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HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS PLAN TO “ENERGIZE PENN’S LANDING”

Professional planners hold student competition; take city planning to the class room

Philadelphia, PA (February 2007) -- As part of the National Conference of the American Planning Association to be held in Philadelphia in April 2007, the Pennsylvania Planning Association Local Host Committee is organizing a Student Design Competition called **ENERGIZE PENN’S LANDING**.

Students from Philadelphia public and private schools, grades 9-12, have been invited to enter the competition, which is to design the best plan for the future of Penn’s Landing.

Throughout February and March, volunteer teams of professional planners and architects will help students design what they would like to see at Penn’s Landing to make the area more fun and accessible to visitors and residents alike. Volunteers will help students learn how to balance public areas, commercial space, parking and transit to come up with the best possible plan for the site. Teams will meet in the classroom and at Penn’s Landing to develop ideas.

Students will illustrate their ideas on 30 by 30” boards, due March 29. Boards will be exhibited and winners announced during the APA Conference from April 14th – 18th at the Pennsylvania Convention Center. Judges will include civic, professional, and higher education notables and prizes of \$1000 and \$500 will be awarded to the best designs.

The following Philadelphia high schools plan to submit entries:

- Charles Carroll High School
- Charter High School for Architecture & Design
- Central High School
- MAST Community Charter School
- Masterman High School
- Parkway Center City
- W.B. Saul High School of Agricultural Sciences
- Young Women's Leadership School at Rhodes

Sponsors of the Student Design Competition include the Pennsylvania Planning Association Local Host Committee, the Philadelphia Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, Philadelphia District Council of the Urban Land Institute, and Hillier Architecture.

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