

SUSTAINING NOTHING, LOSING EVERYTHING

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A new catch phrase, "Sustainable Development", has crept into discussions of the most fundamental right Americans have, the right to own property. It is essential to all other liberties and our economy. It is protected by the US Constitution. That protection is about to be lost if "The Community Character Act" is passed.

"The Community Character Act" is a homeowner's association on steroids. It sustains nothing and takes from every American their birthright of freedom.

What is Sustainable Development? Imagine an America in which a single, specific ruling principle is created to decide proper societal conduct for every citizen. That principle would be used to consider everything you eat, what you wear, the kind of home in which you live, the way you get to work, the way you dispose of waste, the number of children you may have, even your education and employment decisions.

On June 29, 1993, former President Bill Clinton issued Executive Order #12852 to create the President's Council on Sustainable Development. Sustainable Development calls for changing the very infrastructure of the nation away from private ownership and control of property to nothing short of a national zoning system.

Locally elected officials will no longer be the single driving force in making decisions for their communities. Rules will be made behind the scenes in non-elected "sustainability councils" armed with truckloads of federal regulations, guidelines and money.

According to Sustainable Development policies, air conditioning, convenience foods, single-family housing and cars are among the products that have already been determined to be unsustainable. Under such a system, the federal government, backed by an army of private, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), like the Sierra Club, Planned Parenthood, and the National Education Association will influence, if not dictate, policy in state governments and in local communities.

Sustainable Development is nothing but pure Socialism in a Green cloak. Too many Conservatives throughout the nation are either falling for the deception or ignoring it. This is the current crisis of the Conservative movement.

Until now, the congress has not passed specific legislation to impose

Sustainable Development. Legislation is supposed to be openly debated and fully aired before voted upon and implemented as the law of the land. Those who are driving these policies understand that if the general public fully understood sustainable development there would be very little chance of implementation.

The Community Character Act (S.975), and its counterpart in the House of Representatives (H.R.1433), is the legislation that will legalize enforcement of Sustainable Development in every community in the nation. The bill requires local governments to implement land-management plans using guidelines outlined in a federal document called the "Smart Growth Legislative Guidebook." This publication was developed with \$2 million provided by the Clinton Administration to "guide" counties, cities and towns on how to "update their local zoning."

The Community Character Act offers grants to communities that will pay up to 90% of the costs for localities to "update" their zoning, but only if they do it the way the federal government dictates. The Community Character Act requires localities to "conserve historic, scenic, natural and cultural resources." These are euphemisms that mean more land grabs and fewer places where people can freely go about their daily lives. It means planned economies, restricted housing, and diminished use of cars. It means government control of property. The bill contains not a single mention of private-property rights protection.

The Community Character Act demands that communities "integrate local land-use plans with Federal land-use plans." That means local wants and needs, local problems, and local culture will be ignored---wiped away---as the entire nation is homogenized into one, unhappy colorless, controlled Big Brotherhood.

Having conditioned Americans to believe that property values are more important than property rights, the effort is now being made to deprive Americans of those rights. Once that is achieved, the objectives of Communism will have been instituted in America. Homeowners and other owners of property in America will be reduced solely to people whose only right is to pay taxes on their property. They will have no right to determine what they may do with it.

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PROTECTING PRIVATE PROPERTY:
IT'S THE AMERICAN THING TO DO

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Mayor Cleo Mathews of Hinton, West Virginia speaks of the New River Parkway as being a local issue in which outsiders have no business meddling, but the Parkway will be built with a good share of federal funds. For that reason alone, we all have an interest in why local homeowners face having their homes taken from them and razed by the government.

The primary forces behind the Parkway are the federal Department of Transportation and the National Park Service. What's happening in Hinton isn't about eminent domain. It's about destroying homes so that drivers can look at trees. Consider now how the issue of property rights and the plight of families about to lose their homes are critical to every homeowner in America.

Branded an outside agitator by the Mayor, I suggest that the real "outside agitators" are coming in from Washington, DC to take the property of Hinton residents. The claim is that Hinton needs the highway for economic reasons, but the real reason Hinton and other West Virginia communities began to experience economic difficulty was because radical environmentalists were instrumental in closing many of the State's coal mines.

Joining hands with them are men like West Virginia Congressman Nick Rahall. According to the League of Conservation Voters, Congressman Rahall has voted with radical environmentalists 79% of the time, more than any other Congressman from West Virginia. Hinton is simply one of their victims, but there are hundreds of communities across the nation dying because of policies dictated from Washington, D.C.

Now the same culprits who helped to kill Hinton's industry are claiming the New River Parkway is a magic answer to restoring prosperity, but a look at the map of where the Parkway will go reveals it is on the opposite side of the river from Hinton. In preparation for the Parkway, the National Park Service is busy buying up property located along the route. NPS Acting Superintendent Henry Law told some residents along the river road that the agency would "not only get all of the private property along the road, they would take every business too."

At a May 7th meeting, again and again I listened to officials assure those attending that "they" had no intention of taking any land outside of the actual space needed to build the roadway. This is a deceitful tactic. Technically these officials were telling the truth, except they left out the "rest of the story." Once the roadway is built it will be turned over to the

National Park Service. NPS will then complete the project by implementing its "view sheds" and imposing conservation easements. Once done, there will be no private homes and no private businesses along the New River Parkway.

The property owners don't want to lose their homes and for that they are being called "extremists." I went to Hinton because no locally elected official would stand up for the property owners. The American Policy Center works with a coalition of property rights activists from across the nation and we are fighting back against government polices that have turned their back on homeowners, ranchers, farmers and all others who want to possess a part of the American dream.

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SMART GROWTH - PEOPLE PER ACRE

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Over the past few years, we have discussed "SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES," a term used by the politically correct elite for our future cities. Cities: without automobiles, no suburbs and no large homes on 2-acre lots. Sustainable communities tie in well with Agenda 21 and the Wildlands Project, whereby 50 percent of the United States will be reverted back to the wild and our entire population will live in these areas of "smart growth." The plan is to force rural folks into these already crowded areas and the move is well underway as farmers and ranchers are being forced off their land. Missouri's Governor has issued a Smart Growth Executive Order and our colleges are holding seminars and teaching courses on the subject.

The following figures have been taken from the Sierra Club website www.sierraclub.org/sprawl/community/enviroimpacts.asp. For example, Minnesota's Twin Cities density is 1,800 people per square mile but with smart growth it should grow to 3,000 people per square mile. Portland now has a density of 3,000 people per square mile but should be as dense as Los Angeles 5,600 per square mile. LA should improve its density to that of Chicago's 16,000 per square mile. The Sierra Club website indicates that the efficient urban density is 500 households per acre. An acre is only slightly over 200 feet square so Manhattan, with only 52,000 people per square mile, has a ways to go before it reaches smart-growth perfection.

The Sierra Club web page compares four different densities: Dense urban is 400 households per acre. Efficient urban is only 100 households per acre. Efficient suburban is 10 households per acre and then there is "SPRAWL" defined as one household per acre. At 100 households per acre our entire US population would fit into Los Angeles. The entire world population could live in the state of Virginia.

This sounds so ridiculous that most people won't believe it can happen. The folks behind these screwball ideas have huge amounts of money along with government grants to carry out their plans and they are very serious in their beliefs. If anybody can put a stop to their lunatic ideas it's not going to be the farmer or rancher who are trying to pay off the mortgage on the home place. It will be the multi-millionaire who has built a \$3 million home on five acres. These people won't like living in a sustainable community any better than us farmers and ranchers and they have the money to fight for their freedom. It's our job to convince them that this is taking place before their very eyes.

As for me and my house - I still want land, lots of land underneath the skies above, so - please, don't fence me in.

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'SMART GROWTH' OR DUMBED DOWN BY CONSENSUS POLITICIANS

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Voters are under an illusion when they elect someone to the legislature that person will be there to "represent" them using the constitution as a plumb line.

But what voters do not realize is that such groups as the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) located in Washington, D.C., and whose founder is Paul Weyrich, hold conferences for the legislators while all the time grooming them to accept model legislation which they send back to the states to certain facilitated legislators to introduce and promote.

And so is the case perhaps of Oregon's 11-member Smart Growth and Commerce Committee with a Republican businessman as chairman. Republicans are perceived as being for less government intrusion into our lives and more fiscally conservative but when there is a "sleeper/facilitator" in the mix with "model bills" from ALEC and other sources, this perception falls apart.

So we have to wonder what is the designated purpose of this 11-member committee? What is their focus? What is their goal? Is there a hidden agenda? After all, Oregon already has tough land-use laws.

"Change Agent" Republican Governor Tom McCall by Executive Order No. 11 in 1968 created United Nations State Administrative Districts dividing our state into sections. He did this a few months before another Republican, President Richard Nixon, divided our country into ten regions. His White House Directive dated March 27, 1969 was the "restructuring of government service systems" by creating ten regions to administer the fifty states. Nothing happens by accident. This plan again was well orchestrated.

President Nixon, like most Republicans, campaigned on its conservative Republican platform but as many former Democrats have learned after switching to the Republican party because of its conservative platform, Republican does not always constitute conservative and like the white wedding dress, the platform often flies under false colors.

In his January 22, 1971 State of the Union Address Nixon told of this "New American Revolution" wherein not only the executive branch in Washington, D.C. but even the Congress would have to change by giving up some of its powers. This meant good bye checks and balance. And this is why U.S. presidents have been sending American troops all over the world on "peacekeeping" assignments without constitutional Congressional approval leaving us totally vulnerable for an attack by the enemies within and without our borders.

While President Nixon was too clever to actually join the World Federalists in promoting its One World Government agenda, like so many other elected officials, he had been actively supporting its program since his early days in Congress.

Inasmuch as Oregon already had strict land-use planning laws, this "Smart Growth" plan only means the restrictions are going to become even more intrusive.

The Citizens for Responsible Zoning and Landowners, Inc. from Wisconsin says "Smart Growth" came to Wisconsin through the back door. It was described as one of the most stealth comprehensive pieces of land-use legislation considered in the state during the last 50 years.

Just as Oregon's land-use planning was sold to us in the early 70s, the Wisconsin citizens were told all plans would come from the towns but all plans would have to be approved by a higher agency and local decisions could be over-ruled by unseen, un-elected people.

In order to receive the federal money, required public meetings were held in Oregon with standing-room-only crowds in opposition. But what the public did not realize was this was yet another well-orchestrated public relations campaign. Much to the surprise of those who had attended these meetings, the spin in the local papers suggested people favored state land management.

Within that same time frame, Republican Governor Tom McCall, a former TV anchor news man, was in Washington, D.C. testifying before the Interior and Insular Affairs committee headed by Laurence Rockefeller, for strong land-use policy mandates. He wanted to be able to blame the "feds" when some unpopular law was passed in his state. We can say "this is what they ordered us to do. It gives us leverage in trying to do something that ought to be done..." These words are so unlike what President Washington said when he warned us NEVER to break our country into regions -- regional government.

Oregon's statewide planning program was created in 1973 when the legislature passed the Oregon Land Use Act (Senate Bill 100). While numerous attempts were made to get it repealed, the spin in the newspapers and well-placed TV ads paid for with some Rockefeller money prior to the elections were always slanted to make people believe there were some shysters whose sole aim was purely selfish wanting to eliminate all farm land and forests by blacktopping the entire state and building "smoke-stack-chasing-hussy industries," as McCall called them, so the ballot measures lost.

Once that law was passed, an agency was needed to oversee the comprehensive plans so the seven-member Oregon's Land Conservation and Development Commission was created with the Governor appointing the members. Its 2001-03

biennium budget is nearly \$17 million with 66 unelected employees dictating policy to elected officials in our towns and counties.

Every entity was expected to have a comprehensive plan in place by a certain date. Never mind that while the big cities could hire "consultants" to help in this planning process, the smaller cities - some unincorporated - were expected to create similar land-use planning.

Of course, when such controls are put in place, disputes arise so then we needed someone to settle them and the legislature created the Land Use Board of Appeals in 1979 and was given exclusive jurisdiction to review all government land-use decisions. It was allegedly created to simplify the appeal process, speed resolutions of land-use disputes and provide consistent interpretation of vaguely written state and local land-use laws. The governor appoints the three-member board to serve four-year terms. Its 2001-03 biennium budget exceeds \$1 million.

These unelected decision makers are all selected by the governor, so their decisions will be slanted to his or her philosophy and there is no accountability.

This "Smart Growth" land management scheme like Oregon's land-use planning in the 70s all have roots in several international conferences held under the auspices of the United Nations.

The Citizens for Responsible Zoning in Wisconsin brings up another term which has become so prominent in recent months and that is "Sustainable Development," which was first proposed by the United Nations in 1987. In 1992 they adopted Agenda 21 to explain how Sustainable Development could be related to all human activity. And now we get to the crux of this hoax.

Maurice Strong, Secretary-General of the conference explained:

"It is clear current lifestyles and consumption patterns of the affluent middle class involving high meat intake, consumption of large amounts of frozen and convenience foods, use of fossil fuels, appliances, home and work-place air conditioning, and suburban housing are not sustainable. A shift is necessary toward lifestyles less geared to environmentally damaging consumption patterns."

And there you have it. Communism has been replaced by the environmentalists. And this philosophy is being promoted all over the world. New Ager Maurice Strong headed the New World Order Earth Summit in Australia in November 2000.

In response to these conferences, President Clinton created the Council on

Sustainable Development. "Smart Growth" was proposed to remedy our unsustainable lifestyles.

The solution was to reduce sprawl by restricting suburban/rural housing and increasing the density of cities with high rise apartment buildings along the mass transit lines being proposed and built.

By attacking the fishing and timber industry in Oregon causing massive unemployment people were forced to retrain and move to the big cities for employment. Towns who relied on these industries are now suffering economically.

With the building of walking and bicycling paths and the use of mass transit, it would therefore limit the use of automobiles. Current housing patterns are based on personal choices so as starters the citizenry must be programmed to accept smaller lots within designated areas. This drives up the cost of the land to the point where many people can no longer afford a home so they will be forced to live in these high rise apartments along the mass transit lines.

This far-reaching program is called social engineering. These restrictions will not become apparent overnight. It's been going on in Oregon since the early 70s. "Smart Growth" like President Bush's War on Terrorism, is a long-term plan for the entire restructuring of all of American society.

When I spoke to one of our county commissioners regarding "Smart Growth" she said "This applies in my county and throughout Oregon as well. The United States is in trouble." This lady not only answered my concerns but shared her heart with me. She is an exception to the rule when it comes to elected officials. Her other two Republican colleagues however, out vote her and they promote this "Smart Growth" and "Sustainable Development" plan.

In closing, we must become acquainted with yet another term called Communitarianism, which places the importance of society ahead of the sovereign, unfettered rights of the individual. The dictionary defines it as a member of the Communist community. Our neighborhoods or communities are becoming part of the global community which is based on the belief that true community is rooted in the equitable sharing of values like political power, social justice and economic well being.

America is ever so gradually being reduced to third world status using the Internal Revenue Service to collect taxes and then redistributing funds to United Nations agencies which implement programs that further eliminate our sovereign rights given to us by our Founding Fathers. This generation is literally giving away the freedoms that so many good Americans fought and died for.

I agree with my County Commissioner. America is in deep trouble. Some claim if people would just turn out to vote in large numbers, this trend could be reversed. This is not true. A corrupt judicial system and dumbed down elected officials with no desire to honor their constitutional oath of office are the problem. Voters are too busy earning a living in this deliberate stressed-filled world to keep a close eye on how the people they elect vote. They trust them to do the honorable thing and today, it is hard to find a totally trustworthy and honorable person after he or she has been in office for awhile. Their heart may have initially been in the right place but soon [through consensus] they are blackmailed and compromised. Power corrupts and absolute power corrupts absolutely. About the only thing most elected officials want is another step up the political ladder and their very lucrative salaries, perks and pensions.

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THE BACK ROOM DEAL TO DESTROY AMERICA

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A group of U.S. Senators have conspired to destroy local zoning throughout the United States of America. They are trying to do it in secret. They don't want to hear from someone saying they are betraying the Constitution they swore to uphold.

Americans should take note of the names of these Senators: Former Republican turncoat Jim Jeffords; Republican Arlen Specter; Democrat Max Baucus; Democrat Harry Ried; Democrat Bob Graham; Democrat Joseph Lieberman; Democrat Barbara Boxer; Democrat Ron Wyden; Democrat Thomas Casper; Democrat Hillary Rodham Clinton; and Democrat Jon Corzine.

These U.S. Senators, members of the Senate Environment Committee, hold American liberty in such disdain that they conspired behind closed doors to railroad through a bill that would put faceless bureaucrats in Washington, DC, in charge of decisions that have always been made at the community level. The bill, S.975, also known as the "Community Character Act," authorizes the use of federal money so that un-elected environmentalists can advance their extreme-left political agenda.

Secrecy was needed because opposition has been growing as the harsh realities of S-975 are being revealed by property rights advocates. The Jeffords-led cabal knew fast action was required if the bill was to sneak past. S.975, and its counterpart in the House (H.R. 1433) will turn all of Bill Clinton's land-grabbing Executive Orders into legislation. The Community Character Act will officially make the environmental goal of "sustainable development" the law of the land.

What is "sustainable development"? Imagine an America in which a single ruling principle is created to decide proper societal conduct for every citizen. That principle would be used to determine everything you eat, what you wear, the kind of home in which you live, the way you get to work, the way you dispose of waste, the number of children you may have, even your education and employment decisions. Imagine, too, that all of these decisions are called "voluntary" while the federal government uses its full power to induce-coerce--what it deems "correct behavior."

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regard to the nation's education system, controlled entirely from Washington, DC.

It is comparable to the Communist system of the former Soviet Russia.

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The bill contains not a single mention of private-property rights protection. The federal government and states now own forty percent of the entire landmass of the nation. Under the Community Character Act, money would be provided to render more land unavailable for any development or use.

This legislation must be stopped. If not, America will be unrecognizable to future generations. It is time for the Republicans in Congress to decide if they truly believe in the concept of limited government under which individual Americans are free to determine their destinies and achieve their dreams and goals, without intrusion and dictates. Under "sustainable development" there are no individual decisions, rights or actions. Virtually everything will come under the scrutiny of a Washington-sanctioned federal

bureaucrat.

Senate Minority Leader Trent Lott and House Speaker Dennis Hastert must unite their party to stop this attack on one of the fundamental principles of the Constitution. If enacted, it will not "sustain" development. It will end it. It will destroy the machine that maintains our economy and insures its growth. A secret, backroom deal has set this in motion.

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