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Development plans for Watchtower property proceeding on schedule

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Warwick - The Watchtower Bible and Tract Society is on schedule to provide the Town of Warwick this fall with plans to develop the 253-acre site of the former International Nickel Company off Long Meadow Road in Warwick.

"We're trying to produce something that is going to blend in with the natural setting," said Richard Devine, spokesperson for a religious order known more commonly as Jehovah's Witnesses, in a telephone interview from his office in Brooklyn.

"We did hire (Perkins Eastman) to give us an architectural theme and our board hasn't finished their review of it," he added. "I understand it's very nice."

Perkins Eastman has won awards for its architectural designs, which include the TKTS Booth in Times Square and the Children's Museum of Pittsburgh.

Watchtower officials expect to submit their plans by fall, Devine said. He added that the archeological review, the investigation for protected bat species, trees, wetlands, soil as well as traffic studies are already done.

"As expected, in our traffic study we didn't see a big impact on peak traffic periods," said Devine, who attributed the finding to the modern day live/work campus model used by Witnesses.

He also said the environmental studies the town commissioned are nearing completion. Ninety percent of the property will be left in its natural state.

If the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society proposal goes through, it will have a minimal carbon footprint, added Warwick Town Supervisor Michael Sweeton, and "use all kinds of recycled materials with a vast amount of open space to remain."

Sweeton said he expects that Witnesses visiting the campus will stay in bed and breakfasts and hotels, eat in restaurants and shop, bringing tourism dollars with them to Warwick.

Nonetheless, "architecture is so subjective," said Devine. "Let's see what everybody thinks when it's released."

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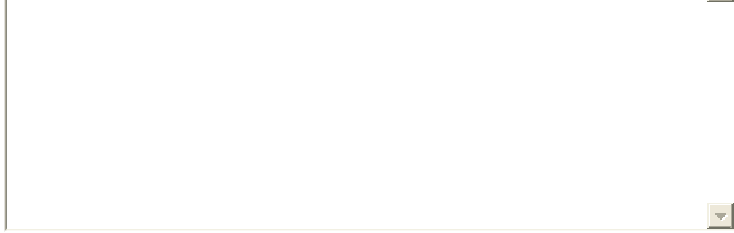
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www.Watchtower.org wrote on Aug 8, 2010 6:58 AM:

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If you would like more REAL and accurate info about Jehovah's Witnesses on the web be sure to check out the official web site at www.Watchtower.org

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ratbas wrote on Aug 7, 2010 8:05 PM:
" Yes, I'm sure it will be every bit as beautiful as Jonestown. "

Winder281 wrote on Aug 7, 2010 7:33 PM:
" You guy's have been very funny here today. Thanks for the luaghs! I look forward to visiting what will no doubt be a beautiful facility when it's completed. Thanks Warwick! "

jackal wrote on Aug 7, 2010 5:45 AM:
" yall need to quit sippin the hater-rade!! Hahaha! "

ratbas wrote on Aug 6, 2010 9:34 PM:
" Jerry, please don't make me defend these guys. Are you saying the town doesn't already have Catholics (an organization mainly known for it's defense of pedophiles)? The only difference between a cult and a mainstream religion is the size. They're all lieing manipulative scum. "

ratbas wrote on Aug 6, 2010 9:27 PM:
" In defense of the witnesses, all religions claim that what they believe is true. That's why people refer to their religion as their beliefs: it's what they believe. Kind of a 'no duh' thing. That said, they do rip families apart, prevent kids from being all they can be and let innocent people die when all they need is a basic medical procedure. "

Margarett wrote on Aug 6, 2010 6:06 PM:
" Blood: The grim statistics for refusing it are being fudged by the equation - dying 'after' refusing blood equals dying 'from' refusing blood.

Nobody makes the indelicate big deal that 'one' blood transfusion wiped out Paul Michael Glaziers family. (It would have been even worse had 'he' been the one transfused.) This is not untypical, but good luck finding the denial file its in.

Examine a trees 'own' leaves. (the present season reveals all.) Examine the pages of our publications. (and get the real statistics, reasons, etc. about everything.) "

Margarett wrote on Aug 6, 2010 5:49 PM:
" We go door to door because we 'don't' think we're better than others. Please open them. "

Vinny wrote on Aug 6, 2010 5:11 PM:
" Jehovah's Witnesses (JW's) predicted the end of the world, IN WRITING, numerous times. Not once did they come true. They are known for their false

predictions the world over.

JW's are taught that they alone are True Christians and that all other people not JW will soon be destroyed. This is no exaggeration.

JW's will allow their children to DIE rather than accept a life saving blood transfusion even in severe medical emergencies.

JW's used to forbid Vaccinations and Organ Transplants (calling a life saving transplant "Cannibalism") for a combined 33 years.

JW's enforce extreme shunning for any member that decides to leave their religion or who commits a sin without showing enough repentance in front of the elders.

Families have been devastated because of these harsh shunning policies. I have literally seen Parents cut off all ties with their children solely because the kid did not want to remain a JW but went in another direction.

Just a few things people need to know.

Vinny "

bluejam2u wrote on Aug 6, 2010 4:45 PM:

" For the most part the people and businesses of Brooklyn love having the World Headquarters of Jehovah's Witnesses. The same goes for the neighbors of their Patterson and Walkkill facilities.

The people of Warwick will be very glad to have them in the area! "

wf wrote on Aug 6, 2010 12:08 PM:

" the end being so close i really doubt that 50 years will pass before the big A so why are they building this anyway? ohh.. thats right.. C U L T .. i forgot. "

Jerry Jones wrote on Aug 6, 2010 7:04 AM:

" For the next 50 years, Warwick, New York will be infamous for one thing, and one thing only, as the World Headquarters of the WatchTower Cult. This says alot about Warwick, its public officials, and its citizens. Al Queada and the KKK should take note. The City of Warwick will kowtow to ANYONE with a fist ful of dollars. "

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