



Boy Scout Troop 353 – Eastchester, NY

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Edmund Burke (1998) – For my Eagle Project I chose to look in West Yonkers, an area of Westchester that is among the most urban and poorest parts of the county. Compared to other close-by regions, children there traditionally have much less interaction with, and exposure to, nature.

The Beczak Environmental Center uses its location right on the dynamic and biologically active Hudson River to bring ecology to life for Yonkers schoolchildren, right in their backyard. My Eagle Project was a significant upgrading of their facilities, including installing aquatic habitats in the shallow water of the river to attract schools of local fish, building and hanging birdhouses (which were all quickly inhabited!), and designing and building a butterfly garden with species of plants known to attract butterflies. All the work was done by fellow scouts, and with environmentally friendly materials and methods.

