

## What is United Nations Agenda 21?

Dear Editor:

There comes a time when not speaking up becomes inappropriate...and that time has come for me. This has nothing to do with political parties and everything to do with property rights and good versus evil. A year ago I had no knowledge of the United Nations Agenda 21's communist 300 page, 40 chapter document. The way in which this program has infiltrated local governments nationwide is now coming to light. Agenda 21 is full of wonderful sounding words such as "environmentally sound and sustainable", "smart growth practices", and "sustainable development." Sounds nice, right? Elected officials of towns, cities, and counties across America thought so until they learned the real story. Many who signed on to their local government's Vision and Comp Plans are now trying to get out of them. The sustainable development municipal planners send trained facilitators to guide and lead elected officials and the public into a predetermined outcome based on false choices.

There are thousands of non-government organizations (NGO's) involved in some way with the United Nations. One of the groups is Local Governments for Sustainability (ICLEI). ICLEI was tasked by the United Nations to carry out implementation of Agenda 21 on a local level. Some cities are actual members while Perry and Taylor County work through the North Florida Regional Planning Council (NFRPC), American Planning Association (APA), the National Association of Counties (NACo), the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), and the Department of Environmental Resources Management (DERM). Several states have legislation pending to ban state and local governments from funding these sustainable development groups.

These all tie into Federal Government Grants and private grants which advocate Federal Government policy. All of the Federal Grants like the Sustainable Development Challenge Grants (SDCG), Community Development Block Grants (CDBG), Affordable Housing (HUD), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Tiger Grants and Department of Transportation (DOT), require compliance with the ICLEI/Agenda 21 requirements. Our local politicians and other citizens who signed on so proudly to Vision 2060 were not aware of United Nations Agenda 21 and what it really meant, but local government has now been delivered confirmed information to help them make wise decisions for the future.

Please understand that this is not a partisan issue. The Republican National Party passed a resolution against Agenda 21 and ICLEI. Rosa Koire, author of [Behind the Green Mask: U.N. Agenda 21](#), through her website, Democrats against United Nations Agenda 21 dot com, has rallied people on both sides of the aisle to fight against Agenda 21 and Sustainable Development.

Protection of individual property rights and the right to manage that property as stated in our Constitution should remain the top priority of any growth plan. Now plans provide rights for the developers but leave out property rights for the rest of us. We only need to look at Collier County and their sustainable development to see how things go horribly wrong for the citizens...as planned. Many Miami Dade property owners are being misled and forced to give up their property rights. It is vitally important that our county grandfather in existing zoning densities. Additionally we do not need the government re-classifying uplands into wetlands thereby restricting use of our property.

The negative impact on a community will not be seen at first and many of us will not live to see the full implementation, but our children, grandchildren, and future generations will not live in the Constitutional Republic we have enjoyed, and they will be the recipients of the full impact of the injustices.

Sincerely,  
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