement at the state level and nationwide. Both Cool Mayors and Cool Cities propel local politicians into the national debate on climate change.

Community "summit meetings" are another way ICLEI furthers its mission. In 2007, ICLEI co-hosted a Sundance Summit on global warming (with actor Robert Redford at his Utah ranch, Sundance Preserve) and a Texas Mayors Climate Summit, targeting a state heavily involved in fossil fuel production. Later that year, ICLEI opened a Houston-based regional headquarters.

## **ICLEI's Global Strategy**

While U.S. regional offices contribute money and services to local governments, ICLEI also pushes for international climate change policies. Since 1998, the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) has supported ICLEI's global programs. That year, the agency gave it a \$16,141 grant, but USAID funding has greatly increased since then. The agency gave ICLEI grants of \$746,526 in 2004 and \$1,361,197 in 2005 for its international programs for cities. ICLEI handed out \$287,600 in 2005 to cities in South Africa and Mexico to support their local CCP campaigns.

All this funding has raised the organization's international profile. With offices and secretariats on six continents and an International Training Center in Freiburg, Germany, ICLEI enjoys worldwide access. Nearly 20,000 local government authorities have participated in training seminars, and over 900 cities are active members of the CCP campaign. A six-year Strategic Plan envisions 10,000 local governments enrolled in the Local Agenda 21 initiative and participating in its eco-Budget® system for tracking "sustainability factors."

What's next? Well, there's the Green Jobs Pledge, begun in May 2008, in which mayors promise to promote a green private sector economy. Says an enthusiastic Olympia, Washington mayor Mark Foutch.

"We are pleased to reach our fifth milestone toward emission reductions this year! ICLEI coached us through the process of measuring our emissions and this has helped us put sustainability into action. Our crowning achievement this year is that city operations will have emissions below 1990 levels. Now that we have proven we can do it we can go out to our community with confidence to ask them to do the same."

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## **But ICLEI is Not the Only One!**

Activists seeking to cut community ties with ICLEI should keep in mind that their community doesn't have to be a member of ICLEI to be affected by Agenda 21/ICLEI policies. Around the nation ICLEI partners with other, established organizations, like the American Planning Association (APA), and the International City/County Management Association (ICMA), and the Renaissance Planning Group, to name a very few.

These groups and hundreds like them work hand in hand with groups like the U.S. Conference of Mayors, the National Governors Association, the National League of Cities, the National Association of County Administrators, and more that locally-elected officials probably belong to. It is now being discovered that, while ICLEI is a convenient target because of its obvious ties to the UN, the American Planning Association may be the more dangerous player in the game. That's because the APA is in literally every city. Trusted as a legitimate, non-controversial, established organization with nothing to tie it to an international UN conspiracy – or so we are told. In reality, the policies APA advocates for its member communities are directly tied to Agenda 21. In 2011, the APA issued its latest planning guide, shipped to nearly every community in the nation. A quick look through it finds references to social justice; smart growth; stopping “urban sprawl; promotion of “affordable” housing (a euphemism for mixing low income, government housing into wealthier neighborhoods); combating climate change; energy preservation; and provisions for child care – all out of the social justice plank of Agenda 21.

### **The American Planning Association**

The American Planning Association (APA) is one of the largest planning groups in the United State, with chapters in at least 47 states and 100,000 members and over 16,000 certified planners operating in nearly every American city.

From its early urban planning roots, the APA transformed itself into one of the nation's leading proponents of Smart Growth and Sustainable Development. HUD and other federal agencies paid the APA to create the, “Growing Smart Legislative Guidebook.” is a massive 1500 page compilation of boilerplate legislation and planning practices that operationalizes the principles of United Nations Agenda 21 as implemented through the now disbanded President's Council on Sustainable Development. Today, the APA is one of the main forces in the nation to implement Agenda 21 policies through what it calls “local planning.”

# The American Planning Association and its “Faulty” Handbook

*by Tom DeWeese*

With great fanfare, the American Planning Association (APA) reported results of a recent survey the group conducted, (“Planning America: Perceptions and Priorities”) showing that the anti-Agenda 21 “crowd is slim.” The report stated, only 6% of those surveyed expressed opposition to Agenda 21, while 9% expressed support for Agenda 21, and “the vast majority of respondents (85%) don’t know about Agenda 21.”

Typically, APA is using the survey to formulate the image that opponents to Agenda 21/ Sustainable Development are just a lunatic fringe with no standing and of no consequence in the “real” world. They continue to portray Agenda 21 as simply a 20-year-old idea, and just a suggestion that planners and local governments might consider.

However, a closer look at the full survey, plus some additional APA reports reveal some interesting, and in some cases, astounding facts.

First the survey: It was designed to show support for “Planning.” It has become an obsession with the “planning community” because Agenda 21 and Sustainable Development have become the center of protests by property owners and those who feel government has grown too big and powerful. So the APA has launched a series of efforts to fight back. These include conducting a “boot camp” to train their legions of planners across the nation on how to deal with anti-Agenda 21 protestors.

According to the APA, the findings of the Survey reveal that: Only one-third believe their communities are doing enough to address economic situations; Very few Americans believe that market forces alone (the free market) improve the economy or encourage job growth; 84 % feel that their community is getting worse or staying the same; Community planning is seen as needed by a wide majority of all demographics; and of course, that 85% of Americans just don’t know enough to hold an opinion about Agenda 21.

Those are pretty astounding findings. Looks like these “honest” planners have their fingers on the pulse of the nation. And as the APA constantly reminds us in their materials, “there is no hidden agenda,” (as in Agenda 21). Astounding perhaps, until you look at the actual questions asked in the survey. For example, Finding #4: Community planning is seen as needed by a wide majority of all demographics (79% agree; 9% disagree; and 12% don’t know). Wow!

But here is the actual question that was asked: “Generally, do you agree or disagree that your community could benefit from a community plan as defined above?” The APA definition provided in order to answer the question was this: “Community planning is a process that seeks to engage all members of a community to create more prosperous, convenient, equitable, healthy and attractive places for present and future generations.”

Asking the question in that manner is akin to holding up a picture of Marilyn Monroe along with one of Rosy O’Donnell and asking which one would they want to date. Give me the pretty one please – says 79%. In fact, in some actual planning meetings they do just that – hold up a picture of downtown depicting decaying, dreary buildings verses one of a shining, beautiful utopia, and they literally say, “which one do you want?” If the answer is (of course) the pretty one, then, YES, the community supports planning! Talk about a “dumbed down” process.

Moreover, as the American Planning Association adamantly denies any connection to the United Nations' policy of Agenda 21 and its planning programs, how strange it is then, that the APA's definition of planning is almost identical to the definition used by the U.N. to define sustainable development. Compare: U.N. Definition: "Development that meets the needs of today without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs." The U.N. further defines Agenda 21: "Effective execution of Agenda 21 will require a profound reorientation of all human society, unlike anything the world has ever experienced." Such a forced policy would certainly "engage all members of a community" whether they want to be or not. The U.N. calls it a "redeployment of human resources."

Other than semantics, there is no difference in the APA's and the UN's definitions of planning." The planners' definition uses an interesting term, "equitable." The U.N. also uses such a term in describing Agenda 21 - "Social Equity." And that is translated into another term: "Social Justice." It means "redistribution of wealth." Is that what the "local" planners have in mind for their community development?

It is obvious that the APA is playing word games with its surveys and definitions of planning. No wonder such overwhelming majorities answer in the affirmative to such questions.

And, yes, maybe a lot of Americans don't know what Agenda 21 really is. However, if the APA asked real questions that gave a solid clue as to the planning they actually have in mind, I'm quite sure they would get a much different response - whether the person answering had ever heard of Agenda 21 or not. For example, here are some sample questions that could help the APA take the real pulse of the community - if they wanted to be honest:

Real questions planners should ask:

- How do the citizens feel about planning policy that dictates the size of their yard and forces high-density developments where one practically sits on top of their neighbors? Do they still support such "Planning?"
- How do the citizens feel about planning that enforces the creation of public transportation with a limited number of riders, yet could cost taxpayers so much money that it would be literally cheaper to buy each potential rider a brand new Rolls Royce, even when the chauffeur is thrown in for good measure? Do they still support such "Planning?"
- How do they feel about planning that enforces limits on energy use and forces up energy costs? What if that included forcing residents to replace their appliances with more energy efficient ones to meet "Planning Standards?" Do they still support such "Planning?"
- How do the citizens feel about Planning that forces cars to "share the road" with bicycles and foot traffic, even as Planners narrow the streets, deliberately making it harder to drive? Do they still support such "Planning?"
- How do the citizens feel about Planning that forces tax payers to pay for plug-in stations for electric cars that hardly anyone wants or uses, for the specific purpose of forcing people to buy them? Do they still support such "Planning?"
- How do the citizens feel about Planning that creates non-elected boards, councils and regional governments to enforce their policies, which actually diminish the power of the officials they elected, severely reducing citizen input into policy? Do they still support such "Planning?"

Ask the questions in this manner instead of trying to whitewash them into sounding like innocent, non-intrusive local ideas for community development. Ask the questions so that they reflect the consequences of the plans, and then see if the 85% now are so eager to ignore the effects of Agenda 21.

The reality is that Americans across the nation are now openly protesting such policies as they are being enforced in communities everywhere. They are directly tied to the stated goals of Sustainable Development, the social policy of Agenda 21. That is why a twenty-year-old "suggestion" has become the focal point of attacks on "local" planning.

Planners are shocked that people are opposed to such attacks on their private property and their pocket-books, and they are doing everything possible to label such Americans as "fringe conspiracy theorists." The survey is part of that effort.

In fact, the APA survey follows a barrage of news articles, obviously contrived by the public relations firm hired by APA, to again, paint its image as just a group of honest planners trying to do their jobs while being unjustly attacked by fringe radicals. Such convenient reports have suddenly appeared on the front page of the New York Times, Washington Post, Wisconsin Watch, Mother Jones and the Southern Poverty Law Center, to name a few. It's interesting to note that most of these stories name me as the perpetrator.

As mentioned, the APA has organized a boot camp to train their planners how to combat these nasty protestors. Through its new training, the APA downplays revealing details of the plan, instead, suggesting ways to make their presentations merely "conversations with the community," using empathy, and terms that are non-technical." Obviously APA believes the protestors are just simpleminded and unable to see their wisdom. One shouldn't be so upset over losing control of their property, their business or their farm. There's a higher good at stake here, after all.

And so, to accomplish that task of dumbed down "planning," (and in fact, hiding its real purpose) the APA is going to great lengths to change the words. For example, the APA has issued to its members a "Glossary for the Public" that suggests what words should no longer be used in public meetings when discussing planning, because they make the opposition see "red." So the planners should not use words like collaboration and consensus, or public visioning, or even "Smart Growth."

The glossary provides special language and tactics to be used to defuse protests. "Stay on message," it says. "The following phrases may be useful to help you frame your message in a way that is positive and inclusive, when transitioning to a local example, or to stay on message during public meetings where critics may attempt to distract from the agenda or topic at hand." And here is the language they suggest: "Plans and planning are time-tested ways for communities and neighborhoods to create more options and choices for their residents..." In other words, we've always had planning, so what's the problem?"

Such "public" meetings that the APA is so worried about being disrupted are not public at all. They are "consensus" meetings, run by professional facilitators, trained in psychology to use stealth to direct the audience into a pre-determined direction for a predetermined outcome. Anyone asking questions outside the well-controlled box is labeled a protestor. And yes, we are protesting that! It is not how things are to be done in a free society, especially when your own property is at stake.

Yes, there has been planning throughout the history of America. Many communities have come up with efficient ways to deal with water use and waste disposal, and to assure that factories were not built next door to private homes and so forth. And no one is protesting that!

Our fight is with “planning” that is specifically designed to curtail energy use, drive up costs, control private property and development and building – literally dictating a change in our lives and even changing the very structure of our system of government. The result of such planning is an assault on local residents. Some have been arrested for letting their grass die. Others have been arrested for planting a garden without the proper permits. Others have been arrested for trying to prevent electric companies from installing Smart Meters against their will. This kind of over-reach by government leads to tyranny.

One of the tools the APA uses to enforce planning is through the International Code Council (ICC), an international set of standards based on a one size fits all set of regulations. ICC also develops the International Energy Conservation Code, a model for energy efficiency code. It develops a standard for Accessible and Usable Building Facilities. Each of these codes is aimed at cutting back energy use, controlling private property use, and, in short, enforcing sustainable development. Where was the concept of sustainable development first introduced and perfected as an agenda for development? Oh yes, in Agenda 21. there is no room for discussion, reason or consideration for exceptional local situations. The APA brings these codes and others into the community planning as a pre- packaged deal inflicting the community with (yes) foreign regulations. And yes, dedicated Americans protest that this is not local government or planning, but the enforcement of an international (U.N.) agenda.

We further find similar pre-packaged regulations coming from federal agencies, including the EPA (which openly admits that some of its grant programs are designed to impose Agenda 21) the Forest Service (which admits that its policies on forest conservation are coming from the U.N.’s Brundtland Commission on Global Governance), as well as polices from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and the Department of Transportation, to name a few. And so it goes. Government in the U.S., at all levels, is happily moving forward with such plans, and using the ground troops supplied by the American Planning Association in every community. It’s happening fast, and is all-pervasive. And as people are being run over by such plans, some are trying to slow down the runaway freight train by standing in the tracks and yelling stop! They of course are the ones labeled as fringe nuts.

However, as the APA does everything it can to so label our movement, a shocking new report provides direct evidence that the sustainable polices advocated by APA in the cities – the policy known as Smart Growth – is wrong headed and really pretty dumb. And where does such a report appear? Here’s the real shocker. It was published in the Journal of the American Planning Association in an article entitled “Does Urban Form Really Matter.” It is an analysis of Smart Growth polices in the United Kingdom which shows that the “compact city” controls don’t work. The report states, “The current planning policy strategies for land use and transportation have virtually no impact on the major long-term increases in resource and energy consumption. They will generally tend to increase costs and reduce economic competitiveness.”

It continues: “Claims of compaction will make cities more sustainable have been debated for some time, but they lack conclusive supporting evidence as to the environmental and, particularly, economic and social effects.”

There you have it. Right out of the pages of the APA's own Journal, the very policies that they are forcing on communities across the nation, are wrong. Forcing mass migration into cities where people are to live in high density buildings, or homes on lots so close together that the dog can't squeeze between houses, have no effects on the environment. But as I have stated in articles and speeches across the nation, such "planning" creates an artificial shortage of land, causing housing costs to go up. It doesn't cut down on energy use or protect the environment. It's a useless intrusion in the lives of honest Americans.

And that is exactly why we are protesting Agenda 21. It is wrong. The premise is wrong. The facts as presented by the APA and other planners, are wrong. It is wrong for our nation. Wrong for property owners. Wrong for future generations.

In the 1970s, author Richard Bach, who wrote the classic book, *Jonathan Livingston Seagull*, also wrote a second book entitled, *"Illusions: The Adventures of a Reluctant Messiah."* In the book, a Messiah, forced to come up with answers to the problems of life, consulted the "Messiah's Handbook." All he had to do was open the book and it would miraculously open to the very page containing the answer he sought. He stumbled through his adventures, following the handbook. But finally, in the end, as he consulted it a final time, the page read simply, "Everything in this book may be wrong."

There is only one right approach for a community to come together to discuss and solve common problem: open discussion, honest debates and votes, and above all, a full concentration on the protection of private property rights as the ultimate decider. The American Planning Association needs a new handbook!

## **Here it is... The Smoking Gun**

### **The direct link between Agenda 21 and the APA!**

When the fight started against Agenda 21, those of us working to expose it were largely ignored by the mainstream media and even the established Conservative movement and its media. Too far out there, they said, to be taken seriously.

Then, as more and more Americans began to experience the dire effects of Sustainable Development in their daily lives, suddenly our message began to take hold. Today, thousands of Americans have taken up the fight. And anti-Agenda 21 activists are storming planning meetings, demanding answers. State legislatures and even some county and city governments are passing legislation against it. It seems the Agenda 21 fight is everywhere.

So, now, proponents of the sustainable development policy are alarmed and working feverishly to counter our claims that such controls over local development and energy policy have their roots in international policy. In particular, the claims that these planning policies come from the U.N.'s Agenda 21, introduced to the world at the Earth Summit in Rio in 1992.

Their most often used description of Agenda 21 is an "innocuous, 20 year old document that has no enforcement power." Continuously we hear that local planning programs, especially from such groups like the American Planning Association (APA) have no connection to Agenda 21 or the U.N. It's all-local – or as the APA says in its document, *Glossary for the Public*, "There is no hidden agenda." In its "Agenda 21: Myths and Facts" document found on the APA website, the group goes to extreme measures to distance itself and its policies from Agenda 21, specifically



saying "The American Planning Association has no affiliation regarding any policy goals and recommendations of the U.N."

Well, then it would be interesting to hear the APA explain this information found in one of its own documents from 1994. The document was an APA newsletter to its members in the Northern California (San Francisco Area). The article was a commentary entitled "How Sustainable is Out Planning, by Robert Odland. It was written just two years after the U.N. Earth Summit at which Agenda 21 was first introduced to the world.

The fifth paragraph of the article says, "Vice President Gore's book, *Earth in the Balance* addressed many of the general issues of sustainability. Within the past year, the President's Council on Sustainable Development has been organized to develop recommendations for incorporating sustainability into the federal government. Also, various groups have been formed to implement Agenda 21, a comprehensive blueprint for sustainable development that was adopted at the recent UNCED conference in Rio de Janeiro" (the "Earth Summit").

In that one paragraph, this document brings together the APA, Agenda 21, the UN's Earth Summit, Al Gore, Sustainable Development, the President's Council on Sustainable Development, NGO groups with the mission of implementing Agenda 21 and the description of Agenda 21 as a "comprehensive Blueprint" for sustainable planning. It sounds like it came verbatim from one of my speeches!

A couple of paragraphs higher in the article, it says, "A common misconception is that sustainability is synonymous with self-sufficiency; on the contrary, sustainability must recognize the interconnections between different levels of societal structure." That "societal structure" is "social justice," as described in Agenda 21. A visit to the [PlannersNetwork.org](http://PlannersNetwork.org), which the APA is a member, will find in its Statement of Principles this quote: "We believe planning should be a tool for allocating resources...and eliminating the great inequalities of wealth and power in our society ... because the free market has proven incapable of doing this."

The United Nations blatantly advocates that capitalism and private property rights are not sustainable and pose the single greatest threat to the world's ecosystem and social equity. And, while sometimes using different words, the APA is helping communities across the nation enforce these ideas, while swearing it is all a local idea, designed from local input.

As George Orwell masterfully put it in his epic novel "Animal Farm," it's become difficult to see the difference between the pigs and the farmers – or the APA and the U.N.

Sustainable development is not implemented in the open, as the APA claims, but in back rooms filled with the proper NGO organizations, which surround your elected officials and pressures their actions. In that way it is changing our American society and form of government, making government more powerful and more invasive in our daily lives. Sustainability is anti free enterprise, anti private property, and anti individual – and that's why we oppose it.

## V. How Agenda 21/Sustainable Development Becomes Local Policy that Steals Your Property Rights

The United Nations Agenda 21/ Sustainable Development program came directly to the U.S. through the 1993 President's Council on Sustainable Development (PCSD). Take a look at who served on that Council and you will see many of the same NGOs that helped write Agenda 21

for the UN. They include Jonathon Lash of the World Resources Institute. Also on the President's Council were John Sawhill of the Nature Conservancy and Jay Hair of the National Wildlife Federation and Michele Perrault, international Vice President of the Sierra Club. All were players in the creation of Agenda 21 and are now openly serving on the President's Council with the specific mission of implementing Agenda 21 into American policy.

- From there, the PCSD imposed Agenda 21 policies on 11 federal agencies including the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Today all agencies are included.
- Using PCSD guidelines, agencies wrote the Agenda 21 principles into the rules and regulations they issued to citizens, state and local governments.
- Many states' environmental departments echo the same Agenda 21 federal regulations in their own policies. That's because, through a series of regulations, Executive Orders and grant programs on the federal level, written by the same NGO's who wrote Agenda 21 at the International level, the policy filtered down into state governments which, with NGO pressure, passed regulations telling local communities that they must impose comprehensive development plans.
- Local planning boards use the Agenda 21-influenced federal and state regulations as templates for creating development plans that often reduce private property rights.
- It is important to understand that federal regulations have the force of government. Though they bypass Congress, you can be severely penalized for breaking them. Once issued, all Americans, states and local governments must abide by federal regulations. It is partially through these regulations that citizens are losing rights over their property as the government increasingly dictates what you can or cannot do with your own land.
- For example, imagine you purchased an automobile, but the seller mandated where you could drive, how many miles per day the vehicle could be driven and regulated specific days you were not allowed to drive the car. Further, let us imagine the seller has the right to change the driving rules when they deem it necessary for the common good. While in a legal sense you own the car, in fact, your ownership is subservient to the will of the seller and you have few advantages of ownership.

Once planners enforce severe land use restrictions on private property, the owners effectively lose their rights of ownership. This is what is happening to private property in Santa Cruz, CA, Dade County, FL, Chattanooga, TN, Plymouth Rock, MA, Hanover Twp., NJ and hundreds of communities across the U.S.

In addition, many federal grants, such as the EPA's Sustainable Development Challenge Grant and HUD's Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant programs appear innocent on the surface, but contain Agenda 21 imposing stipulations that limit local officials' authority and citizens' planning choices. Again, this leads to the reduction of property rights.

Once a local planning board approves plans or ordinances containing Agenda 21 elements, whether via federal regulations or grant stipulations, local authorities are generally powerless to alter or rescind them.

Today, the PCSD has disbanded, but Agenda 21/Sustainable Development now exists in every federal agency and dictates regulatory control over every state and county in the U.S. Citizens across the country are losing their property rights to federally instigated programs like Smart Growth, open spaces, sustainable development, walkable communities and dozens of policies such as the "tree drip line" ordinances.

# **CHAPTER 15**

## **Private Property Ownership – the First American Right To Die Under Barack Obama’s Tyranny**

*By Tom DeWeese*

“Imagine no possessions, I wonder if you can...” John Lennon wrote these words for a fantasy song to glorify his understanding of the road to peace. John may not have understood the true origins of his thoughts, but we know it as Communism. Barack Obama knows that too and is determined to make sure you understand the consequences of “no possessions.” In government-speak it’s called the Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Rule.” (AFFH) Once it becomes a reality you will be able to fully appreciate John’s statement – imagine no possessions.” For if AFFH is allowed to stand, the concept of private property is about to die in America.

The Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Rule is federal enforcement of Sustainable Development Smart Growth Cities. Until now there was at least a pretense that Smart Growth development was a local process. That, of course, is what the American Planning Association (APA), Non-governmental Organizations (NGOs) and your city council have assured citizens. Now, through the revelation of AFFH, it is clear that such development is a top-down dictatorship, overseen by the department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Announced July 16, 2015 by HUD Secretary Julian Castro, the excuse for the 377 page ruling is to promote and assure discrimination and achieve balanced and integrated living patterns for all citizens. To achieve that goal, AFFH is specifically designed to move people out of rural areas into mega cities and tightly control who may stay in reduced suburbs. Exactly as we’ve been warning about Smart Growth policy.

To achieve its goals, AFFH requires agencies and communities that apply for HUD grants to detail income levels, religion, color, and national origin of every single person living in every neighborhood of the community. They will then determine any imbalances and, if necessary, force a massive shift of people into such neighborhoods to achieve the desired balance. This is nothing less than social engineering!

Worse, the AFFH rule will effectively eliminate local government rule over development. Where once there was at least the pretense of local communities making their own decisions and could spend the HUD grants as they determined best for their communities, now, under AFFH, HUD will control those decisions to its satisfaction. And the local governments will be forced to comply. The result is the destruction of local representative rule. Communities must supply updates to HUD on the break down of its communities every five years to check on and assure progress.

So what does this mean to average American citizens - in plain English? It means the destruction of neighborhoods, loss of control of their own property and loss of property values. If government funded high rise apartment buildings are forced into neighborhoods of single family homes, the value of the properties will fall. It’s possible that, should a neighborhood find itself in a shortage of residents representing certain ethnic backgrounds or income levels, then a homeowner trying to sell their home may find they can only sell to someone representing that imbalance. Imagine the affect that will have on the already depressed real estate market.

For those who live in ethnic neighborhoods of their own choosing, being close to family and friends that share traditions and outlooks, it means being forced into neighborhoods where they are not wanted and where they do not want to be. It means a loss of freedom of choice and loss of the right to be secure in their home. In this day of constant accusations of racism for nearly every act, does no one see the irony of the built-in racism in a regulation that assumes those of certain ethnic origin or economic level are oppressed and unhappy simply because they live in a different kind of environment from that of the enforcers? What could make them feel more lost and hopeless than to be forced into living in government controlled housing in a neighborhood where they are shunned and resented?

This past September the United Nations made a big deal out of its new 2030 Agenda as it vows to eliminate poverty by 2030. Of course the only remedy to poverty offered in any UN policy is redistribution of wealth. That means taking from those who created their wealth (wealth translates to whatever amount you may have in your pocket or bank account at the time) and give a portion to someone who has failed to create their own wealth. However, the missing ingredient in these so-called solutions is a plan to actually help people build their own wealth. Take just a small amount today to feed someone in need and tomorrow they will need more. Again and again and again.

Taking from a producer time and again will cause two results. First, the producer eventually loses their wealth. If government takes enough then the person who once had wealth will have none and will in fact need assistances themselves. Result = more poor, not less. Second, the producer will finally learn that it is a waste of time to keep trying to produce and will stop producing. Result = again, more poor, fewer opportunities. No solution to get people out of the poverty cycle. Moving them into your neighborhood will not stop poverty. It will make you poorer as your property values decrease.

The fact is, America became the wealthiest nation on earth in a very short time precisely because of the ability of every American to own and control their own property. Ownership produces equity – that is a process to build wealth. 60% of small businesses in America were financed by the equity in the owner's private property. And eventually 60% of Americans were employed by companies that were financed in that manner. Private property ownership is the path to building wealth and eliminating poverty.

However there is no mention of such a plan in the UN's Agenda 2030. Instead we see quotes like this one from the National Audubon Society's Peter Berle: "We reject the idea of private property." Those promoting these policies tell us that private property ownership is a social injustice because not everyone owns private property. So, they plan to make it impossible for anyone to own property – just to keep us all equal.

Professor Paul Ehrlich of Stanford University explained the goal best when he said, "A massive campaign must be launched to de-develop the United States. De-development means bringing our economic system into line with the realities of ecology and the world resource situation." Ehrlich, by the way, is the father of the discredited population explosion theory that drives much of today's environmental movement.

As a result of current Smart Growth policies, federal subsidized low income housing is taking the place of single family homes, thus eliminating the ability of low income Americans to buy their own property and achieve their own wealth – what was once called the American Dream.

According to Builderonline.com, which reports on trends in the building industry, homebuilders are no longer planning to build starter homes for young families or low income buyers. They only plan to build single family homes for the rich and federally subsidized apartment buildings for the rest of us. Why? Because the housing industry is being taken over by the federal government through plans such as AFFH. It is setting the standard for the future of housing.

In cities around the nation, such as Portland, Oregon, Boston, Massachusetts and Seattle, Washington, their Smart Growth plans are forcing them to end the availability of single family homes. In July, 2015, Seattle mayor Ed Murray and the City Council called on community leaders to develop a Housing Affordability and Living Agenda for the city. One of the main recommendations was to get rid of single family homes. Smart Growth forces an artificial line around the city outside of which no growth may take place. As the population grows, density grows. Eventually the city has no where to grow but up – into pack and stack high-rise apartment buildings. That is what has happened to Seattle. Now home owners will begin to see Eminent Domain used to take their single family home and replace it with the high-rises. It is the end of private property in Seattle.

One of the great outrages coming from the enforcement of such policy is the National Association of Realtors (NAR). This is the national organization that has set itself up as the champion of private property ownership and the idea that home ownership is the root of the American Dream. Yet, the NAR has sold its soul for a few grants and it is now a major promoter of Smart Growth policy. Every realtor in the nation should rise up against the NAR and threaten to leave it if it doesn't stop promoting Smart Growth policy. If realtors continue to be cowed by the NAR they will soon wake up to learn they will have no product (homes) to sell. The future of every realtor in the nation is at stake. They could and should be a powerful voice in stopping this destruction of property rights. But today they remain silent and ignorant of their own organization's actions, to their own peril and that of every homeowner in the nation. The NAR and its member realtors take a walk of shame everyday that they let this outrage go forward.

However, some members of Congress are trying to stop AFFH. Representative Paul Gosar of Arizona introduced a bill in July to ban funding for AFFH. His bill passed the House 229 – 193. Then Senator Mike Lee of Utah introduced the "Local Zoning Decisions Protection Act (S.1909). His bill has six co-sponsors including Presidential candidate Marco Rubio. The plan was to get both bills passed in their respective houses, then merge them together in a conference committee and add the final version to the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations bill (THUD). That bill was considered to be "must-pass" legislation making it more likely that Obama would have to sign it or see HUD shut down.

Unfortunately the plan didn't work. House Speaker Ryan and Senate Majority Leader McConnell once again betrayed efforts to reign in the Obama juggernaut by eliminating the language from the massive trillion dollar omnibus spending bill passed in December. In fact, the final spending bill actually increased HUD's budget by \$2.6 billion, assuring it has plenty to enforce AFFH.

However, in a conversation I had with Lee's legislative director, he assured me that S.1909 is still alive and that the Senator is determined to stop AFFH. It is vital that Americans who see the danger in AFFH take action now to stop it. We must flood Capitol Hill with calls supporting S.1909 and express our strong opposition to AFFH.

The American Policy Center has also prepared a petition addressed to Senator Lee to encourage him to continue the fight. With thousands of signatures he can use the petition to show other

members of the Senate that he has strong support for S.1909. Readers can sign the petition [here](#). If American private property rights are to be saved then we must stop AFFH!

Clearly HUD's plan to enforce the Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Rule is a major tool for killing private property and de-developing the United States. It is the enforcement of social justice. It is pure social engineering designed to reorganize human society, just as was promised with Agenda 21.

The one growth industry coming from Agenda 21, the 2030 Agenda, and the AFFH rule is government. It is getting bigger with each new rule and grant. The obvious result of such massive growth is corruption at all levels of government. When people have no say in how their lives are being engineered government rushes in to fill the void and dictate the rules. It's a pretty hopeless feeling to stand alone against such a behemoth.

For twenty years the warnings have been issued. We warned that Agenda 21 is the reorganization of human society. That local planning is the enforcement of Agenda 21. That Smart Growth will force people off their land and into cities of stack and pack high-rise tombs. That Sustainable Development will control your food and water; transportation choices; family size. And that shortages and misery are your future.

We warned that our American form of representative government will be replaced by non-elected regional councils and dictated to by a central government. That Free Enterprise will be replaced with fascist-style public private partnerships as international corporations will use their influence with government to stomp out mom and pop stores; government agents will join in group hugs with Non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and corporate presidents as they carve up the goods of our once free society.

I've delivered all of these warnings for more than 20 years. And frankly I'm weary of it. I've been laughed at by elected officials and ignored by national news shows. I've been called a conspiracy theorist and a liar. As we tried to warn Americans of these dire consequences, they have been easily diverted and maneuvered with the chosen issue of the day; totally engrossed in a presidential election that is a year away; sniping at who said what; who offended whom... Meanwhile, the real issue of the complete destruction of our society, our values and our way of life are ALL encompassed in Agenda 21. And it moves forward almost unabated, as Americans would rather think about something else.

Well America, get ready to receive your due! Barack Obama has just nationalized your home. Along with that, he has put your local government in chains and he and his central government will now make the rules in your local community. If you do nothing now then it won't matter whom you elect to city council or county commission. It won't matter how loud you scream. Imagine no possessions. I wonder if you can! Ignore this warning to take action today or you're going to learn.

# CHAPTER 16

## How to Stop Agenda 21

### Fast new way to describe Agenda 21

Explaining Agenda 21 to the average citizen is a daunting task. It is a vast, all encompassing system of policies, created through a complex economic and social philosophy that must first be understood before being able to make the connections between the United Nations and local government regulations.

Most anti-Agenda 21 activists attempt to convert their neighbors by pinning them down and trying to indoctrinate them with hours and hours of mind-numbing details. Eyes roll back in their head, glaze over, and the basic result is that the well-meaning, concerned activists loses his invitation to the neighborhood Christmas party, but makes no progress in brining new people to the cause.

Perhaps a different approach would be more effective; one that takes only a matter of minutes to explain; one that might get the neighbor's attention and inspire them to seek more information on their own.

For example, you are talking to your neighbor about some new regulations that have come out of the local county government that affects yours and your neighbor's property. Perhaps it deals with the environment. Perhaps it involves new strict policies on energy use, such as forcing you to buy new windows, install a new roof, or even replacing all of your appliances with the new energy efficient models. It is going to cost you and your neighbor thousands of dollars to comply. He is concerned and wonders why the county has done this.

Now, you could start with a full explanation of the U.N.'s Earth Summit where an agenda of top-down inter national control of all property, energy use, water use, planned development, mandatory stake and pack high rises, attacks on the entire free enterprise system, and destruction of our representative form of government are the targets. You would be right. I tell all of that in every one of my speeches around the nation. But people voluntarily come to hear my speeches. Your neighbor didn't. Nor does he have your knowledge or passion for the principles of free enterprise and the wisdom of our Founding Fathers.

So, instead of the full course on economics and philosophy that you want to pound into his head – try this approach. Casually say:

Some think that the planet is in danger of global warming and over consumption. They really believe that the only way to fix the problem is to control the flow of resources and wealth, which literally means changing human civilization and the way we live.

The problem with this forced transformation of our society is that it necessarily leads to a thirst for power by some and top-down control of government, and that can eventually lead to tyranny.

And you are seeing some of that very thinking in these new regulations that our local government has just handed down on us. Perhaps we should go down to the next Council meeting and see what we can find out.

In this manner, you have completely explained the basis for Agenda 21 without even mentioning it. You have opened the door to his next question – “What do you mean.” If he wants to know more then he has opened that discussion to learn. And you have recruited him to join you at a government meeting to “find out” what is behind these new regulations that directly affect him. You’re on your way!

## **NEW TACTICS TO FIGHT BACK**

### **Using Defense of Private Property Rights**

Over the past couple of years, as we’ve educated people on Agenda 21 and its UN origins, the natural reaction by concerned citizens and activists has been to rush into city hall and accuse their elected representatives of implementing international policies on the town. This has, of course, been met with skepticism and ridicule on the part of some of the elected officials (egged on by the NGO stakeholder groups and planning organizations). Today, the promoters of Agenda 21, including ICLEI and the American Planning Association (APA) have worked overtime to paint our movement as crazed conspiracy theorists wearing tin foil hats and hearing voices. So, it’s time to change tactics.

### **How to fight back against sustainable development**

To begin the effort to fight back against sustainable development it is vital to first understand the massive structure you are facing. You need to know who the players are and you need to understand the political world your officials are operating in. This may help you to understand that perhaps they aren’t all evil globalists, but good people who are surrounded by powers that won’t let them see the reality of the policies they are helping to implement.

I am certainly not making excuses for them, but before you rush in and start yelling about their enforcing U.N. policies on the community, here are some things you should consider. In most communities, your mayor, city council members, and county commissioners are automatically members of national organizations like the National Conference of Mayors, National League of Cities, and other national associations for city council members, and the same for commissioners.

Those in the state government also have the National Governors Association and state legislators have their national organization. For the past twenty years or more, each and every one of these national organizations has been promoting Sustainable Development and related policies. The National Mayors Conference and the National Governors Association have been leaders in this agenda, many times working directly with U.N. organizations to promote the policy. That is the message your local elected leaders hear; from the podium; from fellow officials from other communities; from “experts” they’ve been told to respect; in committee meetings; from dinner speakers; from literature they are given at such meetings. They are told of legislation that will be soon be implemented, and they are even provided sample legislation to introduce in their communities.

Back home, they are surrounded by a horde of self-appointed “stakeholder” groups, each promoting a piece of the agenda, be it policies for water control, energy control, development control, specific building materials control, historic preservation and control of “downtown” development, conservation easements and development rights for control of rural property. These groups like ICLEI, the American Planning Association, the Renaissance Planning Group, and



hundreds more, are heavily involved with state and federal plans. They arrive in your community with blue prints, state and federal plans, grants and lots of contacts in high places. There are official state and federal programs for “going green,” Comprehensive land use plans, and lots of programs for the kids in the classrooms.

There is also a second horde involved in the Sustainablist invasion – state and federal agency officials including EPA agents; air and water quality agents; Interior Department officials, HUD officials, energy officials, Commerce Department officials, and on and on – all targeting your locally elected officials with policy, money, regulations, reports, special planning boards, meetings, and conferences, all promoting the exact same agenda.

And don't forget the news media, both locally and nationally, also promoting the Sustainablist agenda, attacking anyone not going along, ready to quickly use the “extremist” label against them. The message is clear. Sustainable development is reality; it is politically correct, necessary, unquestionable, and it has “consensus.”

Is your head spinning yet? Think of the affect all of this has on a poor local official who just thought he would run for office and serve his community. This is his reality. This is what he thinks government is supposed to be because, after all, everyone he is dealing with says so. Now, as he is surrounded by all of these important, powerful folks, along comes a local citizen who tells him that some guy named Tom DeWeese says all of these programs are from the U.N. and are taking away our liberty. “Who? He said what? Come on, I'm not doing that. And I don't have time to talk about it. I have another meeting to go to.”

If we are going to successfully fight Agenda 21, it is vitally important that we all recognize this reality as we plan to deal with it and defeat it. With that in mind, I offer the following ideas.

## **Don't Fight Alone!!!**

First and foremost, don't try to fight alone. If you try to speak out at local meetings by yourself you will be ignored. You will need others to plan and implement strategy. You have family and friends. Start with them. Ask them to help look into some local policies. Even if they start off skeptical about your concerns, it won't take them long to see the truth. Check out if there is a local tea party or even a local Republican group. Churches are a target of such policies. Alert people at your church and ask them to help fight back. Find people to help you!

The very best people to potentially join up with you are those who may be potential victims of the new policies. Check out who may be direct targets of a new plan and go talk to them to explain. It may be one neighborhood or it could be the whole community. It depends on the new plan. But someone is going to suffer from it; otherwise you wouldn't be opposed to it. Find these victims. They are the most likely to listen.

## **Research:**

Don't even begin to open up a fight until you know certain details. First, who are the players in your community? What privately funded “stakeholder” groups are there? What is their agenda? What other communities have they operated in? What projects? What results? Who are their members in your community? Are they residents or did they come from “out of town?” (That could prove to be valuable information later in the fight). Finding this information may be the hardest of your efforts. They like to operate out of the spotlight. It's not likely that the town will

carry official documentation of whom it is working with. It probably will require that you attend lots of meetings and hearings. Take note of who is there and their role. Do this quietly. Don't announce to the community what you are doing. Don't make yourselves a target. You may have to ask questions and that may raise some eyebrows. But stay out of the way as much as possible. Second, get all the details on the plans your community is working on. Has there already been legislation passed? Most of this information can be found on the town website. Knowing this information will help you put together a plan of action. Once you have it, you can begin to take your fight public.

With the information you have gathered, begin to examine the effect the policies will have on the community and its residents. Again, find who the victims of the legislation or regulation may be. This will be of great value as you confront city council. People understand victim stories – especially if it is them. It is the best way to undermine the process – and help get people to join your cause.

You will find that Conservation Easements have raised taxes as much of the county land is removed from the tax rolls – someone has to make up for the lost revenue and the payment of easements. Are “stakeholder” groups helping to get landowners to sign up for the easements – and if so – do they get any kind of kickbacks? Who are getting the easements? You may find that rich land owners have found a great loophole to cut their own property taxes as the middle class makes up the short fall. This will help bring usually disinterested people to your cause.

Does the community plan call for reduction of energy use? If so, look for calls for energy audits and taxes on energy use. The audits mean that the government has set a goal to reduce energy use. It may follow that government agents are going to come into your home to inspect your energy use. Then they are going to tell you what must be done in your home to cut usage. That will cost you money. Do not fall for the line that it is all-voluntary to help you save money. They haven't gone to this much trouble to be ignored. Regulations are not voluntary.

These are just a couple of examples of what to look for as you do your research. There are many more, including meters on wells to control water use, smart meters to take away your control of your thermostat; non elected boards and councils to control local development and implement smart growth, leading to population growth; Public/Private Partnerships with local and large corporations to “go Green;” creation of open space; pushing back live stock from streams, enforcing sustainable farming methods that restrict energy and water use in farming practices; and much more. It all leads to higher costs and shortages, in the name of environmental protection and conservation and controlling growth (anti-sprawl, they call it).

Your goal is to stop sustainable development in your community. That means a campaign to stop the creation of non-elected regional government councils that are difficult to hold accountable. It means to stop local governments from taking state and federal grants that come with massive strings attached to enforce compliance. And it means you must succeed in removing outsider organizations and Stakeholder groups that are pressuring your elected officials to do their bidding.

### **Civic Action:**

Armed with as much information as you can gather (and armed with the ability to coherently discuss its details) you are ready to take your battle to the public. First, it would be better for you to try to discuss it privately with some of your elected officials, especially if you know them.

Tell them what you have found and explain why you are opposed. First discuss the effects of the policies on the average citizen. Explain why they are bad. Only very slowly should you bring the conversation around to the origin of such policies - Agenda 21 and the U.N. Do not start there. It is important that you build the case to show that these policies are not local, but part of a national and international agenda. If this conversation does not go well (and it probably won't) then you have to take it to the next level - to the public.

Begin a two-fold campaign. First, write a series of letters to the editor for the local newspaper. Make sure that you are not alone. Coordinate your letters with others who will also write letters to back up and support what you have written. These will generate more letters from others, some for your position and other against you. Be prepared to answer those against you as they are probably written by those "Stakeholders" who are implementing the policies in the first place. This may be a useful place for you to use what you have learned about these groups to discredit them.

Second, begin to attend Council meetings and ask questions. The response from the council members will determine your next move. If you are ignored and your questions met with silence or hostility, prepare a news release detailing your questions and the background you have as to why you asked those questions. Pass the news release out to the people at the next meeting as well as the news media. Attend the next meeting and demand answers. Be sure to organize people to come with you. Don't try this alone. If necessary, have demonstrators outside city hall carrying signs or handing out flyers with the name and picture of the officials who won't answer your questions along with the question you asked - including the details you have about the policy.

The point in all of this is to make the issue public. Take away their ability to hide the details from the public. Expose the hoards of outsiders who are dictating policy in your community. Force the people you elected to deal with YOU - not the army of self-appointed "stakeholders" and government officials. Shine a very bright spotlight on the roaches under the rock.

If the newspaper is with you, great, but you will probably find it working with the other side. It may be difficult to get a fair shake in the newspaper or on radio. That's why you deliver your news releases to both the media and the public. Get signs, and flyers in stores if necessary. And keep it up for as long as it takes. Do not stop the public demonstration until you had acquired victory, or at least started a public debate.

To really stir up the local population it is invaluable to organize a door-to-door campaign. Design a flyer that gives graphic detail of what the policy being implemented from local government will do to the community and everyone in it. Tell about the hidden NGO/Stakeholder groups and the money and power they hold over your elected officials. Make the NGOs the target.

The final step is to use the energy you have created to run candidates for office against those who have ignored and fought you. Ultimately, that is the office holders worst nightmare and may be the most effective way to get them to respond and serve their constituents.

Common civic actions needed to organize an effective campaign against Sustainable Development:

- Prepare flyers detailing the issue and distribute them door-to-door.
- Create petitions against the policy and gather signatures at public gatherings like the county

fair, on downtown street corners and door-to-door.

- Issue regular news releases detailing the latest developments in the fight.
- Regularly attend Council and Commission meetings and speak out. Don't let the issue die. Attend all public meetings, planning meetings, especially those that deal with policy. Be prepared to counter professional facilitators who attempt to marginalize you.
- Write regular letters to the editor. Organize a team to write new letters and respond to those who write opposing letters. Keep the debate alive. Defend your fellow activists.
- Use Social Media to get the story out. Record video messages to tell your side. Video record public meetings and post it.
- Expose the NGOs and Stakeholder groups: where have they operated before; who funds them; who is on their board; where are they headquartered if not local.
- Create bumper stickers, yard signs, tee shirts, and flyers to create the atmosphere of a campaign.
- Begin to organize precincts by finding activists in each one willing to knock on doors and distribute literature.
- Prepare for an election campaign to remove offending officials from office.
- Start a local online newspaper to counter the local news-media if they won't tell your side.
- Form an official organization, such as a business or property owners association to represent you in public meetings and in the news media. In some cases, the local farm bureau is working for the other side. So is the Chamber of Commerce. Organizing new groups can have a major impact on the public to show how these established institutions are not representing the citizens.

## **New tactics to fight back**

As mentioned in the beginning, over the past couple of years, as we have educated people on Agenda 21 and its U.N. origins, the natural reaction by concerned citizens and activists has been to rush into city hall and accuse their elected representatives of implementing international policies on the town. This has, of course, been met with skepticism and ridicule on the part of some of the elected officials (egged on by the NGO stakeholder groups and planning organizations). Today, the promoters of Agenda 21, including ICLEI and the American Planning Association (APA) have worked overtime to paint our movement as crazed conspiracy theorists wearing tin foil hats and hearing voices.

So, it is time to change tactics.

Here is an undeniable fact: Agenda 21/Sustainable Development cannot be enforced without usurping or diminishing private property rights. So, we need to begin to challenge the plans that affect private property rights. However, as we move in that direction, we must have a clear understanding of what property rights are. Many people today have little or varying ideas of property rights. Forty years ago people understood things like "No Trespassing," "My home is my castle," and "step across that line and suffer the consequences." Such ideas today seem quaint and antiquated to many, especially with government invading private property at will. Sometimes, in order to purchase property or to get access to services, we sign documents that say government or utility agents are free to come on our property at will. The idea of "Keep Out" is almost unheard of.

However, to demand that your private property be honored and protected you must have a solid definition of what you mean by property rights. Too many bills and resolutions are being introduced in state legislatures and city councils calling for the protection of property rights with-

out defining what is meant.

Attached at the back of this manual is a document designed to provide such a definition and understanding of what we mean by private property rights. It is based on the ideas of John Locke, the man who greatly influenced our Founding Fathers including Thomas Jefferson. So using such definitions should fit in with the Founder's intent as the nation's laws on property were written. Second, once that definition has been established it must be used as a guideline for drafting legislation and resolutions in state legislatures and city hall.

Third, at the end of the manual is another document entitled "Resolution to Protect Citizen's Property Rights." This document is a guideline. Change it to fit your needs. I do not present this Resolution as a legal document or as a contract, though some try to turn it into that. If that is your plan, go ahead and make it so. However, I see this as a statement, a way to draw out your elected officials.

The Resolution is for signatures by your elected representatives. The Resolution automatically creates a friction with the elected officials.

Here's how you use this new tool: As you stand in front of the elected officials at their regular meeting, ask them simply, "As you bring these planners and their programs into our community. I just have one question. What guarantees do I have that you will protect my private property rights?" At this point you haven't mentioned Agenda 21, and you haven't attacked planning. You are simply asking a non-combative question. And you have asked the one question that every property owner in the county wants an answer to. You elected officials will undoubtedly assure you that they are in full support of protecting private property.

So, then you smile and say, "Well, I'm happy to hear that. But, I would really like to have that in writing please." Then present the resolution to them and, if you can, read it aloud to the meeting. They may say they need to take it under consideration and will get back to you. Fine. Make sure you are back at the next meeting to ask about it. If they say "No," they refuse to sign it, then you must ask the most radical question in the English language -- "Why?" Their answer will set the stage for your next actions.

Please keep in mind that the Resolution is NOT a legal document or contract. What you are really doing is taking a poll of your elected officials' morality. Where do they stand on the most fundamental right of human existence: ownership and control of private property. Their answer will tell you what you have to do next. Their refusal to sign your resolution is the kick off for the campaign to remove them from office.

Do not attempt this alone. The key to this effort is persistence and organization. If they have refused to sign it then you need 5 or 10 people to stand up and ask why. Have someone else present the Resolution at every meeting. Ask again and again. You need to escalate this at each meeting until it becomes a public issue: "Why won't your elected officials sign a simple document that says they will protect your private property rights? What are they hiding in the plans they are presenting to us?" Your next step can and should lead to protests, letters to the editor, and other media available to you. Put the elected officials' names on signs carried by protestors who are rallying outside the next council or planning meeting. Make them the issue. As I said, the whole purpose of this effort is to lay the groundwork for a campaign to defeat them in the next election.

I recommend that you create a “rapid response team” to be prepared to immediately respond in the media to anything they do. Make them scared to act. It is important to understand that those NGO groups who are pushing these programs in the back rooms of government are, in reality, a shadow government, running your city behind the scenes – hiding behind your elected officials who eventually become little more than a rubber stamp for their policies. Why do the elected officials allow this? Because the NGO groups – these self-proclaimed “stakeholders” -- provide your elected officials with money for reelection campaigns, man power to run the campaigns, and all the tools necessary to stay in power. They also provide ready made legislation, grant funding and the ability to build power and wealth for the officials.

But here is a secret you must know: these NGO/Stakeholder groups would have NO power if you elected new representatives who understood their danger and refused to give them that power. The NGOs would simply dry up and blow away if no elected official would listen to them. Your task is to replace these corrupt officials and elect those who will pull the plug on the shadow government.

## **Fighting ICLEI**

If ICLEI is in your city, the details about Agenda 21 and the U.N. connection is easier to handle. Your community is paying them dues with your tax dollars. Here is how to handle them: if your council derides your statements that their policies come from the UNs Agenda 21, simply print out the home page from ICLEI's web site – [www.iclie.org](http://www.iclie.org). This will have all of the UN connections you've been talking about, in ICLEI's own words. Pass out the web page copies to everyone in the chamber audience and say to your elected officials, “don't call me a radical simply for reporting what ICLEI openly admits on its own web site. I'm just the one pointing it out – you are the ones who are paying our tax dollars to them.” Then demand that those payment stop. You have proven your case.

## **Stopping Consensus Meetings**

Most public meetings are now run by trained and highly paid facilitators whose jobs is to control the meeting and bring it to a preplanned conclusion. If he is good at his job, the facilitator can actually make the audience think the “consensus” they have reached on and issue or proposal is actually their idea. This is how sustainable development is being implemented across the nation, especially in meetings or planning boards that are advertised as open to the public. They really do not want you there and the tactic is used to move forward in full view of the public without them knowing what is happening. There is nothing free or open about the consensus process. It is designed to eliminate debate and close discussion.

To disrupt the process you must never participate, even to answer a question--to do so allows the facilitator to make you part of the process. Instead, you must control the discussion. Here is a quick suggestion on how to foul up the works. Never go alone to such a meeting. You will need at least three people – the more the better. Do not sit together. Instead, fan out in the room in a triangle formation. Know ahead of time the questions you want to ask: Who is the facilitator? What is his association with the organizers? Is he being paid? Where did these programs (being proposed) come from? How are they to be funded?

One question to ask over and over again, both at facilitated meetings and city council meetings, is this: “With the implementation of this policy, tell me a single right or action I have on my property that does not require your approval or involvement. What are my rights as a property

owner?" Make them name it. You will quickly see that they too understand there are no property rights left in America.

By asking these questions you are putting his legitimacy in question, building suspicion among the rest of the audience, destroying his authority. He will try to counter, either by patronizing and humoring you, at first, or, then becoming hostile, moving to have you removed as a disruptive force. That is where the rest of your group comes in. They need to back you up, demand answers to your questions. If you have enough people in the room you can cause a major disruption, making it impossible for the facilitator to move forward with his agenda. Do not walk out and leave the room to him. Stay to the end and make him shut down the meeting or throw you out.

In conclusion...

These suggestions on how to fight back are, admittedly, very basic and elementary. They are meant only to be a guideline. You will have to do your homework and adapt these tactics to your local situation. These tactics are designed to create controversy and debate to force the Agenda 21 issue out of the secret meetings and into public debate where they belong. Many of these same tactics can be used at all levels of government, right up and into the state legislature. Our plan is to demand answers from elected officials who want to ignore us. They must be taught that such actions have consequences.

As we learn new, successful tactics, I'll share them with activists across the nation. The exciting news is that, finally, Americans are beginning to understand that Agenda 21 is destroying our nation and they are beginning to fight back. The battle to stop the U.N.'s Agenda 21 is ragging on the local level across the nation.

# CHAPTER 17

## The Documents

### Private Property Rights Defined

Experts have left a clear understanding of what property means:

Here is the most clear, comprehensive, effective definition of property rights we've found ...

"Property in a thing consists not merely in its ownership and possession, but in the unrestricted right of use, enjoyment, and disposal. Anything which destroys any of the elements of property, to that extent, destroys the property itself. The substantial value of property lies in its use. If the right of use be denied, the value of the property is annihilated and ownership is rendered a barren right."

This definition was written by Washington State Supreme Court Justice Richard B. Sanders in 1997 as a treatise for a Fifth Amendment case: Board of Regents v. Roth, 408 U.S. 564, 92 S. Ct. 2701, 2709, 33 L. Ed. 2d 548 (1972). Sanders wrote it because he said, "Our state, and most other states, define property in an extremely broad sense." This official and legal definition gives your efforts credibility should you sue it in your efforts.

Here's what other experts and Founders said about Private Property Rights:

"The moment the idea is admitted into society that property is not as sacred as the law of God, and that there is not a force of law and public justice to protect it, anarchy and tyranny commence." President, John Adams

"Ultimately, property rights and personal rights are the same thing." President Calvin Coolidge  
 "If you don't have the right to own and control property then you are property." Wayne Hage, Rancher

Private Property Rights means:

- The owner's exclusive authority to determine how private property is used;
- The owner's peaceful possession, control, and enjoyment of his/her legally purchased, deeded private property;
- The owner's ability to make contracts to sell, rent, or give away all or part of the legally purchased/deeded private property;
- That local, city, county, state, and federal governments are prohibited from exercising eminent domain for the sole purpose of acquiring legally purchased/deeded private property so as to resell to a private interest or generate revenues;
- That no local, city, county, state, or federal government has the authority to impose directives, ordinances, fees, or fines regarding aesthetic landscaping, color selections, tree and plant preservation, or open spaces on legally purchased/deeded private property;
- That no local, city, county, state or federal government shall implement a land use plan that requires any part of legally purchased/deeded private property be set aside for public use or for a Natural Resource Protection Area directing that no construction or disturbance may occur;
- That no local, city, county, state, or federal government shall implement a law or ordinance



restricting the number of dwellings that may be placed on legally purchased/deeded private property;

- That no local, city, county, state, or federal government shall alter or impose zoning restrictions or regulations that will devalue or limit the ability to sell legally purchased/deeded private property;
- That no local, city, county, state, or federal government shall limit profitable or productive agriculture activities by mandating and controlling what crops and livestock are grown on legally purchased/deeded private property;
- That no local, city, county, state, or federal government representatives or their assigned agents may enter private property without the written permission of the property owner or is in possession of a lawful warrant from a legitimate court of law. This includes invasion of property rights and privacy by government use of unmanned drone flights.

## **Protecting Your Property Rights**

While there are many forms of property, for the purposes of this brief pamphlet, we are only going to discuss real estate property, the value, how easy it is to lose them and how to protect your property rights. This is only a guide. Always consult your real estate attorney before taking any action that may risk your property rights.

### **What is meant by my real estate property?**

When you own a home your property consists of the land agreed to in your purchase, the natural resources, minerals, crops, water, and any buildings on your land.

### **What are my property rights?**

You have the right to sell, transfer, lease, and develop your property. For instance, you can build a swing set, remove a tree or build a swimming pool. The freedom to make these changes increases your land's value to you and to buyers.

### **Who protects my property rights?**

There are laws that protect these rights and prevent others from confiscating or using your property without your express permission. The U.S. Constitution protects your property rights in the 5th amendment.

### **Why are my real estate property rights so important?**

Real estate ownership is the main way Americans save money and accumulate wealth. They use real estate to improve their lives, start businesses, and leave money to their children. Homeowners tend to protect their surrounding environment and build more stability for their own future. When people lose all or part of their property rights, they often lose their greatest source of wealth and well-being.

### **How are my property rights lost or reduced?**

You can willingly give them away or governments have begun to reduce or take them away.

How do I willingly give away my property rights?

- Donate or will your land to another person or trust.
- Sign a conservation easement agreeing to surrender your development rights in turn for cash or tax breaks.

How can governments reduce or remove my property rights?

### **Eminent domain:**

The state can seize your private property without your consent to create public facilities, highways, and railroads and for the purpose of economic development or revenue enhancement. You are entitled to compensation, but the agency acquiring your property calculates the payment, which is often inadequate.

### **Government regulations:**

Governments through federal agencies including the EPA and HUD impose regulations through the Clean Water Act, Endangered Species Act, and many others that limit or erase your property rights.

### **State regulations:**

States create urban growth boundaries and increase the cost of services beyond those boundaries to force growth into smaller more densely populated areas. This makes your rural property less valuable and more expensive to maintain, diminishing your wealth.

### **Local planning:**

Local zoning ordinances can infringe upon your property rights and increase the costs of ownership rendering your property less desirable and therefore less valuable when you go to sell it or borrow money against it.

### **Conservation easements:**

Some farmers sell the development rights to their property to a government agency or land trust in exchange for cash or tax benefits. These are called 'conservation easements.' While they appear good at first, the landowner becomes subservient to the trust, must obey shifting regulations, and enhanced 'best practices' mandated by the new development rights' holder. Often these practices become too costly, forcing the landowner to sell their property, often to the same agency or land trust that purchased the conservation easement in the first place.

### **Federal grant money:**

While grant money from the EPA, HUD and DOT can be enticing, it frequently comes with strings attached that mandate how the money will be used and, in turn, how it can control your community and your property.

### **Regionalization:**

Regionalization rolls up your community into a larger regional planning area that shrinks your influence over what regulations are passed and reduces the authority of local public officials to act on your behalf to protect your property rights.

Does this mean all planning and zoning regulations are bad?

No. It means many plans contain regulations that can be damaging to your property rights. Also, some officials agree to regional, rather than local planning. Good planning does not have to mean the loss of property rights.

- How can I protect my property rights from poor planning and regionalization?
- Understand that most officials do not want to steal your property rights. In the zeal to go 'sustainable', many people look at the environment, the region and the globe first and your property rights last.
- Understand that your best friends in the movement to protect your rights are your family, your neighbors, and your local public officials. Attend all planning meetings, carefully read all proposals, learn about the pitfalls of zoning, and take the time to get to personally know your officials. Tell them your concerns.
- If regionalization is proposed, read all information and find out what happens to local authority once the region is formed. Check how many unelected bureaucrats become the real decision-makers. Regardless of the colorful sales bulletins and friendly environmental talk, regional planning trumps the rights of local citizens. Local rule is the only way to protect personal property rights.
- Recognize that planners, even those from federal agencies, are in your community to sell a plan. They will present vivid before and after pictures of your community that will compel you to want to act right away. Don't. If the plan is that good, it will wait. Most plans end up looking very similar. While nearly all planners talk about public agreement, the reality is 97-99% of citizens are never involved in the planning process. Their property rights are still affected.
- Most importantly, insist that any planners working for your community must sign an agreement committing them to protect your property rights during the planning process. In the event there are infringements on your property rights, they must inform you and offer you the opportunity to opt out.

# 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)

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