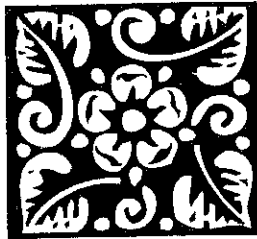


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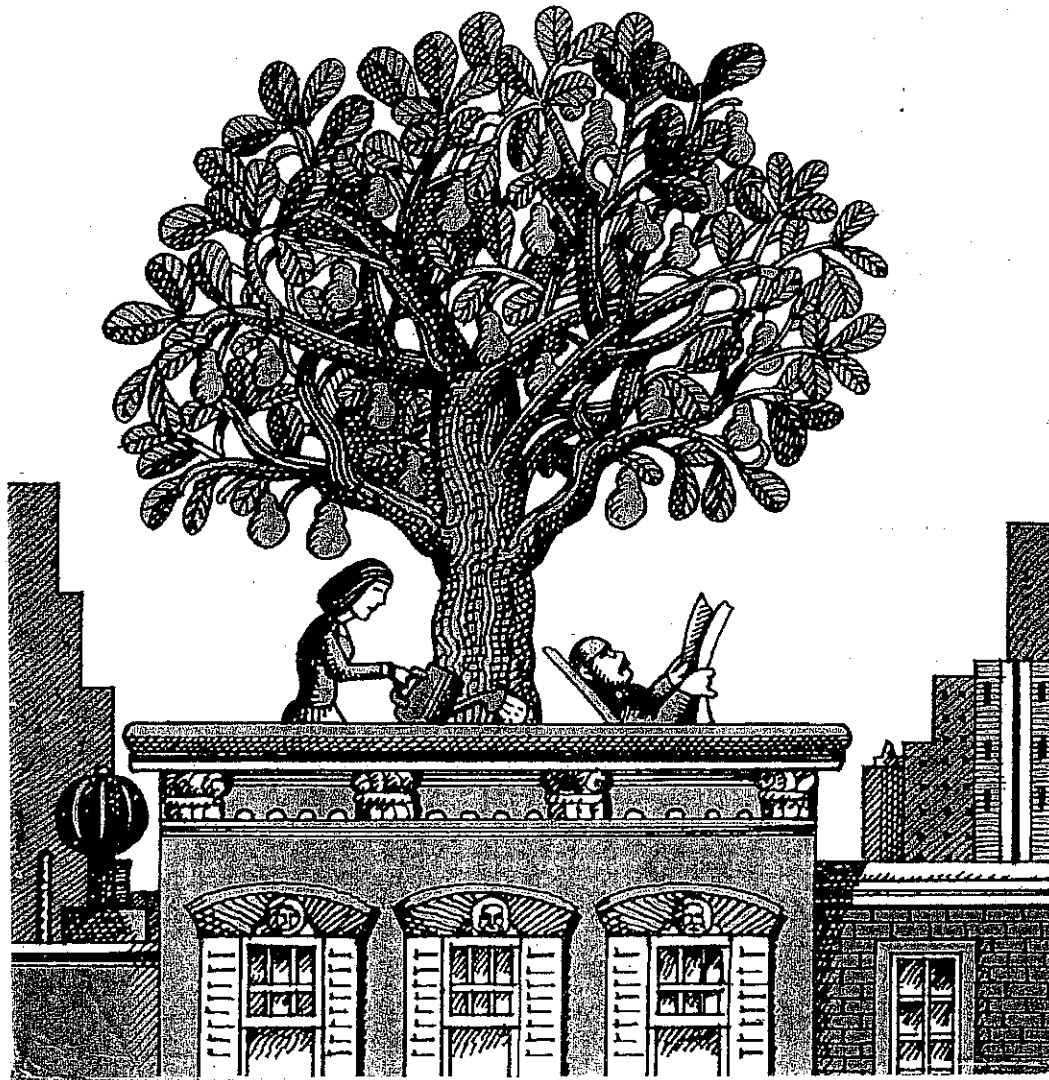
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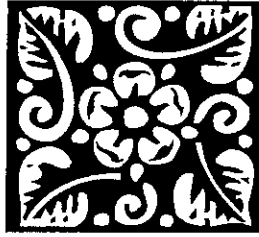
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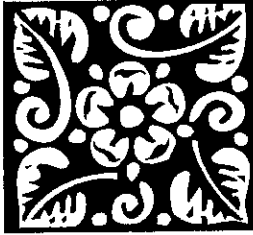
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Peakniks Unite

This process began with our invitation to James Howard Kunstler in the spring of 2005. His radio appearance on Wisconsin Public Radio and the speech in Tripp Commons were the impetus for the Peak Oil/Climate Crisis Action Network headed by Joe Mingle. David Williams of the Peregrine Forum was there at the initial stages. Meetings moved from the Hilton to Escape Coffee House on Williamson Street. The video showings and discussions here helped to illuminate this crisis. We urge everyone to see the End of Suburbia and read Richard Heinberg's books. Finally the West Waubesa Conference at the Promega campus served as an inspiration to us. We have sifted through piles of material to try to distill those recommendations that we view as essential. We hope that this document will allow local officials to move swiftly to deal with this looming calamity.

Joe, David and I will continue to push for public education and video showings as we carry this struggle to the next stage of lobbying local officials. The intensity of public discussion and debate must continue. We all believe that strong measures are needed now if we are to avoid even more draconian actions in the near future. Much of the material here may seem drastic to the uninformed. Please take the time to educate yourself on these issues. The Downtown Isthmus Group is always in need of financial support and assistance. We wish to thank all those who have helped make this document possible. Peak Progress, Peakniks Unite.

Peak Progress, Time is Precious but Truth is More Precious Than Time, Disraeli



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Neighborhood Report

PEAK OIL HOUSING & FOOD

1. No building shall be built within the city limits that is over 60 feet tall. Ongoing blackouts or brownouts will disable all elevators. Working or living above the 5th floor will become problematic.
2. All new multifamily housing projects will be constructed without parking facilities. Instead these residents will provide van, shuttle or flex car service to their tenants. This demonstrates that Madison is serious about austerity and conservation.
3. All new multifamily housing projects will be provided with a community building or community space where local residents can meet, prepare and eat food. This is one of many co-housing concepts that Madison will need if we are to cope with fuel scarcity.
4. New housing development will adopt co-housing principles. Prospective residents will be screened for their commitment to community living. Individuals with higher scores or more skills will be given preference for residence in the new co-housing communities. Here we will begin to build up a larger and larger group of people with gardening, wood working, plumbing, farming, hunting skills. People without these skills will have to live further out or learn new skills. Co-housing groups will meet every month to discuss issues like gardening, security, fossil fuel depletion education.
5. Fruit trees should be planted throughout the city to provide extra calories in the event of a serious breakdown in transport. Open areas must be designated and protected from new development.
6. School cafeterias should be designated as food depots of last resort. Enough canned and dried food should be stored to provide the city with a surplus for a year or more. Food will be rotated through the food pantries or school lunch program. Hand pumped wells and public fountains may be needed.
7. The Red Cross should be provided with extra supplies to weather any unforeseen disruptions in transport. Pamphlets should be distributed to all residents advising them that adequate food and shelter may not be available in the event of serious disruptions. Each resident should have several months of food, water and medicines on hand.
8. The Public School Curriculum must be changed to reflect this new situation. More courses in Gardening, Farming, Ecological Issues, New Text Books must be introduced.

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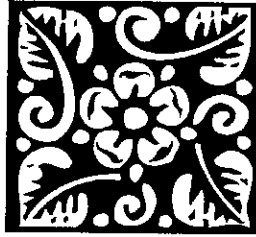
9. The city should establish food swaps in various neighborhoods where people can meet two or three times a week to exchange food and services.

10. Earth Shift support groups. Counseling and advice services should be established to help people make the financial and emotional transition to a low carbon lifestyle.

11. Farmers' Markets, and the Community Action Coalition should be supported in their efforts to provide local produce and community gardens.

12. In conjunction with Homeland Security, Fema, Red Cross, and State Emergency Management Agencies a campaign should be launched to educate the public regarding the need to have emergency supplies, food, water, blankets, first aid etc. We feel that three days supply of food and water is poor planning and that 3-6 months provisions is a more realistic objective. The city should work towards having total preparation. This means we must set goals and timelines now.

13. 211 phone service will be established to assist people with questions about the transition.



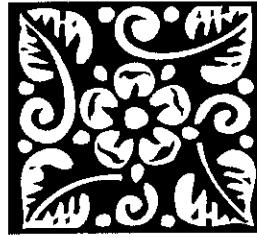
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PEAK OIL AND TRANSPORTATION

PHOTO ENFORCEMENT AND TRAFFIC REDUCTION

Individuals who continue to traffic the central district will find computer generated tickets in their mailboxes. Carpools, vanpools, shuttles, jitneys, pedal cabs must be encouraged.

1. Each month people will discover fewer and fewer parking spaces downtown. This is a clue to them. Forget about finding a place to park.
2. Transportation coops should be established where the city assumes liability coverage for any group or vehicle that travels somewhat regular routes and transports passengers for a fee. The jitney van which is often seen overseas should make an appearance on our streets.
3. All forms of taxi ridership should be encouraged with lower fares and more taxi stands, benches etc. Shared ride taxi service is especially valuable and the city should subsidize dramatic rate reductions.
4. Gas hogs will be penalized by photo enforcement and officer tickets. Driving a private auto will become problematic with fines and prohibitions.
5. No sales of private autos will be allowed on the public airways. A campaign will be launched to get folks out of their cars and into busses, taxis and vans. We must make the transition now.
6. Gas rationing will be introduced with ration cards and allotments. People who car pool will be given more gasoline.
7. The School Bus system must be analyzed. School bus drivers must be deputized and maintained as the transport system of last resort. Extra pay or food, is given to drivers to keep them on staff.
8. The city should maintain caches of gasoline and diesel fuel to weather any disruptions in supply.
9. Current ordinances that restrict pedal cabs should be eliminated.
10. We understand that these emergency and adhoc measures will eventually give way to longer term solutions. Rationing will be phased out and rickshaws, walking, pedal cabs and horse drawn carriages will be our future. Alcohol powered vehicles may function for some longer time. The city should investigate the potential of flex fuel vehicles and purchase them if possible.
11. The highway system will deteriorate and we feel that the likelihood of a national train system is almost nil. Air transport will be a thing of the past. The Madison-Milwaukee train is important.
12. Transportation 20/20 proposals are too elaborate and complicated requiring several different modes of transport. Streetcars, two types of buses, and trains. We propose these schemes be abandoned now and that the bus system be somewhat enhanced. We regard the taxi and jitney service plus transport coops as more significant than any expansion to the bus system. The bus system will always be limited by fixed routes. We need a flexible system that takes folks door to door 24/7.



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PEAK OIL TASK FORCE

Mass Media & T.V.

Mayor to Appoint a Special Task Force and Launch a Media Blitzkrieg

The Mayor and Council must appoint a Peak Oil Task Force which shall advise him and the city council with respect to this crisis. The Task force will make recommendations similar to those outlined in the sections on Transportation, Housing and Food. The POTF will consist of Alders, and representatives from the Community Action Coalition, Madison Public Schools, the Red Cross, Emergency Management, Downtown Isthmus Group, Peak Oil Awareness of Madison, East Side Crisis Committee and other agencies such as the Pedestrian Bicycle and Motor Vehicle Commission, the Transit and Parking Commission and the Madison Planning Organization. The Peak Oil Task Force will meet as often as is necessary to deal with this crisis.

Efforts to make Madison an eco-village, a co-housing paradise, and a model for national and international Peak Progress must be accelerated. The Peaknik campaign should be given top priority and major media outlets should be advised that Madison is making Peak Progress and we are a Peaknik Community. An emblem will be adopted and Municipal Buildings will be festooned with these emblems. The city should sponsor speakers conferences and brainstorming sessions. Channel 12 will change its programming lineup to reflect these new developments with much more Peak Progress Programming. Groups such as Peak Oil Awareness, Downtown Isthmus Group, Community Action Coalition will be given access to Channel 12 facilities to develop programming geared towards Peak Progress