

Coastal Restoration:

Trojan Horse For Cap And Trade

Will Ration Energy, Water, and Land

Background

Federal Cap N Trade legislation, which failed to pass Congress, was based upon the now debunked, [false science](#) of Global Warming/Climate Change. Its premise that Carbon is harmful to the environment has since been proven to be [ludicrous](#), at best.

The Cap and Trade Scheme is designed to force Americans to use less energy by artificially increasing the cost. In order to increase the cost of energy, there will be limits placed on the amount of energy that individuals, corporations, farmers and governments are ALLOWED to use by placing a cap on the amount of carbon emissions they are allowed to have. If you use less than your allotted amount, you can sell the remaining emission credits from your allotment to someone who has used more than their allotted amount. A market is created, because exceeding your allotment will cause you to be fined.

The permit that allows an organization to produce a certain amount of emissions is called a Carbon Credit. Carbon Credits will be sold on an exchange (similar to the stock exchange). So, some are expected to make a lot of money on trading carbon credits. But, what happens when you suddenly limit the supply of something, in this case, by rationing? The cost goes up. This is what President Obama meant by his statement: "the cost of energy will necessarily skyrocket." Cost increases occur even in a "voluntary" market.

Louisiana

In 2008, while we were fighting the passage of Cap N Trade legislation on the federal level, our state government embarked on an ambitious track to put the infrastructure in place for a Cap N Trade system---a ["Green Economy"](#).

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This power and money grab has extended quite "naturally" to our state's plan for Coastal Restoration:

Environmentalists: In the name of "restoration"; "conservation"; and, most recently, "resiliency", the environmentalists are making the most of the crises of Katrina and Horizon in pushing the policies of "sustainability" by limiting access to our vast coastline and waterways:

1. "Buffer Zones" are being created and increased around industrial sites and waterways. Only highly regulated use is allowed within these zones.
2. The report, released this week by the **Louisiana Applied Coastal Engineering and Science Division (LACES)**, provides planners with yet another excuse, based on Climate Change Mythology, to limit CO2 emissions and access to our coastal region: claiming [rising sea levels](#) are caused by climate change. (see notation on "figure 20" on page vii of [the report](#))

3. [Trust for Public Land \(TPL\)](#), a non-profit funded in part by government grants (and other groups like them), are buying-up large tracts of land, and selling them with the provision that they never be developed. They are particularly focused on tracts which run along our waterways.

In TPL's report on its [Tensas River National Wildlife Refuge Afforestation Project](#), TPL proclaims in the opening paragraph that "Such an afforestation project is for the creation of CO2 offsets ("carbon credits") from 1,870 acres of land in Northeastern Louisiana along the Tensas River."

4. NGO's such as Sierra Club are pushing for "[Stakeholder Advisory Councils](#)" to be formed which will provide the infrastructure necessary to keep control of these resources and our money as they are collected. Advisory councils have NO allegiance or accountability to the citizens.

[The Coastal Restoration Master Plan:](#)

1. The plan recommends Land Use Planning and even defines it: "Land use planning determines where and how people may develop and redevelop land."

The idea is to use Land Use Planning to create greater population density in cities and suburban areas; because, the Global Warming Myth blames the "uncontrolled expansion of cities and their suburbs to rural areas" (Urban Sprawl) as a contributing factor to Global Warming. Single family homes and the use of automobiles must also be curtailed in order to "save the planet."

In June of 2001, the Sierra Club defined "[Efficient Urban Density](#)" as a city containing 500 housing units to the acre; but, after much criticism, redefined it to 100 units. Higher density, they want us to believe, will use less resources. The resource, in this case, is our land. Through Land Use Planning, development of property will be restricted. This will drive up the cost of owning and developing land.

2. Carbon Sequestration and Carbon Credits are both listed as sources of funding. We mentioned Carbon Credits already; so, now let's look at [Carbon Sequestration](#) and those promoting it. Carbon Sequestration is the capture and storage of Carbon Dioxide. The Climate Change Myth espouses that, if we capture Carbon Dioxide and hold it in the ground, it will be less dangerous to the atmosphere. So, if you store Carbon Dioxide you will be given Carbon Credits. This will allow you to either emit more Carbon Dioxide; or, you can sell your Carbon Credits. Either way, they are building a false economy which will vastly increase costs as they ration the "air" emitted by our Louisiana power plants and industry. This could be devastating to our economy, while it lines the pockets of "carbon traders".
3. Carbon Credits will also be offered as [incentives](#) to government-favored businesses. Political favoritism will determine the "winners and losers" in our economy.

Opportunists:

These are the entities that are pushing for this plan, just to name a few. They have the most to gain.

1. [Entergy](#): this company possesses the largest bank of carbon credits in the state; therefore, they have great interest in getting Cap N Trade off the ground. They have teamed-up with Trust for Public Land (TPL) in the aforementioned scheme involving 1600 acres along the Tensas River. Entergy looks forward to being able to replicate this process along our coast.
2. [Tierra Resources](#): this company, is putting the final and integral parts of the Cap N Trade system together with regard to the Carbon Credits. [Sarah Mack](#) is the lead on all such projects. Tierra Resources is collaborating with [INTERNATIONAL](#) carbon exchange companies that suffered a previous demise. These companies have re-surfaced following the United Nations Convention on Climate Change which continues to push for mandatory GLOBAL carbon restrictions.
3. [GNO, Inc.](#): this corporation sought and received grant monies in order to commission the planners, Waggoner and Ball, to create an integrated water system which will function between Orleans, St. Bernard and parts of Jefferson Parish. This system is designed to secure New Orleans as a “settlement” at the expense of the other parishes. In order to accomplish this, they hired Tierra Resources to lead on the project.
4. [USDA & NRCS](#): Yes, our federal government is putting the finishing touches on another exchange program: [Water Quality Credits](#). These are also part of our Coastal Restoration Masterplan.

Timeframe:

These stakeholders are on a fast track: caps necessary for Carbon Credit exchanging have been completed and the comment period for this project is currently underway; and, the system for determining credits for Water Quality is targeted to be completed by March 2nd. Your comments on the Master Plan, carbon exchange, water quality exchange, land grabs, etc can be made here :

Master Coastal Plan (CPRA)

Public comments are also being accepted through [an online Public Comment Form located here on the 2012 Coastal Master Plan website](#). These comments will be accepted for inclusion into the public record until February 25, 2012. After the public comment period ends, officials will incorporate what they learned and finalize the plan in time to submit it to the Louisiana Legislature on March 26th.