

The Impact of Modern Development on the Environment

The impact of modern development on the environment is devastating. Over 200 acres of wildlife habitats are destroyed per hour. Overdevelopment in Vermont is causing deforestation, destruction of animal habitats, and pollution. This needs to stop.

Overdevelopment in Vermont is a huge problem. “Vermont is losing about 1% of its forest cover due mostly to suburban and rural residential sprawl, reversing a 150-year trend of forest recovery and expansion.” said Vermont Digger. Trees absorb CO₂ and along with other plants hold dirt together which prevents landslides. When trees are destroyed, animal habitats are ruined, and it increases the likelihood of destructive landslides. The destruction of animal homes forces them to find new places to live, sometimes in urban areas. This is a problem for animals and humans.

“Construction causes both air and water pollution. Harmful chemicals used during construction can be harmful to both workers and the environment.” said Total Safety Blog. When developers build more houses than needed, the environment is polluted. This impacts everyone: animals, humans, and plants.

“New England has been losing forestland to development at a rate of sixty-five acres per day—and Vermont is losing 1,500 acres of forest every year” said UVM. That is a tremendous loss! Vermont needs trees to keep people safe from landslides and air pollution. The world also needs more trees to stop Global Warming. Trees are needed to keep the planet from getting too warm, because if that happens, animals and humans alike are impacted.

Overdevelopment in Vermont is very damaging to the environment. It hurts both people and animals. It increases pollution and the amount of CO2 in the atmosphere. In the U.S, landslides cause between 25 and 50 deaths a year. Not only animals are harmed by this. Humans are impacted as well. This is an issue that needs to be addressed because everyone is impacted. We need to work together to solve this problem that faces all of us.

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