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Rise and Rise Again... Until Lambs Become Lions I have a plan!

By Tom DeWeese

Our nation is changing... rapidly. The moment is now. Either we take steps to stop our slide into the quicksand of socialism or, as we sink into its suffocating quagmire, accept it with a helpless shrug of our shoulders and a whine of "what can I do, I'm only one person."

Frankly, after years of working in the grassroots and trying to motivate and involve average citizens in the battle for freedom, I have become frustrated with many of the results. It is true that we have scored some incredible and unexpected victories in the battle to stop Agenda 21. But we have not done enough to make a permanent impact. And a half-hearted effort will only last a while before it is wiped away as if it never existed. The other side waits in expectation for us to become discouraged and leave the field to them.

Here are a couple of examples of battles I have been personally involved with that have caused a stir, but have not resulted in victory.

First there is the case of Jennie Granato in Dayton, Ohio. Jennie's case should have outraged and driven citizens in the area to take action. The value of her 150 year old historic farm house and property have been destroyed by a Regional Planning Commission that ordered a bike path to run within seven feet of her front door. Jennie's mother, who lived on the property for many years, became so upset when the bulldozers ripped up the front yard and destroyed her beloved Magnolia tree, that she suffered a heart attack and died.

The planning commission disregarded the fact that, not only is it almost impossible for Jennie and her family to live on the property themselves, but there is now no possibility of selling the house. To this day, she has received no compensation for the taking of her property.

In response to this outrage which there has been very little action by local residents. A few TEA Party activists turned out on a Saturday right after the bull dozers appeared, waving signs for a few hours. A little news media coverage was evident for a few days. And some more activists turned up at planning meetings to protest. A few are still trying. But, essentially, the battle is over.

Those who tried are discouraged. They waved signs, they made phone calls. They appeared at meetings, but little was accomplished. It will be tough to get them to try again. Why the failure? Local organizers couldn't grab the community's attention to make Jennie's case. Too many "concerned" citizens, who claim to be outraged by the abuse of government power, failed to turn out when it counted. And so a strong, vocal, angry, sustained protest was missing. The planning board felt no heat for their actions. There were no consequences. And so the policies go on.

Second, is the case of Martha Boneta and her farm in rural Fauquier County, Virginia. Martha courageously took a stand against a county government and a powerful self-appointed stakeholder group called the Piedmont Environmental Council (PEC). She was threatened with fines of \$5,000 per day for holding private gatherings (including a 10 year old's birthday party) on her property without the "proper" permit. She was also falsely charged with selling items in her farm store that were not produced on her farm (as if that were a great crime in itself). As a result, her beloved farm store is still shut down, denying her the ability to earn a living with the farm

Martha decided to fight. In her case, local citizens and TEA Party activists did everything right. They held very vocal and well attended rallies at the County building.

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Martha, never before an activist in the public eye, went to the news media which carried her story. She went straight to the county officials to plead her case. She made speeches to local activists groups seeking their help. And she went to the state capital in Richmond to demand assistance. A state legislator, Scott Lingamfelter, took up Martha's cause and introduced a bill to protect small farmers from such outrageous regulations and controls by county officials. It became known as the Boneta bill. While it failed in the 2013 legislative session, there is a new bill being readied for the next session in January. Martha's supporters are determined to keep up the pressure.

Against powerful forces, Martha and her band of activists have done everything called for in the activist hand book. They've been vocal, stayed involved, and made things extremely uncomfortable for the opposition. Yet, they haven't won a significant battle, as Martha's store remains closed, her property rights violated and the harassment from the PEC continues. Why?

Martha's efforts lack a key factor. The county officials have felt no pain for their actions because no one in the county has stepped up to run a campaign to unseat them. There are no candidates running for local office to force the incumbents to feel the heat for their actions. And so the local community remains largely in the dark about what has taken place against Martha and unaware that these tactics could affect other residents. A lack of courageous individuals willing to step up and carry the torch into public office is a major gap in our movement.

There are hundreds of such cases across the nation. No one is safe from the ravages of an out of control government. Many believe there is no hope in turning back the emerging tyranny. There is growing fear. There is a sense of hopelessness. And there is an emerging malaise and paralysis of action, even among some of the most dedicated freedom fighters. Many talk about the need to take America back, but few are willing to take the necessary action to make it happen. As a

result, we continue to lose.

There are two major reasons for our failure to win battles. One is the lack of motivated, trained activists who know how to organize and carry out our fights. The other is a lack of concrete solutions when we do have the community's attention. Why are we opposed to "local" planning? What do we want? How do we express it? What is our answer? So, to change that situation, what do we do?

Over the past few years, I have been privileged to work with some of the smartest, and most dedicated American patriots in the nation. They are a grand mix of activists, elected officials, scholars and media personalities. Many are knowledgeable in organizing campaigns and activist. They use creative innovative technology and tactics. Others are well connected with activist groups, media outlets and researchers. A few are even connected to minority communities and students. I have been talking with these leaders about the need to bring all of these talents and avenues together to build a dynamic force against Agenda 21. As a result, I have a plan.

Specifically, I have developed a five point plan to educate, organize and build our movement. It includes networking and training. It brings together like-minded elected officials to create language for strong, effective anti-Agenda 21 legislation. It includes training of activists to not only fight effectively in their communities, but to also learn effective ways to help get the new legislation passed. It includes new tactics to help our people get elected to office. And it includes reaching out to minorities and youth to join us.

It's not going to be cheap to implement this plan, but I believe it represents the strongest action ever proposed to stop Agenda 21. Here are some of the barebones details and the costs:

1. **A National Training Seminar:** This will be a gathering of national leaders, activists, elected officials, youth leaders and selected minority leaders. This will not be an event in

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which participants simply sit and listen to speakers. The elected officials will meet in their own sessions where they will work on language for legislation. They will also network to build national cohesion among themselves. Activists will meet in their own sessions learning to organize, recruit, and network.. Eventually all participants will get together to talk, network and share ideas. This is a training seminar designed to build our movement. The budgeted cost for the event is \$125,000, which provides enough cash to effectively promote the event and to allow funds to help some people attend who might not otherwise be able to afford the cost.

2. An Agenda 21 information booklet for every elected official in the nation: No more will any elected official in the nation be able to deny they have ever heard of Agenda 21. This comprehensive document will be designed to specifically grab the attention of elected officials. A copy will be sent to every elected official in the nation, including every governor, state legislator, city councilman, county commissioner and member of congress. And if we've trained our activists properly, they will then use the distribution of the booklet as an opportunity to contact their own officials to begin a dialog or to organize campaigns to run them out of office. The budgeted cost of printing and distribution of the booklet is \$17,500.

3. Field Coordinators in every region of the nation:

The American Policy Center will provide trained field coordinators to come into a community to work directly with local activists. They will help research the local situation, determine the outside forces at work there, and find the best ways to coordinate an anti-Agenda 21 campaign, perhaps leading to election campaigns to toss the rascals out of office. The initial plan calls for four field coordinators, one in each section of the country. The initial cost is \$250,000, including expenses for travel and lodging while the coordinators are in the field.

4. Research: There is so much happening in the nation and around the world as the efforts to enforce Agenda 21 accelerate. We need a research team whose only purpose is to dig up this information and keep writers and activists supplied with the most vital details. Initially, the plan calls for two such people working on research full time. Cost: \$75,000.

5. Media Consultant/Coordinator: How many

times have I been asked, "Why haven't more people heard about this? Why aren't you being interviewed by the big boys?" The fact is, it's nearly impossible for many from our movement to be invited to appear on major news shows without the help of a professional media consultant. The cost of such a consultant: \$32,500.

I know there are many more things that can be done. But my twenty years experience in this fight has taught me that what I have proposed is the most effective and most immediate need to get things started. More can certainly be added later as we build the effort and produce results. **The important thing is to get started.**

Obviously the biggest road block is raising the money to get this effort underway. I have no big corporate piggy bank to break into and I can only appeal to individual, concerned Americans to help provide the funds. Well, I have a plan for that too. Certainly, anyone can contribute to this effort, and I encourage everyone to do so. Just go to my website at www.americanpolicy.org and make a donation. That will help. But, we need a real organized force of activity and focus to get the job done. Because no one has ever attempted to raise this much money specifically to combat Agenda 21.

For that reason I have created the "**Living Room Money Bomb**" If one hundred people will host an event in their living rooms, inviting their friends and neighbors for the specific purpose of raising at least \$5,000 for this effort, I would have the \$500,000 to put the whole thing into operation. And the hosts don't even have to make a presentation. I will. Here's how. I have prepared a special DVD presentation for that purpose. It is about 45 minutes long. In it, I give a detailed description of Agenda 21 and an outline of the local policies endangering our communities. Then I make the pitch for funds. All the hosts need to do is collect the donations and send them to APC. It's that easy. One hundred dedicated activists willing to do this is all I need. It's all detailed for you (including a copy of the video) at www.americapolicy.org.

I have traveled across the nation, carrying this message for over twenty years. All of my experience, working with activists and legislators tells me that this plan is what we need in order to finally win this battle. As we enter 2014, I am dedicating all of my efforts to the goal of crushing Agenda 21.

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The Alamo

Hallowed American Ground or UN Captive?

By Tom DeWeese

In 1836, 150 courageous and dedicated men died defending the Alamo. They fought in opposition to the rise of authoritarian big government as Mexico abandoned its Republic. The men of the Alamo were essentially betrayed and sacrificed by their own Texas government because of indecision and bickering by its political leadership.

Such a betrayal is about to happen again as our government is moving forward with plans to place the Alamo, symbol of American freedom, into the hands of the United Nations as a World Heritage Site.

As usual, when government bureaucrats attempt such a move they know will bring criticism and anger, they start their denials in advance. We are always assured that a UN designation to American historic sites mean nothing. "It's just an honorary designation that could help tourism to the site, and thus help the local economy". We are constantly assured by government officials. And so it begins. Texas Land Commissioner, Jerry Patterson assures Texans that if the Alamo and several other former Spanish missions in San Antonio are added to UNESCO's World Heritage list, the Alamo will remain under the control of the state of Texas and the Texas Land Office. Well, Commissioner Patterson, perhaps you don't have all the facts on your desk.

Many Americans have been disturbed to find that there are 22 areas in this nation that have been designated as United Nations' World Heritage Sites. As a result of a UN treaty called "The Convention Concerning Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage," such sites come under the jurisdiction of the United Nations' Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). Such designations have been the source of major debate as to whether the UN has gained control of sovereign American territory.

These 22 US sites include such important American historical sites as Independence Hall (where the Declaration of Independence was signed), Thomas Jefferson's home "Monticello," and the entire University of Virginia, along with the Statue of Liberty. Also designated are such vast areas of land Yellow Stone National Park, Yosemite National Park, the Great Smoky Mountains and Everglades National Park (which UNESCO has now labeled as "endangered." Fully 68 percent of American national parks, preserves and monuments are included in the current UN designations, including vast areas of park lands and wilderness areas

such as the Aleutian Islands in Alaska, Joshua Tree National Monument in California, and the Guadalupe Mountains National Park in Texas, to name about half of the current US sites.

Supporters of the UN Heritage Sites say such designations are nothing more than a great "honor" to the nation. They assure us that there is no threat to American sovereignty and that all designated sites remain firmly under control of the United States government.

If true, then the question must be asked, why is an international treaty with the United Nations necessary? The United States has already designated most of the UN Heritage Sites as United States parks. The land is already being preserved and protected for AMERICAN heritage purposes. These lands are valuable for their historical significance to this nation. REPEAT: WHY DO WE NEED AN INTERNATIONAL TREATY TO DO WHAT THE UNITED STATES HAS ALREADY DONE FOR ITSELF?

As for the Alamo, The Daughters of the Republic of Texas (DRT) have been entrusted by the Texas State Legislature since 1905 with the care and maintenance of the Alamo. According to Texas law, the DRT must preserve the historic site "as a sacred memorial to the heroes who immolated themselves upon that hallowed ground." The DRT receives no funds from state or federal sources and maintains the site purely with voluntary contributions.

Obviously the UN has no great feel for the "hallowed ground" of the Alamo or what it means to the people of Texas, or the citizens of the United States. The UN apparently considers the Alamo to be just part of a grouping of historic buildings in the San Antonio area which it refers to as the "San Antonio Franciscan Missions." Just another historic curiosity.

Who Owns World Heritage Sites?

So, is a World Heritage Site designation just an honorary program that will help local tourism? It is a direct threat to national sovereignty? Those supporting the programs correctly point out that UN documents specifically state that each nation maintains its own sovereignty.

It is also true that you will not find any UN documents clearly stating that the world body controls or

owns American soil through the World Heritage Site Treaty. And you will not find blue-helmeted UN soldiers standing guard over any of the sites.

However, closer examination reveals that there is a direct threat to national sovereignty, just the same. The problem stems from the program mandates and implementation – and how they link to other treaties and agreements. If those mandates are accepted by Congress, they could lead to direct loss of American sovereignty.

Dr. Michael Coffman, of Environmental Perspectives, Inc, explains, “when an international treaty or agreement is signed, we agree to the terms and conditions of the agreement, and by default we have given up a portion of our national sovereignty in order to meet those terms and conditions. And while the agreements do not specifically state that the United Nations has sovereignty, they do permit ‘partnerships’ and other forms of cooperation between the U.S. and the UN.”

According to Dr. Coffman, “this type of ‘cooperation’ was demonstrated in 1995 when the Department of Interior invited the World Heritage Committee to visit Yellowstone National Park for the expressed purpose of declaring the park a ‘World Heritage Site In Danger.’ Such a designation mandates the U.S. to correct the problem or face withdrawal of the park by the UN as a World Heritage Site, accompanied by much negative publicity and world scorn. And since only the United Nation’s World Heritage Committee can remove the In Danger classification, the United States is forced to abide by the Committee’s recommendations, thereby, indirectly giving up its sovereign right to govern itself.”

According to Professor Jeremy Rabkin, law professor at George Mason University School of Law, and author of the book, “Law without Nations?,” “(f)undamentally, sovereignty is an answer to the question: ‘who is in charge?’ There must be an answer to that question to answer the parallel question: ‘who is responsible?’ A sovereign government is ‘responsible’ for the territory over which it exercises its sovereignty. That is the traditional principle in international law.”

However, Rabkin goes on to explain, “(t)he assumption behind the World Heritage program is that a site of special historic, cultural or scenic importance is better protected by an international consortium of governments than by the particular sovereign state on whose territory it exists. In other words, such sites will be better protected by diffusing responsibility for their protection among many different governments...”

As Dr. Coffman makes clear, to fully understand the threat to American sovereignty posed by the UN

designation of World Heritage Sites, one must first link this program to a series of other treaties and policies, and how they impact American sovereignty. Above all, one must understand that many in the Federal Government, such as the Obama Department of Interior, see such programs as another tool to build massive federal land-control programs.

There is strong evidence of close collaboration between the U.S. Park Service and the UNESCO World Heritage Site Committee. There is also strong evidence that the designation of UN World Heritage Sites goes hand in hand with the Administration’s Sustainable Development program. That program is nothing less than a massive federal zoning program that dictates property development on the local level, in the name of protecting the environment. The goal of Sustainable Development is to lock up vast areas of American land, and shield it from private use.

The designation of United Nations’ World Heritage Sites and Biosphere Reserves can and does result in the centralization of policy-making authority at the federal level, particularly by the Executive Branch. Once a UN designation is made and accepted by the Federal Government there is literally no opportunity for private American land owners to dispute it or undo the designation.

Private property rights literally disappear, not only in the officially designated area, but worse, in buffer zones OUTSIDE the designated area. Not only has the federal government been using these treaties and agreements to limit access to, and use of, these lands to all Americans, but they also have used the UN designations to limit use of private property OUTSIDE the boundaries of the site.

That is exactly what happened outside of Yellowstone National Park (a World Heritage Site) when UNESCO delegates were called in by the Park Service in an attempt to stop the development of a gold mine – located OUTSIDE the park. The UNESCO delegates declared Yellowstone to be the first “endangered” World Heritage Site and called for a protective buffer zone of 150 MILES IN DIAMETER AROUND THE ENTIRE PARK. Such a buffer zone would stop development and access to millions of acres of private property. Such is the true purpose of the World Heritage Sites.

Moreover, in becoming party to these international land-use designations through Executive Branch action, the United States is indirectly agreeing to terms of international treaties, such as the Biodiversity Treaty – a UN treaty that has never been ratified by the United States Senate.

Nevertheless, in 1994, the U.S. State Department published the “Strategic Plan for the U.S. Biosphere Reserve Program.” Taken straight from the unratified Biodiversity Treaty, the State Department program is to “create a national

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As I think about the suffering Americans have been through because of the terrible assault that Agenda 21 has brought to our very way of life, I am reminded of another time in our history when such human suffering occurred at the hands of a tyrannical government. In Thirteenth Century England, the king had all the power. He could take property at will. Tax away every possession. And there was very little the people could do about it. How do you stand up to an all powerful king who has been ordained to rule from birth?

The people began to quietly organize, knowing that most efforts would fail, but also knowing that every action, successful or not, was a step toward building their movement. Each time they took action more joined and became committed to the cause. To do nothing was sure

defeat. Quietly, diligently they organized. Their rallying cry was “Rise and Rise Again, Until Lambs Become Lions.”

Today, Americans, for the first time in our history, face the same tyranny those Englishmen faced so long ago. Now is the time to organize. Now is the time to step up to throw out our oppressors. Agenda 21 represents the most terrifying destruction of our free society ever conceived. I seek one hundred Americans who will take up my challenge to raise the needed funds – to organize their own “Living Room Money Bomb.”

Help me organize, train, network and legislate this monster out of our society. I need 100 Lions. Together we CAN win this fight. Rise and Rise Again, Until Lambs Become Lions. ●

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network of biosphere reserves that represents the biogeographical diversity of the United States and fulfills the internationally established roles and functions of biosphere reserves.”

A chief tactic used by the UN and the Federal Government when designating a biosphere reserve or a World Heritage Site is to rarely involve or consult with the public and local governments. In fact, UNESCO policy actually discourages an open nomination for World Heritage Sites. The “Operational Guidelines for the Implementations of the World Heritage Convention” state:

“In all cases, as to maintain the objectivity of the evaluation process and to avoid possible embarrassment to those concerned, State (national) parties should refrain from giving undue publicity to the fact that a property has been nominated inscription pending the final decision of the Committee of the nomination in question. Participation of the local people in the nomination process is essential to make them feel a shared responsibility with the State party in the maintenance of the site, but should not prejudice future decision-making by the committee.”

In other words, the nominating committee is to hide the fact that a massive land grab is about to take place. Then, at the appropriate moment, the committee is to involve some local yokels to make them think they have something to say about the grab, then send them away, so that the committee can move ahead, unhindered. They aren’t to worry about the fact that private landowners have just lost control of their property.

This is not the way the U.S. Constitution says things should be done. This is how despots at the United Nations run things. The Federal Government is allowing them to do it for the sake of more Federal power.

By allowing these international land use designations, the United States promises to protect the sites and REGULATE surrounding lands if necessary to protect the UN-designated area. Honoring these agreements forces the Federal Government to PROHIBIT or limit some uses of private lands outside the international designated area UNLESS OUR COUNTRY WANTS TO BREAK A PLEDGE TO OTHER NATIONS.

In a nutshell, here is the real game being played. Through such policies, the Federal Government is binding our nation to international treaties and agreements that stipulate that the United States will manage these lands in a prescribed manner in order to achieve certain international goals and objectives. In other words, we have agreed to limit our right of sovereignty over these lands.

These are the reasons why it’s clear that World Heritage Sites are an infringement of United States sovereignty. You won’t find the smoking gun by reading the treaties. It can only be found in understanding the “intent” and the “implementation” of the policies.

Texas, one of the great freedom loving states in the Union, would do well to reconsider its naïve and misplaced efforts to sentence the Alamo to the UN’s web of control. The state may just find that it is once again out-gunned at the Alamo – this time by the UN. ●

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point you have not attacked planning and have not mentioned Agenda 21. In addition, you have just asked the one question every property owner in the county wants an answer to.

I can practically guarantee that each of your elected officials will swear to that “Of course,” they will protect property rights. Hey, they are property owners too, you will be assured. At that point, simply smile and say, “I’m really happy to hear you say that, but ladies and gentlemen, I’d like to have it in writing please. That’s when you present the Resolution for the Protection of Citizen’s Property Rights. If you can read it to them, so much the better. All this document basically says is, if the government is making plans that will affect your property, then they will bring you into the discussion. Now there is a radical concept!

I can also practically guarantee that not a single official will sign that document. And when they announce that they will not sign, you will then ask the most radical question in the English language: “WHY?” And let them talk. They will have many excuses. But the real reason is that they know their plans cannot be implemented if they sign that document to guarantee protection of private property rights. Moreover, unseen by you is the cabal of non-governmental organizations and self-appointed stakeholders standing in the shadows, now alarmed, telling them they can’t sign it.

Now, this is why you cannot take this action alone. If you have carried it this far on your own, once they say no, you are done. It will all be quickly shoved under the carpet as if it never happened. You must have ten or fifteen more citizens to stand and

say “Why?” This needs to be the beginning of your effort – not the end. Next meeting you need protesters with signs asking why they won’t sign a document to guarantee your property rights. You must organize in everyway possible to get that message out to the citizens of your community – from letters to the editor, to news releases, to knocking on doors with a petition signing campaign.

The real purpose of the Resolution is to lay the ground work for a campaign to run these officials out of office. Keep in mind, the only reason those NGOs and Stakeholders have any power is because your elected officials have given it to them. Your only hope to get them out of your community and restore local rule is to elect officials who see government’s purpose as you do.

The Stop Agenda 21 Action Kit contains the most comprehensive information on Agenda 21 ever gathered, including policy details, documents, history of where it came from, and the NGOs who created it. The Kit detail’s the planning groups who enforce it and new tactics and tools on how to fight back. It’s all packed into four manuals, two DVD sets and two special report booklets. APC’s Stop Agenda 21 Action Kit is available at www.americanpolicy.org.

Some have asked me if, by publishing these details I’m not giving away our tactics. My answer is this: I have no hidden agenda. I have nothing to hide. I only want to protect property rights. And so, I would openly discuss the procedures described here, telling officials every detail. And then I would ask them this question... “As you bring these plans and planners into my community, what guarantees do the citizens have that you will protect their property rights?” They have no answer. Try it. ●



“If you don’t have the right to own and control property then you are property!”

Wayne Hage, Rancher

New Tactics to Fight Agenda 21

By Tom DeWeese

Over the past few years, as we’ve educated people on Agenda 21 and its UN origins, the natural reaction by concerned citizens and property rights activists has been to rush into city hall and accuse their elected representatives of enforcing international policies on the town. This has, of course, been met with skepticism and ridicule on the part of some of the officials (and encouraged by the NGO stakeholders and planning organizations that stand in the shadows). Today, the promoters of Agenda 21, including ICLEI and the American Planning Association (APA), have worked overtime to paint our movement as crazed conspiracy theorists wearing tin foil hats and hearing voices.

If we are to gain ground and ultimately defeat the Agenda 21 monster that is systematically ripping apart our Republic, then it’s time for our movement to learn from our mistakes and become more sophisticated in our approach. In short, it’s time to change our tactics.

Here’s an undeniable fact: Agenda 21/Sustainable Development cannot be enforced without damaging private property rights. So, we need to begin to challenge the planners’ new “visions” for our communities by focusing on the direct affect those plans will have on our private property. However, first and foremost, as we move in that direction we must first have a clear definition of what we mean by property rights. Otherwise various ideas of the meaning will confuse the issue and damage the effectiveness of our fight.

In the American Policy Center’s new, updated “Stop Agenda 21 Action Kit,” I have included a full page of definitions and quotes from our Founding Fathers, based on the ideas of John Locke. He is the man who greatly influenced Thomas Jefferson and others who established this nation. So these definitions fit well with the Founders’ intent as the nation’s laws on property were written.

As a quick guideline, here is an appropriate definition as written in a “Fifth Amendment” treatise by Washington State Supreme Court Justice Richard B. Sanders (12-10-97): “Property in a thing consists not merely in its ownership and possession, but in the unrestricted right to use, enjoyment, and disposal. Anything which destroys any of the elements of property, to that extent, destroys the property itself. The substantial value of property rights lies in its use. If the right of use be denied, the value of the property is annihilated and ownership is rendered a barren right.”

Once that definition has been established it can be used as a guideline for drafting legislation and resolutions in state legislatures and city halls. It can also be used by local activists in their fight against Agenda 21/Sustainable Development policies. Let me give just one example that is in the Action Kit, which I have been teaching to activists across the nation.

In the Stop Agenda 21 Action Kit I have placed a document called “Resolution for the Protection of Citizen’s Property Rights.” As I explain how to use it, I offer these important words of caution. (1.) This is not a legal document and it can be changed to suit your community’s individual needs. The Resolution is designed as a tool to draw out elected officials on their stand on protection of property rights. 2. Do not try to do what I am about to suggest ALONE. It will only work in a well coordinated action.

With those warnings in mind, here is how local activists use the Resolution for the Protection of Citizen’s Property Rights:

For those allotted three minutes which most local governments allow for citizen input during their meetings, walk up to the mike and say, “As you are bringing these planners and plans into our community, I just have one question. What guarantees do I have that you will protect my private property rights?” At this

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