

Transition Town Chelsea Presents



# Down to Earth



*Resource Challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, a film/discussion series that explores...*

- What is the condition of vital resources such as water, soil, and energy?
- What forces, economic and environmental, are shaping the management of these resources?
- What is the prognosis for the future?
- What are some of the possible choices?

**All films are FREE, on Fridays, 7:00 to 9:00 PM**

**First film will be shown at Chelsea Senior Center, 512 E. Washington St.  
(Washington Street Educational Center)**

**Location for later films To Be Announced soon**

**October 26 – The Great Squeeze** explores our current ecological and economic crisis stemming from the perspective of our dependence on cheap and abundant energy, turning fossil fuel into a double-edged sword.

**November 2 – Split Estate**, a powerful story about Americans living with the dirty side of oil and gas development in their backyards which they have little recourse to prevent; discovering in some cases that the mineral rights under their land are not owned by the property owners.

**November 9 – Dirt** tells the story of humans trying to reconnect to dirt or the living skin of the earth. Travelling from vineyards of California to the plains of Kenya, Dirt reveals how repairing our relationship with dirt can create new possibilities for all life on earth. The film also asks why we humans often ignore, abuse, and destroy our most precious living natural resource.

**November 16 – Escape from Suburbia** moves us from the realm of theory and despair in light of peak oil resource depletion, to the real world where practical solutions are experienced. The film follows the stories of three unique characters struggling to reinvent the American Dream in their own lives, confronting our “addiction” to oil in extraordinary ways.

**November 30 – Water, The Drop of Life** (or substitute, TBD) is a classic television series that presents a unique global exploration of what is predicted to be the biggest issue in the 21st century: coping with the scarcity of fresh water.

**December 7 – Life after Oil** explores how new alternatives can achieve out independence of oil through technological innovation and perseverance. **Empowered** tells the story of one community’s role in the energy independence revolution, where its residents are proving that we can meet our energy needs through totally renewable resources.

**December 14 or December 21**, planning something fun and special.