

Original Greenies

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When little kids (before Boy Scouts) mine and my playmate's, favorite playground was [Bachman Creek](#) (later called Bachman Branch). Words like environmentalism hadn't been invented yet. No plastic bags yet, but the creek was starting to look pretty trashy and we sometimes got cut on broken bottles. Thus began my annoyance about, and awareness of, irresponsible, human, environmental nastiness.

Eventually (between about 18 to 25 years for me) I, along with other aware people of all ages, began to have the same thought: Something is very wrong. We (humans) are making a terrible mess. We had become, and began to call ourselves (and attitude), "[Green](#)". We'd not yet heard of

Climate Change but sensed, and agreed, that, down the line, our mess was going to be more than just ugly (trashy) but was going to have big, bad, disastrous consequences. So we weren't the least surprised to hear about Global Warming.

What we were later surprised about, and angrily disgusted by, was how quickly and easily “Green” and it’s (our) meaning, would become so perverted and exploited, by human greed.

Screw the original meaning and consequences, if there’s money in it, what a perfect marketing gimmick. Our original objective-concern was to call attention to, and try to stop; maybe even reverse, the damage that we were doing to the delicate, and fragile, **conditions** on earth that originally made possible our existence and were now sustaining us. **No** “Save the planet-earth” nonsense.

But never mind all **our** silliness; if it’s called “Green”, it’s easy to sell. Big lawns are among our stupidest obsessions. They’re maintained in drought areas (waste water) and lawnmowers waste energy-fuel and contribute to carbon pollution.



Hanau Neighborhood Street.



Hanau neighborhood garden.
In some parts of the world e.g. [Germany \(Die Grünen\)](#), residential lawns are being replaced by [vegetable and flower gardens](#).

But lawns are green so call it all “Green” and sell all the monkey business associated with them e.g. fertilizer, lawnmowers, seeds, [edgers](#), leaf blowers and bags etc. Exactly the diametrical opposite of environmental protection!

Even big corporations e.g. Monsanto [etc.](#), are trying to find ways to call themselves “Green”. If we, the original “Greenies” had our way, the executives of these companies would go to prison.