

## **JULY 30TH-AUGUST 2ND, 1998:**

People converge on Portland to create a critical mass for shifting taxes.



### **IN EACH RECENT ELECTION,**

Oregonians have modified their tax code — but have not found the solutions they sought. Now, the Governor has appointed a commission to recommend a totally new system. What an opportunity for environmentalists! Suddenly, everyone is talking about the “green tax shift”.

### **PLACES THAT HAVE SHIFTED TAXES**

— from paychecks to pollution, from sales to depletion, from homes to locations — enjoy stronger economies and healthier ecosystems. Since everyone benefits from the shift, people from all backgrounds can benefit from this conference.

### **THE COUNCIL OF GEORGIST ORGANIZATIONS**

brings together activists, researchers and educators from across the hemisphere. Its member organizations have a variety of tactics and concentrations, but all agree on the primacy of land reform — the need a shift away from destructive taxation, and toward the public collection of the rental value of land and natural opportunities.

## **THE GOAL OF THIS CONFERENCE**

is to bring together various groups in the Northwest and from around the country to explore integrated solutions to problems that vex every community, but hold urgency for the Northwest U.S. Participants will leave energized, more clear on the possibility of “and” solutions (as opposed to “either/or” solutions), and armed with new resources when making contributions in their communities.

### **PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS**

#### **THURSDAY, JULY 30:**

- ☘ Afternoon Bus Tour: *The Beautiful, the Hoarded & the Ugly* in Portland real estate.
- ☘ Meanwhile, a team of volunteers will be conducting a public opinion survey — the results of which will be used in the issues-oriented forums to follow!

#### **FRIDAY, JULY 31:**

- ☘ Morning — Panel: *Urban Sprawl & Transportation*. Bill Batt, Chair. Panelists will include Dr. Tom Gehring, author of the Clark Co. land value study, Dr. Gerry Mildner of the Portland State Univ. Urban Studies Dept., and a speaker from the Oregon Economic Development Council.
- ☘ Panel: *Fish, Forest, Fun — Economic AND Environmental Health*. Dr. Mason Gaffney, Chair. Invited Participants include Pacific River Council, Solar Energy Association, Oregon Green Energy and Oregon Environmental Council
- ☘ Lunch Speaker: Pete Sorenson, Lane County Commissioner — “*Prospects for Local Reform*”
- ☘ Afternoon — Panel: *Integrating solutions*. Four Georgist Economists, Dr. Mason Gaffney,

Dr. Fred Foldvary, Dr. Nicolaus Tideman, and Clifford Cobb explore the unfolding disaster of national tax policies in the United States and Europe, and set forth a workable alternative.

☘ Workshop: **Envisioning the Future of the Northwest.** Participants will be invited to engage in a series of creative exercises to create a collective vision of the community we want. Dr. Drew Harris, Facilitator

☘ Evening – **Reception for our Community Co-Sponsors**

### **SATURDAY, AUGUST 1:**

☘ Morning – Panel: **The challenges we face.** Invited groups include the Oregon Environmental Council, Cascade Policy Institute, Community Development Network, Coalition for a Livable Future, Oregon Center for Public Policy, Center for Environmental Equity, Solar Energy Organization, Oregon Green Energy and Oregon Housing Now.

☘ Afternoon – Workshop, Part 2: **Creating the Future of the Northwest.** Participants gather in small groups, using the information exchanged thus far to devise action plans to realize our vision for the Northwest.

☘ Evening – Banquet Speaker: Alanna Hartzok, Community Activist and UN-NGO Representative: **“Sharing Our Common Heritage Via The Tax Shift Agenda”**

#### **OUR GROWING LIST OF CO-SPONSORS:**

Solar Energy Association  
Oregon Green Energy  
Oregon Environmental Council