



Environmental groups back French school in White Plains

(09/13/12) **WHITE PLAINS** - Plans for a new French school in White Plains are getting support from an unlikely place.

It's not often that environmental groups back new development, but 16 groups have thrown their support behind plans for the French-American School of New York to move its campus to White Plains.

The school would reserve 84 acres for a nature conservancy that it would maintain, and the grounds would be barred from future development. The site that's under consideration is the former Ridgeway Country Club, where the French-American School purchased property last year.

Some residents in the area have expressed concerns about having a school in their neighborhood. A public hearing on the matter that's set for next week aims to let neighbors air out those concerns.

