

Sustainability of Private Property Rights?

Presentation

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What Is Sustainable Development?

As a **political doctrine**, it is a United Nations concept from the 1987 report *“Our Common Future”* produced by the **United Nations World Commission on Environment and Development**, authored by Gro Harlem Bruntland, VP of the World Socialist Party

The U.N. Definition of *Sustainability*

"development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs"

The embodiment of the ruling class hubris that the unknowable abilities and needs of the future are knowable to us now

“Sustainability”: What’s Not To Like?

A Lot!

- The term sounds innocent, even desirable
- A well-meaning, public concern for environmental stewardship has been co-opted by global activists to impose centralized planning policies radically curtailing private property rights and individual freedoms
- Every aspect of our personal lives is intruded upon as it is benchmarked against “sustainability” by bureaucratic agencies

What Are The Objectives of “Sustainable Development”?

- Objectives include the linking of economic , social, and environmental policies in order to reduce human consumption, achieve social equity, and preserve biodiversity
- It is predicated on alarmist claims of human caused destruction of the environment, manmade climate change, and over-population
- This global goal is to be achieved using central planning techniques at each level of government to regulate private property ownership and individual freedoms

UVA Sustainability Indoctrination

- Timothy Beatley, Teresa Heinz Professor of Sustainable Communities, Department of Urban and Environmental Planning, School of Architecture at the University of Virginia, has taught there for the last twenty-five years. Much of his work focuses on **sustainable communities, and creative strategies by which cities and towns can fundamentally reduce their ecological footprints, while at the same time becoming more livable and equitable places.**
- **Beatley believes that sustainable and resilient cities represent our best hope for addressing today's environmental challenges**

The United Nations Sacrifices Private Property For Sustainability

The language of the United Nations reveals the true over-reaching aims and dangers of “sustainability”:

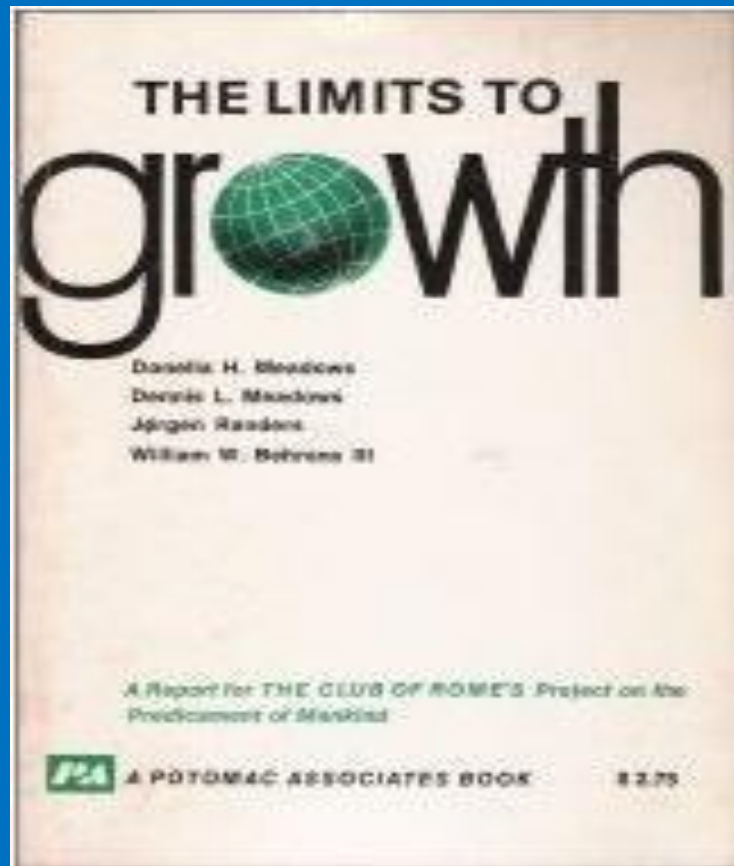
United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development *“Land ...cannot be treated as an ordinary asset, controlled by individuals...private land ownership...contributes to social injustice**

*United Nations Habitat 1 Convention, Vancouver, Canada 1976

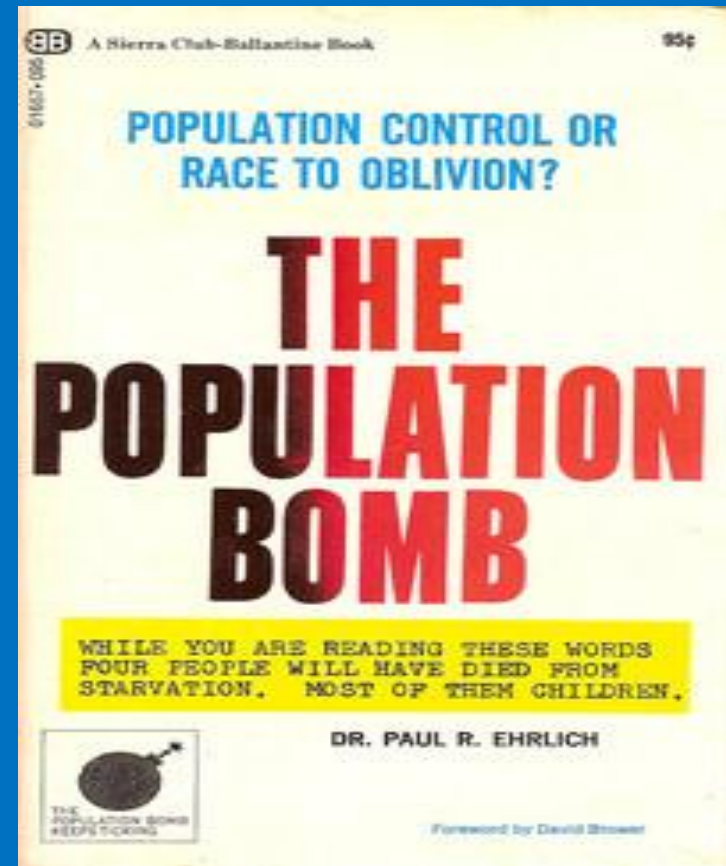
United Nations Dogma Of Pessimism

Local ASAP Group Mimics Negativism

Club of Rome 1972

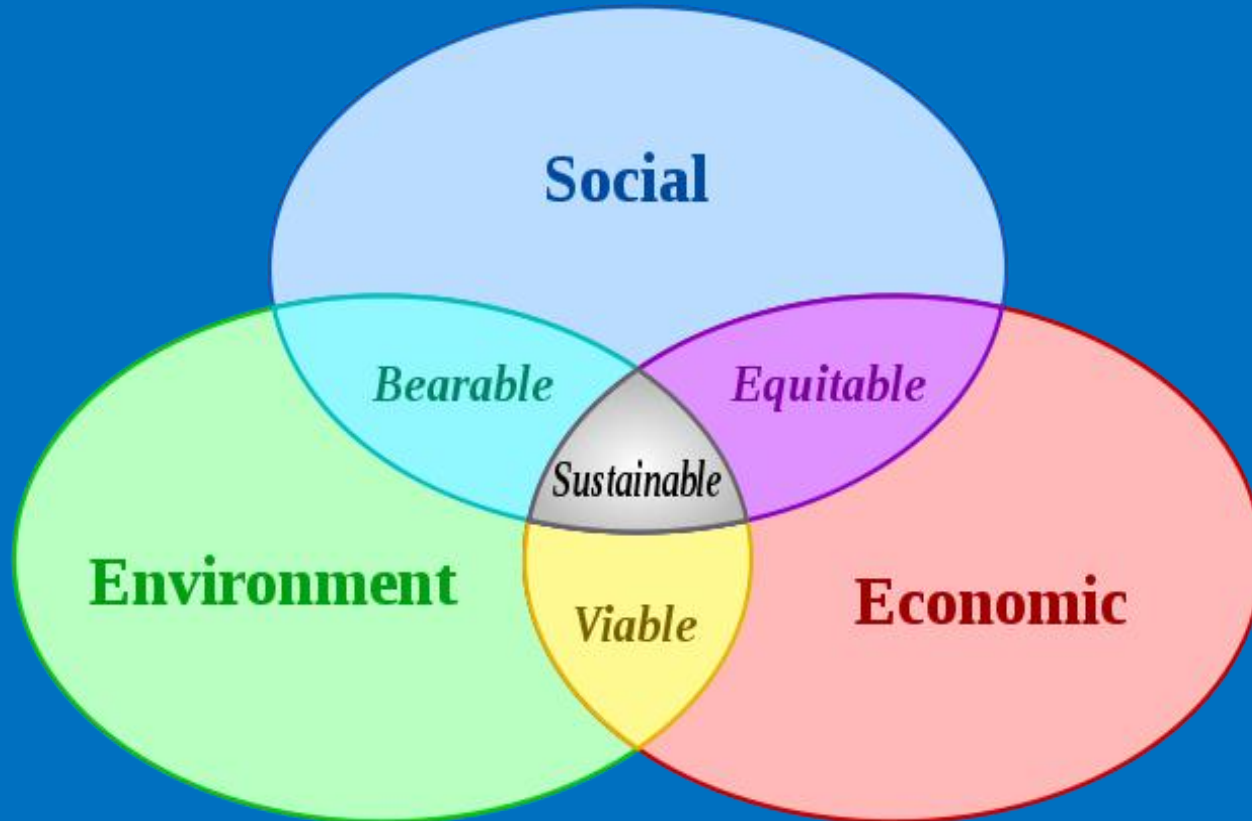


Malthusian Pessimism 1968



WSJ 2/3/2013: US and major western countries, Russia, China, Brazil in fertility rate death spiral < 2.1

Agenda 21 Three “E”s



The Three “E”s

- Social Equity
- Economic Prosperity
- Ecological Integrity

Social Equity

- A concept popularized by Karl Marx as “social justice”
- *“From each according to his ability, to each according to his need (or needs)”* Marx 1875
- The individual must give up his wishes for those of the common good of the community
- Redistribution of wealth takes place of individual success based on individual effort
- Equality of outcome vs. equality of opportunity
- National/sovereign borders are unjust
- Ownership of private property is unjust

Economic Prosperity

- Agenda 21 relies on Public /Private Partnerships to achieve its particular vision of economic prosperity
- Open-market competition is to be replaced by a centralized, state-regulated market of favored corporations... known as “corporatism”
- The favored corporations/stakeholders get special tax treatments, legislation that guarantees profits , preferential land use, and protects them from other competitors...“corporate cronyism” or “fascism” are other descriptive terms
- Examples: General Electric, Solyndra, A123...all big financial supporters of the current administration promoting solar and wind energy projects...expensive make-work projects dependent on government subsidies and lacking cost-effective results

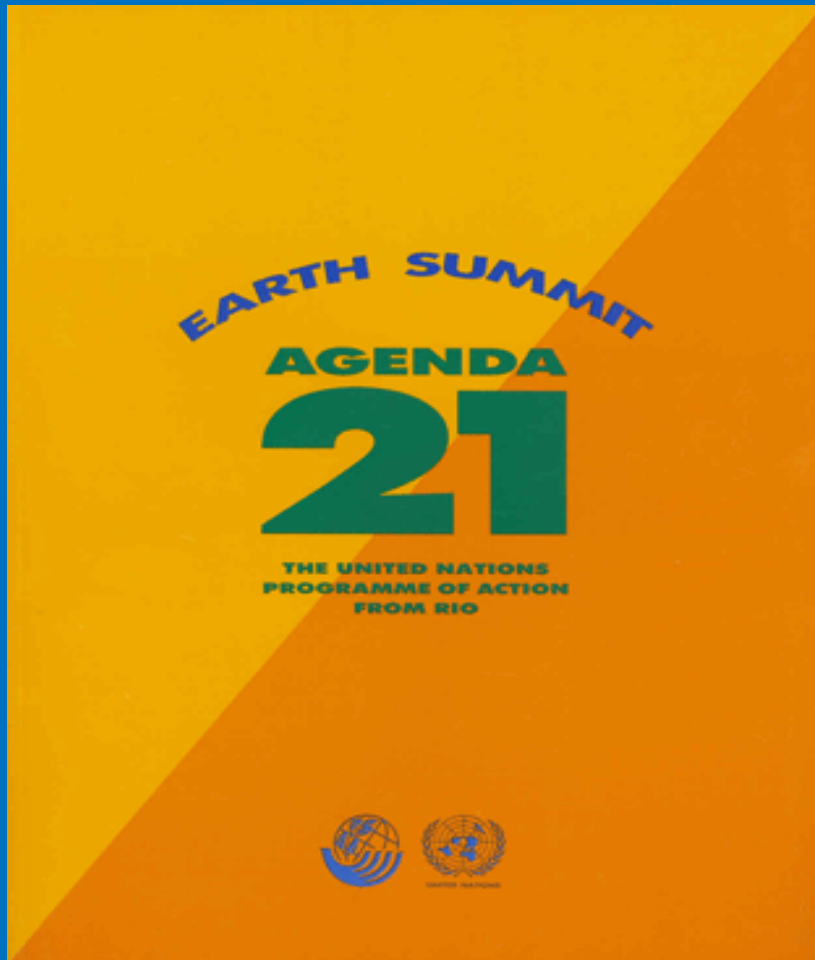
Ecological Integrity

- Environmental protection; biodiversity; endangered species; global warming/cooling
- Humans are just one of co-equal biological entities on Earth, and must sacrifice to save the planet
- Land zoning legislation is designed to herd rural land owners into defined development areas
- Albemarle County growth area is 5% of the total area
- “Stonepoint” exemplifies “New Urbanism,” the planner’s vision of high density housing, inconvenient auto usage, and “European village” Utopian design...a five minute walk to everything

UN's Agenda 21

- The United Nation's world-wide plan for the 21ST Century from the 1992 UN's *Earth Summit* in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
- A 1000+ page handbook designed to regulate every human activity using the benchmarks of “sustainability,” “environmental consequences,” and “biodiversity”
- Written by UN bureaucrats, government officials, non-governmental agencies (NGOs), and environmental activists to achieve population control and wealth redistribution/social justice

United Nations 1992 Agenda 21 Document



“A comprehensive plan of action to be taken globally, nationally, and locally by organizations of the UN, governments, and major groups in every area in which humans impact the environment”

Rio+20 took place 2012 with more of the same wealth redistribution dogma

The Agenda 21 Mind Set

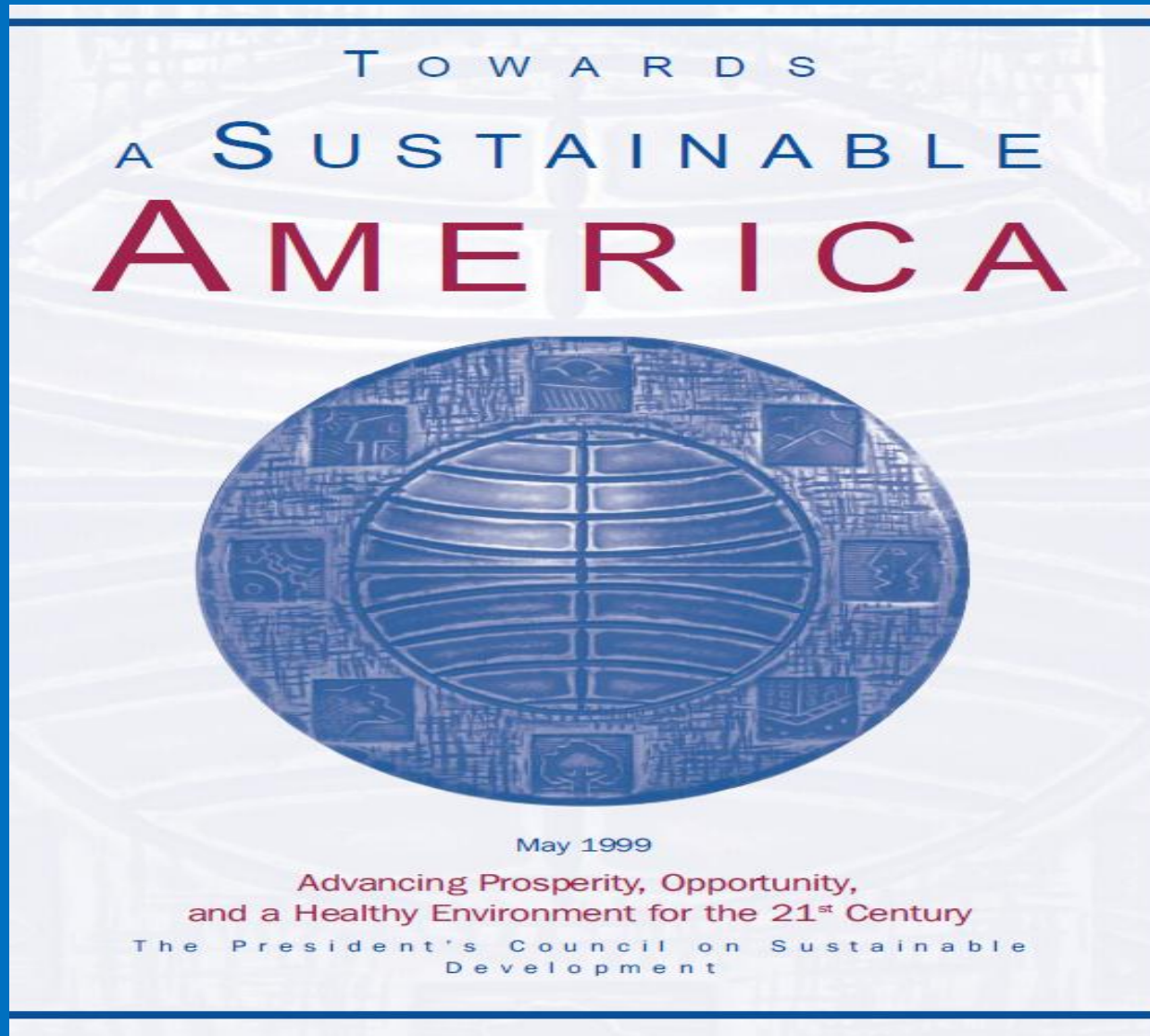
Canadian Maurice Strong, Secretary General of the UN's Earth Summit, 1992:

“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.”

Agenda 21 In The U.S. Federal Government

- U.S. President George H. W. Bush signed the document on behalf of the U.S. in 1992
- A “soft treaty” *not* ratified by the U.S. Senate
- U.S. President Bill Clinton created the “*President’s Council on Sustainable Development*” in 1993 to bring the goals of the U.N. Agenda 21 into the Federal government

U.N. Agenda 21 Goals Embedded In The U.S. By President Clinton 1999



President Obama Continues The Federal Intrusion

- June 2011: President Obama establishes the *“Rural Council”* by executive order
- The U.S. Department of Agriculture will provide administrative support
- All major federal agencies will participate
- The stated goal: *“to improve the quality of life in rural America”*
- “I am from the federal government, and am here to help you”

What Is ICLEI?

International Council for Local
Environmental Initiatives

relabeled in 2003 as

“Local Governments for Sustainability”

The Origins of ICLEI

- ICLEI was conceived in 1989 in Canada as a follow-on project to the 1987 Montreal Accord on ozone depletion
- Canadian Jeb Brugmann promoted an agency that would coordinate *local government* responses to *global environmental* problems
- The **UN Environment Programme** hosted a *World Congress of Local Governments for a Sustainable Future* in New York City, September, 1990 which produced the ICLEI charter

ICLEI Is International In Origin

- ICLEI's operations officially began in 1991
- Toronto , Canada was selected as the location for the ICLEI World Secretariat; it was moved to Bonn, Germany in 2009

The “ICLEI USA” Mission

- ICLEI USA, part of ICLEI International, launched in 1995: “Our mission is to build, serve, and drive a movement of local governments to advance deep reductions in greenhouse gas emissions and achieve tangible improvements in local sustainability”
- The pretext of climate concern is used to implement governmental policy edicts tightly regulating personal choice


ICLEI Is An International Activist Organization

- ICLEI USA states: “becoming an ICLEI member is more than signing a piece of paper or paying annual dues – it’s about joining a committed network of local governments from across the country and **around the world**”
- ICLEI participated at the March 2011 New York meeting of the **United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development** representing “you” in the preparations for *Rio2012*

Local Agenda 21

- Local Agenda 21, also known as LA21, is the policy tool for implementing local sustainable development based on Chapter 28 of the *UN's Agenda 21* document
- ICLEI identifies itself as promoting the implementation of the LA 21 process

Local Agenda 21 Is Global



Local Governments for Sustainability

ICLEI Global

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LA21 Charters Project

Project brief as of December 1999

Title:
Local Agenda 21 Charters Project.

Objectives:
To establish partnership agreements between local governments on a North-South basis to guide and assist each other in the implementation of their Local Agenda 21 action plans.

Summary:
The project guide and support communities to implement their Local Agendas 21 and evaluate whether these are achieving concrete results relative to regional and global problems. Support is provided through regional training and technical assistance programmes and the creation of a global monitoring and reporting system. These are linked together through the promotion and establishment of Sustainable Development Agreements, Local Agenda 21 Charters, between local authorities on a North-South basis.

Duration:
May 15, 1997 until September 15, 2000; continuation planned.

Co-operation partners:
International Council of Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI), International Union of Local Authorities (IULA), Towns & Development (T&D).

Municipalities involved:
Initially 20 municipalities: 10 from the South (6 from Africa and 4 from Latin America) and their counterparts in the North (8 from Europe and 2 from North America).

Working languages:
English, Portuguese and Spanish.

Funding:
The Dutch government, the Open Society Institute, the European Union.

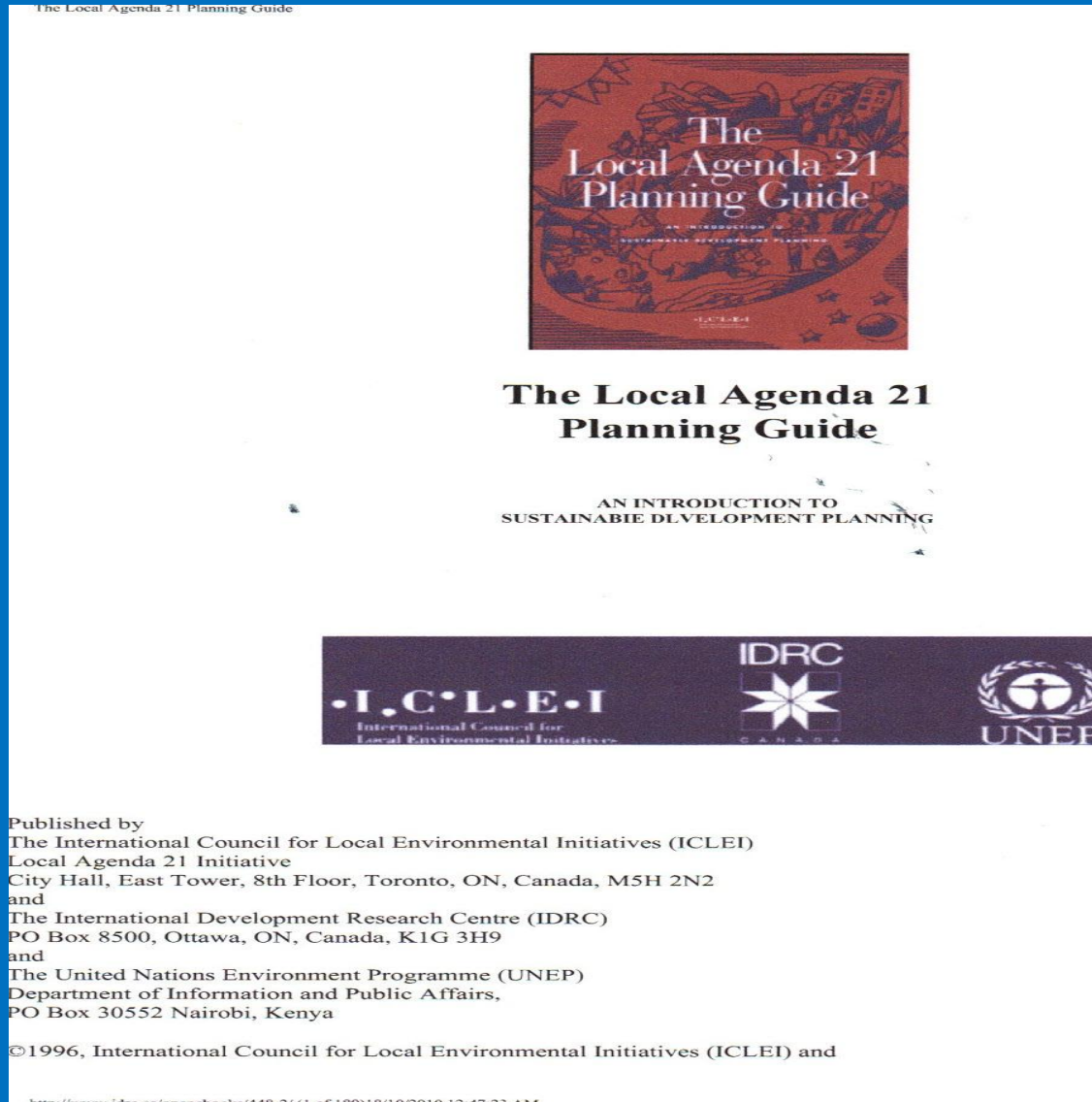
Project Overview
The Local Agenda 21 Charters Project has the following development objectives:

1. To assist local authorities in all regions in actually implementing the Local Agenda 21 plans that they developed and to provide both technical assistance and limited financial support to concrete, practical projects which meet the objectives and commitments in a community's Local Agenda 21.
2. To increase international accountability among local authorities to address the global level challenges addressed in Agenda 21.

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Local Agenda 21 and ICLEI



US HUD and ICLEI Partnership

using borrowed Chinese money to make your community more “livable”

Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grants



Overall Grant Program Goals

- Foster sustainable regional planning consistent with the Livability Principles
 - Support metropolitan areas and multijurisdictional partnerships to adopt integrated plans, strategies, and management tools
 - Create strong alliances of residents and regional interest groups that maintain long term regional vision
 - Build greater transparency into planning efforts and identify best practice
 - Expedite changes in local zoning and land use that remove barriers to sustainable development
 - Assist regions that have shown a long-term commitment to sustainability to prepare for implementation and demonstrate on-the-ground results
 - Identify how Federal agencies can better support local and regional planning and reduce redundant and conflicting Federal requirements



ICLEI Is In Virginia At The State Level

ICLEI USA : “Initiated in 2007, **the Virginia State Climate Protection Network** consists of local governments from across the state that are taking critical and innovative steps to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and develop in a more sustainable and just manner”

ICLEI USA Partner Organizations

Partner Organizations include:

Architecture 2030

Center for American Progress

Earth Day Network

International City/County Managers Association

National Wildlife Federation

Natural Resources Defense Council

**Sierra Club and Sierra Club's Cool Cities/Cool
Counties**

US EPA

What United Nations?

I Don't See Any United Nations In Albemarle County

- The U.N. established the Agenda 21 global plan for implementation of “sustainability” in 1992
- ICLEI becomes a “co-operation partner” to implement the Local Agenda 21 project (Chapter 28 of Agenda 21) in 1997
- The U.N. Education, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) declares 2005-2014 the “Decade of Education for Sustainable Development”

UN “Sustainability” Is In Our Classrooms (2005-2014)



US PARTNERSHIP

DECADE OF EDUCATION FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
UNITED NATIONS DECADE (2005-2014)

US Partnership for Education for Sustainable Development

National Education for Sustainability K-12 Student Learning Standards

Version 3 – September 2009



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The United Nations Here Under The Radar

- The U.S. Department of Education puts “sustainability” into K-12
- Virginia’s “Virginia State Climate Protection Network” brings “sustainability” here in 2007
- Albemarle County staff bring ICLEI to County government in 2007
- In 2010, Albemarle County joins with the *Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission* in pledging to the Federal government to implement “sustainability” locally

Sustainability, The Sierra Club, and ICLEI In Albemarle County Government

December 5, 2007 – Non Agenda Item. Mr. Rooker said “he would like to ask that the Board adopt a resolution entitled ‘*U.S. Cool Counties Climate Stabilization Declaration*’”

Albemarle County Staff Calls The Shots

February 6, 2008 – “Climate Change as a Critical Issue”
Under “Proposed Strategy” – “**staff** recommends that the County follow the milestones outlined in the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI) ‘5 Milestone Process’”

Albemarle County Timeline Continued, The ICLEI Commitment

The ICLEI “5 Milestone Process” was adopted and a timeline set to achieve these milestones beginning January 2008. The milestones:

1. Conduct a baseline emissions inventory
2. Set a target for greenhouse gas reduction
3. Establish a Local Action Plan
4. Implement the Local Action
5. Assess, Report and Modify the Local Action Plan

Albemarle County Completes ICLEI Milestone 3

February 2011: In conjunction with the City of Charlottesville, and the University of Virginia, Albemarle County hosted the community workshop *“Carbon, Our Energy Future, and You”* the culmination of an 18 month process as part of the mandated **“Develop a Local Action Plan”**

The official press release contained “need to” repeatedly in referring to changes in life style they claimed are necessary to achieve the emissions reduction goal of 80% by 2050. “Social equity” was listed among their goals

Our Milestone

ICLEI and “Cool Counties” Resolution

Voted Out

by

Albemarle County BOS June, September 2011

The Thomas Jefferson Planning District, Region 10

- Region 10 includes Albemarle, Fluvanna, Greene, Louisa, Nelson Counties and the City of Charlottesville
- Planning Districts are a creation of the 1969 Virginia General Assembly , staffed by a mixture of elected and non-elected individuals
- Funding includes governmental and private grants
- The TJPD was created in 1972 “in order to promote the orderly and efficient development of the physical, social, and economic elements by planning and encouraging and assisting governmental subdivisions to plan for the future”

The TJPDC Is Awarded A \$999,000 Federal Sustainability Grant

- Fall 2010: The TJPDC announced that it had been awarded a U.S. Housing and Urban Development (H.U.D.) grant *“Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant Program”*
- Albemarle County is listed as a “major partner”
- This grant was envisioned as a “full regional implementation plan” and as building on the *“1998 Sustainability Accords”*
- A major objective is “to codify implementation strategies into the City and County Comprehensive Plans”

Thomas Jefferson Planning District *“1998 Sustainability Accords”* Is The Basis Of Its HUD Grant

- This 1998 product of a four-year process claims to represent *“Principles which govern a sustainable community”* through a delineation of Goals, Objectives, and Indicators and Benchmarks of a sustainable region
- In this process, most every aspect of citizen behavior was subjected to scrutiny and regulation and central planning benchmarks

Thomas Jefferson Planning District

“1998 Sustainability Accords”

- One egregious example: “Strive for a size and distribute the human population in ways that preserve vital resources”
- Another: “Ensure that every member of the community is able to obtain employment that provides just compensation, mobility, and fulfillment”

This document reads as the wishful thinking of a socialist/Marxist central planner

Advocacy Advertised As Information

- The activities enumerated in the TJPDC H.U.D. grant are described as a “work product to assist the ultimate decision makers (i.e. the Board of Supervisors) in making ordinance and Comprehensive Plan changes
- The actual language of the grant leaves no doubt that the grant recipients are dogmatic advocates for policy changes to influence every aspect of private choice and private property ownership

Sustainability Becomes A Bad Word

- Although the TJPDC grant document contained the terms “*sustainability/sustainable*” almost 70 times, the TJPDC changed the name of this grant to the “*Livable Communities Planning Project*” just in time for the first public presentation on April 27, 2011 at the Albemarle County Office Building
- This illustrates the central planners’ nervousness over the term “sustainability” even as ICLEI itself changed its name to “*Local Governments for Sustainability*”

What Is “Livability”

Table 1: Livability Definitions

<p>U.S. DOT Secretary LaHood. Livability is about tying the quality and location of transportation facilities to broader opportunities such as access to good jobs, affordable housing, quality schools, and safe streets. Livability means being able to take your kids to school, go to work, see a doctor, drop by the grocery or post office, go out to dinner and a movie, and play with your kids in a park, all without having to get in your car.</p>	<p>U.S. DOT Strategic Plan. Livable communities are places where transportation, housing and commercial development investments have been coordinated so that people have access to adequate, affordable and environmentally sustainable travel options.</p>	<p>U.S. DOT Deputy Assistant Secretary Beth Osborne. Livable communities have transportation options, housing options, destinations nearby, and save money for families and taxpayers (<i>from TRB Livability Conference presentation</i>).</p>
<p>AASHTO ‘Road to Livability.’ AASHTO’s ‘livability’ objective is to use transportation investments to improve the standard of living, the environment, and quality of life for all communities, rural, suburban, and urban... providing more transportation choices for families . by walking, biking, and transit;...driving is also a legitimate transportation choice.</p>	<p>American Institute of Architects. Livability is best defined at the local level. Broadly speaking, a livable community recognizes its own unique identity and places a high value on the planning processes that help manage growth and change to maintain and enhance its community character.</p>	<p>AARP Beyond 50.05. A livable community is one that has affordable and appropriate housing, supportive community features and services, and adequate mobility options, which together facilitate personal independence and the engagement of residents in civic and social life.</p>

The Name Game

- *United Nations Environment and Development Forum* Speaker Gary Lawrence (former Clinton advisor) in reference to LA21 concerns:
“we call our processes something else, such as ***comprehensive planning, growth management, or smart growth***”
- The social/community planners have been adept in using other such language as: “Resilient Cities,” “Smart Cities,” “Regional Visioning Projects,” “STAR Sustainable Communities,” “Green Jobs,” “Local Visioning,” and “Consensus Building”

The United Nations “Oneness” Theme Carries Into Local Agenda

- *“Our Common Future”* UN report 1987
becomes
The Thomas Jefferson Planning District
Commission’s 2011
“many plans One Community”

The TJPDC Sustainability Implementation Plan

1. Common land use – transportation Vision for the Charlottesville/Albemarle Region
2. Integration of Sustainability Strategies into Comprehensive Plans and the Long Range Transportation Plan
3. Code and Ordinance Sustainability Recommendations
4. Plan for Behavior Change Processes
5. Public Engagement
6. Sustainability Baseline and Performance Measurement System

TJPDC Community Questionnaire Results

February 15, 2012, *Charlottesville-Tomorrow* reports the TJPDC Livability findings : “Most of the 508 respondents ‘said they would prefer to live in the rural areas of Albemarle County if there were no barriers in choice of housing.’ Sixty-one percent said they commuted from outside the Charlottesville-Albemarle area because they found housing elsewhere more affordable or a better value.”

September 2012 TJPDC Survey “Top Three Priorities by Category for All Questionnaires” “Other”:

#1 Protect Private Property Rights

#2 Decrease Regulation

How Does Albemarle County Planning Staff Respond?

- Echols...*“We have an awful lot of development rights that exist [by-right] in the rural area, so many that if they were all exercised, the rural areas would not look like the rural areas any longer.”* C-T Sept. 26, 2012
- Wayne Cilimberg, the county’s director of planning. *“It is too easy to live in the rural area and drive in to work.”* C-T Feb. 15, 2012
- *“We have no intention to dictate to people what they can do with their land, or to place any new requirements on them,”* he added. *“We are not in the business of telling people what to do.”* Stephen Williams TJPDC C-T March 17, 2011

From The Albemarle County Planning Commission “Rural Areas” Document

- “INTRODUCTION
- Of the 726 square miles in Albemarle County 690 square miles, approximately 95 percent of the County, is designated as the Rural Area. The Rural Areas are made up of farms, forests, residential and commercial land, mountains, streams, and habitat for flora, fauna, aquatic life.
- As mentioned previously, one of the most important goals of the County is to protect and efficiently utilize County resources by protecting the elements which define it:
- They are the features which often draw people to want to live in the Rural Areas, which is not a goal for Albemarle.
- *At least not for the central planning staff of Albemarle County...Why are these unelected officials proclaiming what Albemarle’s citizens goals must be? Who sets the goals? Professional environmentalist lobbying groups? Ordinary citizens too busy working or helping with their children’s homework to attend dinner-time meetings seem left out of the loop, their wishes ignored.*

Private Property Rights Not A Priority In The Planners' "Rural Areas" Document

- "Although residential development is not the preferred use for the Rural Areas, house building still occurs...The Plan for the Rural Areas discusses ways to promote rural land uses and to discourage new residential development in the future.
- Building permits for new dwellings **will not exceed** an average of 105 per year
- The ACE Program **will be funded** at a level of at least \$500,000 per year. The number of acres under conservation easements **will increase by 5%.**"
- *Your tax dollars are used to lock up rural land. These actions serve to make private property development even more expensive through such rationing, and decrease the property tax base*

American Planning Association (APA)

- This self-described advocacy group obtained U.S. Federal grant and private funding to produce the *“Growing Smart Legislative Guidebook”* in 2002
- A cookbook style manual for local governments
- Provides the tools to achieve effective government control of growth and environmental issues (sustainability) by nibbling away at private choice and property rights via imposition of zoning regulations

American Planning Association (APA) Cook Book “Sustainability” Recipes (the *experts* know what is best for you)

Growing SmartSM Legislative Guidebook

*Model Statutes for Planning and the
Management of Change*

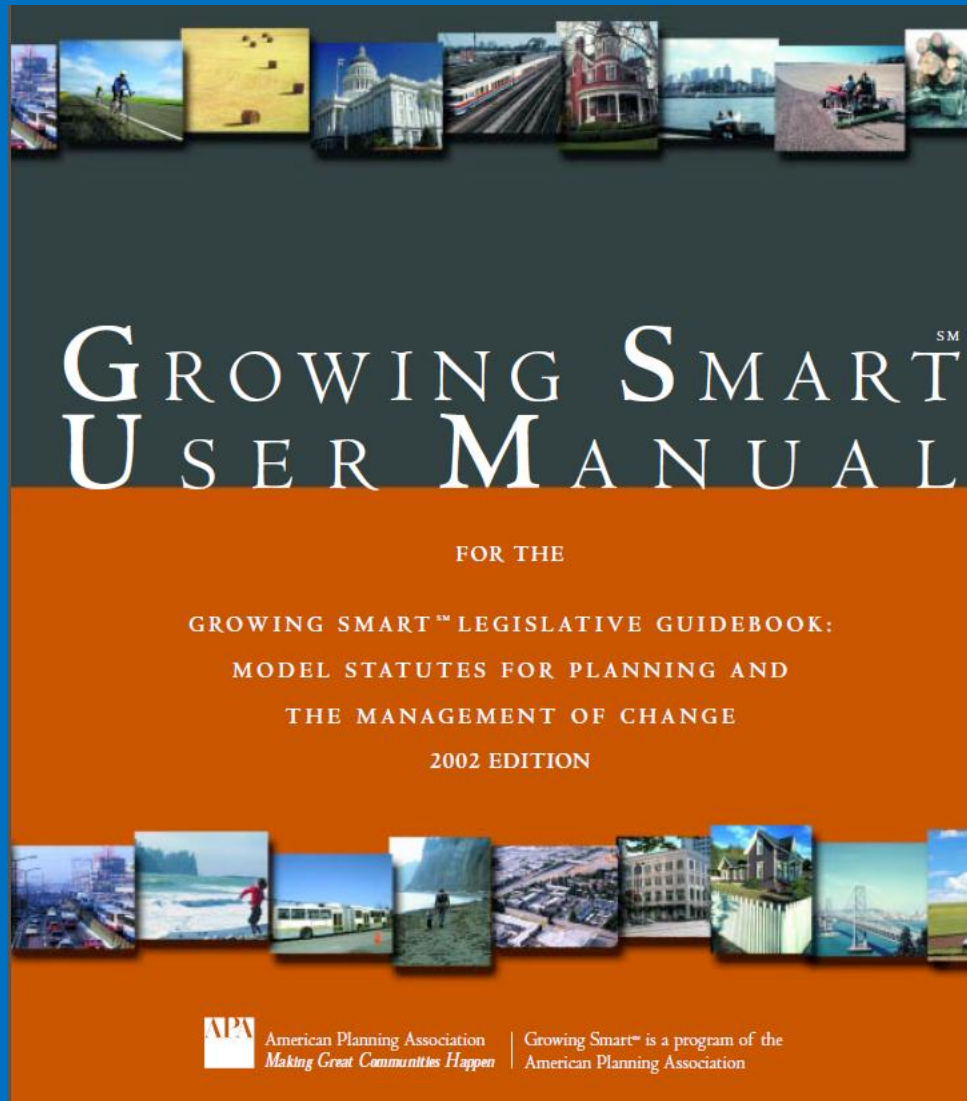
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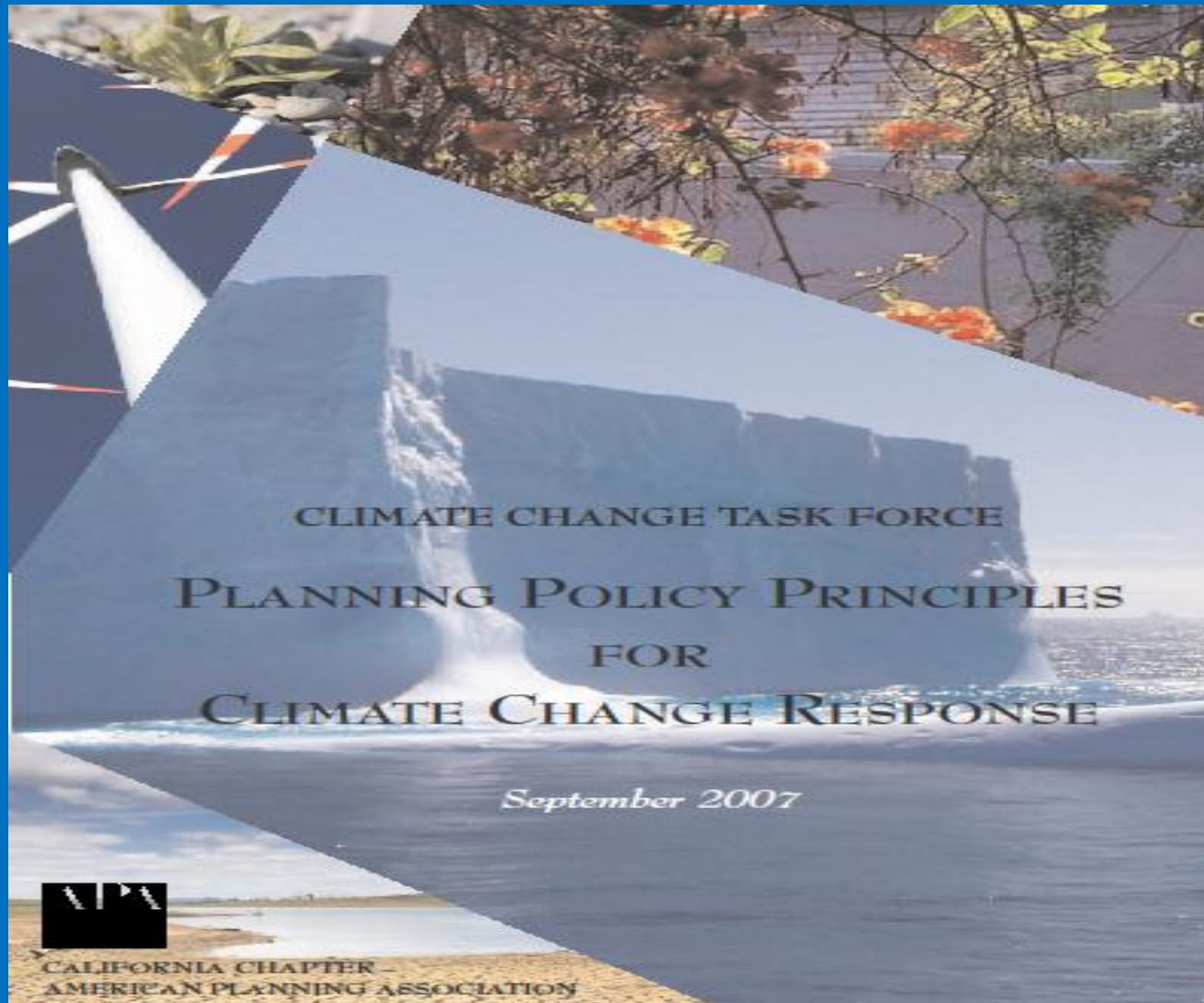
Growing SmartSM is a program of the
American Planning Association



The Planners' How-To Book



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Statement of Principles

The Planners Network is an association of professionals, activists, academics, and students involved in physical, social, economic, and environmental planning in urban and rural areas, who promote fundamental change in our political and economic systems.

We believe that planning should be a tool for allocating resources and **developing the environment to eliminate the great inequalities of wealth and power in our society**, rather than to maintain and justify the status quo. We are committed to opposing racial, economic, and environmental injustice and discrimination by gender and sexual orientation. **We believe that planning should be used to assure adequate food, clothing, housing, medical care, jobs, safe working conditions, and a healthful environment. We advocate public responsibility for meeting these needs, because the private market has proven incapable of doing so.**

We seek to be an effective political and social force, working with other progressive organizations to inform public opinion and public policy and to provide assistance to those seeking to understand, control, and change the forces which affect their lives.



The Process: *Planning* Away Private Property Rights

- Activist groups pressure the local government to act to “save” the environment and climate
- Decision making committees are formed
- Influential members of the community get to be “stakeholders”
- Policies are developed by unelected individuals and special interest groups
- The elected officials are presented a final report said to represent the public “consensus”

Perfecting The Illusion of “Public Consensus”

- *Community workshops, consensus building, public partnering, stewardship opportunity, coalition building, having your thoughts and opinions heard...*
- this is the language of expert facilitators who guide public opinion and give the public the illusion that the sustainability implementation measures are the public's own wishes
- Public-private partnerships enable political favoritism status for the lucky few, and disadvantaged status for the rest

Soviet-Style Edicts From The Albemarle County Planning Staff For The Rural Areas Ignore Private Property Rights And Free- Market Dynamics

“An Agricultural-Forestal Support Program **will exist** and a staff person **will be hired**.

The number of farms **will not** decrease.

The number of acreage in farmland **will not** decrease.

The number of acres within agricultural and forestal districts **will not decrease**.

The number of acres under land use taxation **will remain stable** or increase.

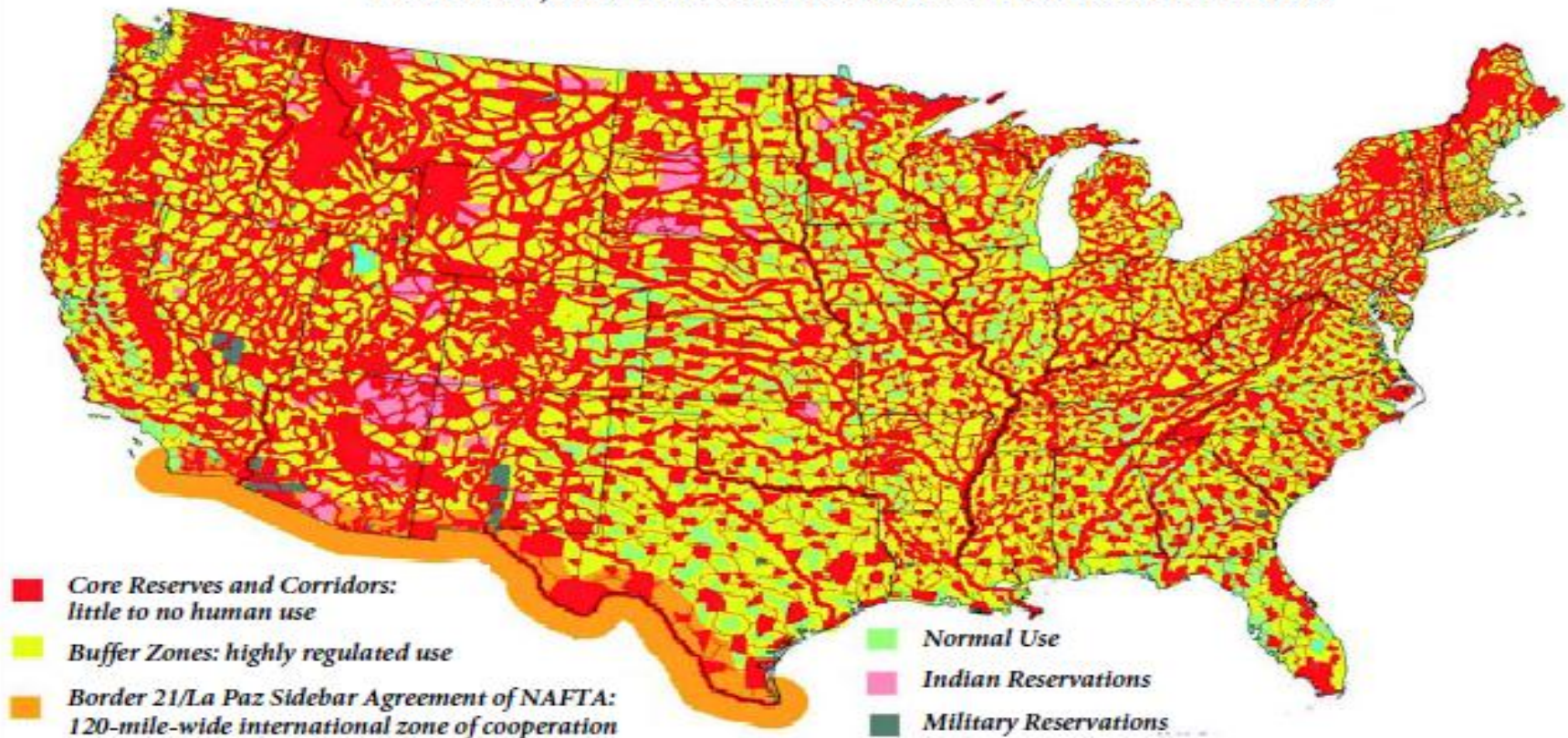
The **total market value** of agricultural products produced in the County **will increase**.

The number of RPDs which have preserved important soils for agricultural and forestry use **will increase**.”

(October 30, 2012 Planning Work Session Document (page 25) presented by E. Echols)

United Nations 1992“Convention on Biological Diversity” Meets “The Wildlands Project” (Tabled by US Senate in 1994 because of this map)

**SIMULATED RESERVE AND CORRIDOR SYSTEM TO PROTECT BIODIVERSITY
AS MANDATED BY THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY,
THE WILDLANDS PROJECT, UNITED NATIONS AND U.S. MAN AND THE BIOSPHERE
PROGRAM, AND VARIOUS U.N. AND U.S. HERITAGE PROGRAMS**

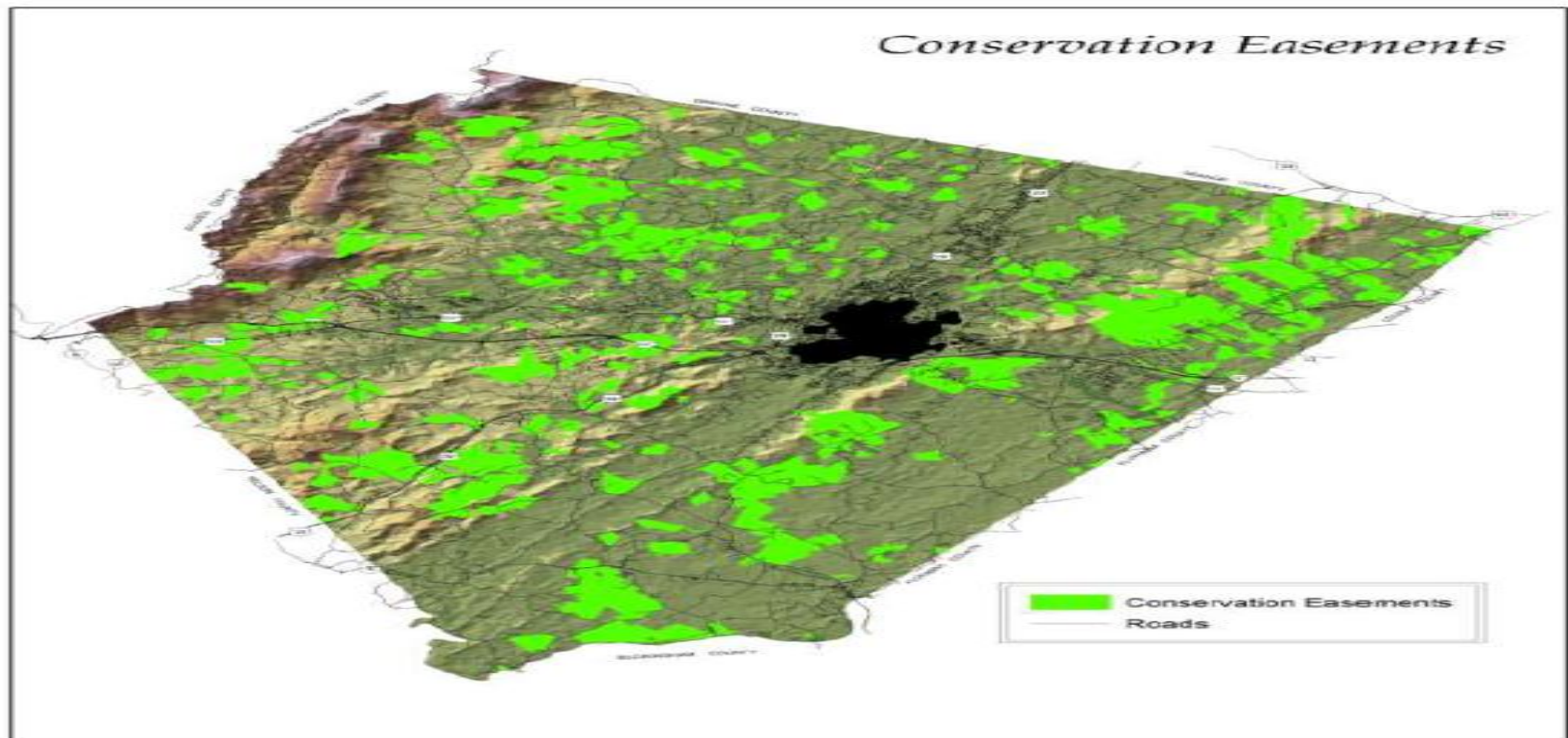


Taken from: The United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity, Article 8a-e; United Nations Global Biodiversity Assessment, Section 13.3.2.2.3; US Man and the Biosphere Strategic Plan, UN/US Heritage Corridor Program, "The Wildlands Project," WildEarth, 1992.

VA Conservation Easements Fulfilling The Wildness Project

- Environmental Grantmakers Association (made up of about 140 major U.S. foundations in 1992—over 200 today) created a program in 1992 to create and fund land trusts to buy conservation easements that eliminate any development and begin to impose land-use restrictions
- A “kinder” approach than that of the National Park Service
- Government's failure at managing scenic conservation easements, using costly fee-simple ownership, gave birth to the private land trust
- Environmental groups act as pseudo-land-agents for the Federal government, government policy, and government funding
- Remaining land made more expensive as land owner benefits from tax and estate planning benefits, financed with your tax dollars

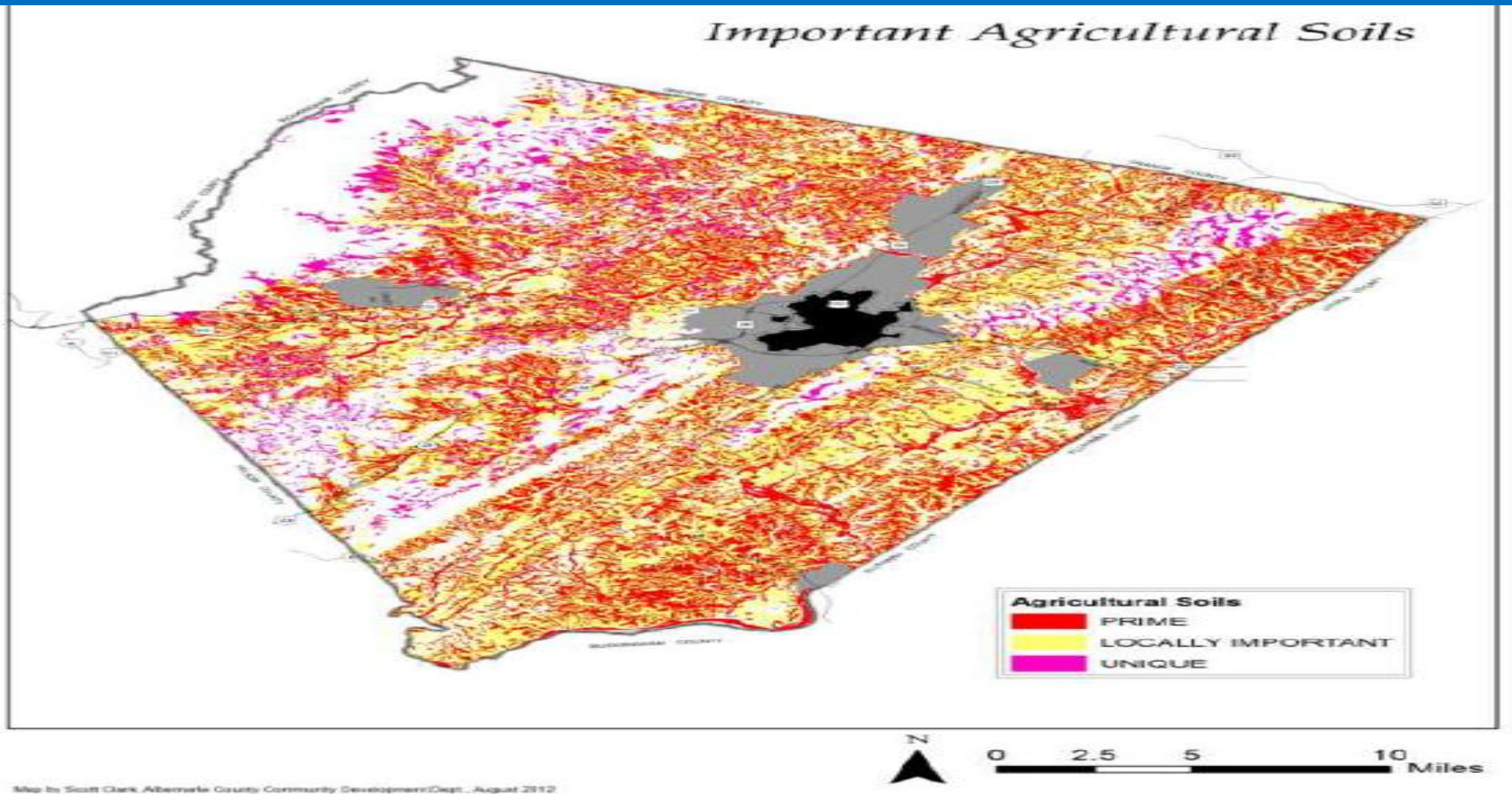
“County Conservation Easements”: Making Developable Land More Expensive And Property Taxes Higher For Others Wishing To Use Their Land



Map by Scott Clark, Alabama County Community Development Dept., August 2012.
Conservation easement data accurate as of October, 2012. Please
note that some parcels shown as being under easement may not
have their entire area under easement (usually in the case of riparian easements).

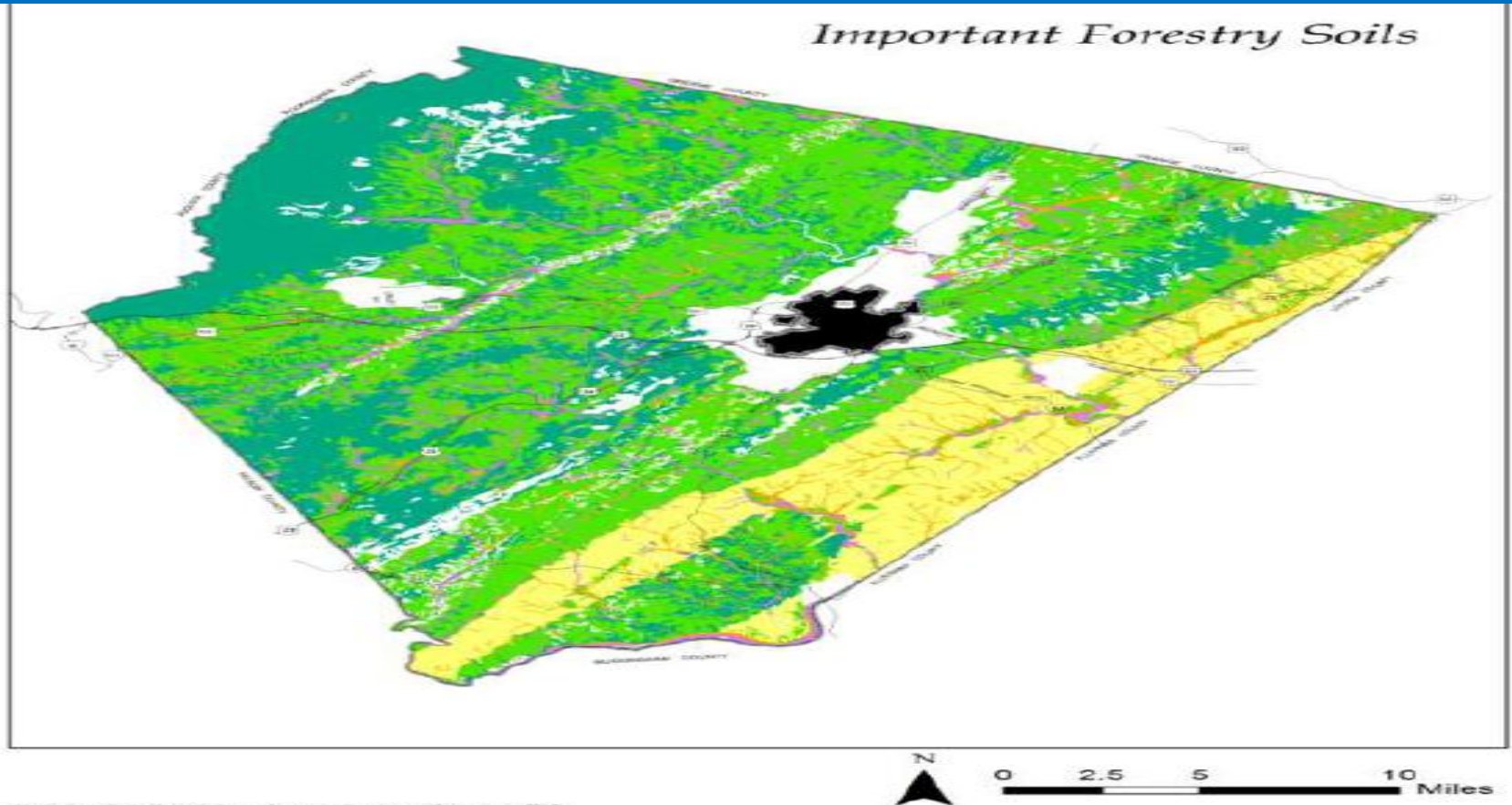
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“Important Agricultural Soils”: Will They Next Be Rationed And Regulated?



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Journal Of American Planning Association: *“Growing Cities Sustainably”* (May 2012)

APA sustainability dogma failure :

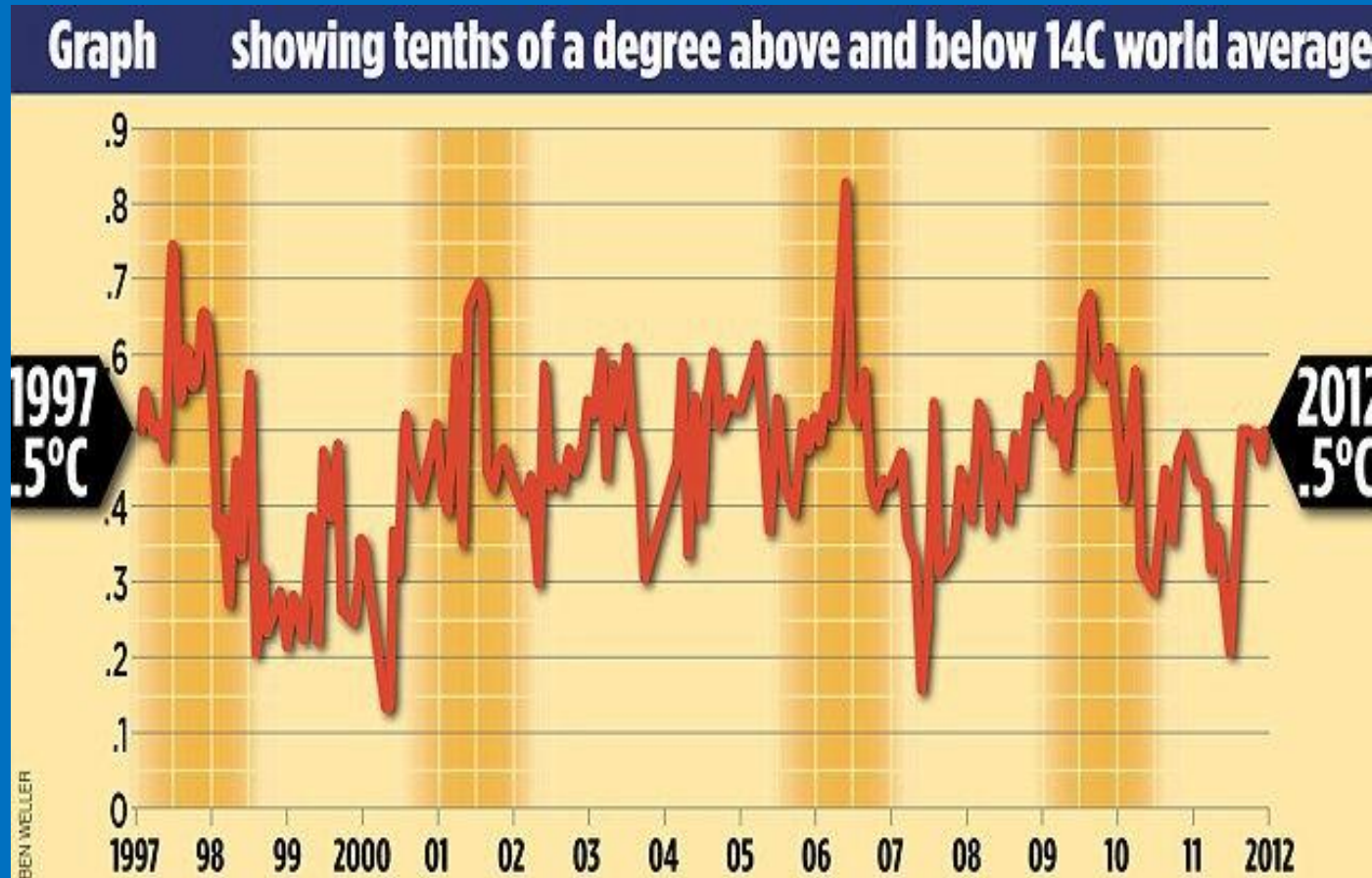
“The current planning policy strategies for land use and transport have virtually no impact on the major long-term increases in resource and energy consumption...Smart growth principles should not unquestioningly promote increasing levels of compaction on the basis of reducing energy consumption without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

Yet “Smart Growth” and “sprawl prevention” remain County policy in spite of now-proved negative impacts

Climate Scare Debunked By Facts

- Climate change was the original justification for a decade of politically driven policies designed to impose control over individual choice in all aspects of daily life
- The computer prophesied climate disasters have not occurred
- The actual record of climate data has shows fewer hurricanes, no unprecedented droughts, no recent record-breaking "hot years," no unusual sea level rise
- These facts will not stop the scare mongers

U.K. Met Office Released Data October 2012 Showing No Increase in Global Temperature For 16 Years *Even As Global CO2 Continued To Increase*



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Climate model forecast is revised

By David Shukman
Science editor, BBC News



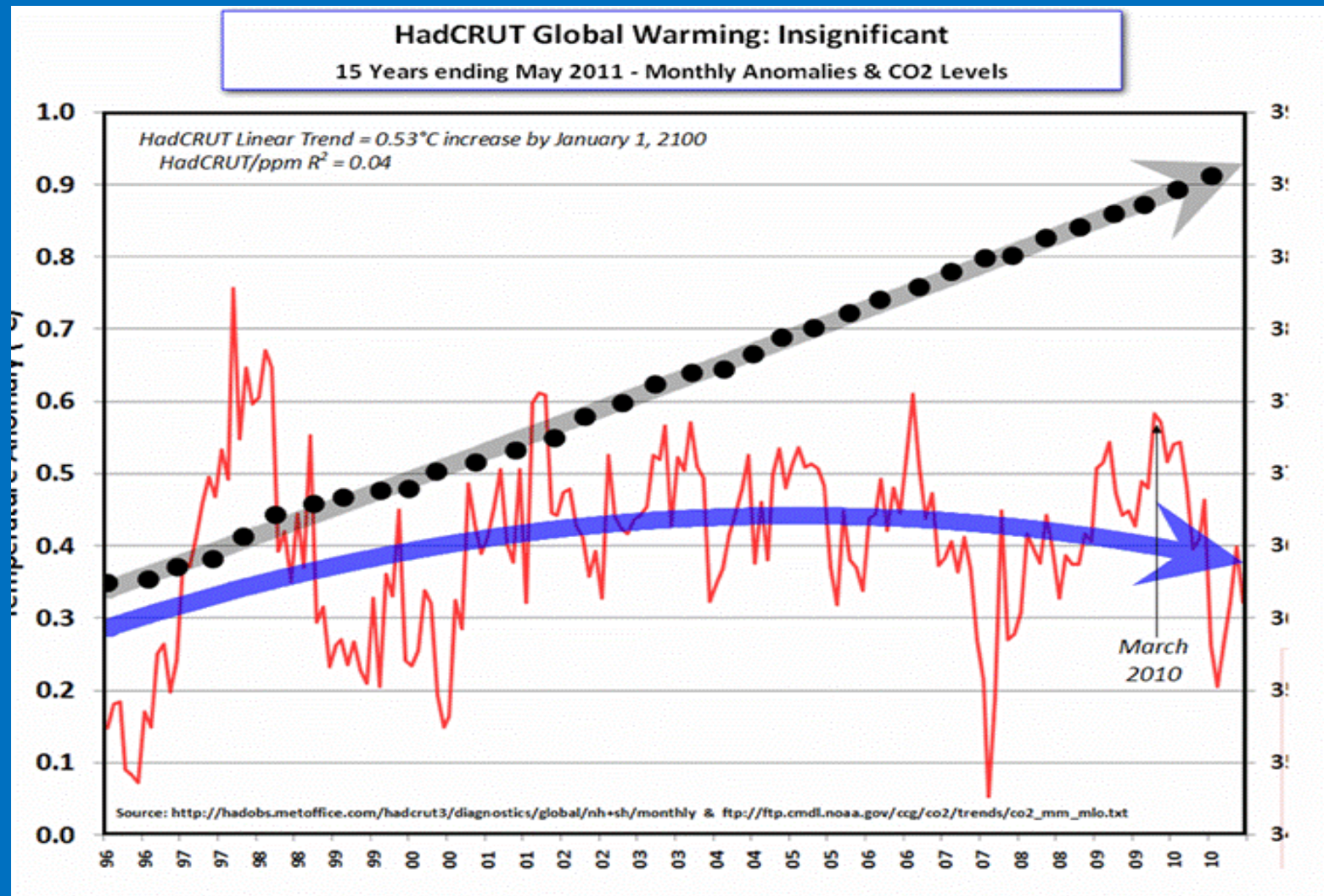
The Met Office has downgraded its forecast for global warming to suggest that by 2017 temperatures will have remained about the same for two decades.

US National Oceanic And Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) “State of the Climate” 2008 Guidelines

“The simulations rule out (at the 95% level) zero trends for intervals of 15 yr or more, suggesting that an observed absence of warming of this duration is needed to create a discrepancy with the expected present-day warming rate”

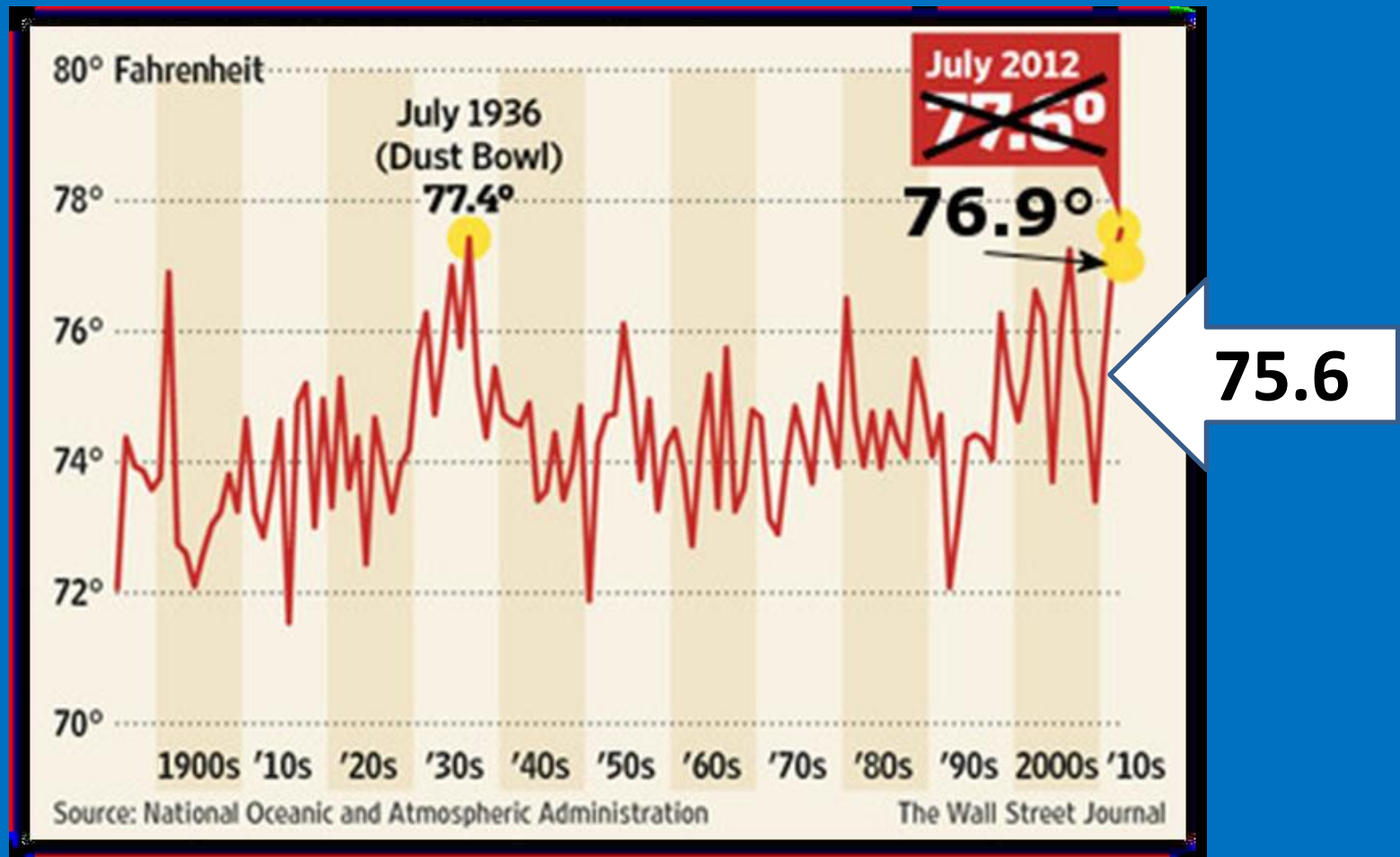
Translation: At 16 years of no-warming (zero trend) their “the science is settled” climate models are demonstrably in error by their own benchmark standard set in 2008

A 15 Year History Speaks: Carbon Dioxide *UP*, But Temperature *Down*



US NOAA Climate Reference Network

Downward Revision; 2012 Not So Hot After All

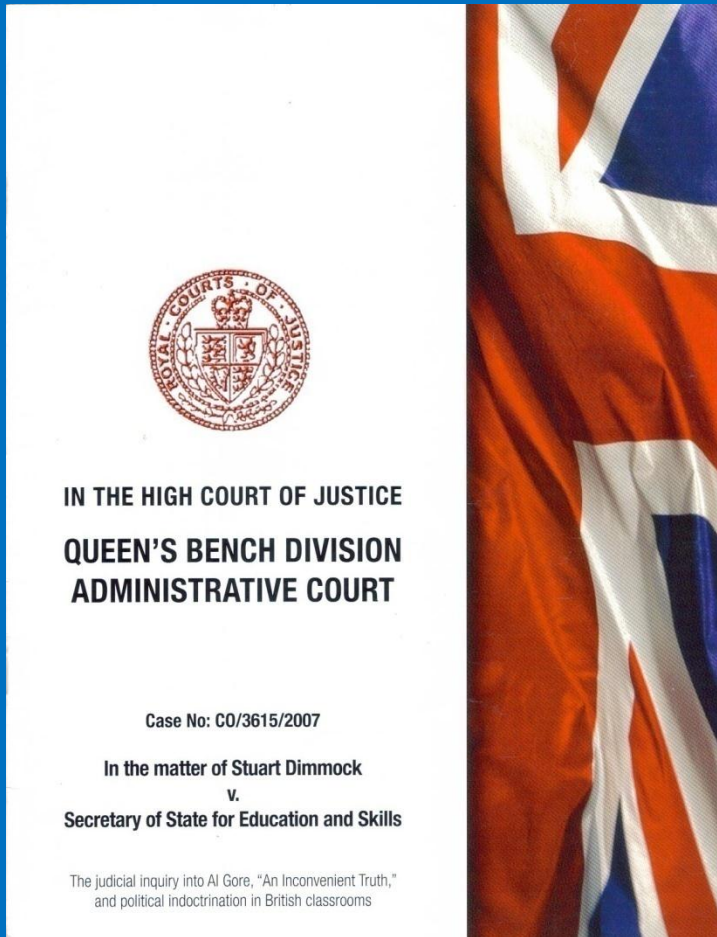


Green Is Good...For Al Gore: The Polar Bear Guardian and Ruthless Exposer of Dirty Fossil Fuel Money Influence Sells His TV Station To Al Jazeera Arab News Network

WASHINGTON, DC, January 3, 2013 — Al Gore — Nobel-prize winning eco-warrior, cable television entrepreneur, and enemy of fossil fuels — just took home an estimated \$100 million from the sale of *Current TV* to Al Jazeera

Al Jazeera is the state-funded Arab news network headquartered in Qatar. It is thus an arm of the biggest of big oil... (*Washington Times*)

(2007) British Court Rules Gore's *"Inconvenient Truth"* Partisan Political View, Citing Nine Errors



- Pacific Atolls Inundated
- Shutting Down of Ocean Conveyor Belt
- CO₂ and Temperature Charts Not Linked
- The Snows of Kilimanjaro
- Lake Chad
- Hurricane Katrina
- Death of Polar Bears
- Coral Reefs
- Sea level rise of 20 feet

Image: Heartland Institute publication

The U.N.'s *Intergovernmental Panel On Climate Change (IPCC)* (The Gold Standard Of Environmentalists' Policy), Speaks:

*“We redistribute de facto the world’s wealth by climate policy...One has to free oneself from the illusion that international climate policy is environmental policy. **This has almost nothing to do with environmental policy anymore**”**

*IPCC lead author and chairman of WG 3, Dr. Ottmar Eden-Hofer ,
November 13, 2010 interview

The Smart Meter Is Part Of The Monitor And Control Bureaucracy



Smart Meter Inconvenient Problems

- Cost, billing overcharges, and reliability
- Health: Smart Meter Health Complaints , smart meter cancer/genetic/cell risk, electro-hypersensitivity syndrome
- Interference, and other Smart Meter Complaints
- Privacy “Spy Meters,” Electronic Privacy Information Center (EPIC); your home activities broadcast by radio
- Security ‘Smart’ meters have security holes, Ex-CIA chief Slams Smart Grid
- Fire hazard Smart Meter Fires and Explosions

2013 Virginia Session: Senator Garrett(R) - Senate District 22

SB 797 Electric utilities; advanced meters:

Electric utilities; advanced meters. Prohibits any electric utility from installing an advanced meter on a customer's premises or requiring a customer to use any advanced meter unless the customer has requested it. An advanced meter is a meter that is capable of measuring, recording, storing, and reporting usage according to predetermined time criteria and that allows two-way communications suited for demand-response programs. Electric utilities are also required to uninstall an advanced meter at a customer's request...

Defending Virginia's Farmers' Property Rights And Commerce

VA H.B. 1430, the Boneta Bill, does three things in amending Virginia's Right to Farm Act. It clarifies that farming includes the right of commerce so that small farmers can earn a living. It states that any county ordinance violating constitutional rights on farms is void. Lastly, it provides remedies against counties that violate the Right to Farm Act.

VA HB 2048: AGENDA 21 ON STEROIDS

- "Say Goodbye to Property Rights"

- § 10.1-1187.101. Power of eminent domain. In addition to any other powers conferred on it by law, any watershed improvement district organized under the provisions of this article shall be authorized to acquire by eminent domain any lands, property rights, franchises, rights-of-way, easements, or other property deemed necessary or convenient for the efficient operation of the district. Such proceedings shall be in accordance with and subject to the provisions of the laws of the Commonwealth applicable to the exercise of the power of eminent domain in the name of a public service company and subject to the provisions of Chapter 2 (§ 25.1-200 et seq.) of Title 25.1.

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Regionalism: The Incremental Path To Global Governance Goals

***Regionalism** restructures or reinvents the operation of American government by destroying traditional political boundaries, such as State and county lines*

Local elected governments become increasingly irrelevant as unelected governing boards assume governance

Two Examples Of Regional Planning Organizations

- **Council of Governments (COG)** are region-wide associations of local governments – regional bodies, typically defined to serve an area of several counties to address issues such as regional and municipal planning, economic and community development, cartography and Government Information Systems (GIS), hazard mitigation and emergency planning, aging services, water use, pollution control, transit administration, and transportation planning
- **Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)** are federally mandated and are instruments for restructuring American government. They are setting up an infrastructure for a new economic system based on public private partnership to replace free enterprise.

Albemarle County Comprehensive Plan Time Table With Insider Advocacy By TJPDC Grant Manager

- **March 5 2013 Public Hearing on first full draft of Comprehensive Plan Update...**tentative date
- *Summer Frederick* will be leaving her role as project manager for the TJPDC "Many Plans, One Community" project. As of February 1, Ms. Frederick will begin providing full-time support to Albemarle County on the update of the county Comprehensive Plan...her position will be funded with Sustainable Communities Planning Grant monies.

Conserve The Constitution

Sustain Our Freedoms

- Environmental stewardship arrived by truly representative public opinion and freedom of choice is the real and sustainable goal
- Third party social engineers and planners push to impose their “better” and “expert” solutions, ignoring the wide diversity of goals and desires of the people
- The Austrian economist and philosopher F. A. Hayek captured the perpetual folly of such planners in his book *“The Fatal Conceit”*

What Do You Do?

- Make your voice heard
- Elect representatives who represent your views
- Constant vigilance is the price of freedom

In Summary

- In order for society to function, planning of some sort is necessary
- The question is who is making those planning choices, and whose values do they represent
- Our country's founders envisioned an educated, informed, and engaged electorate which would make local decisions based on local needs
- Once such decision-making is handed over to self-declared experts and non-elected individuals, your freedoms are also handed over

Our Conservative Heritage

“When the people fear their government, there is tyranny; when the government fears the people, there is liberty”

Thomas Jefferson

“To the civilized man the rights of property are more important than the right to life”

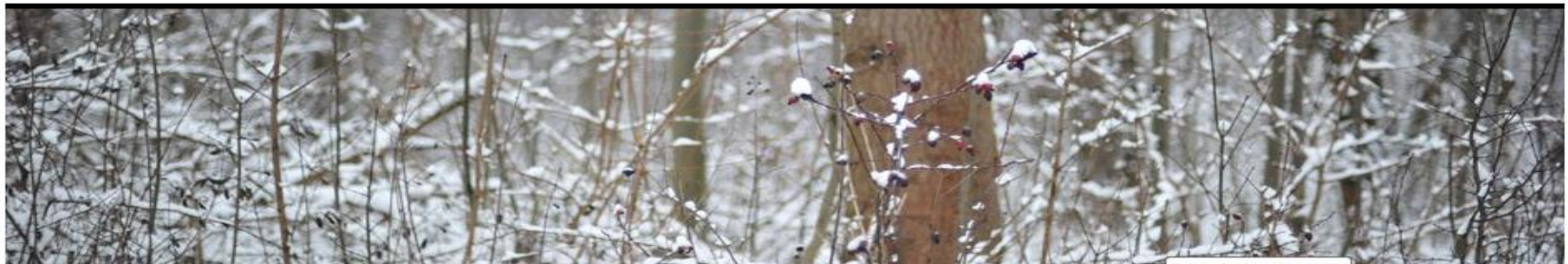
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