

## ORTON FAMILY FOUNDATION SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT PROMOTION

The Orton Family Foundation helped design the Colorado Smart Growth Scorecard document posted on no less than the EPA's website.

[http://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/scorecards/Colorado\\_Scorecard.pdf](http://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/scorecards/Colorado_Scorecard.pdf)

The EPA is teamed up with dozens of NGO's to implement policies that comply with *AGENDA 21*.

[http://www.epa.gov/region5/waste/cars/remediation/2djon\\_syedintros\\_r5gcworkshop.pdf](http://www.epa.gov/region5/waste/cars/remediation/2djon_syedintros_r5gcworkshop.pdf)

The EPA are aggressively flagrant promoters of AGENDA 21 and classify CO2 and water as pollutants and actually impose policies based on the AGW fraud.

[www.agenda21.tk](http://www.agenda21.tk)

The EPA is ruining lives in our rural areas and threatening the livelihoods of our ranchers and farmers all over the country.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z9aPowCRA-A>

On 04/18/2001 at an Earth Day ceremony in Boston, the EPA presented Orton and his "Vermont Forum on Sprawl" project a Merit Award for his commitment and efforts to expand Smart Growth.

[http://www.epa.gov/region5/waste/cars/remediation/2djon\\_syedintros\\_r5gcworkshop.pdf](http://www.epa.gov/region5/waste/cars/remediation/2djon_syedintros_r5gcworkshop.pdf)

The Smart Growth "Funders Network" ("environmentally sustainable, socially equitable and economically prosperous regions and communities") lists OFF as a member philanthropist.

<http://www.fundersnetwork.org/connect>

The Orton Family Foundation website also reveals their promotion of planning tools created by the notorious arm of AGENDA 21, the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives.

<http://www.planningtoolexchange.org/organization/iclei-local-governments-sustainability>



In Orton's own words on their IRS 990 they describe their highest purpose is to influence the field of **land use planning**.

<http://www.eri-nonprofit-salaries.com/index.cfm?FuseAction=NPO.Form990&EIN=030346513&Year=2009>

--ORTON HEART AND SOUL:

<http://www.youtube.com/user/OrtonFoundation1>

North Fork, CO

Polson, MT

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1F9hu46soQc>

Notes from Diane Speer's blog: <http://seethe4est.com/2012/10/17/the-collaborative-decision-process-the-orton-family-foundation/>

Darlis Smith is the Polson Heart and Soul Co-coordinator for the Orton Family Foundation

The city is about to embark in rewriting city codes and infrastructure planning.

The partnership must use government to implement their plan and provide "assistance with leveraging local/state/other funds as appropriate and a commitment to raising additional funds as needed to successfully complete the project" (Agreement, p. 5).

Orton has described their purpose in legal documents as this: The foundation's highest purpose is to influence the field of land use planning.

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#### Orton Family Fdn Board of Directors

**Tom Daniels** — Professor in the Department of City and Regional Planning at the University of Pennsylvania which proudly claim that they are: Worldwide planners who are managing the continuing migration to cities [and] finding practical solutions to problems of climate change and environmental degradation. Tom is the author or co-author of several books. One in particular: The Environmental Planning Handbook for Sustainable Communities and Regions: Environmental protection is a global issue that largely depends on effective and timely action at the local level [and also the authors] examine current sustainability efforts, and offer step-by-step guidance for local governments to incorporate sustainable environmental quality into local and regional comprehensive planning.

**Bill Roper** -- Orton's long time employee and CEO who just happens to be a "land use" attorney led the creation of the \$10M (\$10 Million) "Heart and Soul" community planning initiative.

**Carolyn Lukensmeyer** – Founder and President of America Speaks [their goal is to] develop new democratic practices—[Carol is] a leader in the field of deliberative democracy [a.k.a. consensus building, which is an alternative to our present representative republic]. She is the 2009 recipient of the Straus Innovator Award—highlighting practices that make a positive and tangible contribution to the health of global civil society.

**Jared Duval** — A Fellow with the New York based think tank called DEMOS: Ideas and Action to Promote the Common Good [YIKES]. Quote from the site: "If we are going to care for people and the planet, large-scale changes are needed in how Americans consume and live, how the United States structures economic activity and measures progress, and how we engage in the global economy." He also serves on the boards of the Sierra Club and the World Future Council.

**Ed McMahon** – Author: Ten Principles for Smart Growth on the Suburban Fringe (ULI, 2004); Green Infrastructure: Connecting Landscapes and Communities (Island Press, 2006); and Land Conservation [Financing](#) (Island Press, 2003).

**Tony Hiss** – Serves on the board: Scenic America [see above Lyman Orton] Also: CUNY Institute for Urban Systems (CIUS). 20/20 Vision: Smart Growth (2002-2003). Tony's focus is primarily urban (i.e. New York City), however, these are examples of controls which CIUS advocates.

- Limiting the outward extension of settlement
- Pay for additional infrastructure through charges imposed on new development
- Increase the use of transit and reduce dependence on the automobile
- Use financial incentives and regulations to direct growth to designated areas

**Gary Severson** – Is an associate with the JKA Group. As mentioned on the JKA Group website, Gary assists [the Orton Family Foundation] in directing the foundation's focus on livable and sustainable rural communities in the Rocky Mountains and New England. The JKA makes some claims regarding "Climate Change and the Language of Geographic Place." They stated their premise: As the scientific reality of global warming sets in across the planet, government agencies, non-governmental organizations and corporations at all levels are responding with ideas for projects, programs and policies which will reduce our carbon emissions. Policy strategies are being debated at the highest levels of government and in many international forums, such as the United Nations Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen in 2009.

Notes from Diane Speer's blog: <http://seethe4est.com/2012/07/27/polsons-heart-and-soul-is-all-for-show/>

The grant agreement between the city of Polson, Orton Family Foundation, and Greater Polson Community Foundation (GPCF) is not clear. Polson's city attorney referred to it as "murky." The commissioners gave their approval despite the public asking to wait allowing time to investigate. Therefore, because the agreement and goals were vague, local citizens began to research.

We now know this is not a "bottom up" project. Also, the backing of \$100,000 is one of the story's misleading statements. Yes, Orton will provide "up to" \$100,000 of which \$64,000 benefits Darlis and Daniel Smith for their part-time work. What the story did not report is that Polson and GPCF must put up \$140,000 in cash and in kind.

Daniel stated the "vocal minority [is] actually from outside the community." Blatantly false. The most troublesome discovered aspect is the deceitfulness Orton encourages. The training held in Chicago instructed attendees to "[practice] their project's 'elevator speeches' ... rather than jumping straight to the nitty-gritty of the project description." The article stated that Darlis and Daniel "are intent on reaching out to all the area's residents."

From the Chicago training they were instructed to understand "on whom they needed to focus engagement efforts." When a group of local residents requested to meet and have a discussion with GPCF grant signer, Penny Jarecki, the Orton Foundation produced four pages of instructions on "how to deal" with us. In summary, our research shows the objective is already determined, but it is doubtful it will be clearly stated publicly.

Victor, ID

<http://globalexerts.blogspot.com/2009/01/victor-idaho-receives-orton-family.html>

Orton's Victor Idaho "Heart and Soul" project may have been approved by their progressive mayor, however a great number of citizens are not happy at all and are planning to vote out this mayor, including Mike Sheridan (owner of Grumpys Goat Shack) interviewed in this video along with the mayor.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ogoCLsPOO0s>

Here's some of what Mike has written that relates to the Heart and Soul program in Victor:

**“Now we have a planning group that is effectively shutting down the rights of the property owners.** The people that are now our elected officials are from the coastal states and are mostly creating the sorts of places that they left behind. Bike paths, vegetarian restaurants, and expensive city centers that cater to bicycles, and pedestrians are the new way.

The reason that I ended up in the YouTube was that at these meetings the room was filled with people with ideas about projects for the city of Victor that didn't live in our city limit, or pay any taxes to finance their dream city, many were renters or second homeowners that only spend a few months a year here. Our mayor was a bike riding hippie that owned a bike shop and wanted a bike path in the main highway for his own personal gain, while creating our new and highly unsafe paths we got reverse angle parking shoved down our throats by all the progressives.

Now very few people are left on Main St. that are in favor of the parking but we are trapped by the state highway department on methods to return to the traditional parking. **I lost 35% of my on street parking and I spend my time explaining to disgruntled tourists what the parking mess is all about.**

The best way to deal with envision anything is to have a strong city council made up of a mix of local landowners, businessmen, and other people who have spent enough time locally to make sound and financially prudent decisions. Just because a group wants and recommends hanging plants on new lamp posts and medians in the highway that have trees and flowers doesn't mean that your city needs or can afford it. All that really came out of envision were ideas that, unfortunately for us, were passed instead of rejected.”

Londonderry, NH

Essex, VT

Cortez, CO

Gardiner, ME

--ORTON COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING -----

La Plata County and Durango, CO

The “Comprehensive Plan” for rural La Plata County, Colorado seeks to concentrate their population into “Smart Growth” “mixed use” corridors in condos above the street level retail businesses. “Durango has not experienced a housing bubble or high unemployment. However, they have destroyed their once historic downtown with a massive infill project in recent years, increasing population and traffic in its downtown area with townhomes and “smart growth towers.”

In addition, the City has built smart growth townhomes along the edge of town. New parcels less than 10 acres in size are restricted to a 1% designated portion of the county. “As you’ll see on the City of Durango comprehensive plan below, at least two thirds of the City Limits is open space. The remaining land is divided between high density mixed use, and lower density single family estates. The City places a priority on mountain bike trails and developing smart growth condos, as I’ve seen when visiting the town.

Therefore, the supply of land for Durango’s most desired product – single family homes on one acre lots – is scarce. In economics, scarcity especially when combined with high demand causes bubbles. Unfortunately, Durango and La Plata County will experience a gigantic bubble in the next decade, as baby boomers retire in droves, due to land rationing from the City of Durango and the La Plata County Comprehensive Plan. Currently, the average cost of a home in Durango on Trulia is about \$300,000, compared to \$150,000 in nearby Albuquerque....

From a design standpoint, smart growth is such terrible design that one doesn't need to invoke the name of the Libertarian Party, Constitution Party, or AGENDA 21 to oppose it. Smart growth is opposed by thousands of architects, planners, and landscape architects who choose to not incorporate its principles into their communities. This is true even for highly environmentally conscious places listed above. All these places have developed their own "green" ways to plan w/o using smart growth principles."

<http://smartgrowthusa.wordpress.com/2011/09/06/durango-colorado-la-plata-county-comprehensive-plan/>  
<ftp://ftp.ci.durango.co.us/NaturalLandsTrails/CDOT/SMART%20160%20TIGER%20grant/TIGERapp.pdf>

Here's how innocently the Orton Family Foundation describes the Durango Comprehensive Plan, which they helped fund and facilitate: [http://www.orton.org/projects/durango\\_comprehensive\\_plan](http://www.orton.org/projects/durango_comprehensive_plan)

A 400 page La Plata County, Colorado "comprehensive plan" that took two years, \$750,000 and 137 public meetings to produce was abolished because of its restrictions on land use and zoning. "'I'm for planning, but I'm not for the ideological, political, social engineering that went into this document," Commissioner Steven Kallaher said in December, 2011. Earlier, of community concerns, he said, "Someone who owns hundreds of acres in the county doesn't want someone living in the city who rides a solar-powered bicycle to tell them what to do.'"

<http://www.hcn.org/issues/44.2/fearful-of-AGENDA-21-an-alleged-united-nations-plot-activists-derail-land-use-planning>

"With only 50,000 people in La Plata County, one wonders why La Plata County paid the non-profit land use planning agency in Tucson, The Sonoran Institute, a total \$750,000 for the 400 page comprehensive plan. Why didn't La Plata County Officials use their own planners to develop a plan?...So what did the Sonoran Institute and the plan suggest? Well, of course – "smart growth," two words that nobody in the county wants to hear."

<http://smartgrowthusa.wordpress.com/2011/09/06/durango-colorado-la-plata-county-comprehensive-plan/>

But La Plata County still hasn't dropped its membership in the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives.

<http://www.iclei.org/index.php?id=11454>

This is the Comprehensive Plan that was cancelled:

<http://www.laplatacountyplan.com/updates/LPC%20CP%20april%207a%20draft%20v8.pdf>

Manchester, VT

Starksboro, VT

Damriscotta, ME

Biddeford, ME

Golden, CO

Golden, an ICLEI member, is well known as a mecca of radical environmentalist policies. The socialist leaning city manager of Polson, MT (Heart and Soul) said he sees Golden as a great model for sustainable development.

[http://www.cityofgolden.net/media/pdf\\_783.pdf](http://www.cityofgolden.net/media/pdf_783.pdf)

Killingly, CT

The Borderlands Village Innovation Pilot Project initiated in 2008, focused on zoning changes for the Route 101 corridor.

The Orton Family Foundation is partnered with the radical environmentalist *Nature Conservancy*.

Standish, ME

Blaine County, ID

Berthoud, CO

Block Island, RI

Hayden, CO

Routt County, CO

THE KINDS OF COMMUNITY PLANNING ACTIVITIES AND SMART GROWTH PROMOTED BY THE ORTON FAMILY FOUNDATION

Compact, high density, mixed use, pedestrian and bicycle oriented development patterns, constructed primarily along public transit and rail corridors. This is also known as New Urbanism, or Resilient Communities. These communities also promote alternative modes of transportation away from the traditional automobile toward policies which endorse and encourage public transit whenever possible to curb fossil fuel usage and lower carbon emissions. This may include the implementation of community wide Biking and Pedestrian plans.

Urban Growth Boundaries beyond which all development including the suburbs is considered SPRAWL and blight and is discouraged through various incentives and regulations.

AGENDA 21 SMART GROWTH CONTRIBUTED TO THE HOUSING CRASH

“An in-depth study by Randal O’Tool published in *The Planning Penalty* found that in 2005, smart growth and other land-use restrictions cost U.S. homebuyers at least \$275 billion. Almost all of the more than 124 metropolitan areas having affordability problems in 2005 were directly caused by comprehensive planning and smart growth. Most enlightening, the report found that, “more than 30 percent of the total value of homes in this country is attributable to prices inflated by planning-induced housing shortages.” This contributed to the wild increases and speculation in housing prices from 2000-2006, which inevitably led to the housing crash in 2007-2010, and the financial crash of 2008.”

Page 229, *Plundered: How Progressive Ideology Is Destroying America*; Michael Coffman

THE GOVERNOR OF FLORIDA REPEALED THE U.N. GROWTH MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

“The state of Florida has repealed its 30-year old growth management law (also called "smart growth," "compact development" and "livability"). Under the law, local jurisdictions were required to adopt comprehensive land use plans stipulating where development could and could not occur. These plans were subject to approval by the state Department of Community Affairs, an agency now abolished by the legislation. The state approval process had been similar to that of Oregon. Governor Rick Scott had urged repeal as a part of his program to create 700,000 new jobs in seven years in Florida. Economic research in the Netherlands, the

United Kingdom and the United States has associated slower economic growth with growth management programs.”

<http://www.newgeography.com/CONTENT/002471-FLORIDA-REPEALS-SMART-GROWTH-LAW>

#### REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE RESOLUTION AGAINST AGENDA 21

WHEREAS, the United Nations *AGENDA 21* is being covertly pushed into local communities throughout the United States of America through the International Council of Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI) through local “sustainable development” policies such as Smart Growth, Wildlands Project, Resilient Cities, Regional Visioning Projects, and other “Green” or “Alternative” projects

<http://www.republicansemblies.org/rnc-adopts-resolution-exposing-agenda-21/>

#### “VISIONING MEETINGS”

Here’s a video showing Smart Growth leaders actually using the Delphi Technique in public meetings’ “Visioning Process” to give the appearance of public consensus on a predetermined outcome.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player\\_embedded&v=-zpA1althjo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=-zpA1althjo)

#### SMART GROWTH PLANNING MEETINGS

This video was recorded at a Smart Growth planning meeting in Texas with interviews of the participants and leaders, exposing the tactics used to solicit public “support” for a pre-determined *Sustainable Development* plan.

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player\\_embedded&v=y4LHtnEXMCU#!](http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=y4LHtnEXMCU#!)

A comprehensive essay on *AGENDA 21* by the same author is available at [www.agenda21.tk](http://www.agenda21.tk).