



## *The New International Order: Get Elected Officials Out of the Way and Make Public Policy By Professional Bureaucrats*

Origins of “Smart Growth”/Comprehensive Planning  
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### Introduction of Guest

Pat Snyder – Welcome to “55 Feedback for this Monday.” It is the 18th day of June, with Tom King, Pat Snyder. Coming up after the 9:30a.m. news we’ll be talking with Michael Shaw, the President of Freedom Advocates. But coming up here on our first segment we are visiting with Henry Lamb, who is the founding Executive Vice President of the Environmental Conservation Organization [ECO]. The web site is [www.eco.org](http://www.eco.org). It’s a nonprofit organization founded in 1988.

Also he’s publisher of ECO Logic, with emphasis on logic there...”ECO Logic Powerhouse” a daily online publication and monthly printed journal. He’s also the Chairman of Sovereignty International Inc., which offers a storehouse of information relating to the influence the international community exerts over American domestic policy. The advisory committee of Sovereignty International consists of selected individuals and organizations that have special expertise in every facet of United Nations activity. It periodically publishes world concerns for UN delegates and observers.

He joins us – Henry, good morning! (Henry Lamb – Good morning to you!) Good to have you back again. I know you’re always busy, but how has 2007 been? Has it been even busier than the previous year?

Henry – Well, it certainly seems that every year it gets busier and busier mainly because there are more initiatives advanced that seem to challenge our freedoms. And that of course is what keeps us busy.

### Can This Stuff Be True?

Pat -- Before we start talking about this Agenda 21, we were talking off the air about people in general. When we talk about topics like this, people that aren’t familiar with it or don’t see it in the media somehow think that we’re coming out from outer space with this stuff...and it can’t be true. How do you deal with folks that think this thought pattern?

### People Are Connecting the Dots

Henry – Well, it really isn’t all that hard. Once people are bitten by the regulations that take away their freedoms. They just don’t know why it is happening or where it comes from. And once you begin to trace back these limitations on freedom that we are experiencing increasingly to their source, people begin to connect the dots and see that this is something that has been happening over the years. It’s not something new. It is just now getting to the point that it is affecting more and more of us.

Pat – All right, well that takes us to “Agenda 21”. What is it Henry?

#### The New International Economic Order

Henry – Well, I need to go back a little before Agenda 21 because it is a product that grew out of an initiative way back in the mid ‘70s. Most people don’t remember that interest rates in the 1970s ran to 20%. We had price and wage controls. We had a terrible economic condition around the world. And there was an initiative advanced by the United Nations called the New International Economic Order. And basic to that new concept advanced by the UN was the government control of the sources of production. Of course that comes as no surprise. But the fundamental principle was government control of land-use.

#### “Private Ownership of Land Contributes to Social Injustice”

Now in 1976 the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements met in Vancouver. And for the very first time adopted a policy on land-use. They said that private ownership of land contributed to the accumulation of wealth and therefore to social injustice. And that public control of land-use was indispensable. Now there was at the same time an effort in Congress to adopt comprehensive land-use planning at the federal level. And that was rejected, thanks mostly to the “Sagebrush Rebellion.” But the state of Oregon and Florida both adopted comprehensive land-use planning back in the ‘70’s, and they have suffered as a result ever since.

#### Government Control of Land-Use: Sustainable Development and Agenda 21 Centerpiece

But it didn’t gain much more momentum until 1987, when another UN conference on the Commission on World Environment produced a document called “Our Common Future”, in which the concept of Sustainable Development emerged. And that same fundamental principle of government control of land-use was the centerpiece. And out of that grew Agenda 21, which was a 40 chapter codification if you will, of all of the recommendations that the United Nations felt was necessary for government to control the use of land. A 300-page, 40 chapter document called Agenda 21 was adopted in 1992.

#### U.S. Creates President’s Council on Sustainable Development (PCSD)

Then, President Clinton issued an Executive Order creating the President’s Council on Sustainable Development whose purpose was to implement all of those recommendations adopted in 1992 in Rio de Janeiro [Brazil] into public policy in the United States administratively. And thereby we began to experience the implementation of Agenda 21 throughout our government.

Pat -- So now has since President Clinton left office has President Bush picked up the baton and carried it through? Has there been no activity on his part? It doesn’t look like there’s been any ways of slowing this down or changing course.

#### PCSD Creates “Smart Growth” Via the American Planning Association

Henry – Well, the Clinton administration did a very thorough job. The President’s Council on Sustainable Development lived throughout the Clinton years but was dissolved in 1999. But among the things the President’s Council on Sustainable Development did was to generate more than \$5 million to give to the American Planning Association [APA] to develop a book called “Growing Smart, A Legislative Guidebook”, which is a document containing model legislation for states to adopt. And this model legislation contains all of the planning recommendations set forth in Agenda 21.

#### Federal Government Gives Grants to States for Comprehensive Planning

And the federal government with grants to states provided plenty of incentive for states and local government to adopt the state model legislation (such as that what you have in Wisconsin) to implement this statewide Comprehensive Planning scheme. And within these various models of state legislation there is planning recommendations that go to

the detail of determining what plants you may plant in your yard, what color you may paint your home (inside and out), what size the signs may be on your business...  
Ridiculously detailed manipulation of human behavior through government enforcement!

#### People Don't Realize the Connection with the UN

Pat – We're talking with Henry Lamb, the founding Executive Vice President of Environmental Conservation Organization... Henry, when we talk with folks from the state level and county level, it doesn't sound like that they're even aware that there is a deeper rooted system into this. They're thinking it's good, smart management for these towns, communities, villages to put together a plan...planning for the future. It doesn't seem like they realize it's connected to this Agenda 21!

#### PCSD Adopts Idea of Appointed Professionals Making Policy Through Consensus

Henry – Most of them are not. The whole scheme from the PCSD was to remove any association with the United Nations, because that's a no-no. But the idea, and in fact the "We Believe" principle number eight, adopted by the President's Council on Sustainable Development, says that we need a new collaborative decision process. And that means we need a different way of making policy from the way that the [U.S.] Constitution provides where elected officials make policy. We need a collaborative decision process, where appointed professionals can get together and come to a consensus to adopt public policy. What is...

Tom King – Can't the argument be made though that we have something like that now where our elected representatives basically do what lobbyists and their staff tells them and other non-elected personnel tell them to do?

#### We Can't Un-Elect Appointed Bureaucrats

Henry – But there's one major difference Pat. (Pat -- That was Tom King by the way.) Okay. When elected officials do that regardless of the influence, we the voters have the option of firing them, un-electing them. So when appointed bureaucrats get together, make these decisions...whether we like it or not...we're stuck with them. We can't un-elect the appointed bureaucrats that make these policies.

#### How Does UN Enforce the Rules?

Tom – How would the UN or whatever international organization would be overseeing this Agenda 21, how would they enforce all of these minuscule little rules that you say that they've put into these situations? How would they go about enforcing the flowers that you're planting in your backyard or the color that you're painting on the inside of your house?

#### Rules Enforced at State and Local Levels

Henry – But the UN doesn't enforce. The UN only recommends. However, that is a temporary step toward the ultimate goal of providing enforcement, but that's another whole story. The enforcement mechanism comes at the local and state level. And in your law as well as in many other state comprehensive planning laws, there are a multitude of enforcement mechanisms ranging from fines and penalties to what's called "amortized compliance". And I don't know if that's a term you have discussed?

Pat – No, why don't you give us a definition of that.

#### Regulations on Property Rights Are Being Forced Upon Us Through Planning Laws

Henry – Well amortized compliance simply means that these new regulations forced through planning laws sets new criteria for land-use and building use. And often will set a term of 10 years, 15 years...whatever is adopted in the particular plan. But then the owner has that many years to bring his structure, his land into compliance with the new recommendation. Failing that, the land is forfeited to the government without just

compensation. (Pat – Hmmm!) That is amortized compliance. That is not in every state comprehensive planning law, but it is in many in some variation.

#### Happening Now in Wisconsin

I noticed in some of the discussion in your program last week, there are homes where the regulations had changed to the point that their lakefront homes are no longer in conformity or in compliance with regulations. And because of the 50% improvement limit the homes will never be able to be brought up to conformity or compliance. Does this sound like a taking?!

#### Shouldn't Sustained Development Be Planned and Controlled?

Tom – In your perfect world how do we control sustained development then? How do we have some sort of planning so that we don't have just wild willy-nilly type of development plan going forward?

#### Plan/Control Sustained Development Through People Representing Their Communities

Henry – The simple answer is make absolutely certain that every public policy including every zoning law is adopted by elected officials. Now they certainly may have recommendations from people who serve on planning commissions. However, the people who serve on planning commissions like the elected officials should be people representative from the community. They should not be the professional bureaucrats from the agencies, the federal and state government. They should not be the professional bureaucrats from professional nonprofit organizations such as the Sierra Club and the Nature Conservancy...and these guys who work to develop the very plans that they are presenting to government.

#### Public Meetings Means Meetings For Hearing and Adopting Public Comment

We also need to make certain that in these public input meetings there is public input. Not a dog and pony show presented by the professional bureaucrats.

#### People Often Not Interested When They Should Be. How Can We Change That?

Pat -- Let me ask you this, then. How to get people interested? I know shows like this might help a little bit but when they have these public meetings a lot of people say, "Ah, that doesn't seem like it would concern me." And they don't understand the importance, and they don't show up.

#### Local Organizations Best at Informing People

Henry -- What we have seen to be effective throughout the country, and about the only thing that is effective, is a strong local organization where there are people usually people who have been affected by some sort of infringement on property rights. These people get together and they make it their business to inform their neighbors. They hold monthly meetings or more often they put together material. They attend public meetings. They write letters to the editor. It becomes a project of defending our freedoms, and it has to happen at the local level and it has to happen with an organization. One person can't do it. But a hundred people showing up at a city council meeting or at a county commissioner's meeting pointing out the facts of infringement on private property rights can make an awful lot of difference.

#### States and Counties Enticed by Money

Pat -- Of course, the enticement for the states and even the county's for this whole Agenda 21 and this comprehensive planning that President Clinton's administration put out was the money involved. (Henry – Absolutely!) You adopt this we'll give you all this money and people overlooked what it might be. They're thinking...they only see the green, don't they Henry?

States Working Hand in Hand With Professionals Use Money to Control Counties

Henry -- Absolutely! And this is one of the recommendations from way back in 1976. The way you do this is what they call "economic incentives and disincentives." You give 'em money to do what you want them to do and you deny them money for doing what they want to do if it is not consistent with what the professionals want.

Pat -- They also have talked about when folks like yourself and others are bringing up this topic, they've talked strategies about how to discredit you.

Proponents of "Smart Growth" Try to Discredit Those Who Oppose It

Henry -- Oh sure! That's a big part of it, because if we can be seen as "blue helmeted helicopter freaks" we have no credibility. The fact of the matter is I've been called that many times over the last 20 years, but no one has ever yet found any statement that I have made not to be factual and based on published documentation.

Pat -- As you put into your documents and your web sites as well, if this continues to go unchecked we would say good bye to sovereignty.

Transformation of How We Govern...By Professional Administrative Units

Henry -- Oh absolutely! Absolutely! What we're talking about here in your situation in Wisconsin and in other communities is only a small part of what's happening all across this nation. And the immigration battle that's going on in Congress now is just more of the same. We are headed toward this global village -- the whole idea of global governance. We are looking toward a transformation of government from government by elected representatives to government by professional administrative units.

The State of Wisconsin is Trying to Regionalize, To Remove Local Government

I notice that your folks in Wisconsin are trying to eliminate townships and cities to consolidate...to regionalize. That's happening in every state across the country. The idea is to make the United States government an administrative unit of the international government, to make state government an administrative unit of the federal government, to make cities and counties administrative units of state government.

Move to Have Public Policy Made By Professional Bureaucrats

Get the elected officials out of the way. They are simply obstacles. You make public policy by professional bureaucrats. After all, they know what's best for us. That is the entire philosophy of the new international economic order. And that's what we are experiencing -- happening all around us. The only solution is to make certain that public policy is made only by elected officials.

Pat -- But we would still have a nation where these presidential races (senators and congressmen) -- what would they become? Would they become more figureheads down the road in the future if this is unchecked?

Congress Handing Over Running of Country to Bureaucrats

Henry -- Look at NAFTA [North American Free Trade Agreement]. We have Congress up here who is supposed to be looking after us. We have nonetheless adopted NAFTA and CAFTA [Central American Free Trade Agreement] with fast-track negotiations. We have seen -- I'm not going to get into the problems with NAFTA except that Congress has nothing to do now with NAFTA. We had one shot at approving it or disapproving it. It is approved and now it is the bureaucrats that are setting trade policy, which is creating deficits year after year after year after year! Congress is becoming a figurehead. They are becoming a rubber stamp.

Pat -- They're becoming someone who's just out to find the lobbyists or group to give them money to get re-elected!

Elected County Officials Giving In to Unelected Bureaucrats

Henry – And the same thing is happening at the county level as well. As we see more and more of these comprehensive plans developed by consensus through these select “visioning councils”, then presented to elected officials, the elected officials have little choice but to rubber stamp them or be branded as ridiculous right-wing extremists.

Pat – Oh yeah! They like those labels don't they Henry?

Elected Officials Listening Less to Individuals and More to Appointed Professionals

Henry – Oh yeah! There was a time when -- and it should be now -- when every individual had the right to go to an elected official and propose an idea. That idea should be debated on its merits, and voted up or down. It doesn't happen that way anymore. Ideas that are presented to local elected officials are presented by professional visioning councils and groups and stakeholder councils, and professional agencies from either federal or state government. Individuals who come to county commissioners hardly are able even to visit with them, let alone seriously discuss the comprehensive idea for public policy. And the same thing is true only worse at the congressional level.

Pat – Well again, you have a web site that is [www.eco.freedom.org](http://www.eco.freedom.org). Also Chairman of the Sovereignty International, which is [www.sovereignty.net](http://www.sovereignty.net). And what do you do on that web site?

[www.freedom.org](http://www.freedom.org) (Domestic) and [www.sovereignty.net](http://www.sovereignty.net) (International)

Henry – The [www.sovereignty.net](http://www.sovereignty.net) web site deals primarily with international issues. Our basic web site is just simply [www.freedom.org](http://www.freedom.org). Easy to remember, [www.freedom.org](http://www.freedom.org), and that addresses domestic issues across-the-board...property rights, environmental issues primarily. And Sovereignty is international.

Pat – I got it. So you've got both sides covered. (Henry – Right.) Because sooner or later, what's international somehow makes its way to the U.S., doesn't it? (Henry – Absolutely.) Well, what's on your agenda here in the near future?

Biospheres, North American Union, National Freedom 21 Conference

Henry – Well, we have legislation now in the works, just being introduced that we hope will eliminate 47 UN biosphere reserves in this country. We are working desperately to try to block the development of the North American Community and the NAFTA highways that are supposed to reach from Mexico to Canada. And we have a Freedom 21 National Conference coming up in July in Dallas, Texas...which is our 8<sup>th</sup> national Freedom 21 conference. It'll be focusing on the North American Union, and this Trans-Texas Corridor and its implications for every state in the Union.

Pat – Hmmm! Boy, we didn't even get into those UN biospheres! People don't realize it. They're right here in this country -- our national parks! (Henry – Absolutely! 47 of 'em.) Any up here in this neck of the woods? Wisconsin? Michigan? Upper Michigan? Anything like that?

Henry – Yeah. And you can go to our web site and check 'em out -- the location and everything about them.

UN Biospheres Are a Reality and Are in Our Country

Pat – And folks, if you don't believe us go to these sites and you'll see the sign that says “UN Biosphere”! Right there as you head into the park! That's another thing, where we give up some of our federal rights when it comes to that.

Henry, it has been enjoyable and keep up the good work! And we'll keep trying to get these people awake out here, all right?

Henry – Well you keep doing your job. You're doing great! Thanks a lot! (Pat – All right, thanks Henry.) Bye-bye.

Pat – All right, bye-bye. So there you have it, first section. Tom doesn't believe it...

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