



**The Ruth Ellen Steinman Bloustein and
Edward J. Bloustein Memorial Lecture**

The Long Emergency: America's Car Culture and the End of Cheap Gas

James Howard Kunstler

**November 16, 2006, 5:30 p.m.
Special Events Forum, Civic Square Building**

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Urban planning advocate, journalist and novelist James Howard Kunstler will lecture on his most recent book, *The Long Emergency: Surviving the Emerging Catastrophes of the Twenty-First Century*, in what promises to be a provocative and entertaining presentation. Describing his lectures as “stand up comedy with some dark moments,” Kunstler gained prominence with the 1993 publication of his critique of American architecture and urban planning, *The Geography of Nowhere: The Rise and Decline of America's Man-made Landscape*.

In *The Long Emergency*, Kunstler expands his views on sprawl and the automobile culture by examining how the end of cheap gasoline will impact our economy, political life and society. In a review for *American Scientist*, Rutgers Professor of Biology David W. Ehrenfeld wrote, “What sets *The Long Emergency* apart from numerous other books on this theme is its comprehensive sweep—its powerful integration of science, technology, economics, finance, international politics and social change—along with a fascinating attempt to peer into a chaotic future.”

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The Ruth Ellen Steinman Bloustein and Edward J. Bloustein Concert and Lecture Fund was established to honor the memory of these two extraordinary individuals and their contributions to Rutgers. The lecture series addresses the natural environment, service to others, humane values and Jewish heritage.

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