

Alabama Forever Wild - Amendment 543

Two law schools recognize the concepts of intergenerational equity and collective responsibility. Both concepts contradict individualism espoused in the Alabama Declaration of Rights. See below.

**“Recalibrating the Law of Humans with the Laws of Nature: Climate Change, Human Rights, and Intergenerational Justice”
Vermont Law School**

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page 384 link - <http://www.vermontlaw.edu/Documents/CLI%20Policy%20Paper/appendixASerialPagination.pdf>

The preceding quote is also found in the following law school article.

**“Models for Protecting the Environment for Future Generations”
published by
The International Human Rights Clinic at Harvard Law School**

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Pages 10 and 11 http://www.law.harvard.edu/programs/hrp/documents/Models_for_Protecting_the_Environment_for_Future_Generations_Ir.pdf

That the sole object and only legitimate end of government is to protect the **citizen** in the enjoyment of life, liberty, and property, and when the government assumes other functions it is usurpation and oppression.

Alabama Constitution Article 1 Section 35