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Event: The Anti-Environment Movement in America: Strong, Growing, and Right

Speaker: Harvey M. Jacobs
Professor, Department of Urban and Regional Planning, and Institute for Environmental Studies;
Director, Land
Tenure Center, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Date: Jan. 26 (Wednesday)

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: C-102 (Beckman Auditorium), Center for Natural Sciences, 201 E. Beecher St.,
Bloomington

Admission: Open to the Public, Free-of-Charge

Sponsor: IWU's Environmental Studies Program

Background: The anti-environment movement was the most significant "environmental" movement of the 1990s. It succeeded in blocking federal-environmental initiatives, keeping its legislative agenda in front of every state legislature. It was successful in securing passage of state-based laws, supporting its agenda in 26 states and in promoting creative county-based land-use plans in more than 300 counties nationwide.

What is the historical and legal basis behind this movement? Is the movement justified? What does this mean for the future?

Jacobs

Biography: Jacobs' research and teaching focuses on public policy, theory, and philosophy of land use and environmental management. Through much of the 1990s, he focused his domestic research on the rise and impact of the private property-rights movement. He presented research findings to a U.S. House of Representatives Judiciary Subcommittee in 1997.

He edited the book, *Who Owns America? Social Conflict Over Property Rights*, published by the University of Wisconsin Press in 1998.

Last year, his work on state property rights laws was published by the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy for widespread distribution to legislators, policy analysts, journalists, professors, and students.

Among his current posts, Jacobs serves as director of the Land Tenure Center, a research, technical assistance, and training organization that has worked in 75 nations on issues relating to land ownership and use, economic development, social structure, political organization, and environmental sustainability.

Jacobs received his graduate degrees from Cornell University.

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