



2 [The Obvious Truths of Private Property](#)
By Paul Jacob (samadamsalliance.org - 3/7/08)


Even the obvious needs defenders.

It is obvious that private property rights are vitally important. It is obvious that markets in property encourage development where development is desired. It is just as obvious that a lot of the progress that has happened in America over its two hundred year-plus history can be accounted to the very fact that we've had private property rights.

But, it is also obvious that one can become wealthy by theft, especially if the government is on your side. In localities all across the land, governments take land from some and give it to others. To "develop."

The entire article can be found at:
http://samadamsalliance.org/common_sense/the-obvious-truths-of-private-property

3 [Alexandria Agency Threatens To Use Eminent Domain To Seize Land](#) (nbc4.com-3/21/08)



A city agency in Alexandria (VA) is threatening to use the power of eminent domain to take a piece of property its owner had hoped to sell to developers. Realtor Charles Hooff's family has partially owned a piece of land near the Wilson Bridge since they settled in Alexandria in the 1700s.

Hooff struck a deal to sell the land for office and residential development. The Alexandria Sewer Authority, however, wants to expand a sewer plant next to the property.

The plant serves Alexandria and Fairfax County. Officials said they need to expand it to keep up with growth. Hooff has been offered close to \$50 million by one developer. He said the sewer authority has offered just \$20 million. "Give us fair market value, and we'll be on our way," Hooff said.

The entire article can be found at:
www.nbc4.com/news/15667784/detail.html

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[Program on Protection of Intellectual Property in China and the Global Market](#)

On April 2-3, the Department of Commerce's U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hosting a free, two-day program for American businesses on all of the different measures and procedures available to protect and enforce IP in China and the global marketplace. The program will be held at the Hobby Airport Marriott hotel in Houston, Texas. This program is part of an ongoing initiative to increase public awareness and highlight the importance of protecting and enforcing intellectual property.

For more information or to sign-up: <http://www.stopfakes.gov/>

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I invite you all to join the new Property Rights Action Caucus for weekly information & for defending these rights. Our liberties are only as secure as our property rights.

We will examine: eminent domain, federal government property ownership, downloading of multimedia, the Endangered Species Act, patent reform, pharmaceutical issues, compulsory licensing, the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) & all issues of land and intellectual property.

Please contact Stephen Kraly at 202-225-4101 or stephen.kraly@mail.house.gov for membership and info.

5 [Ubisoft Buys All Intellectual Property Rights to the Tom Clancy Name, Forever](#) (techshout.com-3/24/08)

Ubisoft has announced that it has attained the intellectual property rights to use author Tom Clancy's name on a permanent, royalty-free basis in video games, movies, books and merchandises connected with its "Tom Clancy's" name.

For almost a decade, the renowned video-game publisher has produced games revolving around the "Tom Clancy universe". According to Newsweek, Ubisoft has paid as much as around \$128 million for the deal.

The entire article can be found at:
www.techshout.com/gaming/2008/24/ubisoft-buys-all-intellectual-property-rights-to-the-tom-clancy-name-forever/

For more information on the Property Rights Action Caucus, please visit <http://broun.house.gov/prac>. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Caucus please contact Stephen Kraly at 202.225.4101 or Stephen.Kraly@mail.house.gov.