

My First End of Suburbia Screening

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Today I went to my home church (Unitarian) in Staten Island where my parents still are very active. It was the perfect setting for my first foray as a grassroots campaigner and peak oil educator. I felt very comfortable in my surroundings and knew many people in the audience. They were very receptive to both the movie and my presentation on how to make New York's transportation system less dependent on fossil fuels (Many thanks to Aaron Naparstek who provided invaluable powerpoint slides and photos).

The audience was mostly progressive minded folks and many of them live a fairly suburban lifestyle in Staten Island. I think most realize that this lifestyle is not sustainable and want to change the local systems to encourage more community and less dependency on oil.

The film certainly framed the issue very well for new people to peak oil and in my opinion remains the indisputable resource for spreading the word about peak oil. That said, some of the content does need to be updated and I have heard that they will probably either make a sequel or update the current one (maybe both).

I also made some great local contacts for the future.

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