

Socio-Environomics

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Socio-Environomics is the development and application of a blueprint program for a socially based environmental work force to provide services for structured environmental, estuarian, and possible marine initiatives in return for training, shelter, board, benefits, and some small stipend.

The recruitment of this work force would center primarily on the homeless, unemployed, and underprivileged. Once acquired, subsequent to a basic training period, this work force would then be interfaced with the present environmental infrastructure. A program such as this would not only broaden and strengthen the environmental effort, but also would alleviate some portion of the social dilemmas facing society as a whole.

At present, tax monies are spent on social programs with virtually no return and ever-increasing economic burdens on taxpayers. Thus a program such as this would provide basically the same recipient benefits as full welfare; yet there would be substantial gains for environmental programs, which are at present lacking manpower and funding. Once incorporated, the program would then strive to accomplish the following goal steps:

- The first step being increased wide spread quality control monitoring of land, water, and air. Also a significant increase in sampling and testing of intercoastal areas.
- The second step would be to drastically intensify environmental cleaning and retrofitting in intercoastal areas.
- When a significant degree of environmental balance has been restored, the next step would be the implementation of agricultural, aquacultural, and maricultural technologies to regenerate and enhance failing flora and fauna populations across the intercoastal regions.
- The final step would be to maintain the blueprint program as a permanent facet of the social structure, to insure against any phasing out as success is achieved.