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## CURRENT PERSPECTIVES IN CONTEXT

This web site was created to present and archive the work of E M Risse.

The basic building blocks of Risse's perspectives on the science of human settlement patterns are presented in two books:

***The Shape of the Future: (Vol I) The Critical, Overarching Impact of Human Settlement Pattern on Citizens' Economic, Social and Environmental Well-Being and (Vol II) Prospering in 21st Century New Urban Regions.*** Warrenton, VA: SYNERGY/Resources, 2000.

***TRILO-G: FOUNDATIONS, BRIDGES, ACTION: How to Make the World a Better Place One Alpha Community at a Time.*** Warrenton, VA: SYNERGY/Resources, 2010.

The liner notes for these two books are linked from the *PUBLICATIONS* page of this web site. See Note One

***THE SHAPE OF THE FUTURE*** reflects 35 years of professional effort to understand and articulate the evolution and anatomy of functional and dysfunctional human settlement patterns. These perspectives are articulated in Volume I. A primary product of this effort is the New Urban Region Conceptual Framework. This Framework provides the context for strategies and tactics to meet the goals and objectives outlined in Volume II – Prospering in 21<sup>st</sup> century New Urban Regions.

***TRILO-G***, published a decade later, examines the three Fundamental Transformations which will be necessary to evolve functional human settlement patterns and make the world a better place one Alpha Community at a time. This book articulates new Conceptual Frameworks including THE ESTATES MATRIX (PART TWO) and outlines additional Conceptual Frameworks including intelligent USE AND MANAGEMENT OF LAND (PART FOUR) and A NEW METRIC FOR CITIZEN WELL BEING (PART FIVE).

In the decade between publication of ***THE SHAPE OF THE FUTURE*** and the publication of ***TRILO-G***, E M Risse prepared 131 columns published at Bacon's Rebellion dot com v 1.0. These columns, as well as multi-chapter Backgrounders and selected blog posts, are linked from the *RESOURCES* page at this web site.

In **TRILO-G** Volume II – BRIDGES (PART SIX through PART TEN containing Chapters 21 through 37): The Connection Between Theory and Action, the Resources Section of each chapter provides a concordance that lists the Backgrounders, Columns and Blog Posts that relate to the topic of the Chapter.

The *CURRENT PERSPECTIVES* page of this web site provides a similar function to the concordance at the end of each Chapter in Volume II of **TRILO-G**. Current Perspectives ‘fill the gaps’ and provide up-dated insights to support the growth and Understanding of citizen’s enlightened self-interest:

**Awareness => Interest => Understanding => Action**

These Understandings are necessary for a Critical Mass of citizens to reach “well-considered-public-judgements” on the need for, and the implementation of, Fundamental Transformations of governance structures and economic systems as well as human settlement patterns.

The documents linked from the *CURRENT PERSPECTIVES* page and the images in *GALLERY* reinforce the overarching conceptual frameworks established in **THE SHAPE OF THE FUTURE** and in **TRILO-G**. Current Perspectives bridge the chasm between current citizen understandings and the overarching concepts and strategies outlined in the two books. The focus of the Images in *GALLERY* portray the character and function of the Urbansides and of the Countrysides that make up human settlement patterns. Material linked from the *RESOURCES* page provide background material to support this web site and the documents that are linked from the site.

**NOTE ONE:** A third book ( *Handbook: Three Step Process to Create Balanced Communities and Sustainable New Urban Regions*. Warrenton, VA: SYNERGY/Resources, 2004) has been revised and is included as CITIZEN HANDBOOK – PART TWELVE of **TRILO-G**.)