ROCKLAND P.L.U.S.
PLANNING LAND USE WITH STUDENTS

High School Students from throughout Rockland County coming together to collaborate and plan for sustainable communities
Let’s talk about Communities!
What makes a community a place you want to live?

Sports?
Things to do?
Family?
Being able to get places?
Places to shop?
Volunteering?
Jobs?
Parks available?
The people?
Here are some examples of community spaces. Do some of these seem important to you?

Pixel Building, Australia is an office building that is carbon neutral thanks to solar panels and wind turbines.

The hockey stadium for the Pittsburg Penguins, called the Consul energy center, is the only NHL LEED gold certified sports facility in North America.
http://www.thorntontomasetti.com/projects/consol_energy_center

LEED = Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design
The Singapore Marina Barrage, is designed to prevent flooding and provides a green urban space with recreation. The development of rain water resources, is one of the ways it saves having to import water from neighboring countries.


Designed to be a wetland habitat in Saugerties, NY., the Bassett Observation Platform merges environmental art and sustainability to create a place for native wildlife. An observation pavilion partially covered and camouflaged as a series of leaves, to allow up-close study of area wildlife.

http://www.thorntontomasetti.com/projects/bassett_observation_pavilion
What do YOU think would be essential for a community?
How can we plan for a healthy, sustainable community?

- Social Network
- Economic Stability
- Healthy Environment

Sustainable
Rockland P.L.U.S. addresses the social, economic, and environmental aspects of development in our communities.

- Recreation
- Culture
- Safety
- Community Voice
- Water Resources
- Storm Water
- Air Quality
- Open Space & Wildlife
- Housing
- Transportation
- Jobs with career path
Rockland P.L.U.S. is also about the Planning Process

The planning process provides effected individuals or groups with a way to learn about development plans and offer input. It is an opportunity for collaboration.

**Principle #1 Collaboration**

Voluntary collaboration between neighbors, developers, and environmentalists yields community-enhancing projects.

**Principle #2 Focus Outward from the Property**

The proposed project becomes the heart of its surrounding neighborhood.

**Principle #3 Look for Enhancement**

When the assumption is enhancement, every project becomes an opportunity to make its neighborhood a better place to live.

**Principle #4 Sustainability**

Collaboration adds resources. Confrontation depletes resources.

From Karl Kehde’s “Smarter Land Use Project”
Working with you for Rockland PLUS

Visit #1 – Community Assessment

Visit #2 – Consider SEQRA

Visit #3 – pulling it all together into a poster to share

Concludes with Symposium
Rockland P.L.U.S.
December 16, 2011
Rockland Community College
8:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
What’s next? Before our next visit you will pick a project site in your community.
Complete A Site Visit and A Community Assessment Form

From Power of Ten Website, Project for Public Spaces
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