

# March Newsletter

## Better(not bigger)Vermont



## ***50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Limits to Growth***

We enjoyed this recent interview with Dennis Meadows, one of the four authors of the landmark book *Limits to Growth*; we hope you enjoy it too...!

<https://www.resilience.org/stories/2022-02-22/dennis-meadows-on-the-50th-anniversary-of-the-publication-of-the-limits-to-growth/>

And for a deeper dig, there's Richard Heinberg's "*The Limits to Growth at 50: From Scenarios to Unfolding Reality*"...

<https://www.resilience.org/stories/2022-02-24/the-limits-to-growth-at-50-from-scenarios-to-unfolding-reality/>

## ***BnbVT to speak at VTIPL Conference***

In commemoration of the 50th anniversary of *Limits to Growth*, Vermont Interfaith Power and Light has chosen the theme of "Limiting Growth, a Path to a Sustainable Society" for its Spring conference. Better(not bigger)Vermont will talk about how Vermonters can leverage their local government's planning and zoning regulation processes to resist growth in

their towns. BnbVT's presentation is inspired by former Speaker Tip O'Neill's adage that "all politics are local." The conference will be on April 24th in Norwich; for the latest information visit <https://vtipl.org/>.

## ***The connection between population and GHG emissions***

The Population Connection recently released "Glaring Emissions: Linking Population Growth and Climate Change," a compelling video about the significant link between population growth and greenhouse gas emissions...

<https://populationconnection.org/virtual-events/glaring-emissions/>.

The quote below from the interview speaks to the enormous unsustainability of the current global population. The overshoot is at least 8 times over the sustainable limit, and yet major environmental organizations keep sweeping this critical fact under the rug when addressing the climate crises.

"Even if we could avoid climate change, there is no possibility of sustaining 8 billion people at anything near the living standards we've come to expect. There have been some academic exercises to calculate how many people the earth could support. That's really a silly sort of exercise, because it ignores most of the values and goals that we have for making human life on this planet worthwhile: equity, liberty, welfare, human health. These things are all intimately affected by overpopulation. I don't know what a sustainable population level is now, but it's probably much closer to a billion people, or fewer, if we aspire for them to have the kind of living standards and the political circumstances that we enjoy in the West."

**Please forward this newsletter to others!**

## ***How You Can Help***

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