

Dear Young Adults of Long Island,

My name is Maxwell Sokol and I am writing to you today not only as the Nassau County Planning liaison to the Long Island Regional Planning Council (LIRPC), but also as a young adult who cares deeply about the future of Long Island. The LIRPC is working on the development of a long-term plan for Long Island, for the year 2035, and we are being called upon to voice our opinions and help ensure a sustainable future for generations to come.

As part of its outreach in developing the Long Island 2035 Regional Comprehensive Sustainability Plan, the LIRPC is assembling a number of Stakeholder Resource Groups to help shape the work product. In addition to issue-oriented groups, the LIRPC is forming a Young Adult Group, to be comprised of 18-34 year olds who live, work, and/or attend an institution of higher education on Long Island. I invite you to join me in assuming responsibility for our collective future by serving on this Young Adult Stakeholder Resource Group.

On Tuesday, May 11th, 2010, from 6:30pm to 9:00pm at the Molloy College facility at Republic Airport in East Farmingdale, there will be a plenary session of the Young Adult Stakeholder Resource Group. Light refreshments will be served. The purpose of this meeting is to introduce a core group of proactive young adults to the Long Island 2035 Sustainability Plan project, to gather feedback on the work completed to-date, and to provide an open forum for brainstorming how to best implement a broader public outreach effort in the fall.

Please confirm your willingness to participate in the Young Adult Group, as well as whether you will be able to attend the kick-off meeting on May 11th, via email (msokol@nassaucountyny.gov) or telephone (516-571-5940). Attached is a brief synopsis of the process in developing the Plan; as the meeting date approaches, I will send you more details about the project.

Rather than sit idly and allow our future to be planned in a vacuum, let's jump at this unique opportunity to help shape our own future. Thank you for your consideration and I look forward to hearing back from you.

Sincerely,

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