SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT – Development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT:

- Recognizes that development is much more than a measure of economic activity.

- Recognizes that development includes ALL institutions in society, not just economic.

- Recognizes, especially, the environmental connection.

- Reaffirms that equity is the primary goal of development.

- Allows ALL societies a new norm by which to evaluate their means of providing for both present and future needs.

- Uses measures such as the ISEW (INDEX OF SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC WELFARE) or SDI (SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT INDEX) – instead of the traditional GNP.