

# How can the earth be saved?

**In the last 60 years, we have destroyed more of the environment than in the last 6,000 combined. This isn't caused just by increased population. We produce much more than enough food for everyone on earth. Worldwide use of chemical fertilizers, pesticides and fossil fuels is rising far faster than population. The problem is how those in power control and use the earth's resources.**

We live in an economic and social system driven by greed. In blind search for profit, capitalist production undermines the sources of all wealth — workers and the earth. We need to replace it with an economic system based on democratic control — that is, socialism. A new society could develop technology to meet the needs of humanity and the earth, rather than those of corporate profit, and allow the return of vast areas of land to pristine natural condition and the conversion of our cities into healthy communities. The old one will bring us more exploitation, environmental degradation and poverty, regardless of minor reforms.

In the short term, we must fight to restore and protect clean air, water, land and ecosystems. We must have:

- **An end to clear-cutting of old-growth forests and a genuine reforestation program;**
- **An end to the use of unnecessary and harmful agricultural chemicals and their replacement by means which lead to healthy soil, farm workers, and consumers;**
- **Massive development of free public transportation to reduce reliance on automobiles;**
- **Replacing fossil and nuclear power with a multi-source energy system based on solar and other forms of renewable energy; and**
- **Effective democratic planning for urban and regional development based on the principles of sound ecosystems management, to reconstruct our cities and revitalize and preserve our open space, recreational, agricultural and wilderness regions.**

But to get even these minimal measures, we need a movement committed to fundamentally different power relations in this country and the world. Since before it became the first party to use the word “ecology” in its platform in 1968, the Peace and Freedom Party has worked to build such a movement. In 1998 we temporarily lost our ballot status. To get it back we need to increase our registration to 86,212. Register Peace & Freedom Party now and help build a real alternative to capitalist destruction of humanity and the earth.

If you are a U.S. citizen, not in prison or on parole for a felony, and will be 18 by the day of the next election, you can register to vote.



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