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"Sustainability" is quickly becoming a household word in the United States. Public alarm over climate change has helped to make sustainable development a major public policy issue and a topic of growing importance in the daily lives of Americans.

This book is a comprehensive assessment of U.S. progress toward sustainable development and a roadmap of necessary next steps toward achieving a sustainable America. Packed with facts, figures, and the well-informed opinions of forty-one experts, it provides an illuminating "snapshot" of sustainability in the United States today. And each of the contributors suggests where we need to go next, recommending three to five specific actions that we should take during the next five to ten years. It thus offers a comprehensive agenda that citizens, corporations, nongovernmental organizations, and government leaders and policymakers can use to make decisions today and to plan for the future.

Sustainable development holds enormous promise for improving the quality of life for Americans over the coming decades. Agenda for a Sustainable America describes what we need to do to make the promise a reality. It assesses trends in twenty-eight separate areas of American life_including forestry; transportation; oceans and estuaries; religion; and state, local, and national governance. In every area, contributors reveal what sustainable development could mean, with suggestions that are specific, desirable, and achievable. Their expert recommendations point the way toward greater economic and social well-being, increased security, and environmental protection and restoration for current and future generations of Americans. Together they build a convincing case for how sustainable development can improve our opportunities and our lives.

What people are saying about Agenda for a Sustainable America:

"[This book] covers the gamut from air pollution to zoning regulations in assessing where we stand in sustainability and what we need to do to meet the challenges of the future. A follow-on

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to Stumbling toward Sustainability, Agenda is a must-read for the next Congress, as well as America's leaders in business, state and local governments, education, and civil society."

_Paul R. Ehrlich, coauthor of *The Dominant Animal* (Island Press, 2008) and Bing Professor of Population Studies and professor of biological sciences at Stanford University.

"Sustainability is seldom described with the depth, scholarly detail, and richness of this work. It is the sector-by-sector primer for what must be done to preserve our grandchildren's rights to the nation they will inherit."

_Donald Kennedy, president emeritus of Stanford University

"With chapters from a wide range of leading thinkers Agenda for a Sustainable America blazes a trail toward environmental progress across a broad spectrum of critical issues. Must reading for the new President - and for all of us."

_Dan Esty, Hillhouse Professor of Environmental Law and Policy, Yale University

"Far more than a report card on the disappointing performance of the United States in fulfilling the pledges made at the 1992 United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, Agenda for a Sustainable America tells us where we should go from here. The book lays out, sector by sector, what is needed to shape a brighter future for the nation and, by extension, the world community. The next administration would be wise to use this as a guide book for its policies."

_The Honorable Timothy E. Wirth, president, United Nations Foundation and Better World Fund

"This comprehensive review of the United States' environmental efforts is a reminder that despite our progress, we have further to travel on the road toward sustainability. As this book makes clear, we must pursue new, sustainable solutions that will allow future generations, and the environment they will depend on, to thrive."

_U.S. Senator Russ Feingold (WI)

"John Dernbach and his contributing authors have produced one of those rare volumes on sustainability that reaches out to the corporate, governmental, and academic audiences. I highly recommend it for classroom use in undergraduate and graduate courses."

_James Gustave Speth, dean of the School of Forestry & Environmental Studies, and Professor in the Practice of Environmental Policy

"Terrific_a unique and important piece of work, providing a comprehensive roadmap for the journey to sustainability. Policymakers, business leaders, NGOs, and community leaders will all

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find a wealth of thoughtful assessments and forward looking prescriptions. This is at heart an optimistic compendium that paints a picture of a healthy, secure and prosperous society. "
_Fred Krupp, president, Environmental Defense Fund

"John Dernbach's Agenda for a Sustainable America could not be better timed. As a smart collection of valuable gems, this book constitutes a worthy and wealthy timepiece on our best options for this time of great change."
_Bruce Piasecki, author of www.worldincbook.com, and president of the AHC Group Inc

Agenda for a Sustainable America was quoted in Pulitzer Prize winning author Thomas Friedman's Hot, Flat, and Crowded.

For more, go to the web site.

Biographies

John C. Dernbach is a professor of law at Widener University Law School in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. He has divided his career between teaching and government service.

In his teaching role, Dernbach has focused on sustainable development in the United States. He has edited the only two comprehensive nongovernmental assessments of U.S. sustainable development efforts. He has written and lectured widely on sustainable development, climate change, environmental law, and legal writing.

In two stints totaling near 15 years, he worked at the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources (now the Department of Environmental Protection). During this time, he helped drafted or help implement comprehensive and nationally recognized reforms to Pennsylvania's mining and waste programs. More recently, he directed the Department's policy office.