

SEVEN50 A PLAN TO CHANGE OUR WAY OF LIVING

In an effort to obtain federal grants and subsidies a plan is being developed to create a region that will stretch from Monroe County to Indian River County. This regional planning is being designed on population and environmental projections developed by the planners who will be overseeing and coordinating the implementation of this Seven50 regional plan. It should be noted that they are being paid handsomely for their time and effort in creating their vision. Four-Million, Two-Hundred Fifty thousand dollars (\$4,250,000.00) was extended as a grant by Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the US Department of Transportation (DOT) for the initial two years of planning. The vision and planning period ends in February of 2014 and the implementation of this regional plan will begin. This plan does not depend on accuracy, feasibility, or affordability. Being paid by a federal grant, which has no recourse, is like drawing your own dream mansion and building it with a zero interest loan that never needs to be paid back. OPM (other people's money) is used without recourse to the taxpayer, an ongoing pattern of our bloated government.

A major concern of the Seven50 planners is greenhouse gases. Our cars are unsustainable and we need to give them up. Their "vision" is for everyone to move to the inner city or for those areas without an inner city the rules will require that the city or county create one. Think of New York or Chicago with their high rise, stack and pack buildings along mass transit lines where people ride to work in trains and do not own cars. Is this the future of the Treasure Coast and Southeast portions of our state?

Having lived in Florida for over sixty years, I can't imagine what the cost would be to adhere to a plan that would make us look like New York or Chicago. How do you get people to give up their suburban homes and move into urban downtowns? At what cost do we create this infrastructure? What regulations need to be created to make our suburban areas unsustainable? Who needs to write these regulations to insure that we save the planet? The Seven50 plan looks to HUD, EPA and USDOT to obtain its powers to regulate through federal mandate. Does this sound crazy to you? What is our individual private property and wealth valued at by those who oversee and regulate us now? These organizations are not overseen or accountable to anyone, yet they create regulations, fines, fees and the threat of legal action if you violate or do not comply with their rules and regulations and any new rules and regulations they may write in the future.

Now the Seven50 plan will regionalize us so their rules and regulations can force their vision to become reality. What is the cost of this vision, no one can estimate. An economic analysis of this vision has not been produced. Any estimate will no doubt be well short of the actual cost of implementation. After all, can you name one governmental project that has EVER been completed at its initial estimate of cost? That really doesn't matter when it comes to governmental spending and the creation of dollars for projects that are not feasible. Our government is the ultimate architect of the concept of using OPM (other people's money). They do this at no cost to them, only increased taxation and a lower standard of living for our indebted next generation.