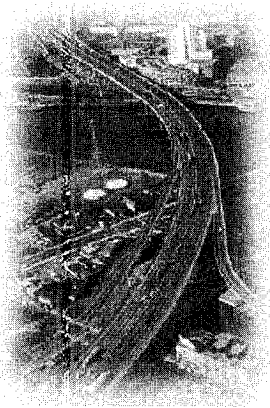


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**Our hotel** is the Bridgeport Holiday Inn, in the center of downtown Bridgeport close to several restaurants. Parking is free to all guests. Amenities include: indoor pool, voice mail, coffee makers, hair dryers, irons and ironing boards.

**Getting there:** Our hotel is at Exit 27 on I-95. It is two blocks from the Greyhound Bus Station and Amtrak/Metro North Rail Station; the Port Jefferson Ferry Terminal is also close by.



There are five nearby airports: LaGuardia, Kennedy, Newark, Hartford & Islip. All have ground transportation to our hotel. Please allow approximately three hours to get to and from the airport of your choice.

Complete travel details will be sent with confirmations.

**Rooms:** Sleeping rooms are \$89 plus tax for single/quad occupancy. Reserve your room by June 13th by calling 800-HOLIDAY, or (203) 334-1234. Mention that you are attending the Georgist Conference/CGO. To get this price, you must **follow these instructions** — no exceptions.

**Meals:** There will be a catered lunch each day. Saturday evening will feature our annual Gala Banquet. The conference will conclude with our annual Friendship Brunch on Sunday. All program meals will have vegetarian and fruit selections.

**Room Sharing:** If you would like to share a room, but need to find a roommate, please contact the administrators as soon as possible.

**Exhibits and Inserts:** Tables are 72" by 30". Prices are \$50 per full table; \$35 per half table. The exhibit room will also be used for conversation and breaks. The cost to insert materials in registration packets is \$25 per insert. If you wish to Exhibit or to Insert, please contact the administrators by June 25, 2003.

**Refund Policy:**

A 20% administrative fee will be charged if you cancel before June 27, 2003. After that date, the cancellation fee will be 50% on all full and partial packages. (Excepting documented medical emergencies.)



**Participant List:** A list of participants as of July 1st will be available at the conference.

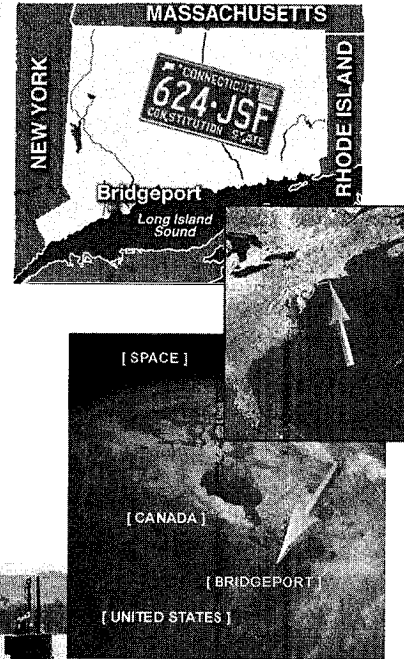
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# Affordable Cities: Bringing the Cost of Living Down to Earth

The 23rd  
Annual Conference  
of the Council  
of Georgist Organizations  
July 16-20, 2003



☒ **Why** has the nation's leading industrial region become a hodgepodge of urban "quick fixes"?

☒ **Why** are huge shopping malls built right next to blighted downtown shopping districts?

☒ Why must ever-more desperate cities offer Corporations ever-sweeter deals?

☒ What if we told you that every city sits on a revenue source that is fully sufficient to meet its budgets while bringing businesses and people in? Would you be interested?

## The Program

### Wednesday, July 16th

3:30 PM — **Conference Registration Begins**

6:30 — **Welcome** — from Mayor John Frabrizi and Hosts Ted & Toni Gwartney. Refreshments in the Roof Garden.

7:30 — **Fundraising** — Scott Walton will share an overview of foundations, corporate sources & planned giving.

8:30 — **CGO Member Reports # 1** — Welcome from Mark Sullivan. Jake Himmelstein, Moderator.

9:30 — **Internet Workshop** — Wyn Achenbaum, Lindy Davies, Dan Sullivan and others on how we're doing at using the Web to get the Georgist message out.

### Thursday, July 17

7:30 AM — **Conference Registration**

8:30 — **Welcome** — Ted Gwartney & Mark Sullivan.

8:45 — **Seeing the Cat: Issues in Georgist Education** — (concurrent sessions)

**Georgist Punditry: Responding Knowledgeably on Current Events** — Led by Don Hurford and Mike Curtis.

**Georgist Education: Theory and Practice** — Chuck Metalitz, HGS-Chicago and Vesa Nelson, HGS-NY.

10:30 — **International Georgist Issues**

**The Case for Land Rent Taxation in South Africa** — Peter Meakin.

**Building the Georgist Movement in Nicaragua** — Paul Martin & Jim Dawsey.

Lunch — **Does overpopulation cause poverty?** — Point/Counterpoint with Ed Dodson & Lindy Davies.

1:45 PM — **Land Appraisal Bus Tour of Bridgeport** — Tour Guide: Ted Gwartney. With a visit to the Booth Family Farm in Fairfield, a national historic landmark with beautiful architecture & gardens.

5:30 — Dinner on Long Island Sound: Last stop on the Bus Tour before returning to the Hotel.

8:30 — **CGO Member Reports # 2** — Moderator: Jake Himmelstein.

9:30 — **Open Mike #1** — with Your Host, Don Hurford.

### Time to Relax!

We'll have a half-hour break each morning at 10, and a catered lunch each day

### Friday, July 18th

**Affordable Cities:**

**Bringing the Cost of Living Down to Earth**

7:30 AM — **Registration & Continental Breakfast**

8:30 — **Welcome** — Ted Gwartney.

8:35 — **The State of Our Cities** — Introduction by New Haven Mayor DiStefano, President of the National League of Cities — **Problems created by tax policies** — Bob Kantor, Regional Director, Fannie Mae, Hartford — **Who Owns our Cities?** — Ed Dodson, Senior Housing & Community Development Business Manager, Fannie Mae, Philadelphia.

10:30 — **Connecticut: A State of Haves and Have-Nots** Moderator: Bob Kantor.

**What does Connecticut give up in Federal taxation, and what does Connecticut get back in Federal services?** — Jeff Cohen\*, University of Connecticut at Hartford.

**What are the effects of high State taxes, subsidies and targeted tax breaks on Connecticut citizens?** — Andrea Stillman, Chair of the Connecticut House Finance Committee.

**How can Connecticut's Cities balance their budgets without driving residents and businesses away?** — Josh Vincent, President, Center for the Study of Economics, Philadelphia.

1:30 — **Elected Officials Roundtable** — Introduction by New Haven Mayor DiStefano.

**Why Connecticut needs the Local Option to Move to Land Value Taxation** — Jeff Davis, State Representative.

**LVT and the renaissance of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania** — Nate Saunders\*, Harrisburg City Business Manager.

Other officials will engage in discussion exploring the potential benefits of LVT in their cities: Representative Andrea Stillman; New Haven Mayor DiStefano; Hartford Mayor Perez\*; Stamford Mayor Malloy\*; Assemblyman Mike Arnone, New Jersey.

3:30 — **Wrap Up / Next Steps** — Jeff Davis, Bob Kantor and Ted Gwartney \*Speaker invited

4:00 — **The Monetary Free Ride** — Monetary solutions to the American fiscal crisis. Stephen Zarlenga, author of *The Lost Science of Money* & Michael Hudson of the Institute for the Study of Long Term Economic Trends.

### Friday Evening Options:

**Ferry to Port Jefferson, Long Island** (Ferry leaves dock at 4:45 and 6:00PM, takes 1 hour 15 minutes each way.) — **Bridgeport Bluefish baseball** — **Cabaret Theater** near the hotel — **Excursion to New York City** (train every hour, takes 1 hour & 20 minutes).

### Saturday, July 19th

7:30 AM — **Registration for Day Visitors**

8:30 — **Welcome** — Ted Gwartney & Mark Sullivan.

8:45 — **Native Sovereignty, Casinos and Connecticut's Economy** — Lindy Davies.

9:30 — **Ecologising the World** — Jeff Smith.

10:45 — **Natural Resource Wars: Geopolitics in the 21st Century** — Dan Sullivan, Alanna Hartzok, Susan Witt (E. F. Schumacher Society). Moderator Christopher Williams

1:30 — **Missed Opportunities: Great Economics but Terrible Politics** — Michael Hudson, Jeff Smith, Stephen Zarlenga and Dan Sullivan on the early years of the Georgist movement.

3:00 — Break: Last Chance to Browse Display Tables.

3:30 — **CGO Business Meeting** — Members and Affiliates

6:30 — **Cash Bar**

7:15 — **Gala Banquet** — Welcome by Ted & Toni Gwartney. Jeff Smith, Master of Ceremonies. Mark Sullivan on "Why the Georgist Movement Has Not (Yet) Succeeded" Lindy, Sue & Scott present Team CGO Awards

### Sunday, July 20th

8:30 AM — **Open Mike # 2** — with Don Hurford

10:00 — **Friendship Brunch** — Short Speeches by Newly-elected CGO Officers, Toasting, Tributes & Farewells

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### Scheduled Meetings of Member Organizations

- ▶ Thursday, 7:30 PM — Henry George Institute.
- ▶ Friday evening — International Single Tax Association, on the ferry to Port Jefferson.
- ▶ Friday evening — Henry George Foundation of America and Center for the Study of Economics. *Limited to members of the respective organizations.*