



THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT AND HEALTH:

Can we shape a destiny consistent with our values?

A presentation by **Richard J. Jackson**, Director of the Graham Environmental Sustainability Institute, at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

We know that air and water pollution, obesity and inactivity, loneliness and poverty are bad for us. We also know that our American lifestyle is stealing resources our grandchildren will need. Richard Jackson argues that these challenges are not fragments; they are whole cloth. The work needed to heal our bodies and families, as well as our communities and planet, is the same. It will be ethical and spiritual work, but it will also demand that we change how we build our living space and inhabit our world.

The newly appointed director of the Graham Environmental Sustainability Institute, Dick Jackson is also the Graham Family Professor in the School of Public Health at U-M. He co-authored *Urban Sprawl and Public Health: Designing, Planning, and Building for Healthy Communities*. A pediatrician and public health leader, he served in top positions with the California Health Department, where he helped establish the state's Birth Defects Monitoring Program and state and national laws that reduced risks from dangerous pesticides. He also directed the CDC's National Center for Environmental Health in Atlanta. Today, he views climate change and lack of sustainability as the critical environmental public health threats of the 21st Century and is dedicated to confronting these challenges.

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Presentation and discussion: 5:00-6:30 PM; Wine and cheese reception: 6:30-7:00 PM

Admission is free. Seating is limited.

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