## Property Rights Action Caucus

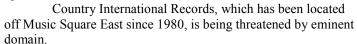
U.S. Congressman Paul C. Broun, M.D., Chairman





## **Eminent domain threatens Music Row studio** WKRN-TV (Nashville) - 4/29/08

A Music Row publishing and recording studio is at the center of a turf war with a Houston-based developer.



The owner of the building, Joy Ford, said Houston-based Lionstone Group wants to bulldoze her building and make it a parking lot for an office tower slated to be build beside it.

The building is wanted as part of a redevelopment plan aimed at revitalizing Demonbreun and Division streets, along Nashville's historic Music Row.

The Lionstone Group already owns much of the land surrounding the building and has even offered Ford money.

She, however, has no interest in selling the building.

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## 'Sustainable development': Freedom's foe By Henry Lamb (WorldNetDaily-5/10/08)

Add the word "sustainable" to almost any project, and immediately the project becomes politically correct and therefore acceptable. The surge of "sustainability" or "sustainable development" in recent years is phenomenal. Americans have been awed by the sales pitch and have bought into the idea of "sustainable development" - without looking under the hood to examine the engine. Nor have Americans realized that "sustainable development" is a self-directing vehicle that is transforming a once-free society into "sustainable communities" where nearly every human activity requires the permission of government.

The principle of private property rights is an early victim. Private property rights cannot exist in a sustainable community. In a sustainable community, a property owner's rights are limited to whatever government decides is appropriate.

Freedom rests upon the principle of private property ownership. Ownership of property is the right to use the property and to exclude others from it. When the right to use one's property is restricted or diminished by government, so then is the owner's freedom diminished.



Date: May 13, 2008 - Time: 12:00 noon

M. David Stirling - Author & VP, Pacific Legal Found.

Host: Mark Kelly - Heritage Foundation

Location: The Heritage Foundation's Lehrman Auditorium

For nearly a half century, most of the mainstream media and much of the general public have accepted the environmental movement's claim that it occupies the moral high ground in efforts to save hundreds of struggling species of wildlife and plants. In Green Gone Wild (www.greengonewildbook.com), M. David Stirling examines this clever marketing and public relations scheme that elevates nature above human rights and fosters a mentality that totally disregards people's lives, livelihoods, and private property rights.

Please note, you should have already received an invitation regarding this event. To RSVP:

www.heritage.org/press/events/ev051308b.cfm

The Beijing authorities pledged on Thursday to crack down on any infringement of intellectual property

**Beijing vows to protect** 

**Olympic intellectual** 

(www.chinaview.cn - 5/8/08)

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rights (IPR) related to the Olympics.

"Beijing will strengthen the clampdown on violations of Olympicsrelated patents, trademarks and copyrights at the major markets during the games," Liu Chengang, director of the municipal intellectual property bureau, told a press

conference. Liu said the bureau would establish a system to better protect all IPR and not just Olympics-related items.

During the Games, anyone can report IPR infringements via a hotline, 12312. Those convinced of infringement will face punishment under China's IPR protection laws and regulations.

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2008-05/08/content 8130765.htm

Ronald Reagan Address on behalf of **Senator Barry** 

**Goldwater** Rendezvous with Destiny Oct. 27, 1964



"Private property rights are so diluted that public interest is almost anything that a few government planners decide it should be. In a program that takes for the needy and gives to the greedy, we see such spectacles as in Cleveland, Ohio, a million-and-a-half-dollar building completed only three years ago must be destroyed to make way for what government officials call a "more compatible use of the land."

> 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.