

# “Sustainability”...Path to the Hunger Games?

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# *“Battle for the Mind”* Word Wars\*

Green

Natural

Organic

Environmentally sound, friendly

Clean air

Clean water

Clean energy

Social Justice

**Sustainability**

*\*A Physiology of Conversion and Brain-Washing* by William Sargant  
Baltimore, Maryland and Hammondsworth, England: Penguin Books, 1961

# Hunger

Physical sustenance

Freedom both physical and intellectual

Truth

Choice

Private property

Human dignity

# *“SUSTAINABILITY”*

- Public concern for environmental stewardship
- Co-opted by social activists to impose centralized planning policies radically curtailing private property rights and individual freedom of choice
- Every aspect of our personal lives is up for regulation and control, and is benchmarked against open-ended “sustainability” goals

# Whence Sustainable Development?

British economist, Barbara Ward's 1966 book *"Spaceship Earth"* advocated for sustainable development and a new international economic order linking the global environment and social justice

As political doctrine, "Sustainability" was introduced by the 1987 "Our Common Future" report of the United Nations World Commission on Environment and Development, authored by Gro Harlem Bruntland, VP of the World Socialist Party

# The Bruntland Report

United Nations



Report of the World Commission on Environment and Development

## Our Common Future



United Nations  
1987

UN Documents: Gathering a Body of Global Agreements has been compiled by the NGO Committee on Education of the Conference of NGOs from United Nations web sites with the invaluable help of information & communications technology.

# 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 progressive hubris that the unknowable abilities and needs of the future are in fact knowable now to the social engineers

# *Club of Rome (1968) Policy Of Global Guilt To Justify Global Control*

“In searching for a new enemy to unite us, we came up with the idea that pollution, the threat of global warming, water shortages, famine, and the like would fit the bill...all these dangers are caused by human intervention and it is only through changed attitudes and behavior that they can be overcome. The real enemy, then, is humanity itself.”

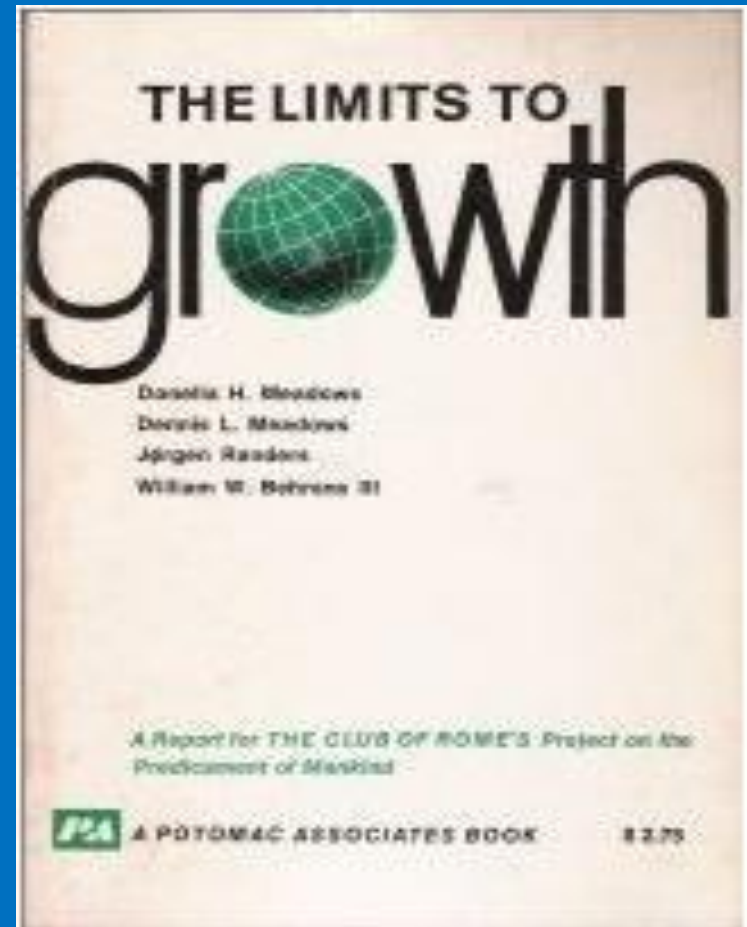
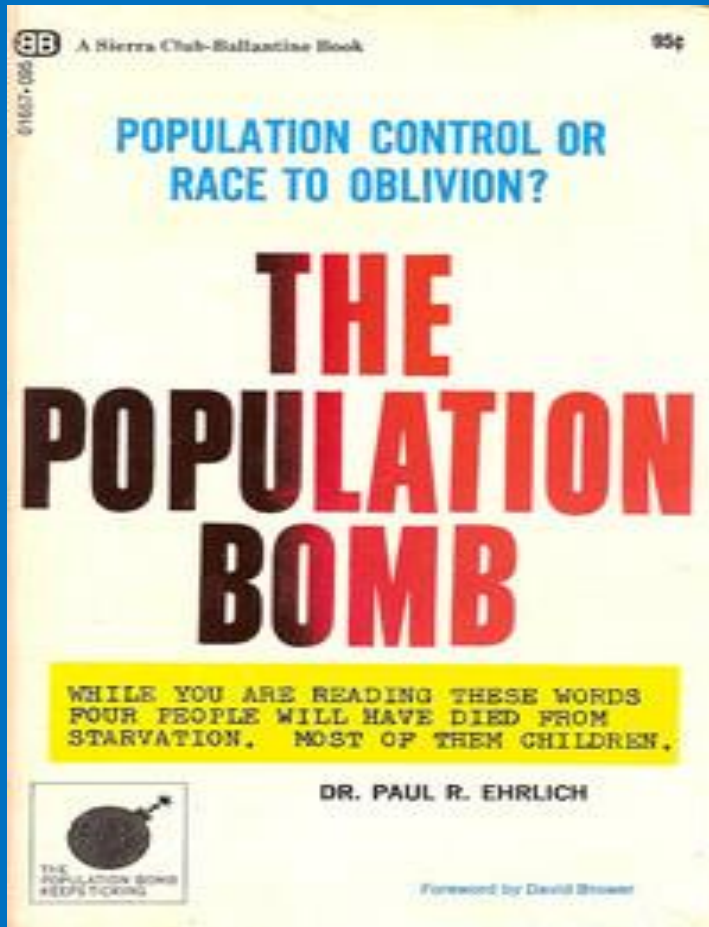
Alexander King & Bertrand Schneider, *The First Global Revolution: A Report by the Council of the Club of Rome* (New York : Pantheon Books, c1991)



# Dogma Of Pessimism And Guilt

Malthusian Pessimism 1968

Club of Rome 1972



# The United Nations Targets Private Property Ownership

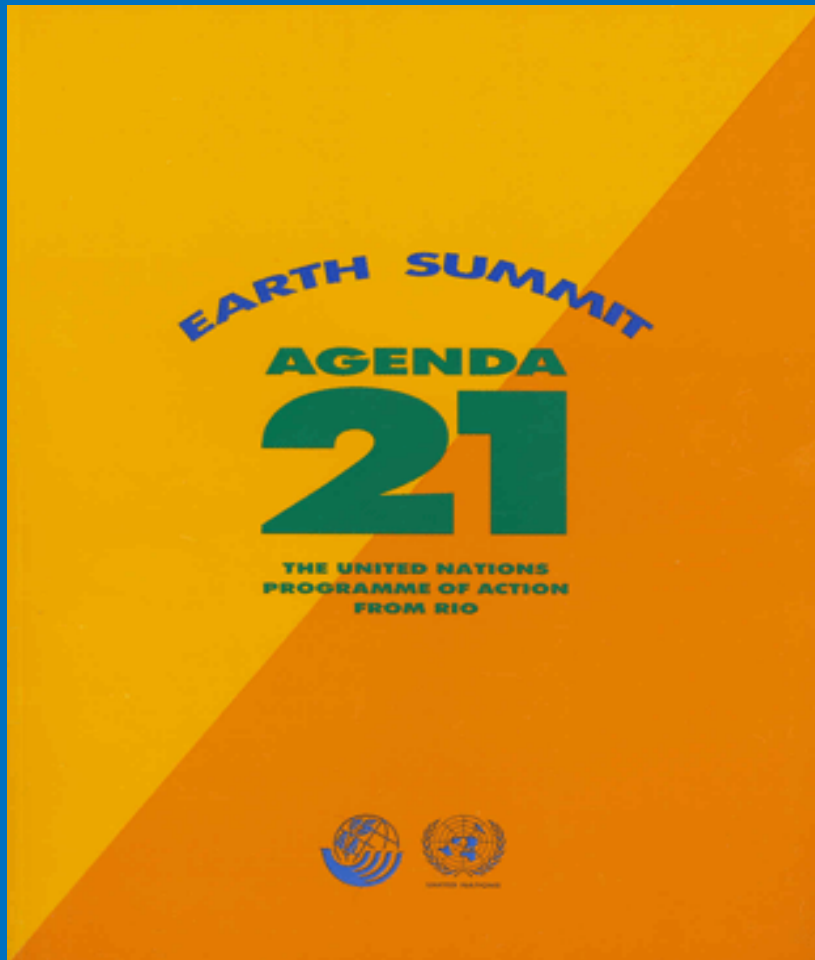
**United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development** *“Land ...cannot be treated as an ordinary asset, controlled by individuals...private land ownership...contributes to social injustice\**

\*United Nations Habitat 1 Convention, Vancouver, Canada 1976

# The U.N. Global Plan To Implement Sustainable Development

- Link economic, social, and environmental policies 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 in the name of “sustainability”

# United Nations 1992 Agenda 21 Document From Rio



“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

# U.N.'s Agenda 21

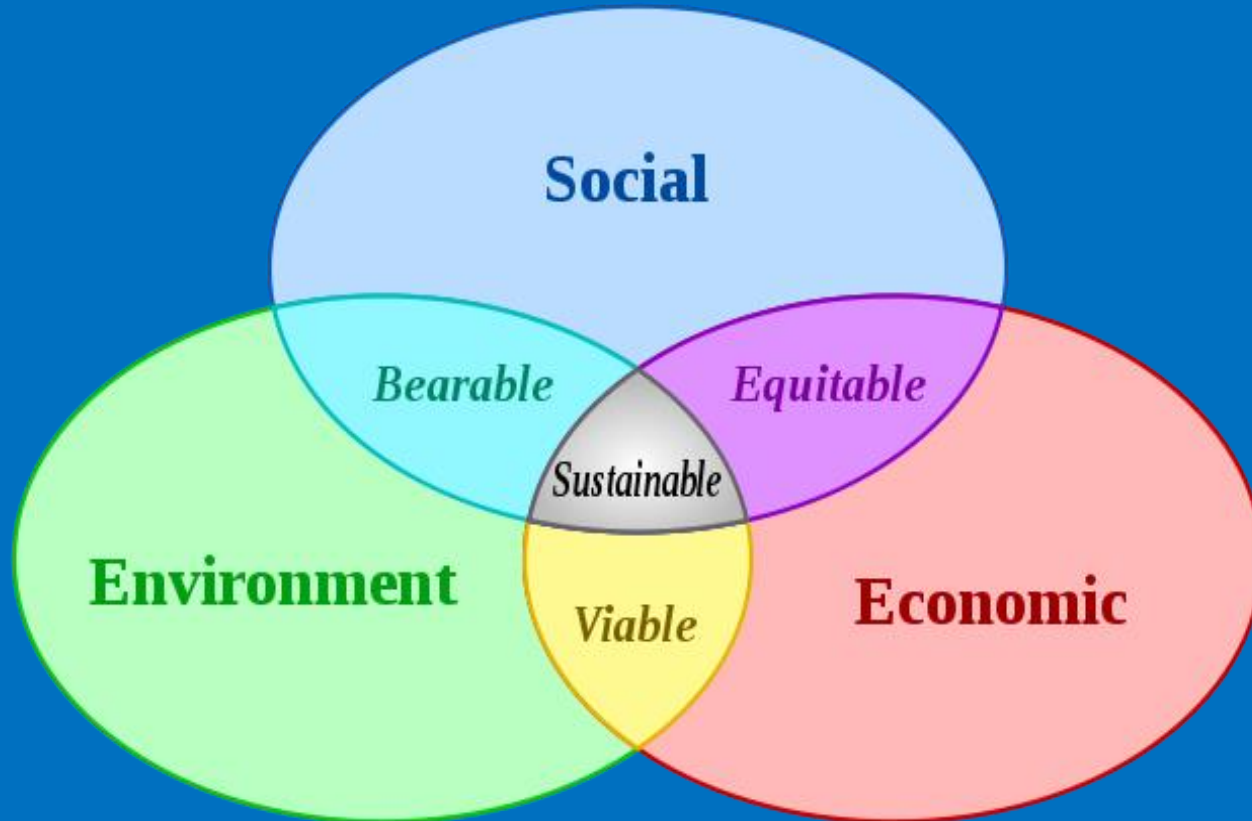
- The United Nation's one-world plan for the 21<sup>ST</sup> Century, brokered at the 1992 U.N.'s *Earth Summit* in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
- A 1000+ page handbook designed to regulate human activity using the benchmarks of “sustainability,” “environmental consequences,” and “biodiversity”
- Written by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

# The Agenda 21 Sustainability Mind Set: The Unbearable Guilt Of Being Human

Canadian Maurice Strong, Secretary General  
of the U.N.'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 Three “E”s



Adams, W.M. (2006). "The Future of Sustainability: Re-thinking Environment and Development in the Twenty-first Century." Report of the IUCN Renowned Thinkers Meeting, 29–31 January 2006. Retrieved on: 2009-02-16.

# Social Equity

- *“From each according to his ability, to each according to his need”* Marx 1875
- The individual must give up his personal wishes for those of the common good
- Redistribution of wealth takes the place of individual success based on individual effort
- Equality of outcome replaces equality of opportunity
- National/sovereign borders are unjust
- Ownership of private property is unjust



# Economic Prosperity

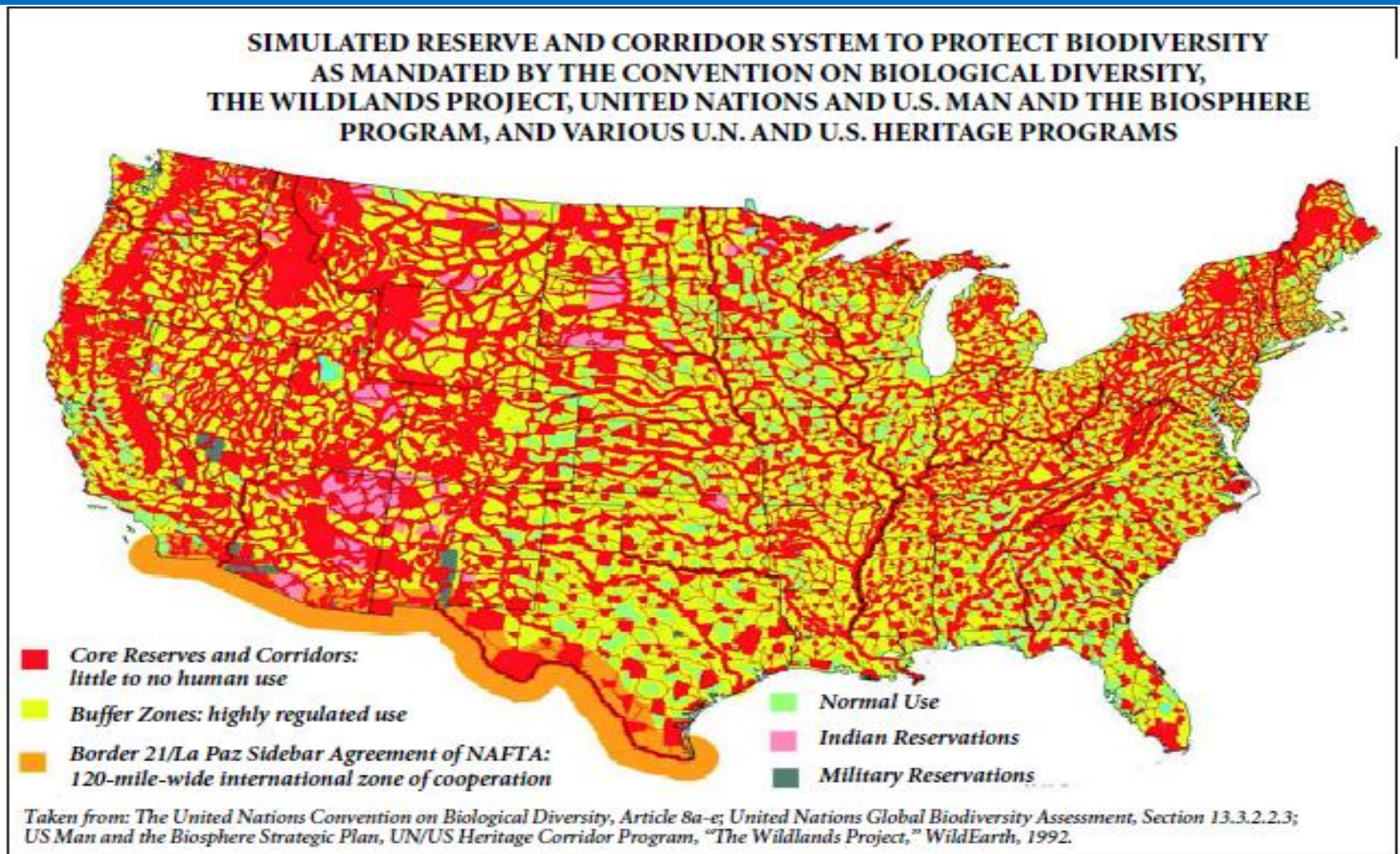
- Agenda 21 relies on Public /Private Partnerships to achieve its vision of economic prosperity
- Open-market competition is to be replaced by a centralized, state-regulated market of favored corporations... known as “corporatism”
- Favored corporations/stakeholders get special tax treatments, legislation that guarantees profits , preferential land use, and protection from other competitors...“corporate cronyism” or “fascism” are other descriptive terms

# Ecological Integrity

- Environmental protection, biodiversity, endangered species, climate change
- Humans are deemed to be just one of co-equal biological entities on Earth, and must sacrifice to save the planet
- One example: Land zoning legislation designed to herd the public into high-density development areas on regulated transportation corridors

# United Nations 1992 “Convention on Biological Diversity” Fosters “The Wildlands Project”

(Tabled by US Senate in 1994 because of this map: now BLM/ESA Project)

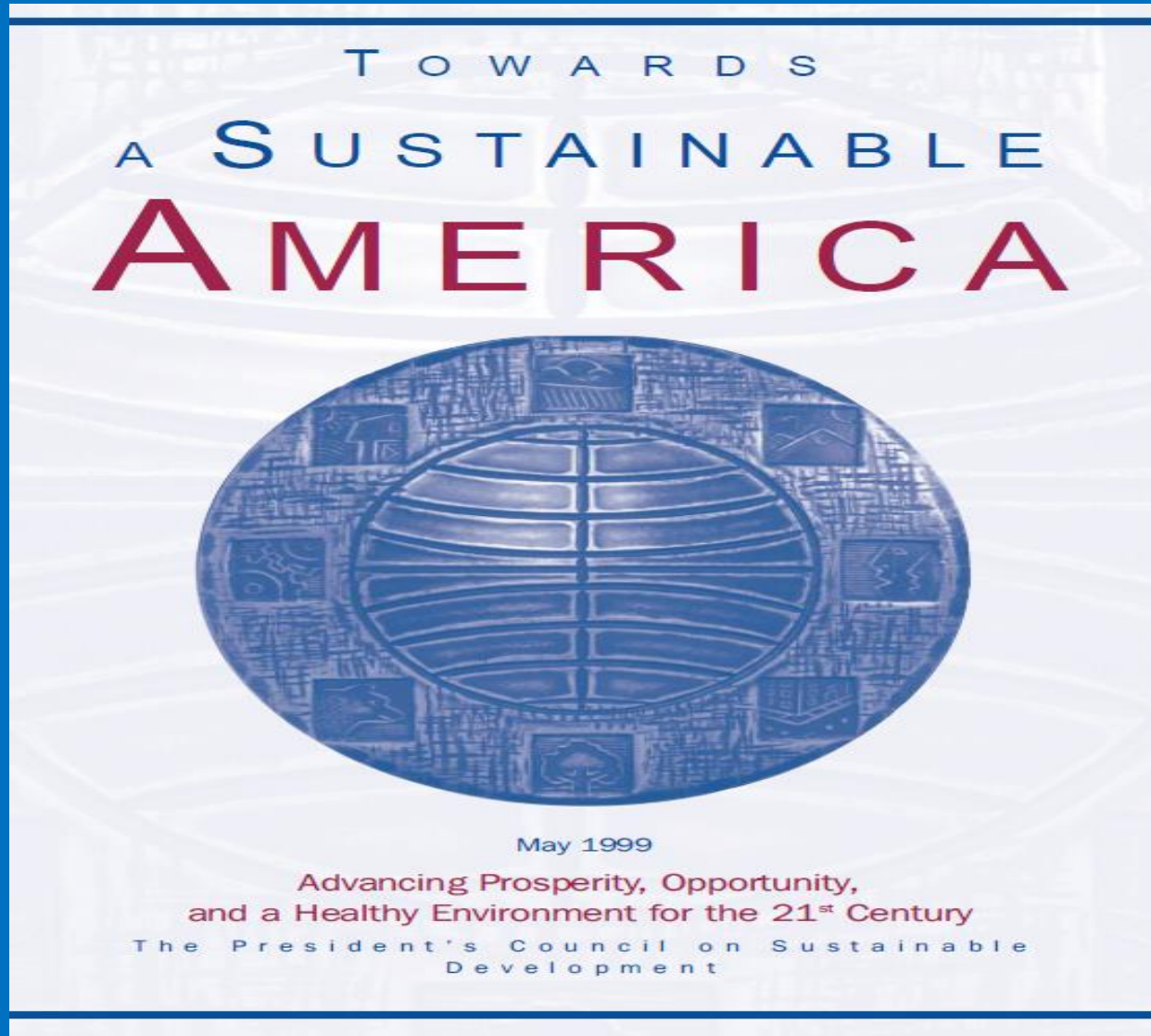


# U.N. Agenda 21 Welcomed Into The U.S. Federal Government

- 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 bringing the goals of the U.N. Agenda 21 into our Federal government



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



# President Obama Continues The Federal Power Grab

- 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” in action...

# Local Agenda 21

- Local Agenda 21 (LA21) action plan implements U.N. sustainable development at the city and county level
- ICLEI (International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives) is an eco-activist organization promoting the regulation of energy use and greenhouse gas emissions, via climate sustainability plans, and climate action and energy plans
- Founded in 1990, ICLEI renamed itself *Local Governments for Sustainability* in 2003

# Tennessee ICLEI Members (2013)

Chattanooga

Cookeville

Hamilton County

Knoxville

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Shelby County

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#### EPA to Cut Emissions Limits for U.S. Power Plants


**Jun 05, 2014** — ICLEI congratulates the Obama Administration on the 2014 Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Carbon Regulations to propose emissions cuts for Power plants. The EPA will impose new regulations to cut carbon emissions from Power Plants in the U.S. to 30 percent of 2005 levels by 2020....

#### Urban Areas Most at Risk from Climate Change

**Jun 02, 2014** — Cities account for 37–49% of global greenhouse gas emissions and urban infrastructure accounts for over 70% of global energy use. This is just one of the facts found in the "Climate Change: Implications for Cities - Key Findings from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change Fifth Assessment Report (Cities Summary)...

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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.

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# U.N. “Sustainability” Is U.S. Classroom Dogma In *The Decade For Sustainable Development* (2005-2014)



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**US Partnership for Education for Sustainable Development**

**National Education for Sustainability K-12 Student Learning Standards**

**Version 3 – September 2009**



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# ICLEI USA Partner Organizations

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International City/County Managers Association

**National Wildlife Federation**

**Natural Resources Defense Council**

**Sierra Club**

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

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# ICLEI-Induced ~~Staph~~ Planning-Staff Infection Remains Even After ICLEI Membership Canceled



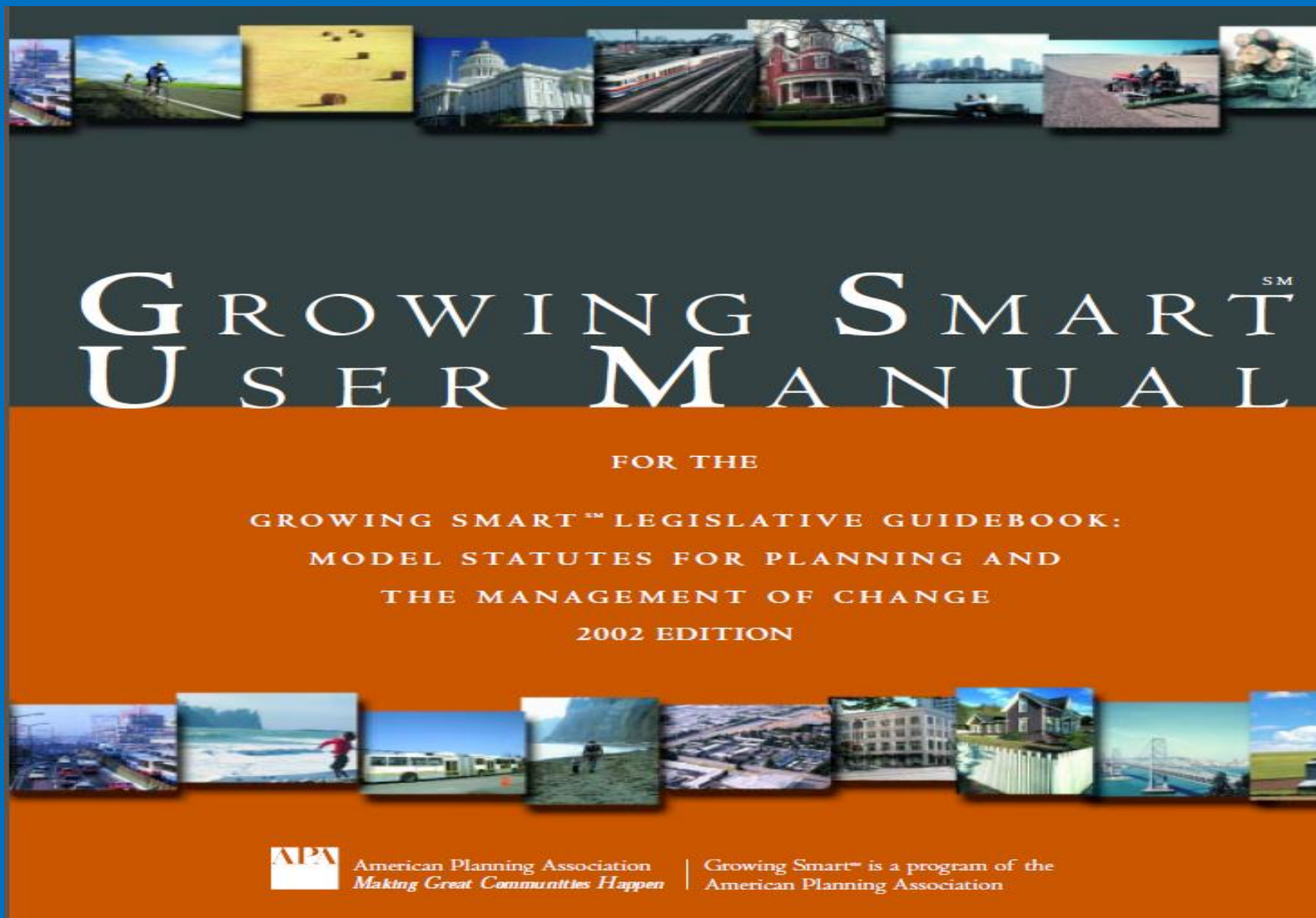
Image: MedicineNet.com



# The Name Game

- *United Nations Environment and Development Forum* Speaker J. Gary Lawrence (Pres. Clinton advisor) in reference to LA21 (1998):  
“we call our processes something else, such as *comprehensive planning, growth management, or smart growth*”
- Community planners use language such as: “Resilient Cities,” “Smart Cities,” “Regional Visioning Projects,” “STAR Sustainable Communities,” “Green Jobs,” “Local Visioning,” “Consensus Building,” and “Livability”

# The Planners' How-To Book

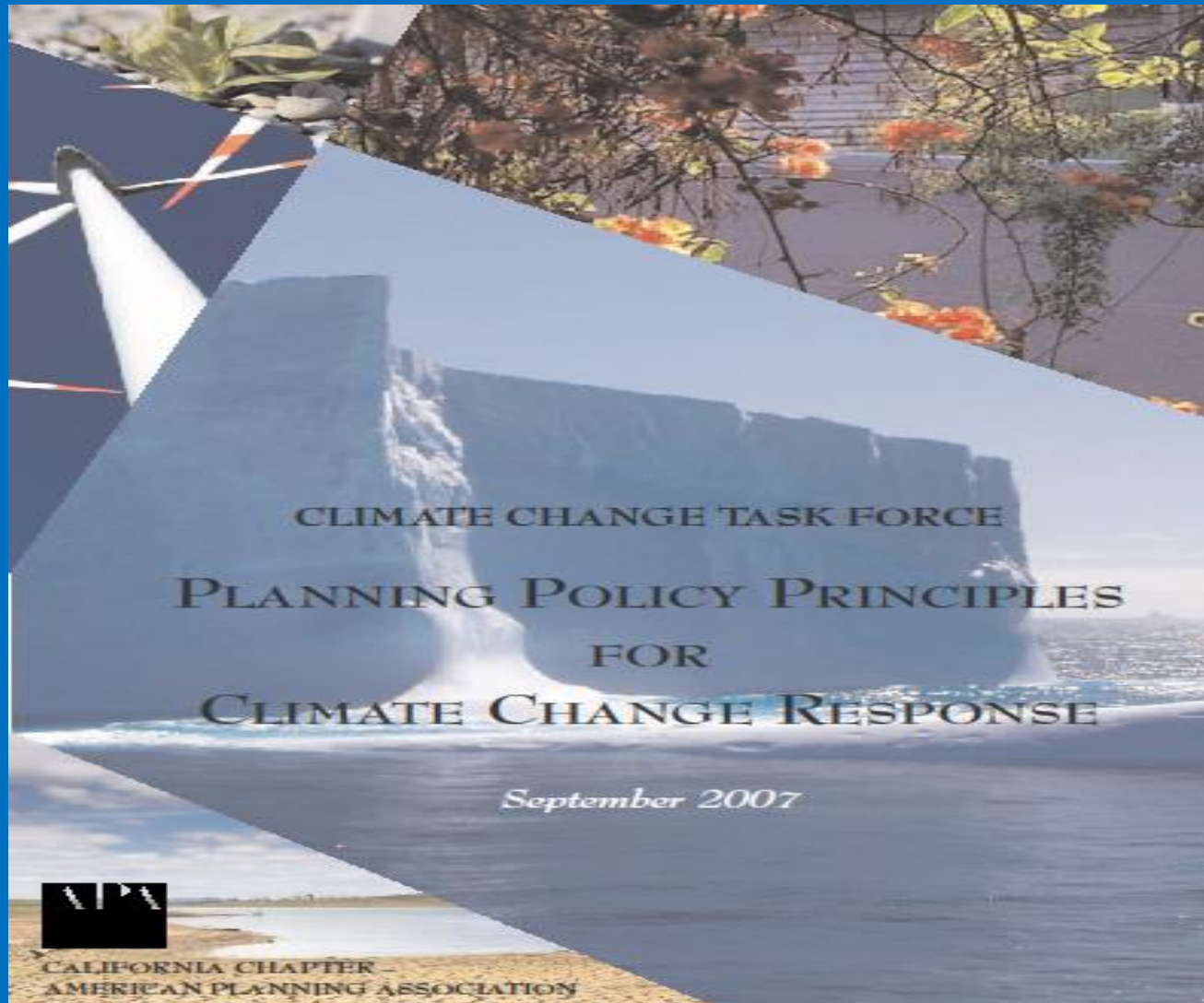


# *American Planning Association Has A Correctness Plan For Most Every Activity*

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# *American Planning Association Has Its Own Plan For Climate Change*



# Planning: More Than Just Parking Spaces And Street Lighting

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.**



# From Albemarle County, Virginia, Home Of Thomas Jefferson, Comes The “*1998 Sustainability Accords*”

- “Strive for a size and distribute the human population in ways that preserve vital resources”
- “Ensure that every member of the community is able to obtain employment that provides just compensation, mobility, and fulfillment”
- Embodied in 2014 Albemarle County five year “Comprehensive Plan Draft”

# U.S. HUD And ICLEI Partnership

## Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grants

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### 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





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## Livable Communities Planning Project

### Introduction

The Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission (TJPDC) was one of 45 awardees across the country selected for HUD's a Regional Planning Grant out of 225 submissions. As the lead applicant, TJPDC represented the Charlottesville-Albemarle Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), major partners including the City of Charlottesville and Albemarle County, and the University of Virginia as a consulting partner, and other partners: the Jefferson Area Board for Aging (JABA), Thomas Jefferson Partnership for Economic Development (TJPED), Rivanna River Basin Commission (RRBC), and the Local Energy Alliance Program (LEAP).

The project set out to develop a Livability Implementation Plan for the Charlottesville-Albemarle MPO Area. The process to develop this plan, referred to as the Livable Communities Planning Project (Livability Project), builds upon the region's 1998 Sustainability Accords and other area planning documents to integrate cross-cutting strategies for land use, transportation, housing, economic vitality, air and water quality, and energy use. The Livability Project was launched in April 2011 in conjunction with the kick off to the Charlottesville & Albemarle County Comprehensive Plan and Long Range Transportation Plan updates. A project summary is [available here](#).

The Livability Implementation Plan contains five major project deliverables which are described in more detail below.

many plans  
**one COMMUNITY**  
1-community.org

# 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, higher taxes, and loss of property rights for the rest.

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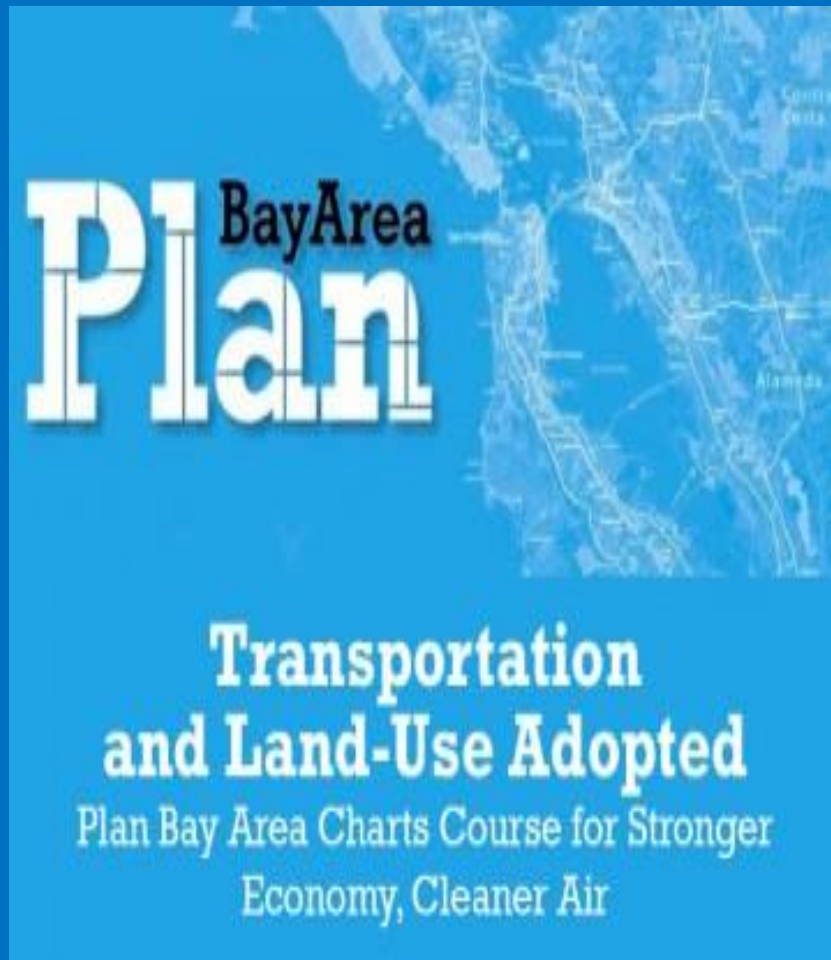


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# California Leading The Way



- July 18, 2013, the Plan was jointly approved by the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) Executive Board and by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC). The Plan includes the region's *Sustainable Communities Strategy* and the 2040 Regional Transportation Plan and represents the next iteration of a planning process that has been in place for decades.



# ICLEI And Sustainability In NYC

## The Process Behind PlaNYC

How the City of New York  
Developed Its Comprehensive  
Long-Term Sustainability Plan



Written by  
ICLEI-Local Governments for Sustainability USA  
In association with  
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# *Journal Of American Planning Association:* *“Growing Cities Sustainably”* (May 2012)\*

APA sustainability dogma fails:

*“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

\*Marcial H. Echeniquea, Anthony J. Hargreavesb, Gordon Mitchellc & Anil Namdeod

# Sustainability Goal: Greening Of The Student Mind

“Albemarle County Public Schools are conserving energy and teaching students green lessons while doing so...Virginia School Boards Association honored Albemarle with the top environmental prize in the “Green Schools Challenge,” which encourages divisions to implement practices and policies to reduce their carbon footprints.”\*

\*<http://www.cvilletomorrow.org/news/article/16671-albemarle-schools-earn-environmental-honor/> 2013

# Green Hunger Games Success: Taxpayer Funded School Lunch Direct-To-Compost-Program

“In addition to harnessing the wind and sun, Crozet and Meriwether Lewis elementary schools, and Jack Jouett and Sutherland middle schools have developed composting programs. These schools kept more than 126 tons of food from landfills...”

# The Green “Hunger Games” Of School Children

- Children are being indoctrinated in a scientifically meaningless ritual of minding their tiny carbon footprints.
- Rather than the sensible question as to why schools were generating 126 tons of food waste and at what taxpayer cost, school kids are being rewarded for bogus “green lessons” in sustainability.
- “Improving Public Health” is replacing climate change as the 2014 publicity message

“The Solar Schools Initiative, a student-led campaign, is spearheading the project to help improve public health, something parents want to see more of.”...2014





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# Lobbyists For The EPA's Clean Power Plan



<http://www.momscleanairforce.org/play-in-2/>



# Mom-and-Apple Pie Trump Facts

Gretchen Dahlkemper-Alfonso, national field manager of the Moms Clean Air Force:

"Our pantry prices are rising because of extreme droughts," she pointed out. "I live on the eastern seaboard. My kids have seen more extreme storms in their short lifetimes than I ever saw when I was a kid growing up."\*

<http://www.cbn.com/cbnnews/healthscience/2014/July/Worried-Moms-Global-Warming-Endangers-Our-Kids>

# Hunger Impacts of Sustainability

2012: "Food prices have skyrocketed over the past couple years. While overall U.S. food prices rose about 5% last year, earlier in the year food inflation was the highest recorded in 36 years."

<http://www.forbes.com/sites/steveodland/2012/03/15/why-are-food-prices-so-high/>

2014: "Living standards will suffer as a larger percentage of household budgets are spent on grocery store bills, leaving less for discretionary spending," says economist Chris Christopher of IHS Global Insight.

<http://www.usatoday.com/story/money/business/2014/04/16/cpi-shows-food-prices-rising/7742669/>

# The Adult-Version Green Game: *Columbia University Uses \$5.7 M Grant To Create Climate Change Game*

“Columbia used the (2012) grant, issued by the National Science Foundation, to fund its PoLAR Climate Change Education project, which includes a series of mock voicemails of people screaming, gasping for air and being swept away by waves on its Website, Future Coast.”

"Games and game-like approaches motivate exploration and learning of complex material," the grant description states.”

[www.universityherald.com/articles/](http://www.universityherald.com/articles/)

# The “Smart Meter”...Part Of The Monitor And Control Sustainability Bureaucracy



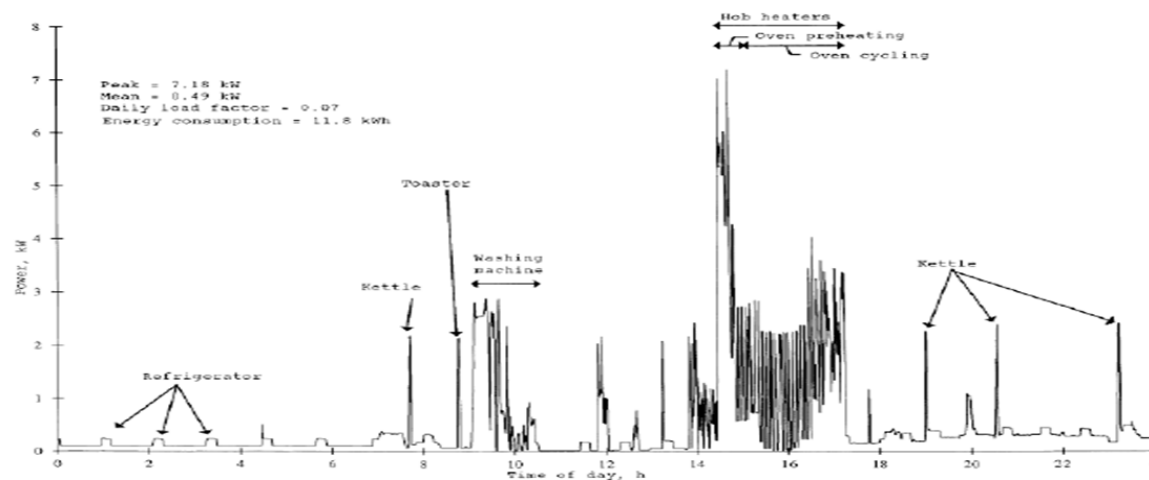
# Smart Meter Concerns

- Health: Smart Meter health claims related to radio frequency radiation... cancer/genetic/hormonal risks...electro-hypersensitivity syndrome
- Privacy: “Spy Meters,” Electronic Privacy Information Center (EPIC); your home energy usage activities broadcast by radio 24/7
- Time-of-day selective energy pricing
- Remote control of your electric service on/off
- “Smart” electrical grid susceptibility to terrorists

# Your Unique Energy Usage Fingerprint Online

## *Getting Smarter About the Smart Grid*

National Institute for Science., Law, and Public Policy (November 2012)



*Figure 2 — Household electricity demand profile recorded on a 1-minute time base*

Quinn comments on the implications of such data mapping capabilities

...the massive deployment of smart meters across the country and the trend toward finer and finer interval data means that more and more information will be discernable about more and more people. While the raw information about when an appliance event occurred in a given home may not seem to be sensitive information, it could be used to construct a detailed picture of residential life. Tracking appliance events means smart grid information could tell you the answer to questions like

- How often does a given customer eat microwave dinners as opposed to cooking three-pot meals?
- How many hours of TV does a resident watch? What kind of TV is it?
- When does a resident normally shower (and so cue an electricity draw from the water heater)? (Quinn, 2009, p 9)

# The Current “Internet of PCs” Will Move...Toward An “Internet of Things”

“Items of interest will be located, identified, monitored, and remotely controlled through technologies such as radio-frequency identification, sensor networks, tiny embedded servers, and energy harvesters—all connected to the next-generation Internet using abundant, low cost, and high-power computing—the latter now going to cloud computing...”

CIA Director David H. Petraeus at the In-Q-Tel CEO Summit (March 1, 2012)



# Facts Do Not Matter If The Cause Is Just

"We've got to ride this global warming issue. Even if the theory of global warming is wrong, we will be doing the right thing in terms of economic and environmental policy." **Timothy Wirth, President of the UN Foundation**

"The data doesn't matter. We're not basing our recommendations on the data. We're basing them on the climate models." **Prof. Chris Folland, Hadley Centre for Climate Prediction and Research**

# The U.N.'s *Intergovernmental Panel On Climate Change (IPCC)*

*“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

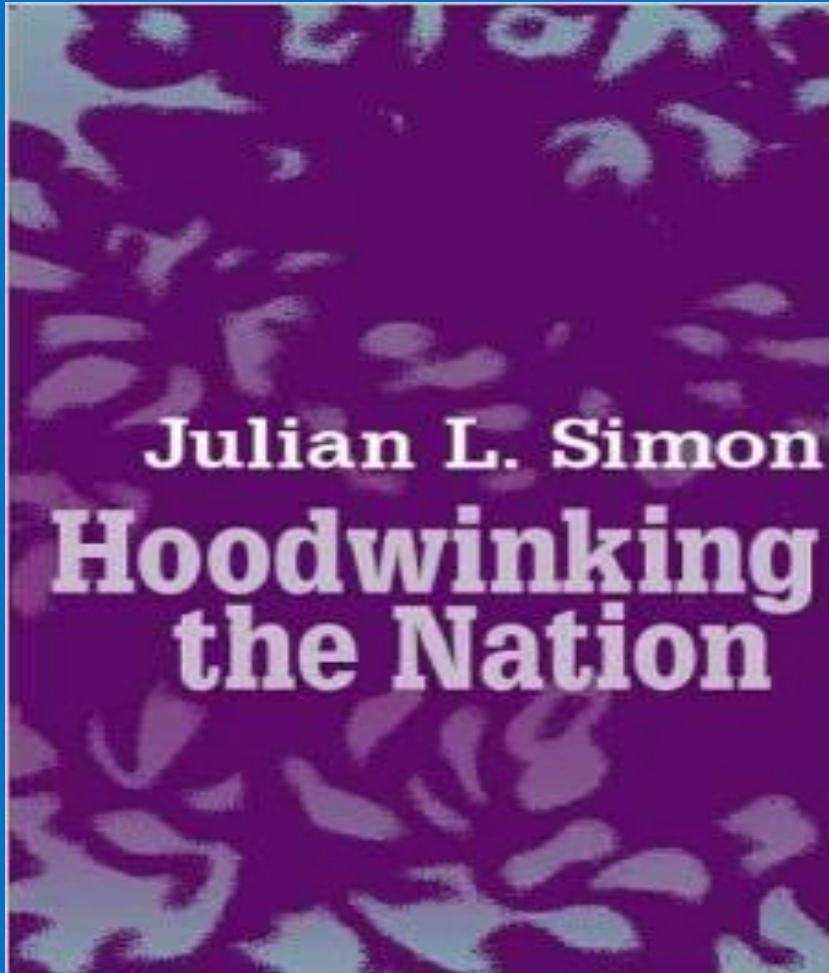
# Real Costs of Sustainability

## Any Benefits?

- More expensive housing and less choice
- Increased cost of food
- Food farmland diverted to bio-fuels
- Virgin forests converted to bio-fuel crops
- Loss of private property rights
- Inefficient solar and wind-turbine power consume inordinate amounts of land and other resources per unit of energy produced
- More expensive energy

# Economist Julian Simon's Lament

1999



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“When shown the facts, these (environmental) journalists usually say that even if cries of an environmental danger are overblown, they contain the germ of truth”

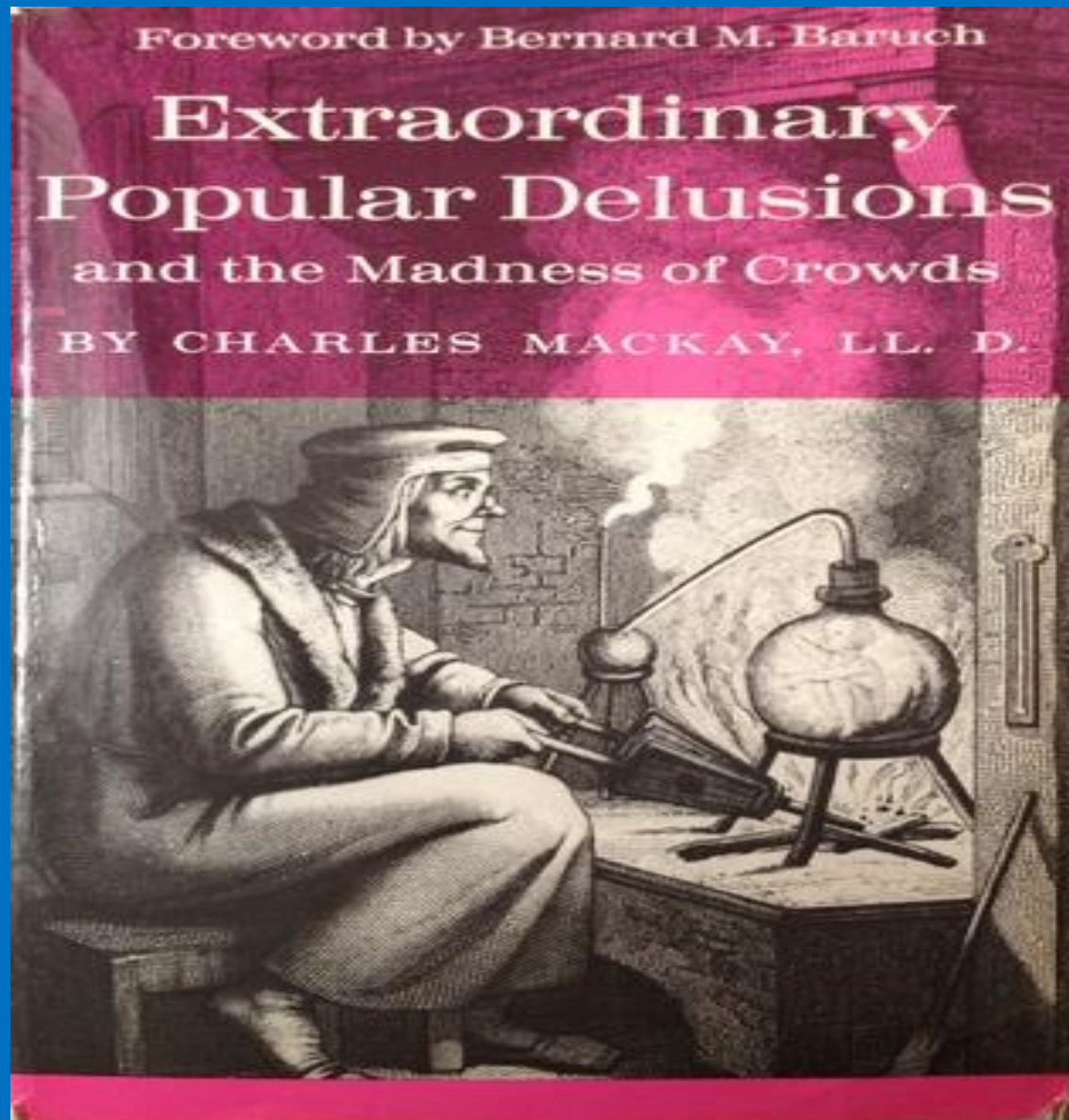
# Some Chapter Headings

- What Does the Public Wrongly Believe About Environment, Resources, and Population?
- Personal Knowledge Versus Media-Shaped Opinions
- Why Do We Hear Prophecies of Doom From Every Side?
- Mundane Reasons for the Bad-News Bias
- How Do Green Rhetoricians Operate?
- Damn Lies, Statistics, and Doomsday
- Why Does the Public Not Hear Environmental Sound Thinkers?

# A Daunting Communication Challenge

- How to sway public opinion when facts are rejected in favor of emotional pleas and false science
- Traditional scientific argument is a most necessary, but not sufficient condition, for persuading a science-challenged population to vote for open-minded political leaders
- The “*improve-public-health*” message vs. climate science facts alone
- Our present government and public schools are largely controlled by generations indoctrinated in secular humanism, emotional guilt over success, progressive ideals, and U.N. sustainability dogma

# An 1841 Textbook Of Human Follies





# Conclusions

U.N. Sustainability Dogma Has Been Federal  
Policy Since 1999

Human Gullibility and Guilt Assure Continued  
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