

The Veggie Van will be parked in front of the North Salem Middle/High School on Monday, April 5th from 8:30 AM to 5 PM

Westchester County promotes biodiesel fuel and other renewable energies. The “Veggie Van”, retrofitted to run on biodiesel fuel, is part of the county government’s multi-faceted effort to protect our environment.

What is bio-diesel fuel? It’s used vegetable oil. The fuel produces only about 20 percent of the pollutants of a normal diesel engine. The van gets its fuel from the 10,000 gallons of used vegetable oil generated annually at county-owned concessions such as Playland and the restaurant at Glen Island Park. That’s more than enough for the Veggie Van and other county vehicles that Westchester hopes to outfit in the coming months, such as snow plows and pickup trucks. Instead of paying for disposal of this used vegetable oil, it is now available free to the Veggie Van. And there is more good news: when the Veggie Van passes, you’ll get a whiff of something good cooking (maybe French fries or Chinese food?) instead of the overpowering diesel smell you would get from regular buses.

What does the Veggie Van do? It provides educational outreach to children and people of all ages. Visitors step inside to a mobile classroom where they can watch DVDs on global warming and pollution and find out about what alternative fuels can do for them, the environment and their pocketbooks.

