

## **Dubbed the "Build, Baby, Build Act" - Controversial Bills Giving Florida Land Developers Room to Move Edge Closer to Law: Good.**

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[In yesterday's Sun Sentinel, Michael Mayo's column](#) covers the latest developments in the growth management bills pending before the Florida Legislature, suggesting that one new law (HB 7129/ SB1122) should be labelled the "[Build, Baby, Build Act](#)" and not the officially proposed title of the "Community Planning Act."

*The "Build, Baby, Build Act" Likely Will Become Law Soon.*

We've been monitoring the path of HB 7129/SB 1122 through the Florida lawmaking process. For details, including links to read the proposed language and following their status, [read our earlier post](#).

News coverage of the proposed legislation is also getting lots of column inches. It's a big deal, and lots of its opponents are very vocal, and very adept at getting their voices heard.

Mr. Mayo's criticism of the "Build, Baby, Build Act" [warns that its passage may return our Sunshine State to "... our development Dark Ages.](#)" which he [and others](#) have defined as life in Florida prior to the passage of the 1985 Growth Management Act. He quotes one activist as predicting that this new law, if enacted, will flush conservation in our state down the toilet, leaving land developers to run amok -- presumably intent upon destroying every bit of natural beauty they can find.

*Beware of Doomsday Predictions*

Perhaps Florida doesn't have the luxury right now of pondering the "what ifs" because of what is staring us in the face today. These doomsday predictions are simply that: predictions, suggestions, worries, fears.

[The truth is that this legislation is being considered as part and parcel of the Florida lawmakers' focus on the Florida budget.](#) It's all about money and the cruel reality that Florida doesn't have any -- and that for the many Americans, our economy is dealing with a depression (yes, **depression**; not recession - [see the latest Gallup poll](#)).

It's a difficult time and action is needed to get us out of this mess. These laws aren't being discussed, drafted, and passed because anyone is desperate to destroy anything. These laws are being created because we've got to get moving in order to stop the economic destruction we've already experienced.