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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT: THE TRANSFORMATION OF AMERICA

BY TOM DEWEESE

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 is, that requires a forced transformation of our entire society to comply, and that ultimately leads to a thirst for power and top-down control – that will eventually lead to tyranny.

In his book, *Earth in the Balance*, Al Gore warned that a “wrenching transformation” must take place to lead America away from the “horrors of the Industrial Revolution.” The process to do that is called Sustainable Development and its’ roots can be traced back to a UN policy document called Agenda 21, adopted at the UN’s Earth Summit in 1992.

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 – often referred to as top-down control.

WHERE AND WHEN DID THE TERM SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT ORIGINATE?

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,

authored by Gro Harlem Brundtland, Vice President of the World Socialist Party. For the first time the environment was tied to the tried and true Socialist goals of international redistribution of wealth. Said the report, “Poverty is a major cause and effect of global environmental problems. It is therefore futile to attempt to deal with environmental problems without a broader perspective that encompasses the factors underlying world poverty and international inequality.”

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. It was unveiled at the 1992 United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (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.

WHAT IS SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT?

The 1989 Webster’s Dictionary defines “Sustainable Yield” as a requirement that trees cut down in a forest area be replaced by new plantings to ensure future lumber supplies.” That’s what most people think Sustainable Development means. Proponents of Sustainable Development argue that it is about preserving resources for future generations. What’s wrong with that? Nothing in theory. That would be sustainable with a small “s.” Just common sense usage of natural resources.

The problem is, major forces now promoting it intend for Sustainable Development to be spelled with a capital “S.” They intend for a Socio-economic political movement that probes, invades and changes every aspect of human civilization. And that’s the problem.

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 you eat, the kind of home you are allowed to live in, the method of transportation you use to get to work, what kind of work you may have, the way you dispose of waste, perhaps even the number of children you may have, as well as the quality and amount of education your children may receive. Sustainable development encompasses every aspect of our lives.

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.

TOP 10 SUSTAINABILITY FALLACIES

- 0 Sustainability is about protecting the environment. **REALITY:** It's a political movement to replace capitalism with government control of everything
- 1 Free market capitalism is the principle cause of planetary degradation and is not sustainable. **REALITY:** It is government centric control of the economy that is not sustainable
- 2 Private Property is a source of social injustice, and too valuable to be subject to free markets. **REALITY:** The right to own and use private property is a fundamental source of wealth creation
- 3 Green Energy creates jobs. **REALITY:** Green energy is unreliable, uncompetitive and renders industry unable to compete in world markets
- 4 CO2 is a pollutant. **REALITY:** CO2 is the air that all plants and crops breath. More CO2= Better ag production
- 5 The Sustainability Movement isn't trying to take away anyone's property rights or freedoms. **REALITY:** The Sustainability movement is relentlessly attacking property rights and freedoms
- 6 Climate change is catastrophic & anthropogenic and must be addressed through CO2 abatement schemes. **REALITY:** It is not catastrophic, and as a practical matter CO2 reductions WILL NOT WORK. You'll see NO CLAIMS of even 1/1000th a degree improvement. Washout time >100 yrs
- 7 Compact Development reduces pollution
REALITY: Dense development is always correlated with more intense pollution levels
- 8 Subways and mass transit can replace cars.
REALITY: They can't. If they could, there'd be no cars in Manhattan.
- 9 Compact Urban Development is more affordable for gov't
REALITY: Empirical evidence proves compact development requires higher tax rates. Urbanization strains police; fire, educational, and social services.
- 10 Affordable Housing for people of ALL INCOME levels will ensure healthier better balanced neighborhoods. **REALITY:** Low income and Section-8 housing usually create more problems than they solve... thereby damaging communities

The Sustainablists insist that society be transformed into feudal-like governance by making Nature the central organizing principle for our economy and society, not human need or wants. This idea essentially elevates nature above Man. 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.

Here is a direct quote from the report of the 1976 UN's Habitat I conference which 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."

Some officials claim that Sustainable Development is just a local effort to protect the environment and contain development -- just your local leaders putting together a local vision for the community. Yet, the exact language and tactics for implementation of Sustainable Development are being used in nearly every city around the globe from Lewiston, Maine to Singapore. Local indeed.

In short, Sustainable Development is the process by which America is being reorganized around a central principle of state collectivism using the environment as bait.

One of the best ways to understand what Sustainable Development actually is can be found by discovering what is NOT sustainable.

According to the UN's Biodiversity Assessment Report, items for our everyday lives that are NOT sustainable include: Ski runs, grazing of livestock, plowing of soil, building fences, industry, single family homes, paved and tarred roads, logging activities, dams and reservoirs, power line construction, and economic systems that fail to set proper value on the environment (capitalism, free markets).

Maurice Strong, Secretary General of the UN's Rio Earth Sum-

mit in 1992 said, "...Current lifestyles and consumption patterns of the affluent middle class – involving high meat intake, use of fossil fuels, appliances, home and work air-conditioning, and suburban housing are not sustainable."

This goal is exactly the policies that are written into such legislation as Cap and Trade, the Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act. It is also the policy behind the many corporate commercials seen nightly on television which advocate "Going Green. They are all part of the efforts to modify American consumer behavior to accept less, deal with higher energy prices, restrict water use and place severe limitations on use of private property – all under the environmental excuse.

And one of the most destructive tools used to enforce Sustainable Development policy is 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.

That makes it easy for any activist group to issue concerns or warnings by news release or questionable report against and industry or private activity, and have those warnings quickly turned into public policy – just in case.

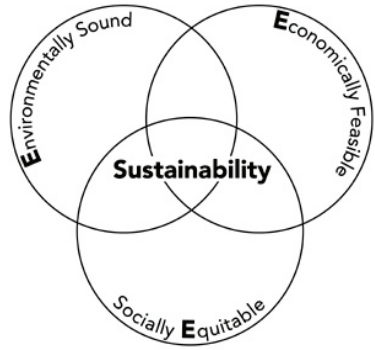
Many are now finding non-elected regional governments and governing councils enforcing policy and regulations. As these policies are implemented, locally-elected officials are actually losing their own power and decision-making ability in their elected offices. More and more decisions are now being made behind the scenes in non-elected "sustainability councils" armed with truckloads of federal regulations, guidelines, and grant money.

THE THREE ES

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and the preservation and restoration of biodiversity.

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).



SOCIAL EQUITY

Sustainable Development's Social Equity plank is based on a demand for "social justice." Social Justice is described as the right and opportunity of all people "to benefit equally from the resources afforded us by society and the environment." According to Sustainablism doctrine, it is a social injustice for some to have prosperity if others do not. It is a social injustice to keep our borders closed. It is a social injustice for some to be bosses and others to be merely workers. Social justice is a major premise of Sustainable Development. Another word for social justice is Socialism or Marxism. Karl Marx was the first to coin the phrase "social justice."

Most recently the theory of social justice has been used to justify government takeover of health care. 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."

This is the same policy behind the push to eliminate our nation's borders 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. Say the Sustainablists, "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” (government).

Under Sustainable Development individual human wants, needs, and desires are to be conformed to the views and dictates of social planners. 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” in the process of implementing Sustainable Development.

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.

In America’s free-market of the past, most businesses were started by individuals who saw a need for a product or service and they set out to fill it. Some businesses prospered to become huge corporations, some remained small “mom and pop” shops, others failed and dissolved. Most business owners were happy to be left alone to take their chances 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, government’s main involvement was to guarantee they had the opportunity to try.

In order to give themselves an advantage over competition, some businesses -- particularly large corporations -- now find a great advantage in dealing directly with 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 vice 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.

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 in Public/Private Partnerships on the local, state and federal levels.

As a result, Sustainable Development policy is redefining free trade to mean centralized global trade "freely" crossing (or eliminating) national borders. It definitely does not mean people and companies trading freely with each other. Its real effect 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 multinational. They in turn 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 chosen corporations, which become a new elite, stamp out the need for competition through government power, the real loser is the consumers who no longer count 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 a more limited selection from

which to choose. True free markets are eliminated in favor of controlled economies which 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 way and human activities should be molded along nature’s rhythms.” from the UN’s Biodiversity Treaty presented at the 1992 UN 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 policy is to oversee any issue in which man interacts with nature – which, of course, is literally everything. And 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.

Under Sustainable Development there can be no concern over individual rights. Individual human wants, needs, and desires are conformed to the views and dictates of social planners. The UN’s Commission on Global Governance said in its 1995 report: “Human activity...combined with unprecedented increases in human numbers...are impinging on the planet’s basic life support system. Action must be taken now to control the human activities that produce these risks”

Under Sustainable Development, limited government, as advocated by our Founding Fathers, is impossible because, we are told, the real or perceived environmental crisis is too great. Only government can be trusted to respond. Maurice Strong, Chairman of the 1992 UN Earth Summit said: “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.”

The politically based environmental movement provides Sustainable Developmentists camouflage 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) and fascism (where property is owned in name only – with no individual owner control). 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 to a new Dark Ages of pain and misery yet unknown to mankind.

UN report- Habitat I conference:



- ***“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.”***

THE REINVENTION OF GOVERNMENT

Six months after his inauguration, President Bill Clinton issued Executive Order #12852 which created the President’s Council On Sustainable Development (PCSD) on June 29 1993.

The Council’s Membership included:

- Twelve Cabinet-level Federal Officials
- Jonathan Lash, Pres. World Resources Institute
- John Adams, Ex. Dir. National Resources Defense Council
- Dianne Dillon-Ridgley, Pres. Zero Population

- Michelle Perrault, International V.P., Sierra Club
- John C. Sawhill, Pres. The Nature Conservancy
- Jay D. Hair, Pres. World Conservation Union (IUCN)
- Kenneth L. Lay, CEO, Enon Corporation
- William D. Ruckelshaus, Chm., Browning-Ferris Industries & former EPA Administrator

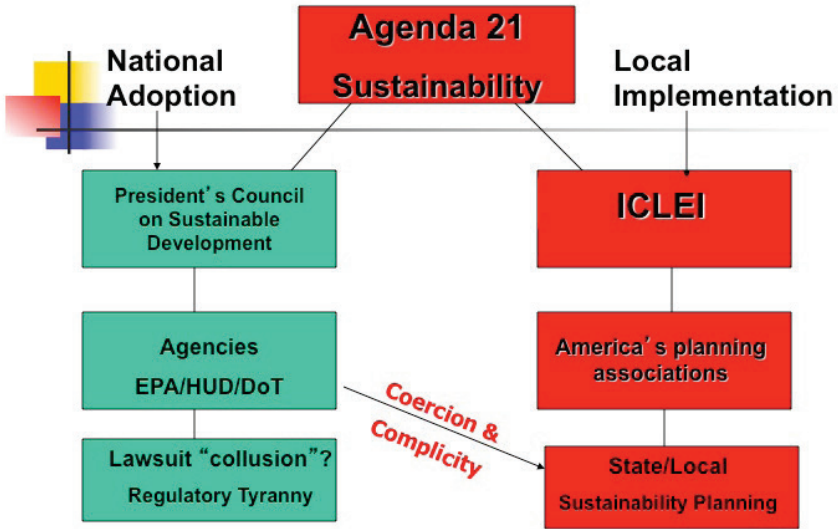
Some of these members were representatives of the same groups which helped write Agenda 21 at the UN level, now openly serving on the President's Council to create policy for the implementation of Sustainable Development at the federal level

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.

Their purpose was to translate the recommendations set forth in Agenda 21 into public policy administered by the federal government. They created the American version of Agenda 21 called "Sustainable America - A New Consensus".

THE FOUR PART PROCESS LEADING TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

So how is this "wrenching transformation" being put into place? There are four very specific routes being used. In the rural areas it's called the "Wildlands Project." In the cities it's called "Smart Growth." In business it's called "Public/Private Partnerships." And in government it's called "Stakeholder Councils."



THE WILDLANDS PROJECT

“We must make this place 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 tens of millions of acres of presently settled land.” - Dave Foreman, Earth First.

The Wildlands Project was the brainchild of Earth First’s Dave Foreman and it literally calls for the “re-wilding” of 50% of all the land in every state – back to the way it was before Christopher Columbus set foot on this land.

It is a diabolical plan to herd humans off the rural lands and into human settlements. Crazy you say! Yes. Impossible? Not so fast. From Foreman, the plan became the blueprint for the UN’s Biodiversity Treaty and quickly became international in scope.

But how do you remove people from the land? One step at a time. Let’s begin with a biosphere reserve. A national park will do. A huge place where there is no human activity. For exam-

ple, Yellowstone National Park, devoid of human habitation can serve as its center. Then a buffer zone is established around the reserve. Inside the buffer only limited human activity is allowed. Slowly, through strict regulations, that area is squeezed until human activity becomes impossible.

Once that is accomplished, the biosphere is extended to the former buffer zone borders – and then a new buffer zone is created around the now-larger biosphere and the process starts again. In that way, the Biosphere Reserve acts like a cancer cell, ever expanding, until all human activity is stopped.

And there are many tools in place to stop human activity and grow the reserve.

Push back livestock's access to river banks on ranches, many times as much as .300. When the cattle can't reach the stream, the rancher can't water them -- he goes out of business. Lock away natural resources by creating national parks. It shuts down the mines -- and they go out of business. Invent a Spotted Owl shortage and pretend it can't live in a forest where timber is cut. Shut off the forest. Then, when no trees are cut, there's nothing to feed the mills and then there are no jobs, and -- they go out of business.

Locking away land cuts the tax base. Eventually the town dies. Keep it up and there is nothing to keep the people on the land – so they head to the cities. The wilderness grows – just like Dave Foreman planned.

It comes in many names and many programs. Heritage areas, land management, wolf and bear reintroduction, rails to trails, conservation easements, open space, and many more. Each of these programs is designed to make it just a little harder to live on the land – a little more expensive – a little more hopeless, literally herding people off their land and into designated human habitat areas – cities.

In the West, where vast areas of open space make it easy to impose such polices there are several programs underway

to remove humans from the land. Today, there are at least 31 Wildlands projects underway, locking away more than 40 percent of the nation's land. The Alaska Wildlands Project seeks to lock away and control almost the entire state. In Washington State, Oregon, Idaho, Montana parts of North and South Dakota, parts of California, Arizona, Nevada, New Mexico, Wyoming, Texas, Utah, and more, there are at least 22 Wildlands Projects underway. For example, one project called Yukon to Yellowstone (Y2Y) – creates a 2000 mile no-man's land corridor from the Arctic to Yellowstone.

East of the Mississippi, there are at least nine Wildlands projects, covering Maine, Pennsylvania, New York, West Virginia, Ohio, Virginia, Tennessee, North and South Carolina, Georgia and Florida. Watch for names of Wildlands Projects like Chesapeake Bay Watershed, Appalachian Restoration Project and Piedmont Wildlands Project.

How did we get here?

J Gary Lawrence

■ Clinton's advisor for Sustainable Development:

*“Participating in a U.N. advocated planning process would very likely bring out many ... right wing conspiracy groups...who would actively work to defeat any elected official... undertaking Local Agenda 21. **So we call our process something else, such as “comprehensive planning,” “growth management,” or “smart growth.”**”*

SMART GROWTH

The second path is called Smart Growth. The process essentially puts a line around a city, locking off any growth outside that line. Such growth is disdainfully labeled “Urban Sprawl.”

The plan then curtails the building of more roads to cut off access to the newly created rural area. Inside the circle, concerted efforts are made to discourage the use of cars in preference to public transportation, restricting mobility.


Because there is a restriction on space inside the controlled city limits, there is a created shortage of land and houses, so prices go up. That means populations will have to be controlled, because now there is no room to contain more people.

Cities are now passing “green” regulations, forcing homeowners to meet strict guidelines for making their homes environmentally compliant, using specific building materials, forcing roof replacements, demanding replacement of appliances, and more. Those not in compliance will be fined and will not be able to sell their homes. There are now efforts underway to impose so-called “smart meters” which replace thermostats in homes. Homeowners will not have control of such meters. Instead, the electric company will determine the necessary temperature inside each home. Government agencies or local policy boards will be tasked with the responsibility to conduct an energy audit in each home to determine the steps necessary to bring the home into energy compliance. In Oakland, California, such restrictions will cost each homeowner an estimated \$36,000.

The Cap N Trade bill contains a whole section on such restrictions for the nation, and most local communities are now busy creating development plans that encompass many of the same restrictions.

There is now a new push to control food production under the label of Sustainable Farming. Food sheds are now being advocated. These are essentially government run farms located just outside the smart growth area circling the city. Food is to be grown using strict guidelines which dictate what kinds of food is to be produced and the farming practices to be used. These are essentially based on the blue print of Chinese Agrarian villages that cannot possibly grow enough food to feed the community unless populations are tightly controlled. True Sustainable farming programs discourage importing goods from

outside the community.



A **red agenda** marketed with pretty green name: “**sustainability**”

- **Agenda 21 spread like an INFECTION:**
UN A21 → ICLEI → NGO' s → State Planners
- America' s planning association(s) provide sample ordinances based on ICLEI doctrine that originated in UN Agenda 21
- Municipal Plans become Manifestos.

STAKE HOLDER COUNCILS

Inside the cities, government is increasingly controlled by an elite ruling class called stake holder councils. These are mostly Non-governmental organizations, or NGOs, which, like thieves in the night, converge on the community to stake their claim to enforce their own private agendas. The function of legitimately – elected government within the system votes to create a system of boards, councils and even regional governments to handle every aspect of day-to-day operation of the community. Once in place, the councils and boards basically replace the power of elected officials with non-elected, appointed rulers answerable to no one.

The councils are controlled by a small minority in the community, but they are all- powerful. They force citizens to seek permission (usually denied) for any changes to private property. They use such excuses as historic preservation, water use restrictions, energy use, and open space restrictions. They will dictate that homeowners must use special “green” light bulbs and force stores to only use paper bags, for example.

They over-burden or even destroy business, creating stiff regulations on manufacturing and small business in the communi-

ty. They may dictate the number of outlets a business may have in a community, not matter what the population demands. For example, in San Francisco there can only be seven McDonalds.

They can dictate the kind of building materials owners can use in their private home – or whether one can build on their property at all. Then, if they do grant a permit for building, they might not decide to let the property owner acquire water and electricity for the new home – and they may or may not give you a reason for being turned down.

As part of Sustainable health care, they may even dictate that you get the proper exercise – as determined by the government. Again, San Francisco has built a new federal building – the greenest ever built. The elevators will only stop on every third floor so riders are forced to use stairs – for their own health, of course.

These councils fit almost perfectly the definition of a State Soviet: a system of councils that report to an apex council and then implement a predetermined outcome. Soviets are the operating mechanism of a government-controlled economy.

So many things making **so little sense:**



- EPA drives industries overseas where **pollution increases**
- EPA embraces ethanol while **blaming farming** for pollution
- Master Plans across America **overtly ignore** property rights
- Environmental nooses rob property rights & individual freedoms based on **unsettled science, distorted statistics & exaggerated predictions.**
- Focus on **Social Equity** eclipsing life-liberty property (Why?)
- Municipal Master Plans have become **Manifestos**
- People **in tears** across America

PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS

The fourth path to imposing Sustainable Development is Public/Private Partnerships (PPPs). Unfortunately, today, many Conservative/Libertarian organizations are presenting PPPs as free enterprise and a private answer for keeping taxes down by using business to make a better society.

There are certain areas where private business contracts to do jobs such as running school cafeterias through a competitive bid system. That type of arrangement certainly does serve the tax payers and provides better services. That's not how PPPs are used though Sustainable Development.

In truth, many PPPs are nothing more than government-sanctioned monopolies in which a few businesses are granted special favors like tax breaks, the power of eminent domain, non-compete clauses and specific guarantees for return on their investments. That means they can fix prices, charge beyond what the market demands, and they can use the power of government to put competition out of business. That is not free enterprise. And it is these global corporations that are pushing the green agenda.

PPPs were the driving force behind the Trans Texas Corridor, using eminent domain to take more than 580,000 acres of private land - sanctioned by the partnership with the Texas government. And PPPs are taking over highways and local water treatment plants in communities across the nation. PPPs in control of the water system can control water consumption - a major part of the Sustainable Development blueprint.

Fueled by federal grant programs through the EPA, the auto industry has produced and forced onto the market "green" cars that no one wants to buy, such as the Chevy Volt. For its part of the partnership, government passed regulations that keep gas prices high to make them more inviting.

The federal government has entered into many partnerships with alternative energy companies in a move to force wind power and solar power on an uninterested public. Again, such

industries only exist though the power and of government determined to enforce a certain political agenda. They would never survive in an honest free market.

Using government to ban its own product, General Electric is forcing the mercury-laden green light bulb, costing 5 times the price of incandescent bulbs. Such is the reality of green industry, which depends more on government subsidy and grants than on customers.

The North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) is the root of the “Free Trade” process and the fuel for PPPs between international corporations and government, thereby creating an “elite” class of “connected” businesses – or what Ayn Rand called “the power of pull.” Success in the PPP world is not based on quality of product and service, but on who you know in high places. To play ball in the PPP game means accepting the mantra of Sustainable Development and helping to implement it, even if it means going against your own product. That’s why Home Depot uses its commercials to oppose cutting down trees and British Petroleum advocates reducing the use of oil.

It is not free enterprise, but a Mussolini-type fascism of government and private industry organized in a near impenetrable force of power. And it’s all driven by the Agenda 21 blueprint of Sustainable Development.

ICLEI -Charter 1.7 - Principles

- The Association shall promote, and ask its individual members to adopt, the following Earth Charter Principles to guide local action:
- (6) Prevent harm as the best method of environmental protection and, when knowledge is limited, apply a **precautionary approach**.
- (7) **Adopt patterns of production, consumption, and reproduction that safeguard Earth’s regenerative capacities, human rights, and community well-being.**
- (9) **Eradicate poverty as an ethical, social, and environmental imperative.**
- (10) **Ensure that economic activities and institutions at all levels promote human development in an equitable and sustainable manner.**
- (11) **Affirm gender equality and equity as prerequisites to sustainable development and ensure universal access to education, health care, and economic opportunity.**
- (14) **Integrate into formal education and life-long learning the knowledge, values, and skills needed for a sustainable way of life.**

WHAT KINDS OF GROUPS PROMOTE THIS IN THE U.S.A.?

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 locally elected representatives fully implement Agenda 21 in the community. 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. The group’s mission is to push local communities to transform the way governments operate, creating a “community plan,” creating a wide range of non-elected planning and councils which then impose severe regulations and oversight policies, affecting every homeowner, every business, every school; literally every aspect of the citizen’s lives. And it’s having tremendous success.

Currently there are over 600 American cities in which ICLEI is being paid dues with tax dollars from city councils to implement and enforce Sustainable Development. ICLEI is there to assure that the mayors keep their promises and meet their goals. Climate change and the goal to cut the communities carbon footprint is, of course, the ICLEI mantra.

Here’s just some of the programs ICLEI provides cities and towns, in order to spread their own particular political agenda in the name of “community services” and environmental protection, they include:

- Software programs to help set the goals for community development – which leads to controlling use of private property;
- Access to a network of “Green” experts, newsletters, confer-

ences and workshops – to assure all city employees are in the process;

- Toolkits, online resources, case studies, fact sheets, policy and practice manuals, and blueprints used by other communities;
- 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.

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.

Using environmental protection as the excuse, these programs are about reinventing government with a specific political agenda. ICLEI and others are dedicated to transforming every community in the nation to the Agenda 21 blueprint. .

In addition to ICLEI, groups like the Sierra Club, Nature Conservancy and Audubon Society, NGOs which also helped write Sustainable Development policy have chapters in nearly every city. They know that Congress has written legislation providing grants for cities that implement Sustainable policy. They agitate to get the cities to accept the grants. If a city rejects the plan, they then agitate to the public, telling them that their elected representatives have cost the city millions in “their” tax dollars. In the end, through such tactics, the NGOs usually get their way.

The NGOs are joined in their efforts by professional planning groups and associations such as the American Planning Association (APA), The Renaissance Planning Group, and the International City/County Management association (ICMA). IN fact there are literally hundreds, if not thousands, of non-profits, NGOs and planning groups living off the grant money, working to enforce Sustainable Development policy at every level of government.

The APA- Professional Planners or Anti-Capitalist Political Advocacy?

APA embraces ICLEI Programme(s)

1.1 “The built environment is a primary contributor to climate change” ...Business as usual will not suffice”

1.3 Social Equity and Climate Change (& Environmental Justice)

2.4 #6: “Should reduce reliance on coal...”

2.4 #10: Grow food for local consumption (starve the world?)

2.4 #14: Reduce VMT (Vehicle Miles Traveled)

2.4 #15: Cap & Trade for carbon ... needed.

Land Use#15: Create city-funded housing repair programs

Transportation #4: Increase CAFÉ standards

HERE ARE JUST A FEW TO WATCH FOR:

The American Planning Association (APA) is the nation’s leading enforcer of Sustainable policy. It came into being in 1978 and can be found in literally every community in the nation. It doesn’t have the same open ties to the UN as does ICLEI, but is every bit as involved, if not more so. The APA’s “Growing Smart Legislative Guide Book” is found in nearly every university, state and county in the country. It is the planning guide preferred by most urban and regional planners. The American Planning Association is one of many members of the PCSD. They partner with ICLEI & ICMA in the implementation of sustainable development.

ICMA, International City/County Management Association, is an organization of professional local government leaders building sustainable communities worldwide.

ICMA provides technical and management assistance, training, and information resources in the areas of performance measurement, ethics education and training, community and economic development, environmental management, technology, and other topics to its members and the broader local government community.

They are aided in their efforts through such as the U.S. Conference of Mayors, National Governors Association, National League of Cities, the National Association of County Administrators and several more groups that are supposed to represent elected officials.

The Renaissance Planning Group is an urban planning firm. They played a critical role in Florida's "Forever Program". The Forever Program is Florida's premier conservation and recreation lands acquisition program. Florida Forever is the largest public land acquisition program of its kind in the United States. With approximately 9.8 million acres of conservation land in Florida, more than 2.4 million acres were purchased under the Florida Forever and P2000 programs. In 2007, the Virginia state legislature passed HB 3202 mandating that counties with the prescribed growth rate establish high density urban development areas. As a result, to date, 67 counties in the Commonwealth of Virginia are required to establish "urban development areas". The process and proposed land use planning that is being implemented, follows the very same policies called for in Agenda 21's biodiversity plan. This requirement by the state forces local governments to compromise your private property through zoning measures called for in the Smart Growth program for sustainable development.



PlannersNetwork.org

- STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES:** ***"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 American Farmland Trust (AFT) formed in 1980, works to acquire and control farmer development rights and the purchase of Agriculture Easements which drastically reduce, if not eliminate private ownership of the land.

THE DANGER IS IN THE “PROCESS”

Sustainable policies are being sold universally to the public as a means to protect the environment and control growth. That is simply the excuse for the policies being implemented in its name. The real problem is the “PROCESS” through which Sustainable Development is being forced on unsuspecting citizens. The comprehensive land use plans are being steered by planning groups through manipulation by facilitated stakeholder consensus councils. Though their meetings are “open” to the public, they are void of any public input. The predetermined outcome severely restricts land use and compromises private property ownership in an already distressed market. They answer to no one and they are run by zealots with their own political agenda imposing international laws and regulations. Local homeowners have no say in the process and in most cases are shut out. Sometimes they are literally thrown out of council meetings because they want to discuss how a regulation is going to affect their property or livelihood.

Communities have dealt with local problems for 200 years. Some use zoning, some don't. But locally elected town councils and commissioners, which meet and discuss problems with the citizens, are how this nation was built and prospered. Today, under Sustainable Development, NGOs like ICLEI and the APA move in to establish non-elected boards, councils and regional government bodies.

Despite the Senate's refusal to ratify the Biodiversity Treaty in 1994, the Agenda 21 policies called for by the convention, are being implemented nationwide. No matter where you live, rest assured Agenda 21 policies are being implemented in your community.

Proponents of Agenda 21 and Sustainable Development attempt to ridicule those who oppose the programs as being paranoid radicals who are spreading conspiracy theories about what they call an “obscure 20 year old UN document.” Yet, in 2012 the UN sponsored Rio+20, in which 50,000 delegates from around the world to celebrate Agenda 21 and find means to complete its implementation.

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 on which America was founded.

The politically-based environmental movement provides Sustainable Developmentists camouflage as they work to transform the American system of government, justice, and economics. It’s a masterful mixture of Socialism, (with its top-down control of the tools of the economy); fascism (where property is owned in name only – with no private control); 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 bad policy pushed by both liberal and conservatives. It is a new kind of tyranny that, if not stopped, will surely lead all human kind to a new Dark Ages of pain and misery.

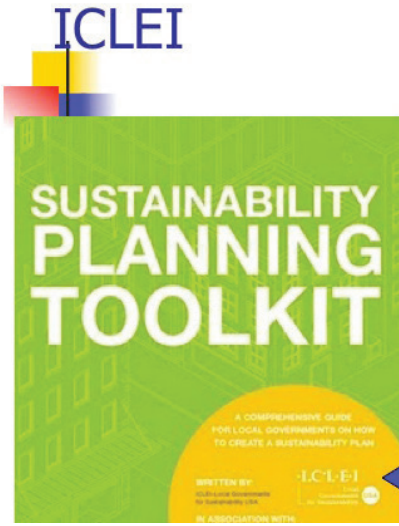


What has Sustainability become?

- *Unfortunately, the environmental movement has been hijacked as a convenient excuse to attack capitalism; blame America; transfer wealth; impinge on Constitutional rights; and install a government run socio-economic system.*
- United Nations paradigm: ***Capitalism and private property rights are not sustainable, and pose the single greatest threat to the world’s ecosystem and social equity.***

HOW TO FIGHT BACK AGAINST SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Be aware of the world in which your elected officials live.



- **Doesn't come with flashing lights that say "ICLEI".**
- **Comes wrapped in a plain green package labeled smartgrowth or sustainability.**

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, perhaps, good people who are surrounded by powers that won't let them see the reality of the policies they are helping to implement. I'm certainly not making excuses for them, but before you rush in and start yelling about their enforcing UN 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 the 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 have 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 UN 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 “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 many 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 - 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 UN 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.

HOW TO FIGHT BACK

First and foremost, don't try to fight alone. If you try to attend 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 of 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!

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 who 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. 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 the 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. Don't 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 UN. Don't 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’ve 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 the next demanding 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 right 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. Don’t stop the public demonstration until you had acquired victory, or at least started a public debate.

The final step is to use the energy you have created to run can-

didates 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.

NEW TACTIC

As mentioned in the beginning, 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.

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 a definition must be established before you start the effort.

Attached 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 can be used as a guideline for drafting legislation and resolutions in state legislatures and city hall. It must also be the guideline for the establishment of property rights councils.

Third, please find two more documents, one entitled "Resolution to Protect Citizen's Property Rights," the other "Planner's Pledge to Uphold and Protect Citizen's Property Rights." These documents are guidelines. Change them to fit your needs. I do not present these Resolutions as legal documents such as a contract, though some try to turn them into that. If that is your plan, go ahead and make it so. But we see them as a statement, a way to draw out your elected officials.

The Resolution is for signatures by your elected representatives. The other is to present to your elected representatives to ask them to have the planners that they hire sign it. Use either or both as you wish. The Resolution automatically creates a friction with the elected officials. If you have a strong, positive relationship with them you may not want to force it on them. Then you would want to politely present the Planners Pledge to ask them to have the planners sign it. Or you may want to present both and demand that both entities sign their respective documents.

The way to use it is this: As you stand in front of the elected officials at their regular meeting, ask them simply, "As you bring these planners into our community and begin to implement their programs, 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. They will assure you that they are in full support of protecting private property. And then you say, "Well, I'm happy to hear that. But, I would really

like to have that in writing.” And you present the resolution to them. If you can read it aloud to the meeting, so much the better. 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.” You simply ask “Why?” and take it from there.

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. 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?” This can and will 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. What you are really doing is laying the ground work for a campaign to defeat them in the next election.

It is also important to do research into what planning groups, non-governmental organizations (NGO’s) federal grants and agencies may be involved in the process. All of them have a background. Find out who they are and what they have done in the past in other communities and present that info to your fellow citizens as a warning of what is to come. 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.



ICLEI / Agenda 21 dogma

- **Elevates nature above man**
- **40 chapters of socialist control mechanisms**
- **Human settlements;**
- **Educate with environment as central principle**
- **Unsustainable- Ski Lodges, Golf courses, asphalt, fossil fuels, consumerism, irrigation, commercial farms, livestock grazing**

FIGHTING ICLEI

If ICLEI is in your city, the details about Agenda 21 and the UN connection is easier. 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.iclei.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 job 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 an 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 don't 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 bust up 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 doesn't 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's 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.

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 Americans Policy Center is now a partner in a new effort to create tactics and provide education to activists called Sustainable Freedom Lab. Here activists across the nation can share their findings, successful tactics and research with the rest of the movement. The website is www.sustainablefreedomlab.com.

The exciting news is that, finally, Americans are starting to understand that Agenda 21 is destroying our nation and they are beginning to fight back. The battle to stop the UN's Agenda 21 is ragging on the local level across the nation.

PROPERTY RIGHTS DEFINED

Experts have left a clear understanding of what property means:

“Property is defined by (Washington) state law. Board of Regents v. Roth, 408 U.S. 564, 92 S. Ct. 2701, 2709, 33 L. Ed. 2d 548 (1972). Our state, and most other states, define property in an extremely broad sense.”

- From “Fifth Amendment” treatise by State Supreme Court Justice Richard B. Sanders (12/10/97)

“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.”

“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 US 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?

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.

- 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 CITIZEN'S 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:

- a) 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,
- b) Be provided full disclosure outlining the rights to be infringed upon, and
- c) Be provided an opportunity to opt-out of any rights' infringing regulation or 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, affected property owners shall be notified of the potential impairment to their rights and their individual written approval required before engaging in any of the following:

- a) Reconfiguration of zoning that intensifies or in any way adds restrictions to existing rights,
- b) Implementation of conservations easements or Trading of Development Rights,
- c) 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)
