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Westchester environmental groups endorse FASNY's Ridgeway plans

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Sixteen of Westchester County's leading environmental groups have sent an open letter to White Plains Mayor Thomas Roach and the six members of the city's Common Council in support of the French American School of New York's proposal to build a campus on the site of the former Ridgeway Country Club.

The letter highlights the school's intention to create an 84-acre conservancy on the 130-acre property, a conservancy that would be open to the public, and states that the proposal "includes several best practices that

communities containing outstanding and irreplaceable natural resources, like the former Ridgeway Country Club property, can put into practice."

Among the groups signing the letter of support were representatives from Scenic Hudson, the Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies, the Children's Environmental Literacy Foundation, Stone Barns Center for Food and Agriculture, Teatown Lake Reservation and Westchester Land Trust.

"Because of the thoroughness of analysis, research, planning and the commitment shown by the FASNY leadership to create and share with the public two-thirds of their property as a bio-diverse, healthy and sustainable nature preserve," reads the statement, "we strongly endorse the French-American School of New York's proposal and encourage you and the Common Council to approve its application for a Special Permit."

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