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What: **Land Use Symposium for Students**

Where: Westchester County Center

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8:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

LAND USE SYMPOSIUM FOR WESTCHESTER COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL AND MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS

On **Tuesday, April 21st**, high-school and middle-school students from various parts of Westchester will participate in a unique, real-world “classroom” on land planning and decision-making at the annual **Westchester County Student Land Use Symposium**, which will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the **Westchester County Center in White Plains**.

The symposium gives students the opportunity to learn firsthand about land use planning and the decision-making process, as well as the environmental considerations and impacts of those decisions. This year’s participants include students from Edgemont School District, Croton-Harmon School District, Lakeland School District, Ardsley School District, Rye Country Day School, and Yonkers Public Schools. The property under consideration is the Alexander Street Waterfront Project on the Hudson River in Yonkers.

Students will meet with a variety of professionals from fields involved in development planning, including planners, attorneys, environmental and economic development specialists, open space groups, local officials and residents. The students will then use the information gathered to collaboratively create a plan to revitalize the deteriorated industrial district in the Alexander Street section of the Yonkers Hudson River Waterfront.

The symposium is presented by Westchester County’s Planning and Parks departments, Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory, Hudson Basin River Watch, Cornell University Cooperative Extension of Westchester County, Greenburgh Nature Center, and Beczak Environmental Center.

The Westchester County Center is located at 198 Central Avenue in White Plains and can be reached via exit 5 off I-287 or the Bronx River Parkway.

Photo and video opportunity.

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