

AUTHOR BIOGRAPHY



International entrepreneur, magazine columnist, and published author of five books, Mr. Morris spent over 14 years living in the safe, community-oriented cities and towns of Canada and Europe. Upon returning to the US he was stunned at the extensive urban decay, lack of livable small towns, and comparatively non-existent public transit and passenger rail systems. This prompted the author to begin a two decades long search for livable places in the United States.

He visited streetcar, railroad, and garden suburbs; college towns, urban neighborhoods, greenbelt villages, strip malls, and every place in between. Though he did find some locations with a semblance of community life, the author's quest confirmed that genuine communities, and the safety and sense of belonging they confer, were extremely rare in the US.

Mr. Morris then combined his extensive international experience and multi-cultural perspective with over eight years of in-depth study and research to uncover the negative sociological, cultural and personal impacts of sprawl. The result of which is this book, designed to ameliorate the twin problems of suburban sprawl and urban blight, while also helping each individual American find the safety and sense of belonging that comes from being a part of a genuine community.

Along with his international background and writing experience, the author also:

- Earned an MBA in International Business from *The George Washington University* in 1985.
- Received the *FUNEP 500 Award* in 1990 from the United Nations.
- Was included in the 1990 edition of *Who's Who Among Rising Young Americans*.
- Received the *GW Award* in 1983 from *The George Washington University* for outstanding contributions to the GW community.
- Has been an entrepreneur for over 20 years, founding an import business, recycling company, advertising firm, and is currently President of *4D Publications, Inc.*