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Richard Rothschild was the first county commissioner to officially oppose the United Nations' International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI), also known as Local Governments for Sustainability. In fact, Mr. Rothschild won the November 2010 election in Carroll County, Maryland based on his opposition to ICLEI, which is the local UN Agenda 21 Sustainable Development action plan that attacks property and Constitutional rights.

Find out why Rothschild is opposed to Agenda 21 and ICLEI:

Commissioner Rothschild's most profound observations since taking office have been that the federal and state governments use coercive grant money to expand their power beyond Constitutional limits and that all of the processes of government are geared toward spending money, which leads to budgets that spin out of control.

Carroll County is a rural area that is under threat of urbanization, mixed-use buildings (compact apartment-like housing also called "stack 'em and pack 'em" units) and social engineering.

Mr. Rothschild is devoted to protecting Carroll County's citizens' Constitutional rights. He has encountered forceful opposition in his pursuit of upholding the Constitution and respect for property rights from the phony environmentalist policies of the US government and the State of Maryland.

However, he has been able to make some significant changes in Carroll County's Municipal Master Plan, the foundation for development, that include steering his county away from mixed use development and abolishing certain socialist language like "social equity".

While Carroll County planning and zoning officials have been cooperative with Commissioner Rothschild, he has been restrained in fully protecting citizens' rights because of federal laws, mostly handed down by the EPA, and state laws that attack property rights. The State of Maryland encroaches on local government jurisdiction through covert zoning and building regulations.

An example of this is a new Maryland state regulation that prohibits building anything within 100 feet of a stream. So, if a landowner wants to build a home or other structure on his or her land, the parcel better be big enough to accommodate the state's new regulation or they are plain out of luck. Imagine the effect of down-zoning on property value!

The good news is that people are waking up to the rotten UN Agenda 21 Sustainable Development plot. Alabama is the first state to officially [ban](#) Agenda 21! Governor Bentley reluctantly signed the resolution under extreme pressure from activists.

Several other states are in the process of considering and/or passing resolutions against Agenda 21.

Many local governments have rejected ICLEI and others have silently refused to renew the program contract (click [here](#) for the full list).

Additionally, a number of Republican groups are actively fighting Agenda 21 (click [here](#) for list).

Conclusion:

Alabama proved that efforts by activists can make all the difference.

Commissioner Rothschild recommends spending time to go through your Municipal Master Plan planning and zoning regulations to weed out the ones that are strangling citizens' rights (especially landowners). Other activists have been successful and taken action by pressuring lawmakers to protect their rights and their property.