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A Political Ecology of Jekyll Island

Geographic Space & the Quest for Sustainability

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Political Ecology & Geography

- **Political ecology** analyzes the relationships among political, economic and social factors with environmental issues and changes
- **Political ecology** differs from apolitical ecological studies by contextualizing environmental issues and phenomena within a capitalist framework
- **Geography** employs both a spatial perspective and an ecological perspective
- **Geography** asks questions about how humans interact with their physical surroundings
- Together, the two approaches can:
 - ✓ inform policymakers and organizations of the complexities surrounding environment and development, thereby contributing to better environmental governance
 - ✓ understand the decisions that communities make about the natural environment in the context of their political environment, economic pressure, and societal regulations
 - ✓ look at how unequal relations in and among societies affect the natural environment, especially in context of government policy

Geographic Space & Sustainable Development

'65/35' Rule to HB 214

