



**2010 Westchester
Symposium:
Planning Land Use
with Students:
Westchester County
Center in White
Plains
April 7th, 2010
8:15 AM-2:00 PM**



Separate High School Session & Middle School Session

Summary: The goal of this program is to engage students in the use of creative and critical thinking about a local land use decision in a Westchester community. Land use and development decisions are an integral piece in sustainable planning and development. Planning must provide a balance of environmental, social and economic considerations so that a healthy plan for the community develops. Each of us will face land use, development and redevelopment decisions more than once in our future. These decisions have direct impacts on our communities, our watersheds and our resources.

Our Program: The program introduces students to a local land use issue through a 'Case Study File' filled with site history, community information, Westchester facts, proposed development plan, probing questions, and suggested pre-symposium activities. Participants are introduced to local professionals, community members & County staff - environmental attorneys, developers, planners, stormwater specialists, engineers – who serve as mentors and share their expertise on development issues and answer questions regarding this specific development proposal. With a facilitator, students will then work in small groups to develop their own land use plan for the area.



Through their involvement in the program, students learn how to balance economic constraints with environmental and health issues. They learn to examine issues from more than one perspective and to recognize that anticipated consequences need to be considered in the decision-making process.

Program Registration:

Attendance Fee: NONE

Lunch Provided

Grant support available for school busing expenses

REGISTER NOW by contacting us, or for more information:

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