# THE NEXT REVOLUTION

# An Introduction to Sustainable Development



Business Council for Sustainable Development-Gulf of Mexico



# **OBJECTIVES**

Our World - Facts, Figures, & Trends

Sustainable Development Defined

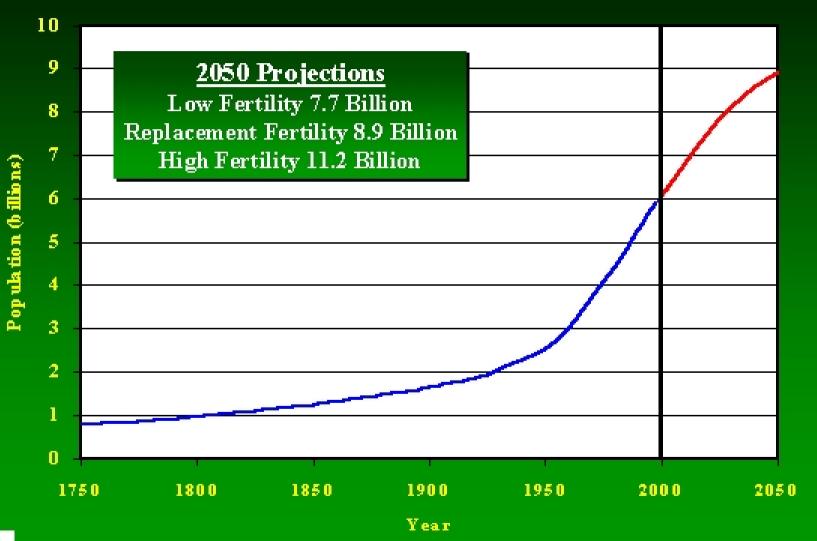
Sustainable Development in Practice



Facts, Figures, and Trends



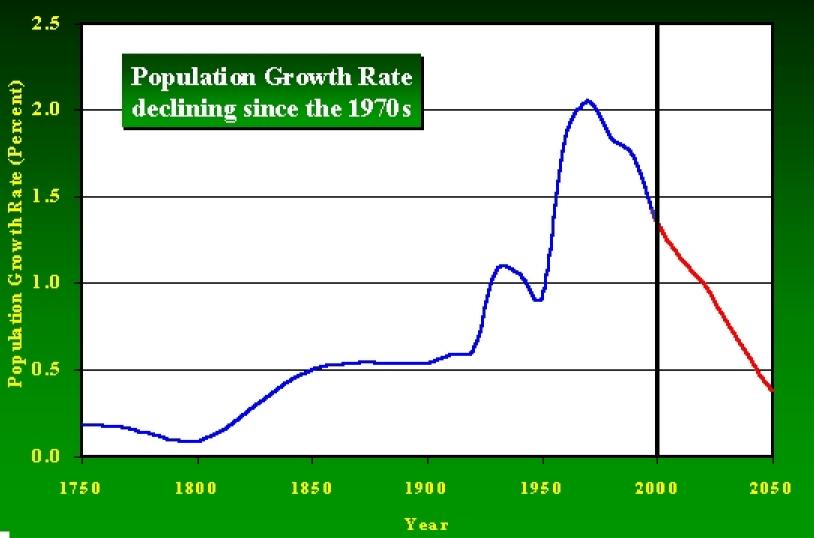
### World Population 1750 - 2050





(Source: United Nations World Population Estimate, 1998 Revision)

### World Population Growth Rate 1750 - 2050

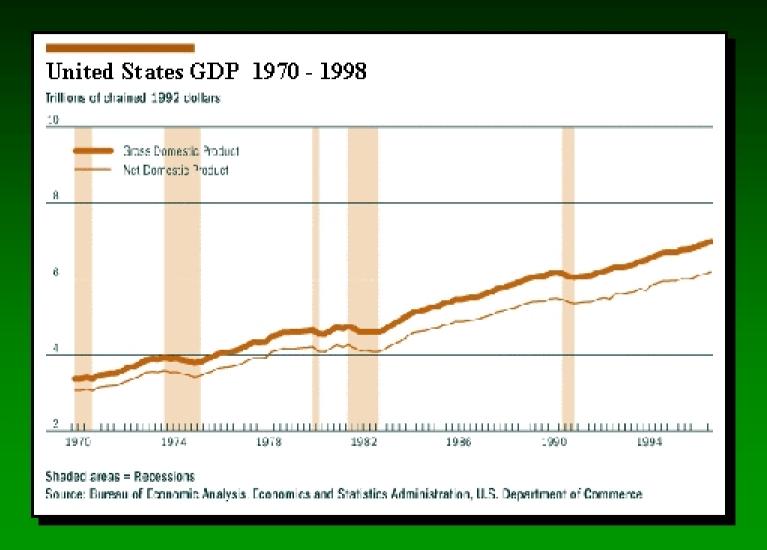




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### United States GDP 1970 - 1998





### Take - Make -Waste

• Every week more than 500,000 trees are used

to produce the *two-thirds* of newspapers that are never recycled.

 American consumers and industry throw away enough aluminum to rebuild our entire commercial airfleet every three months.

• Am ericans go through 2.5 million plastic bottles *every hour*, only a small percentage of which are now recycled.

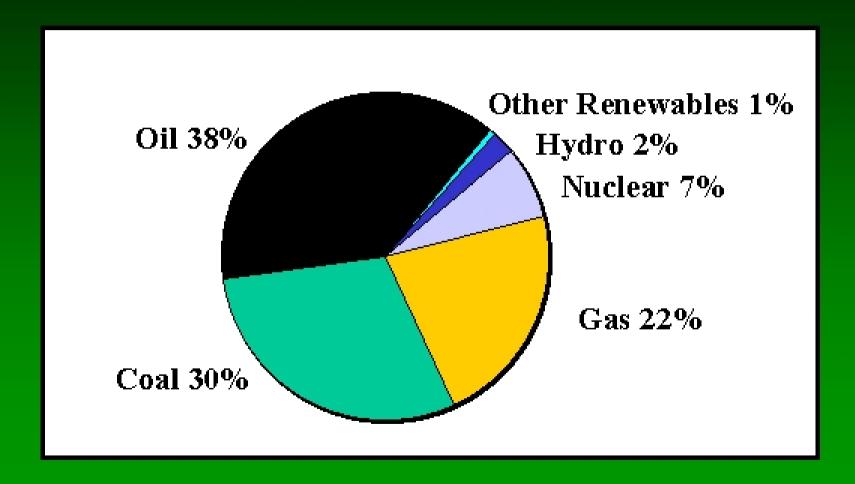


Everyday the US Generates about 200 million tons of trash.

Less than 25% is recycled

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# Current World Energy Supply by Fuel Type





Wind Power has been the World's fastest growing energy source since 1994.

North Dakota, South Dakota, and Texas have enough combined wind resource to meet US electricity demand.



### NATURAL CAPITALISM

- Amory and Hunter Lovins, Paul Hawken
- Recognition and valuation of a part of the capital which the business world has treated as a free good – our natural resources like water and air
- Well, they ain 't free!
- Modify the relationship between human systems and natural systems
- Green book keeping

## **TRENDS**

## LIMITS



# TRENDS ARE NOT DESTINY



### Sustainable Development in Practice







Community



**Business** 





# SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES

"Sustainability takes everyone and it takes forever."

David Crockett, Chattanooga City Councilman





#### Walnut Street Bridge

### Chattanooga Sustainable Initiatives

Orange Grove Recycling Center





City Greenways



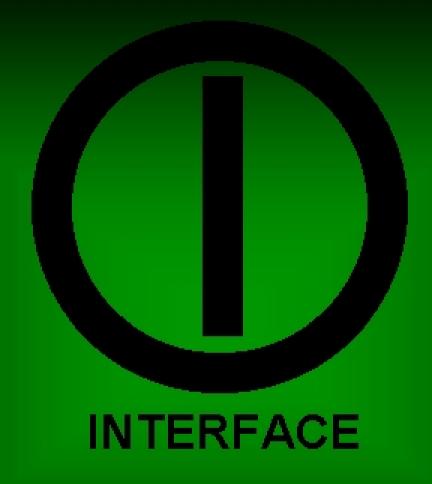
Electric Shuttle Buses

# SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY INITIATIVES AROUND THE COUNTRY

Austin Sustainable Community Initiative

Campaign for a Sustainable Milwaukee Sustainable Calgary Eco-City Cleveland Sustainable Seattle Santa Monica Sustainable City Program Olympia Sustainable Community Initiative Vision for a Greater New Haven Sustainable Cobscook Maryland Alliance for Sustainable Communities

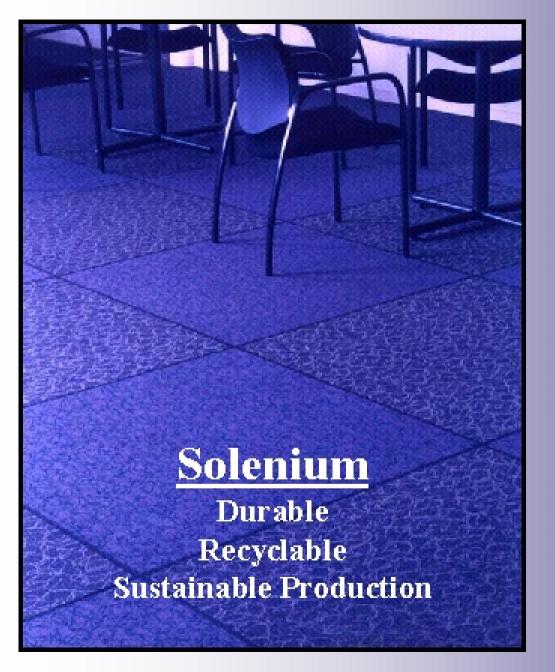




"In the future, people like me will go to jail."

Ray Anderson, CEO Interface Inc.





# Interface Path to Sustainability

- 1. Zero Waste
- 2. Benign Emissions
- 3. Renewable Energy
- 4. Closing the Loop
- 5. Transportation
- 6. Sensitivity Hookup
- 7. Redesign of Commerce



Body Shop, BP-Amoco, CSW International, Ford, Hatch, Royal Dutch Shell, Toyota, Monsanto, Dell, Vinsin & Elkins, TXU, IKEA, Nortel, Thompson & Knight, SC Johnson Wax, Volkswagen, McDonalds, Dupont, Gap, Unilever, Ben and Jerry's, Conoco, Patagonia, OK Petroleum Intel, Deutsche Bank, Novartis, AT&T, Pfziser, Texas Instruments, Indigenous Designs, United Airlines, General Motors, TXI, IBM, Sprint, UPS, Temple Inland Forest Products, Calvert, URS Radian, Georgia Pacific, McMillan-Bloedel, Westvaco, Enron, Triangle Pacific, Mitsubishi, Aurthur D. Little, Weyerhaeuser, DaimlerChrysler, Citizens Funds, Burger King

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### **ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES**

- Oberlin College –Oberlin, Ohio
- Building: 13,600 square feet (two stories)
- Project
   coordinator: David
   Orr, director of the environmental studies program



Architect: William McDonough + Partners

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#### ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

#### The Roof

The roof's first solar cells will be replaced within a few years when new solar cells offering more electrical generating power become available. The plan is for the building to generate more electrical power than it needs and, in fact to become a supplier.

#### The Landscape

North side of the building is protected by an earthen berm and tree grove. No posticides will be used for the gardens, orchards, and restoned "onest on the east side of the building."

#### The Interior

The interior is designed to change and adapt over time. Carpeting is leased from the manufacturer, which will recycle the carpeting for reuse. The wood used to make the desks and chairs comes from a sustainable forest. Seating material used for the chairs in the auditorium is beoriegradable.

#### North Entrance

Auditorium (seating for 100)

#### Living Machine (organic water purification system)

#### South Entrance

#### Solar Design

The design instance overhanging saves and shading trusses that shade the summer sun white allowing winter heat gain.

#### The Sun

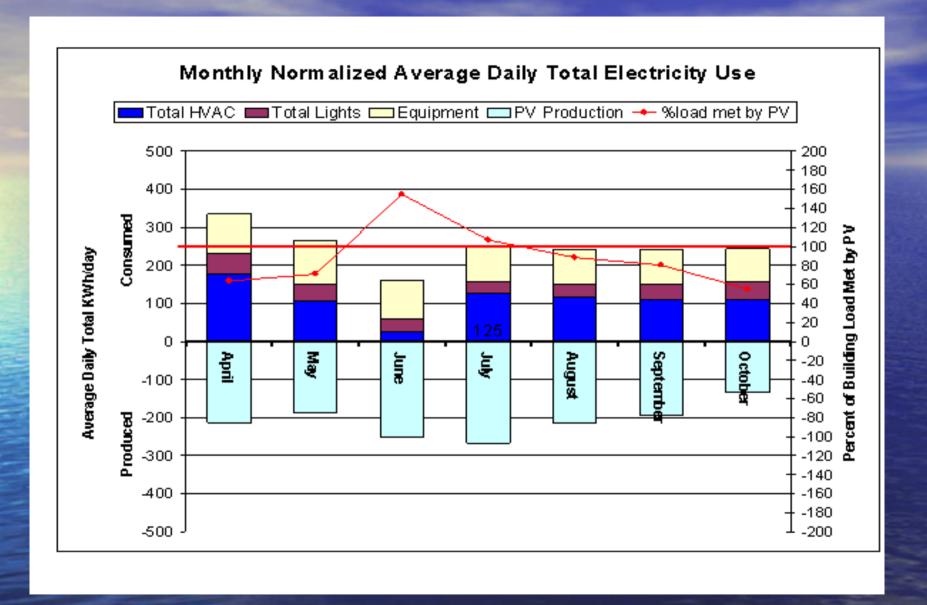
The plaza outside the main entrance features a sundal noting the summer and winter solstice.

#### Lighting

To take advantage of daylight and heat gain, major public rooms such as classrooms will face south and west. The glass panes are specially treated to vary the amount of UV light that can both enter and leave the building, helping to maintain an even temperature inside.

#### The Pond

The key function of the pand is water storage for impation. Water storage for impation. Water storage for impation of the glants, meeting and soil. The plan is to someday use a portion of this water for recycling.



## SOLAR DESIGN

- 3,700 square foot of photovoltaic (PV) panels on the main south-facing curved roof
- Building Orientation is elongated along the east-west axis to optimize passive solar performance.
- Daylighting
- Thermal Mass in concrete floors and exposed interior masonry walls retains and re-radiates heat to temper the space.



## ENERGY EFFICIENCY

- R-30 to R-40 roof assemblies.
- Energy efficient wall design R-21 masonry cavity-walls
- Integrated building controls included advanced, central building controls for mechanical, security, fire, and Living Machine systems.
- Electrical lighting uses only 0.9 watts per square foot of building space.
- Hall and stairwell lights are connected to sensors for both movement and daylight while classroom and office lights are motion-sensored.

# MATERIAL SELECTION

- Durable, low-maintenance materials are used throughout, including brick exterior walls, interior walls composed of stained concrete masonry units, and steel structure.
- Recycled products include the steel framing, aluminum for the roof, windows and curtainwall frames, ceramic tiles in the restrooms, and toilet partitions.
- All wood are Certified Forest Products
- Products of Service: The raised floor and carpeting are leased to the College by Interface.

### LIVING MACHINE

- This engineered wastewater treatment system is modeled on natural wetland ecosystems and serves as research and teaching tool.
- The Living Machine replicates and accelerates the natural purification processes of ponds and marshes. Diverse communities of bacteria, algae, microorganisms, plants, trees, snails, and fish interact in tanks and act as living bio-filters.
- The end-goal of the Living Machine is to recycle the treated "gray water" through the building's toilets, thus helping to conserve water.



## BUILDING COST

- Total Project Cost: \$7,110,000
- Construction Cost: \$4,854,600 (\$357/square foot)
- Total Design Fees: \$1,175,000
   ----Further breakdown by building systems----
- Photovoltaic array: \$402,500
- Living Machine: \$400,000
- Landscape: \$84,000

## MONITORING

Researchers from the **National Renewable Energy Lab have worked** with the people in charge of operating the building to develop a system to monitor the building's energy use and key environmental variables throughout the building and landscape.

Results may vary from initial modelling

