

FREEDOM 21

Solutions to Defeat Agenda 21/Sustainable Development/Smart Growth



What's wrong with Sustainable Development?

According to Merriam-Webster's Dictionary, "sustainable" means: "of, relating to, or being a method of harvesting or using a resource so that the resource is not depleted or permanently damaged. "

We can all embrace the need to conserve the air, water and land (the environment) we inhabit for ourselves and our posterity. Agree?

Sustainable development is not about just preserving the environment, it's an economic and social political agenda!

The **United Nations' Department of Economic and Social Affairs** defines the phrase sustainable development as, "**Development that meets the need of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.**"

So What's the Problem?

#1 - Local, State, and Federal office holders Oath of Office

I will support the Constitution of the United States; and that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to State of GEORGIA, and support the Constitution and Laws thereof; and that I will, to the best of my skill and judgment, diligently and faithfully, without partiality or prejudice, execute the office of _____, according to the Constitution and Laws of this State.

#2 – Smart Growth and Sustainable Development are often promoted by NGO's, Chambers of Commerce and PPP that are unelected and unaccountable to the people.

#3 – Agenda 21's Sustainability manifesto is incompatible with Americans' Unalienable Constitutional Rights and Values

THE CONTEMPORARY DIALECTIC
BRINGING A GLOBAL GREEN CARTEL TO AMERICA



Understanding Constitution vs Agenda 21

Source →	Constitution	Sustainability – Agenda 21
Greatest Concern	Freedom from Tyranny	Global Warming & Social Equity
Strategic Vision	Protect Life-Liberty-Property	Environment, Economy, Equity
Role of Government	Protect unalienable rights given by God	Government acts as God
Legislative Focus	Protect Human Rights	Protect earth from humans

Understanding Constitution vs Agenda 21

	Constitution	Sustainability – Agenda 21
Scientific Threshold	Proof Required	Lack of certainty not a basis of inaction on environment
America's Middle Class	Single family homes; cars; prosperity	Unsustainable
Role of Suburbia	American Dream	Unsustainable
Meat-based diets	Medium or Rare?	Cattle grazing UNSustainable

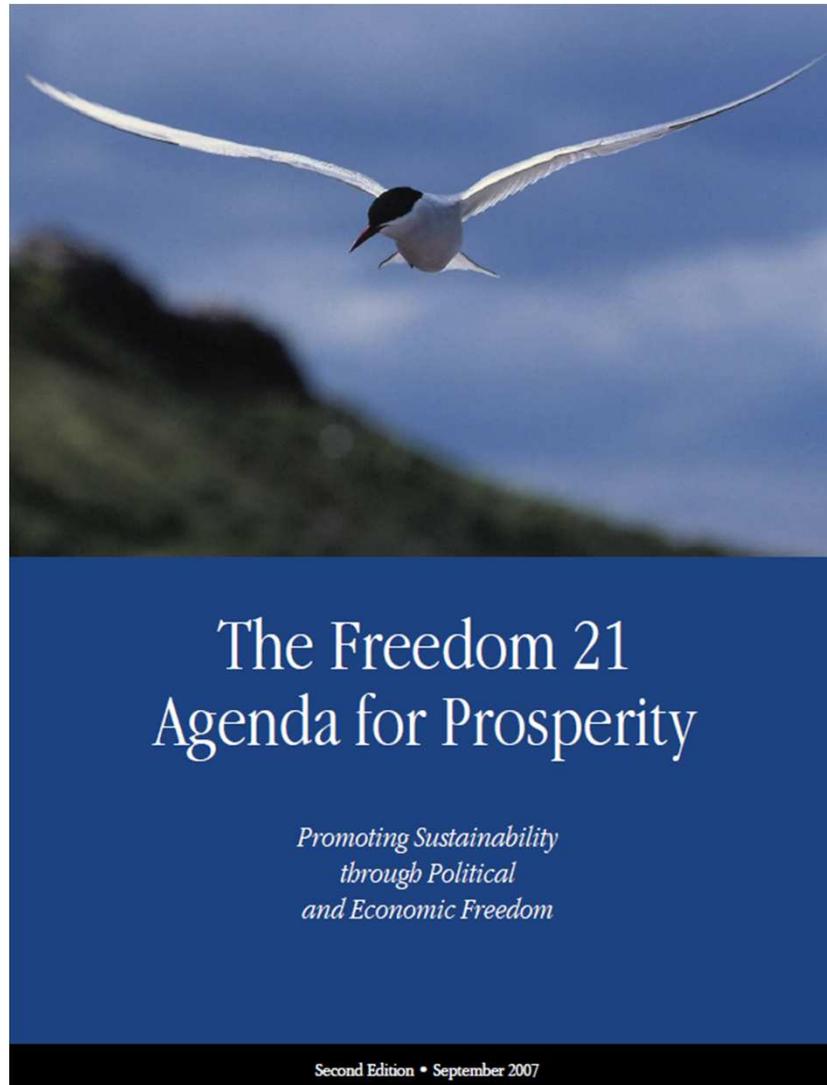
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	Constitution	Sustainability – Agenda 21
Role of rural private land	Farmers & ranchers as custodians	Wildlands Project; Re-wild 50% of America
Cities	Collapsing due to social equity programs	Force middle-class into cities to promote equity
Value System	Equality of opportunity; individual rights	Globalism – Good of many outweighs good of few

Understanding Constitution vs Agenda 21

	Constitution	Sustainability – Agenda 21
America's Role	Beacon of Freedom	Source of planetary degradation
Role of Free Market Capitalism	Source of wealth & opportunity	Source of Social Injustice; to be steered by government
Growth Template	Highest & Best Use via Free Markets	Smart growth; New urbanization

Positive Alternative to Agenda 21



Protects the environment and promotes prosperity through:

- Individual Liberty
- Private Property Rights
- Sound Science
- Genuine Free Markets

Contrast Between Freedom 21 and Agenda 21 In Attaining Sustainable Development

	Freedom 21	Agenda 21
Principles	Based on individual rights that form basis of US Constitution and private property rights. Focuses on self-government where “all men are created equal”. Minimum government.	Based on the “general will” or public good as determined by nations governing leaders and unelected bureaucrats. All people, in principle, share more equally the wealth. Strong government regulation.
	Establishes and protects private property rights which allows for creation of capital. Provides for best proven way to eliminate poverty.	Minimizes property rights to reduce risk of possibly harming environment. Places nature's perceived needs ahead of man's real needs.
	Based on sound science and proven environment management techniques. Cost vs. benefit analysis.	Based on precautionary principle. Invokes Law of the Commons (no incentive for individual to protect).
	Free enterprise with minimum regulations to create incentives to maximize efficiencies through creativity and entrepreneurship.	Depends on government regulated markets to achieve predetermined social and environmental goals.

FREEDOM 21

Scientific and technically reviewed solutions for sustainable development.
Endorsements and reviews by multiple professionals worldwide.
Detailed footnotes and citation of sources.

- Overview
- Principles
- Policy Recommendations
 - for each of the following topics:
 - Population and Poverty
 - Land Issues and Property Rights
 - Air and Water Issues
 - Chemical and Management of Waste
 - Meeting Essential Human Needs



OBJECTIVE

To protect private property rights, genuine free markets, business and economic development, unrestricted mobility and choices of transportation. To promote the principles of liberty, limited government, and adherence to the Constitution.

BACKGROUND

Sustainable Development and “Smart growth” advocates include multiple levels of governmental and quasi-governmental bodies (non-governmental organizations and public/private partnerships) as well as private organizations (city/county/state, CIDs, Atlanta Regional Commission, environmental groups, ICLEI, etc.).

These groups are often entrenched, well-organized and well-funded. Preventing implementation of A21 programs, recognizing limited availability of funds and other resources, requires a well-thought out strategy executed by a core group of dedicated, well-informed and well-prepared citizens.

A21 COUNTER STRATEGY

- Stop the creation of non-elected regional government councils that are difficult to hold accountable.
- Stop local governments from taking state and federal grants that come with massive strings attached to enforce compliance.
- Remove outsider organizations and stakeholder groups that are pressuring your elected officials to do their bidding.
- Cancel membership in ICLEI.
- Begin the process of reversing A21 initiatives in your community.

STEP 1 - Research

Don't even begin to open up a fight until you know certain details. Attend lots of meetings and hearings, quietly so as not to make yourself a target).

- Who are the players in your community?
- What privately funded “stakeholder” groups are there? What is their agenda? What other communities have they operated in? What projects? What results? Who are their members in your community? Are they residents or did they come from “out of town?”
- What non-elected boards and councils control local development and implement smart growth?
- What public/private partnerships are involved?
- **Follow the money!**

STEP 2 – Get all the details

Get all the details on the plans your community is working on.

- Pay close attention to the **choice of words** and **emphasis on “government”** in the comprehensive plans for your city, county, state.
- In particular, watch for the following:
 - Extension of **gov’t into production and consumption**
 - Emphasis on **government for all solutions**
 - Attempts to use **“Identity Politics”** as a means of dividing, conquering; and building consensus against capitalism and private property rights.
 - **Transfer of wealth initiatives** and pro-Marxist “bent”.
 - Emphasis on **“the people”** rather than individuals.
- Find out which person manages grants in your county.
 - Check all of the Livability Programs, TIGER capital grants
 - Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grants
 - Community Challenge Planning Grants, etc.
 - Some criteria require involvement with ACORN & other community organizers and must pay for transportation & child care, etc. (HUD Link)

STEP 3 – Examine the Effects

What effects will these policies have on the community and its residents?

- Who may be victims of the legislation?
- Have Conservation Easements raised taxes as land is removed from the tax rolls?
- Are “stakeholder” groups helping to get landowners to sign up for the easements — and if so — do they get any kind of kickbacks?
- Who are getting the easements?
- Does the community plan call for reduction of energy use? If so, look for calls for energy audits and taxes on energy use.

STEP 4 - Civic Action

Discuss it privately with some of your elected officials, especially if you know them.

- Tell them what you have found and explain why you are opposed.
- First discuss the effects of the policies on the average citizen. Explain why they are bad.
- Slowly bring the conversation around to the origin of such policies — Agenda 21 and the UN. Don't start there. It is important that you build the case to show that these policies are not local, but part of a national and international agenda.

STEP 5 – Take It To The Public

Begin a two-fold campaign to make the issue public and take away the ability to hide details from the public.

First – Letters to the Editor

- Write a series of letters to the editor for the local newspaper. Make sure that you are not alone. Coordinate your letters with others who will also write letters to back up and support what you have written. These will generate more letters from others, some for your position and other against you. Be prepared to answer those against you as they are probably written by those “Stakeholders” who are implementing the policies in the first place. This may be a useful place for you to use what you’ve learned about these groups to discredit them.

STEP 5 – Take It To The Public

Second – Attend Council Meetings

- Begin to attend Council meetings and ask questions. The response from the council members will determine your next move. If you are ignored and your questions met with silence or hostility, prepare a news release detailing your questions and the background you have as to why you asked those questions. Pass the news release out to the people at the next meeting as well as the news media.
- Attend the next meeting and the next demanding answers. Be sure to organize people to come with you. Don't try this alone. If necessary, have demonstrators outside city hall carrying signs or handing out flyers with the name and picture of the officials who won't answer your questions along with the question you asked — including the details you have about the policy.

STEP 6 - Run candidates for office

Run candidates for office against those who have ignored and fought you.

Ultimately, that is the office holders' worst nightmare and may be the most effective way to get them to respond and serve their constituents.

LOCAL ACTION PLAN

Research city/county plans

- What A21 phrases are used, i.e., livable communities, sustainable development, smart growth?
- Is the United Nations mentioned?
- What restrictions on residential housing are promoted, i.e., high density (greater than 3 dwelling units per acre), minimization of private yards, minimal offset from street, discouragement of cul-de-sacs?
- What restrictions on private transportation are promoted, i.e., limitations on parking, garages?
- Is excessive green space mandatory?
- What punitive zoning and development actions are being implemented to enforce smart growth?
- What third-party players are involved?
 - ICLEI <http://www.icleiusa.org/>
 - Smart growth advocates, i.e., Livable Communities, Smart Growth America
 - What is the philosophy of external land planners and design firms?
 - Do CIDs play a part? What is the philosophy?
 - What developers are involved? (Follow the money)

STATE ACTION PLAN

- Contacting state senators and reps to:
 - strengthen eminent domain law
 - repeal the sustainable agriculture bill
 - rein in the power of CIDs
 - re-introduce Sen. Frank Ginn's bill (HB 86) to return comprehensive planning decisions to local communities (passed in house and senate but vetoed by governor last year)
 - De-fang ARC
 - Repeal or modify the TSPLOST legislation

FEDERAL ACTION PLAN

- Contacting federal senators and reps to defund programs, amend legislation that promotes smart growth, introduce legislation that prohibits mandatory smart growth policies.
 - Various EPA programs
 - Partnership for Sustainable Communities
 - Smart Growth Network, Smartgrowth.org, etc.
 - Federal programs that **require** comprehensive planning programs at state/local level
 - Federal **grant programs** that entice state/local planners to implement smart growth
 - Dept. of Agriculture's smart growth - encroachment of private property rights on farms and rural areas
 - White House Rural Council - encroachment of private property rights in rural areas
 - Dept. of Interior - conversion of land to national monuments (puts land off limits for various purposes), setting exorbitant fees on private property located in national parks with intent for owners to forfeit property

Strategy #1 – Cut Spending

Make a concerted effort to bombard federal legislators, especially soon-to-be-named budget super committee members, with requests to defund Smart Growth and Sustainable Communities programs (focus only on these two – disbanding the EPA altogether should be separately addressed, despite the temptation).

Keep the message focused on budget reduction and “beyond the scope of limited government” as opposed to A21, etc. Cash-strapped state, county and local budgets are also under pressure, so push cuts to smart growth programs here as well.

Strategy #2 – Identify Local Issues

- Develop education materials that begin with ***local issues***, and gradually make the link to A21. Novices will have trouble making an immediate leap from local concerns to the UN, and will probably dismiss A21 as a “kooky conspiracy theory.”
- Stick with the terms “smart growth,” “sustainable development,” “livable communities,” etc., since these are terms that local officials can better understand and connect with. Make a clear and compelling case for the problems A21 programs create for local citizens.

Strategy #3 – Research Players/Plans

Review Tom DeWeese recommendations on strategy (see below)

- Research players
- Research local plans
- Identify potential victims of plans
- Meet with elected officials
- Attend meetings
- Go public
- Quiz candidates on the issue; vote accordingly (removing bad apples goes a long way toward stopping A21 accomplices)

Strategy #4 – Counter Delphi

Educate volunteers on the Delphi Technique and how to counter it before attending public forums.

See http://www.iror.org/delphi_disrupt.asp.

Ask DeWeese's recommended questions in public forums

- Who is the facilitator? What is his association with the organizers? Is he being paid?
- Where did these programs (being proposed) come from? How are they to be funded?
- **“With the implementation of this policy, tell me a single right or action I have on my property that doesn't require your approval or involvement. What are my rights as a property owner?”** Make them name it.

Delphi Technique or Consensus Process

"The goal of the Delphi technique is to lead a targeted group of people to a predetermined outcome, while giving the illusion of taking public input and under the pretext of being accountable to the public."

- 1) Always Be Charming – Smile, be pleasant, be courteous, moderate your voice so as not to come across as belligerent or aggressive.
- 2) Stay Focused – Write down your question, the facilitator will attempt to dodge questions they don't want to answer. Stay focused on the question.
- 3) Be Persistent – Facilitators may shift the focus to another topic.
- 4) Don't go alone. It's best to sit separately.
- 5) If the facilitator doesn't answer the question, someone else should ask again.

Strategy #5 – Amend State Legislation

Identify gov't organizations, i.e., Ga Dept of Community Affairs, Atlanta Regional Commission, and research their legal formation and scope creep. Work with state officials to amend legislation to rein them in.

Strategy #6 – Identify Supporters

Identify “weak links” in the list of A21 supporters and tackle them first (low-hanging fruit), i.e., ICLEI.
<http://www.icleiusa.org/>

Tactic #1- Guerilla Marketing

Use “guerilla marketing”: A low-budget approach that relies on time, energy and imagination to create a unique, engaging and thought-provoking concept to generate buzz, and consequently turn viral. Key tools are phone banks, email, social media, websites, public intercepts, media interviews, letters to the editor, blogs, etc.

Tactic #2 – Rally Victims of A21

“Pain Point” Concepts: Rally the potential victims of A21 concepts and encourage them to contact their elected officials.

- Find every residential cul-de-sac in a neighborhood and give the residents a copy of ARC’s plan to “discourage” cul-de-sacs.
- Visit every strip mall in an area and give each business owner a copy of ARC’s “starter code” banning strip malls. Any of these businesses that have a website with a contact email, send an email with the link to ARC’s website that targets them for extinction.
- Find owners of strip malls and give them the ARC info.
- Find landowners and send them info on ARC’s plan to require a land use permit to “use or occupy...any building, structure, land, water or premises.”

Tactic #3 – Sever ICLEI Ties

Force governments to sever ties with ICLEI

- Identify city/county/state ties to ICLEI, including ICLEI membership, links to ICLEI on websites, references to ICLEI in documents, etc. From the ICLEI website: <http://www.icleiusa.org/>
 - Athens-Clarke County, GA
 - Atlanta, GA
 - http://www.atlantaga.gov/cms/work/jogunsola/media/nr_sustain_122210.aspx
 - Chatham County, GA
 - Decatur, GA
 - Morgan County, GA
 - Savannah, GA
 - Tybee Island, GA

Tactic #4 – Meet with Officials

Meet with the officials of the governments with ties to ICLEI and educate them on ICLEI.

- Although ICLEI is obviously a Marxist organization with plainly visible ties to socialist Center for American Progress and UN Agenda 21, the language we use to describe ICLEI and our argument to cut ties is absolutely critical to our success. A reasonable, clear and compelling argument must be developed.
- Once officials understand that ICLEI is a Marxist organization, then making the case that ICLEI's mission is in direct opposition to the U.S. Constitution is easier. That is the appropriate time to remind lawmakers of their oaths to protect, preserve and defend the US Constitution and the state constitution.
- Refer them to ICLEI's 2010-2015 strategy
http://www.iclei.org/fileadmin/user_upload/documents/Global/About_ICLEI/ICLEI_Strategy_2010-2015.pdf
- Use the “3-Step Challenge” to connect ICLEI to Agenda 21
<http://gelok.org/2.html>

Tactic #5 – Provide Media with Info

Provide local newspapers and TV stations with information on the ties between government and socialist ICLEI, and encourage them to investigate and run a story. Again, great caution must be used in the language used, or we will be painted as fringe elements and conspiracy theorists.

Tactic #6 – Letter Writing Campaign

Coordinate a letter-to-the-editor campaign – requires multiple writers (see DeWeese data) and capture valuable data on retorts that can be used against A21 supporters.

Protect your freedoms and future:

- Say **“NO!”** to **UN Agenda 21 Sustainability** manifesto.
- **Withdraw** your community from ICLEI
- Review your city/county master and comprehensive plans and **rededicate your community to preserving constitutional property rights.**
- **Deprogram** city and county leaders or replace them
- **Deprogram** planning and zoning members
- Say **“No”** to sustainable communities initiatives and say “no” to grants that sacrifice sovereignty.
- **Speak-up** and **Speak-out** against legislators and agencies who propose schemes that will slowly choke-out constitutional rights.

IN SUMMARY

- Educate yourself in the principles of liberty and Freedom 21
- Educate yourself on Agenda 21 and Sustainable Development.
- Make the Global to Local Connection.
- Learn about the Delphi Technique used in consensus and visioning meetings and how to counter it.
- Attend local city council and county commission meetings.
- Attend Atlanta Regional Commission and TSPLOST meetings.
- Engage your neighbors/groups. Spread the word.

SUCCESS STORIES

Feb 2011 - Carroll County, Maryland –
Entire County Commission replaced
First county in the country to withdraw ICLEI membership

Followed by:

Amador County, California

Montgomery County, Pennsylvania

Edmund, Oklahoma

Las Cruces, New Mexico

Spartanburg, South Carolina

Albermarle, Virginia

Plantation, Florida

Multiple other cities and counties are now fighting Agenda 21 policies.

Awareness is sweeping through the Tea Party, 9/12 and Constitutional liberty movement across the country. WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

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