Why Stony Brook University should play a leadership role on Long Island.

It can help both the community and the university.
## Issues

### For Long Island
- Built out by 2015
- Dependent on cars
- Real estate taxes are high
- Young adults leaving
- More homes occupied by empty nesters and retirees on fixed incomes
- Global warming
- Need to reduce carbon footprint
- Energy prices will increase
  - More expensive to heat and cool homes
  - More expensive to drive

### For SBU
- Have expanded to Southampton and R&D Park
- Increased student enrollment
- Sustainability is important goal
- Agreed to reduce carbon footprint
- Cannot cut all trees and continue to build dormitories and parking lots on West Campus
  - Increases carbon footprint
  - Destroys aesthetics of campus
Solutions

• Need more legal apartments in existing homes near university campuses
  – Provide income to owners
  – Provide homes for students
  – Reduce carbon footprint
  – Reduce need for increased housing on campus

• Need cheap efficient public transportation
  – Fewer parking lots needed
  – Reduce carbon footprint
  – Encourages students to live off campus