

**John (Jack) R. Venrick**

**From:** "John (Jack) R. Venrick" <jacksranch@skynetbb.com>  
**To:** "AJack R. Venrick" <jacksranch@skynetbb.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 10, 2012 3:42 PM  
**Attach:** RottenTomatoGram.doc  
**Subject:** Jones Farms Stand Closes. Send a tomato-gram to Pete Rose, San Juan County WA Administrator  
a tomato-gram to Pete Rose, San Juan County WA Administrator

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Jack Venrick  
**To:** AJack R. Venrick  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 24, 2011 8:26 PM  
**Subject:** Jones Farms Stand Closes. Send a tomato-gram!



November 24, 2011

Dear Mr. Rose,

We support the Jones Farm Stand.

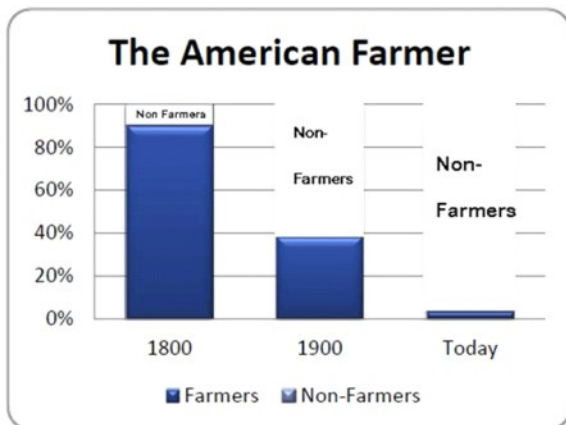
This rotten tomato is for you for closing them down.

Sincerely,

(Mr. & Mrs. John & Stephanie Venrick)

Enumclaw, Washington  
Rollins, Montana

**Background and Setup Graphics to See The Big Picture Regarding the Jones Farms Stand Closing Below.**



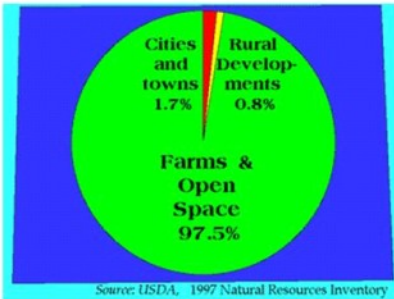
**The complete criminalization of home-produced foods and medicines, forcing total reliance on factory food production**

Speaking of food, corrupt "scientists" will soon insist that growing your own food is extremely dangerous because you might grow e.coli in your garden! With such absurd justifications, home gardening will be completely outlawed in many towns, and those who try to secretly grow

tomatoes will be arrested and imprisoned as if they were heroin smugglers.

The idea of all this is to make the population completely dependent on **centralized factory food production**, in the same way the population is currently dependent on centralized electricity and centralized fossil fuels. This will all be justified with the help of "scientists" who claim that factory-produced food is safer for you because it's all pasteurized, irradiated and fumigated.

Learn more: [http://www.naturalnews.com/034229\\_science\\_cyborgs.html#ixzz1eIXir4bZ](http://www.naturalnews.com/034229_science_cyborgs.html#ixzz1eIXir4bZ)



Farms and Open Space is 97.5% of America there is NO reason to herd people into ant hills and bee hives, this is the madness of this UN Agenda 21 global to local taking scam.



Here is a picture by [www.ti.org](http://www.ti.org) of Portland Oregon I believe and how they have used political and legal fiction to lined the municipal corporation budget by forcing to make choices between being rat packed and stacked vs. buying large acreages who values have been destroyed by zoning. These farmers need a pension too and often their land is their retirement to the good life. This is all destroyed by this global to local con game.

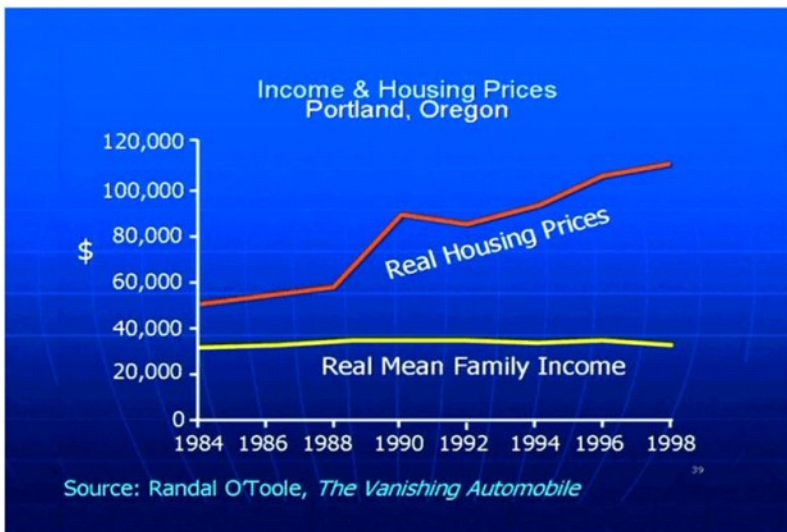
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### NGOs Promoting Smart Growth

- American Planning Association (APA)
- International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI)
  - Now called Local Governments for Sustainability

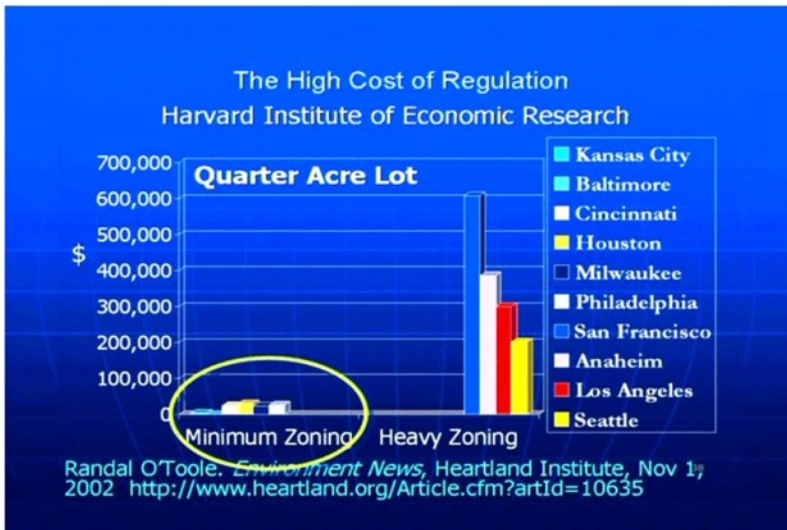
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These are the bad guys behind this "rack em, pack em, stack em so we can control you and your life, a.k.a. keep you safe and sound.

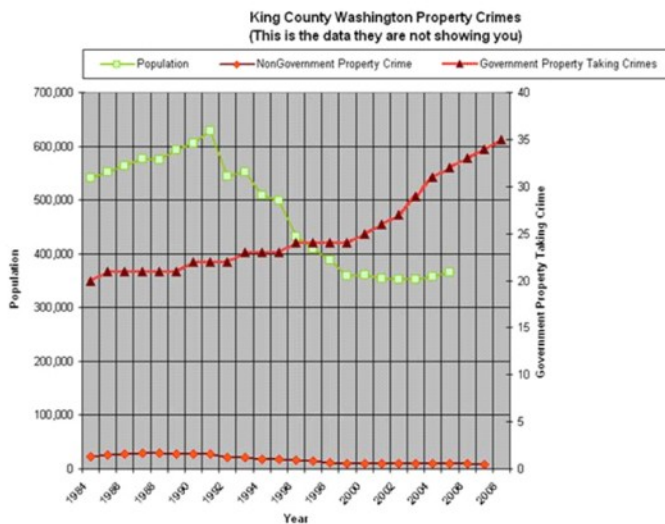


We have lost homes, land, jobs, purchasing power and quality of life through these takings and criminal ideology.

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Regulation cannot be used on American Citizens for any reason unless they personally agree to it. Regulations go against all the highest fundamental and founding laws of the land, i.e. LONANG, Declaration of Independence and the success and intent of the first American Revolution.



This chart above shows how population is controlled by the used of government and non-government taking property crimes.

Jones Farm Stand Closing Emailvnr

----- Original Message -----  
**From:** Ken Morse  
**To:** Ken Morse  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 23, 2011 6:47 PM  
**Subject:** Fwd: FW: Jones Farms Stand Closes. Send a tomato-gram!

Please take time to read the lower portion below. Counties will soon be shutting down farm stands across the State.

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Why? Because they can. Smells like Agenda 21 to me.

I am a former bureaucrat (Restaurant inspector in San Juan Co. none the less) and I know just how dangerous this is. If you think this doesn't affect you, then think again. Home churches or prayer meetings could be force to meet commercial building code regulations, etc. We cannot let this go unanswered.

You can read the news story at <http://sanjuanco.com/News/CountyNews.aspx>

Here is what I propose. Lets send tomatoes to the County Administrator Pete Rose. Take one of the following actions to send a rotten-tomato-gram (or vegetable).

1) Mail some celery or a tomato in a bubble wrap envelop to Pete Rose.  
BE SURE TO PUT THE VEGETABLE IN A ZIP LOCK BAG!

**Include a note "We support the Jones Farm Stand & this rotten vegetable is for you."**

**Pete Rose, County Administrator**

**350 Court St. #5**

**Friday Harbor, WA 98250**

(AS AN ALTERNATIVE SEND A PICTURE OF A TOMATO)

2) Fax a picture of a tomato with the message **"We support the Jones Farm Stand; this rotten tomato is for you for closing it down."** Pete Rose's FAX is 360-370-5085

I couldn't find an email for Mr. Rose. Have fun with this. BTW I spoke with Sara Jones (a life long Democrat) and I gotta tell you this shouldn't be happening to such nice people

Respectfully, Ken Morse  
Olympia Tea Party

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Frank M Penwell** <[iwp@rockisland.com](mailto:iwp@rockisland.com)>

Date: Fri, Nov 18, 2011 at 8:55 AM

Subject: FW: Jones Farms Stand Closes

To: Frank M Penwell <[iwp@rockisland.com](mailto:iwp@rockisland.com)>

While CAPR (Citizens Alliance for Property Rights) type organizations have not been actively supporting "Farmers Markets or Ag Caucus activities", they have been working on the Land use issues, which directly lead to unintended consequences for these groups, like the below story.

Many of you have suggested that this CAO issue is political. It is not, and that is well stated in the article below.

I recommend a group on Lopez start a CAPR Chapter. Feel free to call me for details

Frank 378-6473

It is time to wake up as to what is happening in this County. Here is a young Family who has worked so hard to build their business of producing QUALITY FOOD on this Island and this is how our County Government is responding. If any of you think your free of this kind of harassment on your personal property you had better wake up because this is happening all over the USA. It is Time we start paying attention,HOLD THOSE WE ELECT RESPONSIBLE and support these FARMERS<COMMON SENSE ALLIANCE and other s trying to stand for what is right. WE CAN'T KEEP THINKING THIS IS SOMEONE ELSE'S PROBLEM.

Kay

Begin forwarded message:

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**From:** Jones Family Farms <[barlowbay@yahoo.com](mailto:barlowbay@yahoo.com)>

**Date:** November 18, 2011 5:41:30 AM PST

**To:** Kay Berg <[kay135@centurytel.net](mailto:kay135@centurytel.net)>

**Subject:** Jones Farms Stand Closes

**Dear Kay,**  
**Please disseminate the following as you see fit.**  
**Thanks,**  
**N&S**

Jones Family Farms  
Nick and Sara Jones  
1934 Mud Bay Rd, Lopez, WA. 98261  
[360-468-0533](tel:360-468-0533) [barlowbay@yahoo.com](mailto:barlowbay@yahoo.com)

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**San Juan County forces Jones Farm-stand to close.**

After two and a half years of operation, the San Juan County CD&P has determined that we are operating our farm-stand "without the benefit of a permit". This does not relate to our ongoing dispute with the county about the appropriate placement and operation of farm-stands on rural lands. That is a use, issue, and is still not resolved. Our current sin, it appears, is to operate in innocence of commercial building codes. According to Chris Laws and John Geniuch, enforcement officer and building official, respectively, we are not exempt from commercial building code requirements, as we had believed up to this point and as previous planning department officials had informed us. Our farm-stand is roughly 200 square feet, self-service, and sells a variety of frozen island grow meats, frozen local seafoods, and fresh live Lopez Island Shellfish. This 200 square foot building is apparently required to satisfy all the legal requirements of a full sized grocery store, restaurant, or any other commercial enterprise. We have been informed that we face prosecution if the issue is not "addressed" within 15 days of our notice. San Juan County appears from preliminary research to be the only Washington county where commercial building codes are enforced on farm-stands.

Compliance would cost us tens of thousands of dollars, as well as consuming vast amounts of time. However, neither Mr. Laws nor Mr. Geniuch is willing to tell us what exactly we need to do in order to comply before we submit a permit and commit to carrying out all required improvements. Our elected officials inform us that they have no capacity to protect us from these officials. We have neither the financial ability nor the desire to write a blank check to conform to pointless standards.

Therefore, we have decided to close our farm-stand as of November 30, 2011.

By San Juan County interpretation of the laws, every farm-stand in the county is currently in violation of these same codes. Every artist studio, home church, or any private building that is advertised as open to the public does so in violation of these codes. Any person owning or operating such a facility can, at any moment be forced to close or comply, on the timeline, whim and caprice of an individual code enforcement officer, with open ended "commercial" upgrades to their stand, studio or home.

We will lose a significant portion of our business. We will lose our ability to serve our community. Our local, weekender and visitor customers will lose access to our products. It would be one thing if this were an isolated instance. It is not.

Every San Juan County mission statement, public utterance and press release, declares commitment to small business, local agriculture and entrepreneurialism. Our experiences in owning, operating and building our business over the past ten years finds these statements to be at best delusional and at worse a cynical lie. County officials seem to view small business; particularly resource based small business, as an annoyance, an enemy, and a cash cow. We are actively punished for producing, employing and operating in San Juan County. Much of San Juan County code is written like private community CC&Rs and provides endless opportunities for complainants to launch actions against neighbor, citizens and businesses. We have been criminally prosecuted for having livestock escape (finally dropped after 10 lost work days and \$2000 in lawyer fees), informed by Paul Turner, deputy fire marshal that we need to

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mow standing grass to avoid "fire risk" (standing grass is otherwise known as cow food, and as such is an economic asset for us), turned in for placing a travel trailer on our own property (not, actually against the law), we are continually harassed by Betsy Wingren, the county health inspector, mostly with pointless, time consuming demands to replicate and triplicate documentation we already provide to state and federal health authorities (Ms. Wingren provided the complaint to the planning department that has resulted in our farm-stand closing), just as a sampling. We find that we spend the equivalent of one quarter time position just attending meetings, responding to complaints and generally trying to hold our own against the tide of interference. We sit in meeting after meeting facing government and non-profit staff, all of whom are on payroll while we lose work time to represent and defend ourselves. All this time, all these efforts produce nothing. All these resources expended and not one person is fed, not one life is brightened, not one baby is diapered.

We operate an organic farm, we produce, award winning, healthful, carbon neutral food. We employ between 5-10 people year round. We bring hundreds of thousands of dollars into the county annually. We pay all our taxes, we donate to community organizations, we sit on committees, commissions and boards, we collaborate with environmental groups to address real resource issues, we innovate to address real safety and health issues, we host regular free, open houses, pig roasts and farm tours. In turn we are treated as criminals, earth rapers and endless piggy banks by San Juan County, Washington State and the federal government. All our business owner friends, particularly owners of resource based businesses, tell the same story.

And it is getting worse and worse. Now we are launching into agriculture CAO star wars, whereby perceived, undefined impacts on unspecified species and natural functions are criminally punishable, and anyone can initiate an enforcement action against anyone they choose, with the burden of proof and expense of proof on the farmer. We who work the land and produce food are set to be fully accountable, at our time and expense, for the impressions and opinions of passersby and activists. We state in unequivocal terms, the CAO will throttle agricultural production and opportunity in San Juan County and will do nothing to improve the environment. The CAO is an existential threat to agriculture in San Juan County.

Our elected officials wring their hands, fiddle around the edges and tell us that their hands are tied. Public services are getting slashed but enforcement seems to have plenty of resources. In the most recent state budget cuts proposal the Department of Ecology is practically the only agency not to see a severe budget cut. We are told that government can no longer perform critical functions to care for citizens and enable economic activity, but the list of prohibited and regulated activities grows almost by the day and somehow there is always money to enforce these.

Our elected officials pass the buck up and out, "our hands are tied" we hear again and again. This is not leadership. We did not elect our county officials merely to take dictation for state and federal mandates. They appear so terrified by potential lawsuits as to be completely neutered. If a state or federal mandate does not work for our county, bring on a lawsuit! Let's elevate the absurdity of what is happening to our county, our state and to our nation. That is the only way things are ever going to change. Is it better to sacrifice our productive base, the people who actually fund government, then to expend county dollars on a lawsuit? What are county resources for anyhow? Is the best use of our tax money simply to pay for harassing county residents on behalf of higher levels of government?

Our elected officials bemoan the death of the middle class in San Juan County. They sing the praises of local agriculture. They extol the entrepreneurial zeal of people like us. We have been featured in articles, videos and press releases. Then, time and time again they throw us under the bus, stack new requirements on us and impose fee after tax after fee to pay for it all. We can no longer accept government officials making free with our time, resources and goodwill. As of November 30 our farm-stand will close. Doing so will mean clothes off the backs of our children, wages unpaid to our employees, healthful food denied our customers and tax revenue forgone for our local, state and federal governments. Who wins?

We challenge our local elected officials: Do your jobs and protect us from your own bureaucracy and from carping citizens, stand up for us against higher levels of government. Legislate, don't simply interpret, and if lawsuits follow, then let the chips fall where they may. Use your bully pulpit to foster rules and structures that encourage responsible business and reward hard work. If you are unwilling to do so, please remove the misleading and incorrect language about working for the people and fostering opportunity from our San Juan County mission statements and replace it with something more truthful about deliberately smashing the middle class and outlawing economic opportunity.

We challenge our fellow citizens: Express your views on these issues loudly, politely, insistently and indefatigably to our elected officials. If they cannot help us then let's get rid of them all and try a new round. These issues transcend party and ideology. We are lifelong Democrats. However, next year we plan to vote against every incumbent, regardless of party, unless given very good reason not to.

Please join us at our farm-stand, 1454 Mud Bay Rd. for a last open house and farewell on Saturday November 26 from 2-6pm.

Nick and Sara Jones.

Nick & Sara Jones

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