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## Smart Growth: Agenda 21 in Drag Part 2

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For most people, Agenda 21 is merely a name. Our readers might like to see beyond that name, so they can see the enormity of what is proposed in this Agenda.

As a quick look at this U.N. document, adopted by the U.N. world conference called Earth Summit II in Rio de Janeiro in 1992, the following is the table of contents for Agenda 21, copied from the current UN web site, and edited by deleting the range of paragraph numbers contained in each chapter. The chapter titles speak for themselves as to the socialist traps imbedded in the Agenda. Agenda 21 is a worthy document only for citing certain problems; it is a deadly document for the totalitarian "solutions" it proposes for problems.

*Freedom Matters* quoted key provisions from Agenda 21, citing chapter and section, in our 2003, Volume 3 review of Henry Lamb's article "The UN and Property Rights," in issues #31, #32, #33, and #34. Some of those quotes came out of Chapter 10 of Agenda 21, which as you can see from its title below, lays out the UN's "integrated approach to the planning and management of land resources."

Agenda 21 does not deal simply with government planning. In its 300+ pages, it proposes a **restructuring** of government, in which unelected elements, so-called NonGovernmental Organizations (NGOs) seize power from the elected bodies.

Agenda 21 cannot be ignored. It affects the U.S.A. and Wisconsin. In 1993, President Clinton created a Council on Sustainable Development to implement Agenda 21 in the U.S.A., which produced a 1995 report titled: *Sustainable America, A New Consensus*. It identified 154 Agenda 21 actions to take, 67 of them to be implemented "administratively;" i.e., without congressional approval.

Re Wisconsin, Governor Tommy Thompson signed a 1998 Memorandum of Understanding with the German state of Bavaria to coordinate implementation of **Agenda 21** in their two states. This MOU will be the subject of the next issue of *Freedom Matters*. It appears to have been the proximate impetus for enacting Comprehensive Planning/Smart Growth into the Wisconsin Statutes in the 1999 budget bill.

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#### [Footnotes to Agenda 21 Contents]

\* For section I (Social and economic dimensions), see A/CONF.151/26 (Vol. I); for section III (Strengthening the role of major groups) and section IV (Means of implementation), see A.CONF/151/26 (Vol. III).

\* For section II (Conservation and management of resources for development), see A/CONF.151/26 (Vol. II); for section III (Strengthening the role of major groups) and section IV (Means of implementation), see A/CONF.151/26 (Vol. III).

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