

Gilbert High, senior member in a Philadelphia law firm specializing in zoning laws, discussed how zoning laws could be used to conserve nat ural resources in Pennsylvania.

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eases of ornamental trees, tree fertilization standards, and tree hazards. Outside demonstrations include a walking tour of State College and a "how-to" demonstration for installing trees in sidewalk pits.

One of the featured speakers, Dr. Tim Kelsy, Penn State Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology, has researched in-depth the costs of development. While looking at numbers is an important first step, another question we need to look at is, "so what?" said Kelsy.

"It's pretty indisputable that sprawl costs," he said. "If people are willing to pay, then what's the problem?"

The problem may not be as much a matter of costs as fairness, according to Kelsy. Who decides who should pay for sprawl, asked Kelsy, or what the land use will be? And who pays for development?

Several challenges stand in the way of controlling sprawl or the cost of sprawl. Private property rights are dear to the heart of many Americans, said Kelsy,

as individualistic psyche permeates the culture.

In addition, the ideal of the single-family home on a large plot of land and every American's right to move to a new location are ingrained in

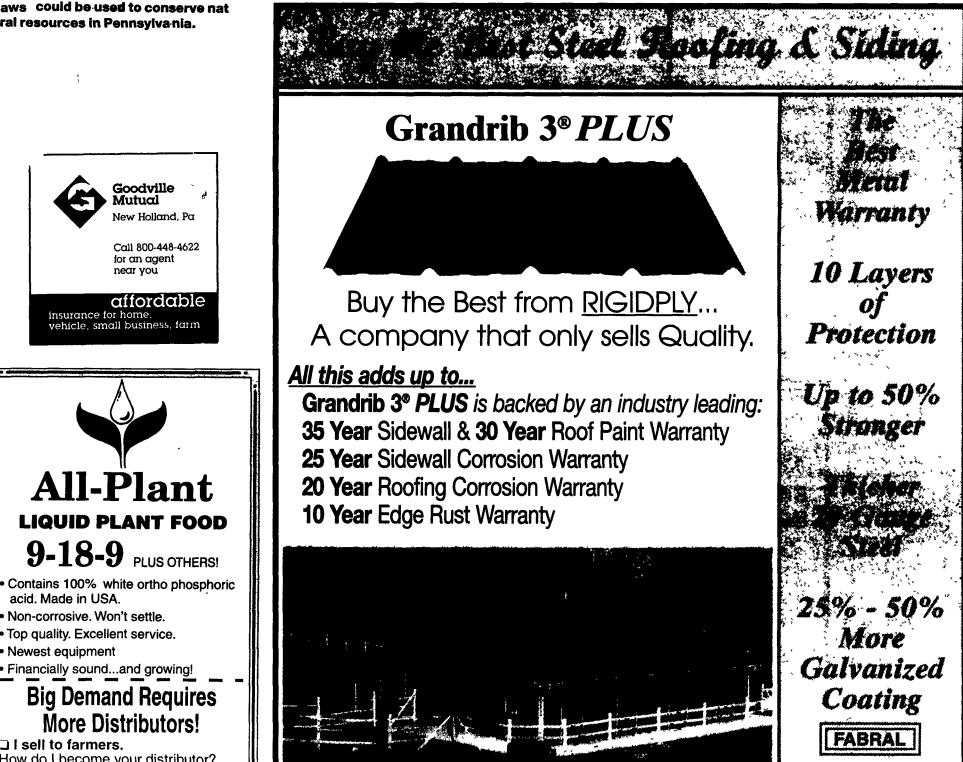
American culture and lend to sprawl.

Kelsy recommended addressing the form of Pennsylvania governments. The governments are decentralized, making decision-making difficult. In addition, local government officials do not communicate with neigh-

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