STAR COMMUNITIES
SUSTAINABILITY TOOLS FOR ASSESSING & RATING COMMUNITIES

In their own words:

"Star Communities are communities that are willing to abide by a national framework and performance-management system that will finally allow local governments to measure and rate these communities sustainability performance. This framework for sustainability encompasses the social, economic and environmental dimensions of community, and includes a rating system that drives continuous improvement and fosters competition. There will be an online system that gathers, organizes, analyzes, and presents information required to meet sustainability goals."

www.starcommunities.org/uploads/rating-system.pdf

STAR is a program of the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives ICLEI USA *(see page 55 of Agenda 21)* developed with key partners including the U.S. Green Building Council, the Center for American Progress and the National League of Cities.

In reality -

A Star Community is in part a creation of ICLEI, an organization working directly with the United Nations. A Star Community is a community that will allow the federal government to measure and control every resources (water, air, soil, energy, etc) that its citizens use. The control may be regulatory in nature or simply through increased cost of utilities. Regardless, the big question should be, will the citizens be the ones deciding whether their city participates, or will it be politicians, who may even make up unelected boards, make these decisions. Further, will the citizens have any idea that at the end of the process, their freedom to enjoy the resources with which they were endowed by a generous Creator, will indeed be measured, rationed, and controlled in ways they can probably not comprehend.

Turn this page over to see what will be measured.

ENVIRONMENT

Natural Systems

- Natural Resource Planning & Inventory
- Green Infrastructure
- Land Use in Watersheds
- Water Quality & Supply
- Agriculture & Aquaculture
- Resource Lands
- Biodiversity & Invasive Species
- Ambient Noise & Light
- Waste Minimization

Planning & Design

- Comprehensive Planning
- Excellence in Design
- Interconnected Land Use
- Compact & Complete Communities
- Design for People
- Housing
- Public Spaces
- Transportation & Mobility
- Land Conservation
- Historic Preservation & Cultural Heritage
- Code Barriers

Energy & Climate

- Greenhouse Gas Mitigation
- Climate Adaptation
- Energy Supply
- Energy Use
- Resource Efficient Buildings
- Alternative Fuels & Infrastructure
- Industrial Sector Energy Use
- Agricultural Climate Impacts

ECONOMY

Economic Prosperity

- Enterprise Support
- Industry Sector Development & Revitalization
- Market Development
- Community-Based Economic Development
- Economic Localization
- Land Redevelopment & Revitalization
- Food System

Employment & Workforce Training

- Employment Opportunity
- Employment Benefits
- Labor Rights
- Living Wages
- Supportive Workplaces
- Workplace Learning & Career Paths
- Workforce Development Comprehensive Plan
- Workforce Training
- Resources for Success

SOCIETY

Education, Arts & Community

- Education Opportunities
- Education Environments
- School-Community Engagement
- Ecological Literacy
- Arts & Culture
- Arts & Cultural Civic Support
- Social & Cultural Diversity
- Neighborhood Vitality
- Civic Literacy + Engagement
- Financial Literacy

Health & Safety

- Health System
- Health & Safety Literacy
- Workplace Health & Safety
- Food Access & Nutrition
- Drinking Water Quality
- Outdoor Air Quality
- Indoor Air Quality
- Toxics Reduction
- Natural & Human Hazards
- Emergency Prevention & Response
- Safe Communities
- Active Living & Recreation

Affordability & Social Equity

- Government Transparency
- Revenue Generation
- Public Expenditures & Financial Investment
- Infrastructure Investment
- Social Cohesion
- Human Services
- Poverty Prevention & Alleviation
- Civil & Human Rights
- Cultural Practices
- Environmental Justice
- Equity Literacy
- Adjudication & Restorative Justice
- Community Empowerment
- Equity Assessment & Planning

The movie "The Hunger Games" is a fictionalized story of a reality!
Continue to do nothing and it will be your reality.