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## A Selective Guide to Researching Sustainable Growth and Development Issues

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### I. Introduction

*“Growth is inevitable, given the projected increases in the nation’s population and the importance of economic development to America’s communities. And with growth will come challenges—traffic congestion, an increasing demand for services, and the consumption of land and natural resources to support development. The question for communities across the nation is not whether, but how, they will face growth and its challenges.”*

--U.S. General Accounting Office. [Community Development Local Growth Issues-Federal Opportunities and Challenges](#), GAO/RCED-00-178. September 2000, at 28.

*“[S]ustainable development law is both an emerging body of legal principles and instruments, as well as an 'interstitial norm,' a concept that serves to reconcile conflicting environmental, social and economic development norms in international law, in the interest of present and future generations.”*

--Cordonier Segger, Marie-Claire. [Sustainable Development Law: Principles, Practices and Prospects](#), New York: Oxford University Press, 2004, at 365.

The complex and diverse issues surrounding sustainable growth and development present formidable challenges for the researcher. Brownfields redevelopment, urban, rural and suburban growth, land use, transportation, air quality, neighborhood revitalization, livable communities, healthy cities, sustainable development, preservation of open space, such as parks and farmland, are some of the major issues pertaining to sustainable growth and development. Discussions of these issues have brought together lawyers, planners, developers, concerned citizens and state, local, federal and foreign government officials.

To intelligently examine the domestic and international legal and policy aspects of sustainable growth and development, it is necessary to look beyond traditional legal resources. Effective research also requires the use of a specialized vocabulary, including terms such as "sprawl," "smart growth," "sustainable growth," "sustainable development," "brownfields," "environmental justice," "quality of life," "livable communities," "growth management," "urban management," "regional growth," "sustainable cities," "healthy cities," "sustainable communities," "urban/rural planning," "consensus building," "geographic information system (GIS)," and "land use planning."

This guide briefly describes the kind of information found in selected databases and web sites that are relevant to a variety of sustainable growth and development issues.

## II. Research in Legal Periodical Literature

[Indexes](#) . [Full Text Law Reviews, Journals, and Legal Newsletters](#)

With an increasing number of general and specialized scholarly journals, newsletters and newspapers publishing articles on sustainable growth and development issues, a good starting point for research is the legal periodical literature. Legal periodical indexes cover a far greater number of journals than is available through the full text law review and journal databases on LEXIS and WESTLAW.

### A. Indexes to Legal Periodical Literature

The following indexes provide citations to and selected full text of articles. Each database varies somewhat in its coverage of the legal literature. To conduct a comprehensive search of the topic, it is important to search all indexes:

#### 1. Current Index to Legal Periodicals

[Current Index to Legal Periodicals \(CILP\)](#) (commercial web version)

- o Indexes articles from over 500 legal publications
- o Citations only to journal articles organized by broad legal topics
- o Complete tables of contents of journals indexed in CILP included in each issue
- o Weekly

##### Search Tip:

Use the following topics in CILP to locate citations to current articles on sustainable growth and development:

*Administrative Law*

*Economics*

*Energy and Utilities Law*

*Environmental Law*

*International Law*

*Land Use Planning*

*State and Local Government Law*

*Water Law*

WESTLAW: [CILP](#) (most recent 8 weeks only)

##### Search Tip:

Restrict a search by "field." For example: **topic**("land use planning") retrieves citations to articles listed under the topic "land use planning."

#### 2. LegalTrac

- Citations to articles, often with abstracts
- Selected full text
- Over 875 journals, including law reviews, legal newspapers, bar association journals and international legal journals published in the U.S., Canada, Great Britain, New Zealand and Australia
- Also included are law-related articles from over 1,000 business and general journal titles

[LegalTrac](#) (commercial web version)

Search Tip:

Begin with a “keyword” search. Use " \* " to retrieve variable endings of a word, for example: **financ\*** will retrieve **finance**, **finances**, **financing**. From retrieved list of citations, click on a relevant title. Use the “**Related Subjects**” links to retrieve articles which discuss the topic even though the keywords used in the search do not appear in the title or abstract.

*LEXIS* ([LAWREV;LRI](#)) (1980-)

Search Tip: The segment "**term**" restricts a search to the words designated as "term" in each record. An example of a subject search using some of the words appearing as "term" would be: **term**(limited-growth policy) or **term**(urban land use)

*WESTLAW* ([LRI](#)) (1980-)

Search Tip: The field restriction "**IN**" restricts search terms to the "descriptors" (i.e., subject terms) of each record. Using some of the "descriptors" listed in the citations found from a keyword search, a broader subject search could be: **in**("regional planning") or **in**("city planning")

### 3. Index to Legal Periodicals and Books (ILP)

#### Index to Legal Periodicals Retrospective (1908-1981)

- Citations to articles and selected books
- Selected full text articles
- Coverage of over 500 law reviews, journals, yearbook and government publications from the United States, Puerto Rico, Canada, Great Britain, Ireland, Australia, and New Zealand
- Commercial Databases

[Index to Legal Periodicals and Books \(ILP\)](#) (1980-) (commercial web version)

[Index to Legal Periodicals Retrospective](#) (1908-1981) (commercial web version)

Search Tip:

Begin with a keyword search, for example: sprawl or smart growth or sustain\*. Use the “subject(s)” links in a citation record to broaden a search.

*LEXIS* ([LAWREV; ILP](#)) (1978-)

Search Tip:

Use the segment "descriptors" and restrict a search to the words designated as "descriptors" in each record. “Descriptors” are words used to describe a topic, for example: **descriptor**(regional planning) or **descriptor**(land use)

*WESTLAW* ([ILP](#)) (July 1981 to date)

Search Tip:

Use the field restriction "**IN**" to restrict words to the "descriptors" (i.e., subject terms) of each record. “Descriptors” are words used to describe a topic, for example: **in**("city planning") or **in**("economic development")

### 4. Environmental Law Reporter News & Analysis

- Published by the Environmental Law Institute (ELI)
- Monthly
- Contains scholarly articles on new areas of environmental law
- Each issue contains a "**Journal Literature**" section listing citations to journal articles by topic

[ELR: Environmental Law Reporter](#) (commercial web version)

### Search Tip:

To conduct a "Journal Literature" search, click on "Indices and Search Tools," then "Cumulative U.S. Law Review Bibliography."

LEXIS ([ENVIRN;NEWS](#)) (1971-)

### Search Tip:

The segment "**sec-name**" restricts a search to the "Journal Literature" section of News & Analysis. Adding the segment "**title**" will further restrict a search to a particular subject. Thus, the search: **sec-name(journal literature) and title(land use)** will retrieve citations to articles appearing in "Journal Literature" section of News & Analysis under the topic "Land Use." Citations to articles link to selected full text of law review and journal articles available on LEXIS.

Print: Reserve: RESERVE (1ST FLOOR): Current; SL3: KF3775 .A6E5

## 5. Index to Foreign Legal Periodicals (IFLP)

- Published by the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL)
- Citations to articles
- 1985-
- Covers over 500 selected legal periodicals dealing with international law (public and private), comparative law and municipal law of those countries other than the U.S., the British Isles and the British Commonwealth, whose systems of law have a common law basis
- Source of discussion and analysis of international and foreign sustainable growth and development articles

[Index to Foreign Legal Periodicals \(IFLP\)](#) (commercial web version)

### Search Tip:

Keywords common to the United States, such as "sprawl," "smart growth," "sustainable growth," "brownfields," etc., are not found in the database. Conducting a keyword search using the phrase "sustainable development" will retrieve articles discussing international and foreign sustainable growth and development issues. The broader subject search "planning and zoning" will retrieve additional articles discussing growth, planning, land use and zoning. The search may be limited by date and country.

## B. Full Text Law Reviews, Journals and Legal Newsletters

### 1. Specialized Law Journals

Two law school journals specializing in sustainable development law are:

[The McGill International Journal of Sustainable Development Law and Policy](#) (McGill University)

[Sustainable Development Law & Policy](#)

(A joint publication of the Environmental Law Society (ELS) of the American University's Washington College of Law and The Center for International Environmental Law (CIEL))

[[LEXIS](#)] [[WESTLAW](#)]

### 2. Bureau of National Affairs (BNA) Newsletters

- Current analysis and reporting of domestic and international environmental legislation, case law and regulations
- Full text news articles link to related web sites and documents
- Search by keyword
- Browse by date

- Text and PDF formats

[Daily Environment Report](#) (commercial web version)

(Listed Under "BNA Web Notification")

**Print:** SL3: KF3775 .A15D35 (1993-2002)

[Environment Reporter-Current Reports](#) (weekly) (commercial web version)

(Listed Under "BNA Web Notification")

**Print:** SL3: KF3775 .A6E49 (1970-)

[International Environment Report](#) (biweekly) (commercial web version)

(Listed Under "BNA Web Notification")

**Print:** SL2: K3585.4 .I572 1978 (1987-)

### 3. [Hein Online](#) (commercial web database)

- Full text
- PDF
- Coverage of a journal often extends from volume 1 to date
- Retrieve by citation (volume, journal title, page number)
- Search by author, title or keyword
- Browse by journal title, article title or author

### 4. LEXIS

[LAWREV](#); [ALLREV](#):

Contains the full text of many law reviews and journals

[ENVIRN](#); [ENVLR](#):

Contains the full text of many environmental law journals and newsletters (Note: To conduct a thorough search for law review and journal articles discussing sustainable growth and development issues, search ALLREV and ENVLR)

[ENVIRN](#); [ENVRN](#):

A collection of environmental law newsletters, including state environmental newsletters, which will provide discussions of state and local sustainable growth issues and initiatives.

**News & Business > News:**

U.S. national and regional newspapers as well as international newspapers are also sources of information on sustainable growth and development issues.

### 5. WESTLAW

[TP-ALL](#) database:

Contains the full text of many law review and journals, texts and treatises

[JLR](#) database:

Contains full text law reviews, journals and CLE course handbooks

[ENVNEWS](#) database:

Contains environmental law reviews, texts and bar journals and is a better place to begin a search on sustainable growth and development issues. As with LEXIS searching, limiting a search to words in the title will retrieve more

substantive discussions of a topic.

**Business & News** databases:

U.S. national and regional newspapers as well as international newspapers are also sources of information on sustainable growth and development issues.

**6. E-Journal Finder: TDNet**

A research tool that provides links to full text online versions of legal and interdisciplinary journals, periodicals, and newspapers collected by the Jacob Burns Law Library and other GW libraries.

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### III. Non-Legal Bibliographic and Full Text Resources

Analysis gleaned from non-legal disciplines, such as geography, sociology, urban studies and economics, contributes to an understanding of the many facets of domestic and international sustainable growth and development issues.

A number of public policy, environmental science, legislative and social science web resources are available through the GWU Gelman Library's [ALADIN Research Portal](#). They provide citations to and selected full text of government reports, trade publications, scholarly journals, reports, conference proceedings, etc.. Coverage and content information can be obtained by clicking on the " i " listed next to each online source.

[E-Journals](#) is a research tool accessible through the Gelman Library web site that provides links to full text online versions of interdisciplinary journals, magazines and newspapers.

To access any of the resources below, click on the link then copy and paste the title (i.e., "ABI/INFORM Complete Plus") into the search box provided.

[ABI/INFORM Complete Plus](#)

[Academic Search Premier](#)

[AccessUN](#)

[CQ.com on Congress](#)

[ERIC and ERIC.COM](#) (education)

[GEOBASE](#) (physical and human geography, ecology, development)

[IngentaConnect](#)

[JSTOR](#)

[LexisNexis Congressional](#) (Congressional Research Service (CRS) Reports)

[National Bureau of Economic Research \(NBER\) Publications](#)

[National Journal Policy Central](#)

[PAIS International](#)

[Pollution Abstracts](#)

[Proquest Research Library Plus](#)

[Science Citation Index \(Web of Science\)](#)

[Sociological Abstracts](#)

[SourceOECD](#)

[World Bank e-Library](#)

[WorldCat](#)

[World Political Science Abstracts](#)

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## IV. Selected Books and Treatises

[JACOB](#), the Law Library's online catalog, can be used to find books and treatises relating to domestic and international sustainable growth and development in the Law Library's collection. It also links to selected materials on the web which may or may not be part of the Library's collection and to selected full text journals in PDF.

Often, it is best to begin with a "keyword" search. Click on one or more of the "subject" links found at the end of a relevant title retrieved to broaden the search.

Examples of subject terms that can be used in a "subject" search to retrieve books, reports, etc. on sustainable growth and development issues are:

*biodiversity conservation*

*city planning*

*climate changes*

*economic development environmental aspects*

*energy policy united states*

*energy conservation*

*environmental economics*

*environmental law international*

*global warming*

*Infrastructure economics*

*land use environmental aspects united states*

*land use united states planning*

*sustainable development*

*urban ecology*

*urban economics*

*water supply government policy*

### **Generally:**

**Land use materials** are shelved on SL2: HD101 - HD1131

**Selected sustainable development materials** are shelved on SL2: HC79

**U.S. energy law materials** are shelved on SL3: KF2120 - KF2140

**U.S. environmental law materials** are shelved on SL3: KF3775 - KF3816

**Foreign, international and comparative energy law materials** are shelved on SL2: K3981 - K3992

**Foreign, international and comparative environmental law and sustainable development materials** are shelved on SL2: K3581 - K3597

## Books:

- Atapattu, Sumudu A. Emerging Principles of International Environmental Law. New York: Transnational Publishers, 2006.  
**Print:** SL2: K3585 .A86 2006
- Blackburn, William R. The Sustainability Handbook. Washington D.C.: Environmental Law Institute, 2007.  
**Print:** SL2: HC110.E5 .B563 2007
- Boyle, Alan and David Freestone. International Law and Sustainable Development: Past Achievements and Future Challenges. New York: Oxford University Press, 1999.  
**Print:** SL2: K3585.4 .I5746 1999
- Bradbrook, Adrian J., et al. The Law of Energy for Sustainable Development. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2005.  
**Print:** SL2: K3978 .I92 2005
- Chalifour, Nathalie J., et al. Land Use Law for Sustainable Development. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2007.  
**Print:** SL2: K3534 .L36 2007
- Cordonier Segger, Marie-Claire and Ashfaq Khalfan. Sustainable Development Law: Principles, Practices, and Prospects. New York: Oxford University Press, 2004.  
**Print:** SL2: K3585 .C67 2004
- Cordonier Segger, Marie-Claire and Markus W. Gehring, editors. Sustainable Development in World Trade Law. The Hague: Kluwer Law International, 2005.  
**Print:** SL2 K3585 .S86 2005
- Cordonier Segger, Marie-Claire and C.G. Weeramantry, editors. Sustainable Justice: Reconciling Economic, Social and Environmental Law. Boston: Martinus Nijhoff Publishers, 2005.  
**Print:** SL2: K3585 .S87 2004
- Dernbach, John C., editor. Stumbling Toward Sustainability. Washington D.C.: Environmental Law Institute, 2002.  
**Print:** SL2: HC110.E5 S78 2002
- Ginther, Konrad, Erik Denters, and Paul J.I.M. de Waart. Sustainable Development and Good Governance. Boston: M. Nijhoff, 1995.  
**Print:** SL2: HD75.6 .S865 1995
- Hoffman, Scott L. The Law and Business of International Project Finance. 3rd edition. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2008.  
**Print:** SL2: KK891.B8 H64 2008
- Ørebech, Peter, et al. The Role of Customary Law in Sustainable Development. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2005.  
**Print:** SL2: K3585 .R65 2005
- Picciotto, Sol and Ruth Mayne, editors. Regulating International Business: Beyond Liberalization. New York: St. Martin's Press, 1999.  
**Print:** SL2: K3840 .R435 1999
- Rieu-Clarke, Alistair. International Law and Sustainable Development: Lessons from the Law of International Watercourses. Seattle : IWA Pub., 2005  
**Print:** SL2: K3585 .R54 2005
- Schrijver, Nico and Friedl Weiss. International Law and Sustainable Development: Principles and Practice. Boston : Martinus Nijhoff Publishers, 2004.  
**Print:** SL2: K3585 .I578 2004
- Weiss, Edith Brown, Laurence Boisson de Chazournes and Nathalie Bernasconi-Osterwalder, editors. Fresh Water and International Economic Law. New York: Oxford University Press, 2005.

**Print:** SL2: K3498 .F74 2005

Weiss, Friedl, Erik Denters, and Paul de Waart, editors. International Economic Law with a Human Face. The Hague: Kluwer Law International, 1998.

**Print:** SL2: K3820 .I555 1998

Werksman, Jacob, editor. Greening International Institutions. London: Earthscan, 1996.

**Print:** SL2: K3585.4 .G74 1996

Zaelke, Durand, Donald Kaniaru, and Eva Kruzíková, editors. Making Law Work: Environmental Compliance & Sustainable Development. London: Cameron May, 2005.

**Print:** SL2: K3585 .M34 2005

Zillman, Donald N., Alistair R. Lucas, and George (Rock) Pring, editors. Human rights in Natural Resource Development: Public Participation in the Sustainable Development of Mining and Energy Resources. New York: Oxford University Press, 2002.

**Print:** SL2: K3478 .H86 2002

## Treatises:

Berz, David R. et al. Environmental Law in Real Estate and Business Transactions. Matthew Bender, 1992-.

**Print:** SL3: KF3775 .B43

[\[LEXIS\]](#)

Boes, Marc, editor. International Encyclopaedia of Laws: Environmental Law. 1991-.

**Print:** SL2: K3585.4 .I56

Coggins, George Cameron. Public Natural Resources Law. 2nd edition. West, 2007-.

**Print:** SL3: KF5505 .C64

[\[WESTLAW\]](#)

Deketelaere, Kurt, editor. International Encyclopaedia of Laws: Energy Law. 2001- .

**Print:** SL2: K3478 .E54

Gerrard, Michael, editor. Brownfields Law and Practice: The Cleanup and Redevelopment of Contaminated Land. Matthew Bender, 1998-.

**Print:** SL3: KF3946 .B76

[\[LEXIS\]](#)

Gerrard, Michael, editor. Environmental Law Practice Guide : State and Federal Law. Matthew Bender, 1992-.

**Print:** SL3: KF3775.Z95 E58

[\[LEXIS\]](#)

Grad, Frank P. Treatise on Environmental Law. Matthew Bender, 1973-.

**Print:** SL3: KF3775 .G7

[\[LEXIS\]](#)

Mandelker, Daniel R. Land Use Law. Matthew Bender, 2003-.

**Print:** SL3: KF5698 .M29 2003

[\[LEXIS\]](#)

Muchow, David J. and William A. Mogel, editors. Energy Law and Transactions. Matthew Bender.

[\[LEXIS\]](#)

Rodgers, William H., Jr. Environmental Law. West, 1992-.

**Print:** SL3: KF3775 .R59 1986

[\[WESTLAW\]](#)

Rohan, Patrick J. Zoning and Land Use Controls. Matthew Bender, 1978-.

**Print:** SL3: KF5698 .R63

[\[LEXIS\]](#)

Selmi, Daniel P. State Environmental Law. West, 1989-.

**Print:** SL3: KF3775.Z95 S452

[\[WESTLAW\]](#)

Tarlock, A. Dan. Law of Water Rights and Resources. West, 1988-.

**Print:** SL3: KF5569 .T37 1988

[\[WESTLAW\]](#)

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## V. Treaties and Agreements

Basic Documents of International Environmental Law. London ; Boston : Graham & Trotman, 1992.

- Text of 200 important international environmental documents
- Includes resolutions, guidelines, decisions, recommendations, drafts, and conventions issued by international organizations and recording bodies

**Print:** SL2: K3583 .B37 1992

International Encyclopaedia of Laws. Environmental Law. Deventer ; Boston : Kluwer Law and Taxation Publishers, 1991-.

- Provides information regarding environmental laws and regulations on international and national levels

**Print:** SL2: K3585.4 .I56

International Environmental Law : Multilateral Treaties = Droit International de l'environnement : Traités Multilatéraux = Internationales Umweltrecht : Multilaterale.

London ; Boston : Kluwer Law International, 1974-.

- Contains major international instruments pertinent to the environment
- Treaties may be located chronologically or by subject
- The status of conventions included in the collection is provided
- 1868 to date

**Print:** SL2: K3583 .I68

International Environment Reporter, Reference File. Washington D.C. : BNA, 1971-.

- Texts of environmental treaties and bilateral agreements
- Citations to and selected full text of major environmental laws and regulations for selected countries
- Texts of European Union environmental directives, regulations, and decisions by subject

[BNA Electronic Subscriptions](#) (commercial web version)  
(select "Environment & Safety Library," then "International")

**Print:** SL2: K3585.4 .I57 1978

International Environmental Soft Law : Collection of Relevant Instruments. Dordrecht ; Boston : M. Nijhoff, 1993-2003.

- Texts of declarations, accords, recommendations, principles, proclamations (“soft law”) issued by international organizations concerned with international environmental law
- Chronological and subject indexes

**Print:** SL2: K3583 .I58 1999

International Legal Materials (ILM). Washington, D.C. : American Society of International Law, 1962-. Bimonthly.

- Selected texts of current environmental law treaties, draft treaties and agreements

[HeinOnline](#): Treaties and Agreements Library (commercial web version)  
LEXIS: [INTLAW;ILMTY](#) (1962-)  
WESTLAW: [ILM](#) (1980-)

**Print:** Reserve: Current Issues; SL1: K9 .N875

International Protection of the Environment: Conservation in Sustainable Development. New York : Oceana Publications, 1995-.

- Decisions and action plans that implement Agenda 21
- These legal and administrative decisions fall between hard law of treaties and the soft law of policy decisions
- Chronological index

**Print:** SL2: K3585.4 .I5748

Sands, Philippe. Principles of International Environmental Law. 2nd edition. New York : Cambridge University Press, 2003.

- Contains a detailed exposition of international environmental law
- Collection of international instruments provided in vol. II (A and B) and vol. III

**Print:** SL2: K3585 .S27 2003

Sands, Philippe and Paolo Galizzi, editors. Documents in International Environmental Law. 2nd edition. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2004.

- Companion volume to Principles of International Environmental Law
- Full text of selected treaties and documents with editorial introductions

**Print:** SL2: K3583 .D63 2004

Sands, Philippe and Paolo Galizzi, editors. Documents in European Community Environmental Law. 2nd edition. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2006.

- Companion volume to [Principles of International Environmental Law](#) and [Documents in International Environmental Law](#)
- Contains extracts of EC treaties, regulations, directives, decisions, and other acts of EC institutions

**Print:** SL3: KJE6242 .D63 2006

Weiss, Edith Brown. [International Environmental Law : Basic Instruments and References](#). Ardsley, N.Y. : Transnational Publishers, 1992.

**Print:** SL2: K3583 .W45 1992

Weiss, Edith Brown. [International Environmental Law : Basic Instruments and References](#). 1992-1999, Ardsley, N.Y. : Transnational Publishers, 1999.

- Text of over 130 international environmental agreements and instruments
- Information on signatories and status

WESTLAW: [INTLENVL](#)

**Print:** SL2: K3583 .W45 1999

### **Web Sources:**

#### [EISIL: Electronic Information System for International Law](#)

(American Society of International Law (ASIL))

- Documents and information organized by international law topics
- Includes primary documents, web sites and research guides on a topic

#### [Environmental Treaties and Resource Indicators \(ENTRI\)](#)

(Center for International Earth Science Information Network (CIESIN))

- Provides the full-text and summaries of about 100 international environment treaties
- Includes status information and lists the parties to a particular treaty
- Accessible alphabetically, chronologically by date of adoption, and by subject

#### [The Multilaterals Project](#)

(Fletcher School of Law & Diplomacy, Tufts University)

- Full text of international multilateral conventions and other instruments
- Arranged chronologically and by topic

#### [Transboundary Agreements Infobase](#)

(Commission for Environmental Cooperation (CEC))

- Provides access to about 200 agreements and treaties on transboundary environmental cooperation in North America
- Search by subject, agreement name, or party

#### [Transboundary Freshwater Dispute Database](#)

(Oregon State University, Department of GeoSciences)

- Summaries and/or full text of more than 400 international freshwater-related agreements from 1820-2002
- English and non-English language agreements are included
- Where available, translations of non-English language documents are provided

- Other international water resources available from the web site include: *International Water Event Database*: Documents historical international water relations from 1948-1999; *International River Basin Register*: Provides a list of international river basins delineated by continent; *Atlas of International Freshwater Agreements*: Contains an historical overview of international river basin management; a detailed listing of more than 400 international freshwater agreements; and a collection of thematic maps

### [United Nations Treaty Collection](#)

(United Nations Office of Legal Affairs)

- Over 30,000 treaties and related subsequent actions which have been published in the print [United Nations Treaty Series \(UNTS\)](#).
- Includes current web version of [Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General](#), which provides the status of 486 multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations

Environmental treaty Secretariat or Commission web sites can be valuable sources for documents and information relating to a treaty. Responsibilities of the Secretariat or Commission include arranging for implementation of the decisions from the meetings of the Conference of the Parties (COP); monitoring the implementation of a convention and protocols; representing a convention and protocols in the relevant international bodies; and providing information.

Links to these web sites are found in the "International Environmental Law" section of:  
[An Annotated Guide to Selected International/Foreign Law Internet Resources](#)

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## VI. Selected Web Resources

[U.S. Web Sites](#) . [International Web Sites](#)

Many web sites have been established by U.S. and foreign governments, non-profit associations and non-governmental organizations which provide commentary and analysis on sustainable growth and development issues. A selected list of these web sites, with links to specific resources, is set forth below:

### A. U.S. Web Sites

#### [American Bar Association \(ABA\)](#)

The ABA's web site is a valuable source of discussion and analysis of current sustainable growth and development issues.

[ABA Section on Environment, Energy and Resources \(SEER\) Committees](#):

[Public Land and Resources Committee Newsletter](#)

[Environmental Transactions and Brownfields Committee Newsletter](#)

[International Environmental Law Committee Newsletter](#)

[Climate Change, Sustainable Development, and Ecosystems Committee Newsletter](#)

[Smart Growth and Urban Policy Committee Newsletter](#)

[Natural Resources & Environment](#) is SEER's quarterly journal. Articles from the journal are available on the web to members only.

[Hein Online](#)

[LEXIS](#)

[WESTLAW](#)

**Print:** SL1: K14 .A88

ABA Section on State and Local Government Law:

[Urban Lawyer](#) contains articles on growth management and land use.

[Hein Online](#)

[LEXIS](#)

[WESTLAW](#)

**Print:** SL1: K25 .R34

[State & Local Law News](#), the Section's newsletter, publishes articles on land use, planning and zoning.

### [\*\*American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research \(AEI\)\*\*](#)

A menu of [AEI publications by topic](#) is available on the AEI web site.

### [\*\*American Institute of Architects \(AIA\)\*\*](#)

[AIA Sustainability Resource Center](#)

[AIA Communities by Design](#)

### [\*\*American Planning Association \(APA\)\*\*](#)

APA is a non-profit public interest and research organization of planners, officials, and citizens involved with urban and rural growth and development. APA publishes a number of periodicals: [Planning, Journal of the American Planning Association \(JAPA\)](#), [Planning and Environmental Law](#) (formerly [Land Use Law & Zoning Digest](#)), and [Zoning Practice](#) (formerly [Zoning News](#)).

A [database of abstracts of articles from APA publications](#) is searchable by author, title, keyword, subject and name of publication.

### [\*\*The Brookings Institution\*\*](#)

[Metropolitan Policy Program](#)

This Program studies and develops urban policies for better neighborhoods, cities, and metropolitan regions. The web site provides citations to articles, research papers and books. Selected research papers are available in PDF format. Research topics, such as transportation, smart growth, state and regional analyses, competitive cities and housing link to reports published by the Program as well as to external resources.

### [\*\*Cato Institute\*\*](#)

The Institute is a non-profit public policy research foundation. [A listing of areas of research](#) and [links to publications](#), including [Regulation](#) magazine are available through their web site.

### [\*\*Center for Brownfields Initiatives at the University of New Orleans\*\*](#)

Brownfields.com maintained by American Restoration Resources, Inc., is a web portal for information relating to brownfields redevelopment. Contributors to the site include federal government agencies (DOE, EPA, DOT, etc.) and business organizations. The site links to brownfields property in selected EPA regions. A "[Brownfields Information Library](#)" provides links to selected full text articles, "White Papers" (documents from federal government agencies and non-governmental organizations) and citations to books.

### [\*\*Clark Atlanta University: Environmental Justice Resource Center \(EJRC\)\*\*](#)

The Environmental Justice Resource Center (EJRC) at Clark Atlanta University was formed in 1994 to serve as a research, policy, and information clearinghouse on issues related to environmental justice, race and the environment, civil rights, facility siting, land use planning, brownfields, transportation equity, suburban sprawl, and smart growth. The EJRC web site links to domestic and international news relating to environmental justice, summaries of conferences, and books and articles.

### **Cornell University Law School Legal Information Institute (LII): [WEX: Land Use](#)**

LII's WEX (formerly "Law About") web site links to summaries of legal topics. Each topic links to primary and secondary legal materials on the web and selected print materials. The topic, "Land Use," links to federal laws and regulations, state statutes, selected New York Court of Appeals opinions, other land use law web sites.

### **[Environmental Law Institute \(ELI\)](#)**

ELI is a research and education institute focusing on domestic and international environmental law, policy and management. "[Program Areas of Focus](#)" link to publications on environmental and sustainable growth issues.

### **[Brownfields Center](#)**

The Brownfields Center provides information relating to brownfields cleanup and redevelopment. A "Brownfields Resource Database" contains a list of government offices, programs, nonprofit organizations, consultants and community groups working on brownfields related issues in a state or region. A "Brownfields Glossary" contains definitions of key terms associated with brownfields remediation and development. The "Brownfields Bibliography" links to publications produced by ELI. A list of citations to selected books, reports and articles not produced by ELI, with links to publishers' web sites is also included.

### **[Governing.com](#)**

Provides daily news, summaries of and links to articles from newspapers and other publications relating to state and local government as well as articles written exclusively for *Governing.com*

### **[Heritage Foundation](#)**

Founded in 1973, the Heritage Foundation is a research and educational organization whose mission is "to formulate and promote conservative public policies based on the principles of free enterprise, limited government, individual freedom, traditional American values, and a strong national defense."

"Research" links to topical pages of publications and commentary, for example:

["Energy and Environment"](#)

["Transportation and Smart Growth"](#)

["Urban Issues"](#)

### **[Lincoln Institute of Land Policy](#)**

The Lincoln Institute of Land Policy is a nonprofit, educational institution established in 1974. Selected research reports are available full text in each of their four departments:

[Department of Economic and Community Development](#)

[Department of Planning and Urban Form](#)

[Department of Valuation and Taxation](#)

[Department of International Studies](#) (Latin America, Caribbean, People's Republic of China)

### **[Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments \(COG\)](#)**

Founded in 1957, COG is a regional organization of Washington area local government officials and members of Congress. COG

studies and issues written reports on the environment, affordable housing, economic development, population growth, public safety, and transportation. Information on COG's work and links to selected reports are available through its web site:

[a complete list of COG reports by topic](#)

[current issue of Metropolitan Memo](#), COG's quarterly newsletter

[Census 2000 Reports](#), a regional analysis of Census data

### **[National Association of Regional Councils \(NARC\)](#)**

NARC represents multi-purpose regional councils of government that assist community leaders and citizens in developing common strategies for addressing issues such as transportation, economic development, air and water quality, social equity and growth. NARC's [publications web site](#) provides links to [eRegions](#), NARC's bimonthly newsletter, conferences and reports.

### **[National Council for Science and the Environment \(NCSE\): National Library for the Environment \(NLE\)](#)**

Supported by about 500 academic, scientific, environmental, and business organizations, NCSE is a science-based organization that promotes the integration of environmental science with interdisciplinary research; scientific assessment; communication of science-based information to decisionmakers and the general public; and environmental education.

The National Library for the Environment provides the full text of selected research documents and links to a variety of domestic and international environmental information. [Congressional Research Service \(CRS\) reports](#) are available in text and PDF formats, searchable by keyword and topic. Topics covered include public lands, population and transportation, regional growth and development, and sprawl and transportation planning. CRS is part of the Library of Congress and prepares research reports for members of the U.S. Congress.

### **[National Conference of State Legislatures \(NCSL\)](#)**

[NCSL 50-State Legislative Tracking Web Resources](#)

[Growth Management Legislation database](#)

[State Legislatures](#) (national magazine of policy and politics)

### **[\(U.S.\) National Academies](#)**

The National Academies bring together committees of experts in all areas of scientific and technological endeavor. These experts serve pro bono to address critical national issues and give advice to the federal government and the public. Four organizations comprise the Academies: the [National Academy of Sciences](#), the [National Academy of Engineering](#), the [Institute of Medicine](#) and the [National Research Council](#).

Publications of the National Academies can be read free online or can be purchased through the [National Academies Press](#) web site. Selected titles can be found in the Law Library's collection by searching [JACOB](#), the Library's online catalog.

### **[Natural Resources Defense Council \(NRDC\)](#)**

The NRDC is a non-profit organization of attorneys and scientists which works to protect the environment through litigation, scientific research and public education.

The "[Smart Growth](#)" and "[Green Living](#)" sites link to web resources and selected full text publications. Selected articles from the current and previous issues of NRDC's journal, [OnEarth](#) (formerly [The Amicus Journal](#)), are also available.

### **[Northeast-Midwest Institute](#)**

The Northeast-Midwest Institute is a Washington-based, private, non-profit, and non-partisan research organization dedicated to economic vitality, environmental quality, and regional equity for Northeast and Midwest states.

### **Pace Law School. [The Land Use Law Center](#)**

The Land Use Law Center is dedicated to fostering the development of sustainable communities in New York State. Through its many programs, the Center offers lawyers, land use professionals, citizens and developers assistance that enables them to achieve sustainable development at the local and regional level. The Center provides links to selected research papers, books and web sites.

### **[PlannersWeb](#)**

PlannersWeb is maintained by the Planning Commissioners Journal, a quarterly publication for citizen planners, covering practical topics, such as how to put together a comprehensive plan, running an effective meeting and conflict resolution. The site provides reviews of recent planning books and links to planning reports. The tables of contents of current and past issues of the Planning Commissioners Journal are also available.

### **[Rand Corporation](#)**

Rand is a non-profit research organization. Its focus was originally "research" and "development" (hence the name "rand") but its work has expanded to include business, education, law, health and science. The "[Environment, Energy and Economic Development](#)" web site provides links to news and publications.

### **[Resources for the Future \(RFF\)](#)**

RFF is a research organization concerned with environmental and natural resources issues. "Research Topics," such as "land use," "sustainable development," and "urban transportation," link to completed and in-progress RFF research reports, discussion papers, books and articles.

### **[Smart Growth America](#)**

Smart Growth America is a coalition of national, state and local organizations working to improve the ways we plan and build the towns, cities and metro areas. "[Resources & Links](#)" provides selected full text reports.

### **[Smart Growth Online](#)**

The Smart Growth Online, maintained by the Sustainable Communities Network (SCN), provides information on smart growth in the United States. SGN is an organization of developers, planners, government officials, lending institutions, community development organizations, architects, environmentalists and community activists. "Resources" links to a "[Smart Growth Resource Library](#)" of reports, books, case studies and web sites on sustainable growth and development issues. Selected documents are available full text in PDF format.

### **[Southern Environmental Law Center \(SELC\)](#)**

The SELC is an environmental organization of attorneys dedicated to protecting the natural resources of the southeastern United States. "[Newsletter and Publications](#)" links to news releases, the full text of [Advocacy in Action](#), SELC's newsletter, and SELC reports in PDF format.

## [The Trust for Public Land \(TPL\)](#)

Founded in 1972, the Trust for Public Land is a nonprofit organization which works to protect and conserve land for recreation and to improve the health and quality of life of communities in the United States. TPL publishes a semiannual journal, [Land & People](#), which contains articles on land conservation and development. "[Publications](#)" links to full text articles and reports.

## [U.S. Conference of Mayors \(COG\)](#)

The U.S. Conference of Mayors (USCM) is the official nonpartisan organization of cities with populations of 30,000 or more. There are 1,139 such cities in the country today. Each city is represented in the Conference by its chief elected official, the mayor. The U.S. Conference of Mayors: promotes the development of effective national urban/suburban policy; ensures that federal policy meets urban needs; and creates a forum in which mayors can share ideas and information. The web site provides links to news stories and reports.

## **U.S. Congress:**

### [Congressional Budget Office \(CBO\)](#)

### [U.S. General Accountability Office \(GAO\)](#)

GAO is the investigative arm of Congress. The agency examines the use of public funds, evaluates federal programs and activities, and provides analyses, options, recommendations, and other assistance to help the Congress make effective oversight, policy, and funding decisions. GAO's primary products are reports, often called "blue books," and testimony before Congress. Most reports are done at the request of members of Congress. GAO has published reports on brownfields, land use, community development, urban planning and transportation.

Abstracts of reports and testimony from January 1, 1975 and full text reports and testimony from 1995 to date in PDF are available. GAO posts full-text files on its web site daily, often within 24 hours of when a report or testimony is publicly released.

### **U.S. Department of Energy (DOE).** [Smart Communities Network](#)

Although the site information has not been updated since 2005, many of the links have been kept current. Topics covered include sustainability as it relates to energy, including land use planning, green development, sustainable business and transportation.

### **U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)**

#### [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\): Environmental Health](#)

### **U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)**

#### [Office of Community Planning and Development \(CPD\)](#)

The Office of Community Planning and Development (CPD) seeks to develop viable communities by promoting integrated approaches that provide decent housing, a suitable living environment, and expand economic opportunities for low and moderate income persons. "[Library](#)" links to a searchable collection of the Office's publications.

### [U.S. Environmental Protection Agency \(EPA\)](#)

#### [Brownfields and Land Revitalization](#)

The Brownfields web site provides information on projects and initiatives; publications; news and events; liability and cleanup information; laws, regulations and guidance documents; and links to other EPA web sites relating to brownfields.

#### [Environmental Justice](#)

This web site provides links to the [National Environmental Justice Advisory Council \(NEJAC\)](#) a federal advisory committee that was established by charter on September 30, 1993 to provide independent advice, consultation, and recommendations to the Administrator

of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on matters related to environmental justice. The NEJAC web site provides the full text of NEJAC reports and summaries of meetings.

### [Smart Growth](#)

EPA's Smart Growth web site links to EPA documents and programs, including web sites of the EPA regional offices relating to sustainable growth and development.

### **University of Buffalo, Department of Urban and Regional Planning: [Cyburbia](#)**

Cyburbia, established in 1994, is the Internet's oldest portal and social networking site for urban planners and others interested in cities and the built environment. "[Bookstore](#)" links to selected books on urban and land use planning available from the Amazon.com web site.

### **University of Maryland. [National Center for Smart Growth Research & Education and the Environmental Finance Center](#)**

Founded in 2000 as a cooperative venture of four University of Maryland schools: Architecture, Planning and Preservation, Public Policy, Agriculture and Natural Resources, and Engineering. It is a non-partisan center for research and leadership training on smart growth and related land use issues nationally and internationally. The Center conducts independent, objective research in four general areas: land use and the environment; transportation and public health; housing and community development; and international development issues.

### [Urban Institute](#)

The Urban Institute is a nonprofit research organization established in Washington, D.C. in 1968 which studies economic and social policy issues. The Urban Institute has [ten major policy centers](#). The centers link to reports and statistics.

### [Urban Land Institute \(ULI\)](#)

Founded in 1936, ULI is a research and educational institute which focuses on urban planning, land use and development. [Abstracts of books published by ULI](#) are available. "[Research](#)" links to selected full text policy papers and books on a variety of sustainable growth issues.

### **Washington University. [Land Use Law](#)**

The Washington University Law Use Law web site is maintained by Professor Daniel R. Mandelker at the University of Washington School of Law for his land use law course. The site provides links to selected articles on land use law; court decisions; zoning and land use ordinances; and land use web sites.

### [Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars](#)

The Center is the living, national memorial to President Wilson established by Congress in 1968 and headquartered in Washington, D. C. It is a nonpartisan institution, supported by public and private funds, engaged in the study of national and world affairs. "[Programs](#)" links to news and research reports by region and by topic. The [Comparative Urban Studies Project \(CUSP\)](#) site links to publications and conference proceedings.

## **B. International Web Sites**

### [Cater Center Global Development Initiative](#)

The Carter Center, in partnership with Emory University, is committed to advancing human rights and alleviating unnecessary human

suffering. Founded in 1982 by former U.S. President Jimmy Carter and former First Lady Rosalynn Carter, the Atlanta-based Center has helped to improve the quality of life for people in more than 70 countries.

### [Centre for International Sustainable Development Law \(CISDL\)](#)

The mission of the Centre for International Sustainable Development Law (CISDL) is to promote sustainable societies and the protection of ecosystems by advancing the understanding, development and implementation of international sustainable development law.

### [International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development \(ICTSD\)](#)

The International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development (ICTSD) was established in Geneva in September 1996 to contribute to a better understanding of development and environment concerns in the context of international trade.

As an independent non-profit and non-governmental organisation, ICTSD engages a broad range of actors in ongoing dialogue about trade and sustainable development. With a wide network of governmental, non-governmental and inter-governmental partners, ICTSD plays a unique systemic role as a provider of original, non-partisan reporting and facilitation services at the intersection of international trade and sustainable development.

### [International City/County Management Association](#)

ICMA is the professional and educational organization for chief appointed managers, administrators, and assistants in cities, towns, counties, and regional entities throughout the world. Since 1914, ICMA has provided technical and management assistance, training, and information resources to its members and the local government community.

[ICMA Resource Center](#) (selected full text publications on a variety of sustainable growth topics)

### [International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives \(ICLEI\)](#)

Founded in 1990, ICLEI is an international environmental agency of local governments which works to further sustainable growth and development. It is under the sponsorship of the United Nations Environment Programme, the International Union of Local Authorities (IULA) and the Center for Innovative Diplomacy. "[Resources](#)" links to selected reports.

### [International Development Research Centre \(IDRC\)](#)

IDRC is a Canadian Crown corporation that works in close collaboration with researchers from the developing world in their search for the means to build healthier, more equitable, and more prosperous societies.

### [International Economic Development Council \(IEDC\)](#)

IEDC works to foster greater understanding and cooperation among economic development agencies and organizations so as to better assist distressed people, businesses and places.

### [International Institute for Environment and Development \(IIED\)](#)

IIED is a non-profit organization which promotes sustainable patterns of world development through research, policy studies and collaboration. Natural resources, human settlements, governance, climate change and sustainable markets are some of the topics listed on the web site. The tables of contents and abstracts of selected articles from IIED's journal, [Environment & Urbanization](#), are available.

### **[International Institute for Sustainable Development \(IISD\): IISDnet](#)**

IISD is an international research organization which works with governments, business and citizens to further sustainable growth and development.

### **[International Law Association \(ILA\)](#)**

The International Law Association was founded in Brussels in 1873. Its objectives, under its Constitution, are "the study, clarification and development of international law, both public and private, and the furtherance of international understanding and respect for international law". The ILA has consultative status, as an international non-governmental organisation, with a number of the United Nations specialised agencies.

### **[International Society of City and Regional Planners \(IsoCaRP\)](#)**

Founded in 1965, the IsoCaRP is an international organization of urban planners. The IsoCaRP web site provides links to summaries of conference proceedings, case studies, selected full text reports, online journals and international web sites on urban planning and the environment.

### **[Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development \(OECD\)](#)**

OECD is an international organization of countries which works to coordinate domestic and international economic and social policies. Browse the web site by topic ("Development", "Sustainable Development", "Environment", etc.) to locate related news stories, reports, articles and other OECD publications.

### **[Pan American Health Organization: Sustainable Development and Environmental Health](#)**

### **[Stockholm Environment Institute \(SEI\)](#)**

SEI is an independent, international research institute specializing in sustainable development and environment issues. It works at local, national, regional and global policy levels. SEI's mission is to support decision-making and induce change towards sustainable development around the world by providing knowledge that bridges science and policy in the field of environment and development. The web site links to SEI's research programs and publications. Selected full text documents are available in PDF.

### **[Urban Environment, European Union](#)**

The Urban Environment web site links to EU documents relating to the urban environment.

### **United Nations:**

#### **[United Nations Conference on Trade and Development \(UNCTAD\)](#)**

#### **[United Nations Development Programme \(UNDP\)](#)**

#### **[United Nations Environment Programme \(UNEP\)](#)**

#### **[United Nations Centre for Human Settlements \(Habitat\)](#)**

#### **[United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs. Division of Sustainable Development](#)**

### **[World Bank Group:](#)**

#### **[International Finance Corporation \(IFC\)](#)**

IFC provides loans, equity, structured finance and risk management products, and advisory services to build the private sector in developing countries.

**[Urban Development Web Site](#)**

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**[World Health Organization \(WHO\)](#)**

**[World Resources Institute \(WRI\)](#)**

WRI is an international research organization concerned with the interrelationships of the environment, economic development and human needs. A list of WRI publications is available from the web site.

"[EarthTrends: The Environmental Information Portal](#)" provides data, maps, articles and country profiles about environment and sustainable development. Specific environment and economic information from different countries is provided, including energy output, greenhouse gas emissions, water and food supplies and forest resources.