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## Smart Growth: Agenda 21 in Drag Part 4: Is Wisconsin Stuck in the Tar Pit of the U.N.'s "Sustainable Development?"

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Most people are familiar with the famous La Brea tar pits in California, which have yielded a vast array of the bones of animals who got stuck in the tar and died there. The political landscape likewise contains tar pits in the form of fatal utopian systems into which nations venture at their peril. Socialism is one such tar pit, and the remains of the Soviet dinosaur that perished in the tar pit of socialism is a grim monumental warning that not even the genius of the Russian people (a genius grandly seen in science, literature and music) could make socialism work.

*Freedom Matters'* review of De Soto's *The Mystery of Capital* cited the **FACT** of the universal **FAILURE** of socialism, and of the triumph of capitalism and the free market as the only viable road to the prosperity of human society. See our volume 3, issues #1 through #5. (Better yet, read De Soto's book!)

As Friedrich Hayek demonstrated, in *The Road to Serfdom*, government tyranny is the inevitable endpoint of socialism (see FM, vol 2, #28, 07-12-02). Next, look at FM's review of Henry Lamb's exegesis, "The UN and Property Rights" (FM, vol 3, #31-34). Lamb documented that UN World Summits starting in the 1970s have adopted socialist agendas calling for complete abolition of private property rights in favor of state control of all aspects of land use. This is done for the noblest (*but impossible*) of socialist motives, including "economic equality" and for the noblest (*but impossible*) of environmental motives, the saving of every single existing species (right down to the least beetle and bacterium).

The last three issues of *Freedom Matters* revealed the roots of "smart growth" in the U.S., and in Wisconsin, to be the U.N. concept of "sustainable develop-

ment" and **Agenda 21**. As proof, we printed verbatim the "Memorandum of Understanding" (MOU) between Wisconsin and Bavaria, which **specifically** proposed to implement provisions of **Agenda 21**, and we cited President Clinton's 1993 Council on Sustainable Development, and its 1995 report titled *Sustainable America, A New Consensus*.

Don't you just love the politician's abuse of words? Whose "consensus" generated Clinton's "Sustainable America"? *Not the peoples! The concept was so controversial that congress would not pass it.* Clinton, to implement it, had to do so with executive orders, which in Clinton's overreaching abuse of such orders is in itself a study in the abuse of political power.

However, the socialists in our midst win by running and getting elected as Democrats or Republicans. Then, they enact socialist legislation by not calling it as such. Instead, they enact it by calling it something else that doesn't sound socialist, and by enacting their socialist legislation in such small steps that it does not startle the body politic into rejecting it. Watch out for politician's abuse of the meaning of words.

So it is with **Agenda 21**. It is being enacted bit by bit, called by such wonderful names as "smart growth." So pervasive is the power of the words "smart growth" that it is almost uniformly used as if it is the name of Wisconsin's comprehensive planning legislation. It is not. OLIS, the state agency in charge of that planning law, points out that "smart growth" occurs in our law merely as a name for state programs that give away money (as if their giving away of money is smart!).

Especially, the term "smart growth" should not be applied to the comprehensive planning statute *because that statute is decidedly not smart*. It is a socialist blueprint, through and through, and judges will so enforce it, and thereby wreck our state. Yet, the MOU with Bavaria at least specifies that Wisconsin's implementation of Agenda 21 is **not intended** to be socialist, but instead to rely on private property capitalism.

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