

## School

# The Sanctuary hosts WHS environmental science class

Students from Woodstock High School's advanced placement environmental science class visited The Sanctuary of Bull Valley, Woodstock, May 28 to see how an environmentally progressive residential development works.

Approximately 20 senior students from teacher Bill Donato's class attended the event, which took place at The Sanctuary development site off Country Club Road in Woodstock. The students were able to see classroom lessons applied in a real-life situation.

Developer Jack Porter reviewed how the development was planned to protect the region's water table and native wildlife, then he walked the students through densely wooded portions of the 200-acre site, which features rolling kettle-moraine topography that is unique to this area and is being carefully restored and protected through the principles of conservation design.

According to Porter, homeowners at

The Sanctuary will be true stewards of the land.

The students observed how building sites are planned to maintain mature trees; how grass swales are designed to replace street curbs, improving the quality of water runoff; and how clearing the site of invasive plant species is allowing native trees, grasses and wildflowers to thrive.

At The Sanctuary, ecological awareness applies to residents as well as workers. Porter explained to the class how homeowners must agree and adhere to strict environmental covenants to build and live in the community.

The Sanctuary of Bull Valley is being developed by Porter and Knickerbocker Properties, a subsidiary of Wells Manufacturing. Currently, 105 homesites spread over 200 acres are under development. For information, call Porter at 206-5200 or visit [www.sanctuaryofbv.com](http://www.sanctuaryofbv.com).



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Woodstock High School students, from left, Jim Leinweber, Tim Foerster, Susan Brechel, Rhiannon Eslick, Emily Russell and Eric Savage view the grounds of The Sanctuary of Bull Valley May 28 as part of an environmental science class project.