

# More Mostly Good News

VS.

## Bad News (Bears)

*Skepticism is the first step to Truth* – D. Diderot

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APA sustainability dogma failure documented:

*“The current planning policy strategies for land use and transport have virtually no impact on the major long-term increases in resource and energy consumption...Smart growth principles should not unquestioningly promote increasing levels of compaction on the basis of reducing energy consumption without considering...negative consequences...In many cases...less housing choice, crowding, and congestion”*

**Why do “Smart Growth” and “sprawl prevention” remain in County policy in spite of proven negative impacts?**

# Our Recent Glimpse Of Life When Sustainability Goals Are Forcibly Met And Power Fails

- *"Current lifestyles and consumption patterns of the affluent middle class – involving...use of fossil fuels, appliances, air-conditioning, and suburban housing - are not sustainable."*  
Maurice Strong/UN Agenda 21 (1992)
- Sierra Clubs' Multiple Energy Goals: "Beyond Coal," "Beyond Oil," and "Beyond Natural Gas" leave consumers in the *Great Beyond*, groping for reliable energy
- Sierra Club *not beyond* accepting \$26 million (2007-2010) for its "Beyond Coal" campaign from natural gas company, Chesapeake Energy (*TimeScience* Feb. 2, 2012)
- EPA regulations help fulfill Sierra Club's goal of closing 522 coal-fired power plants; Germany is building 23 new ones

# “Livability” Open-ended Questionnaire, Not A Valid Scientifically-Designed Survey Representing Public Choices

- Albemarle County population 100,780
- City of Charlottesville 44,471
- Respondents to questionnaire 620
- County respondents 39% 244 (0.24%)
- City respondents 30% 183 (0.4%)
- No statistical adjustments in original sample selection to provide an un-biased, meaningful public opinion result

# “Protect Private Property Rights” #1

## Charlottesville and Albemarle County

Top Ten Priorities - Project Area (Charlottesville & Albemarle County)

	<i>Values</i>	<i>Aggregate Ranking</i>	<i>Average Ranking</i>
1	Limit Rural Area Development	1059	6.97
2	Improve Bicycle Facilities	899	6.20
3	Protect Open Space	816	5.83
4	Protect Natural Resources	806	6.01
5	Encourage Sustainable Development	748	6.03
6	Protect Private Property Rights	651	8.04
7	Promote Small Business Development	650	5.33
8	Create Connected Transportation Network	643	5.69
9	Preserve Rural Forested Areas	628	6.04
10	Expand Trails & Greenways	576	5.54



	<i>Values</i>	<i>Frequency of Ranking</i>	<i>Average Ranking</i>
1	Limit Rural Area Development	152	6.97
2	Improve Bicycle Facilities	145	6.20
3	Protect Open Space	140	5.83
4	Protect Natural Resources	134	6.01
5	Encourage Sustainable Development	124	6.03
6	Promote Small Business Development	122	5.33
7	Encourage Re-Use and Rehabilitation of Historic Structures	119	3.88
8	Create Connected Transportation Network	113	5.69
9	Promote Rehabilitation and Re-Use of Existing Structures	113	4.92
10	Preserve Rural Forested Areas	104	6.04

The Aggregate Ranking refers to the total points given to the priority based on the ranking from 1-10. The Frequency of Ranking indicates the number of times the priority was ranked as a priority, and the Average Ranking describes the average ranking score the priority received.

# “Protect Private Property Rights” #1

## “Decrease Regulation” #2

### Albemarle County

Top Ten Priorities - Albemarle County

	Values	Aggregate Ranking	Average Ranking
1	Limit Rural Area Development	763	7.27
2	Protect Private Property Rights	562	8.03
3	Protect Natural Resources	556	6.11
4	Protect Open Space	527	6.20
5	Preserve Rural Forested Areas	470	6.10
6	Promote Small Business Development	440	5.43
7	Decrease Regulation	409	7.57
8	Encourage Sustainable Development	399	5.78
9	Increase Business Opportunities	399	6.44
10	Create Connected Transportation Network	372	5.39



	Values	Frequency of Ranking	Average Ranking
1	Limit Rural Area Development	105	7.27
2	Protect Natural Resources	91	6.11
3	Protect Open Space	85	6.20
4	Promote Small Business Development	81	5.43
5	Preserve Rural Forested Areas	77	6.10
6	Protect Private Property Rights	71	8.03
7	Encourage Sustainable Development	69	5.78
8	Create Connected Transportation Network	69	5.39
9	Encourage Re-Use and Rehabilitation of Historic Structures	68	3.96
10	Improve Bicycle Facilities	67	5.34

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# TJPDC *Livability* Survey Report August 2012

- A non-scientific questionnaire process used to generate “public participation” as required by the grant
- Choices omit associated cost to taxpayer; “cost” relegated to stand-alone category
- Pre-selected Chinese menu of items based on 1998 Sustainability Accords
- HUD-funded grant used to implement sustainability and *“Regionalism”* i.e. imposition of an arbitrary “One Community” label on our diverse population
- Comprehensive Plan is advisory only and not legally binding, but watch out for code change proposals by such un-elected planning commissions

# Our 21 Virginia *Regional Planning Commissions* Are Fulfilling The U.N.'s Global Governance Mandate

*"Regionalism must precede globalism. We foresee a seamless system of governance from local communities, individual states, regional unions and up through to the United Nations itself."*

- UN Commission on Global Governance (1999)

Who needs local government when regional planning commissions will claim to be more efficient? All that is lacking is taxing authority.

The MPO attempted to annex Greene County