

LANDSCAPE INITIATIVE



**The goal was the economic use of the land – it
is now time for facts!**

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Inefficient use of building areas:

17m sq m of unused commercial and industrial areas,
and yet settlements grow at the cost of farmland

→ despite the main goal of spatial
planning:

“economic use of the land“

SMALL COUNTRY – BIG ISSUE...

Landscape Project

- Achieve constitutional change through people's action

→ Moratorium:

stop encroaching on the land

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Political developments

- August 2008 Signatures for the initiative submitted
- Federal Council recommends action for refusal
 - People's vote is decided
- Federal Council: new space development concept
- Encounters harsh criticism

Space development report

- Urbanization:
 - Settlement growth at the expense of farmland
 - 1/3 of settlement areas = Roads, Parking places, ...
 - oversized building area reserves
 - Industrial wasteland, single-family houses

Conflicts of interest

- Different prevailing trends
- Different objectives
(Environment, Traffic, Economy, ...)
- Regional Differences
(Alpine Regions = largest reserves for building areas)

→ Spatial planning = conflict solution

Landscape Initiative allows for change in direction

Visions

- Increase the value through nature parks
- City-country trade of area certificates
- Compaction of urban space

Actual

- Rothenthurm Initiative
- City-Country Initiative
- Protocols to the Alpine Convention
- Review rural land law
- Confederation projects
- Review spatial planning law
- Wind farms

Switzerland has the opportunity to retain precious natural habitats, recreation areas and fertile farmland.

