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Growth Symposium

Planning the Use of Land

You won't be able to attend — it's already playing to a sell-out crowd. But it's worth noting, in part because the issue is so important, and in part because you can catch it on television some weeks hence.

On Thursday, from 9 A.M. to 5 P.M., 16 lawyers, city planners, architects and academics, among them such notables as Peter Salins, an urban affairs professor; Michael Kwartler, an architect, and R. Susan Motley, a former City Planning Commission member, will gather at the New York University School of Law

to present — and debate — papers about land-use plans and rules for New York City.

The session is part of a year-long effort by the City Planning Commission that will culminate in December in a comprehensive new zoning and land-use plan.

The symposium will discuss both the history of planning in the city and alternate scenarios. The morning symposium will run through the permutations of New York's zoning law since its passage in 1916. In the afternoon, planners, consultants and academics will offer

up ideas on whether to maintain the status quo in zoning rules, or to change them to yield a more efficient city, a more esthetic city or a more equitable city.

Whether those are mutually exclusive goals is likely to make for heated debate.

A tape of the proceedings will be aired on cable television in a few weeks. (Call 720-3277 for details). Also, the Center for Urban Policy Research Press at Rutgers University will offer copies of the papers in a few weeks. (For timing and fees call 908 932-3101).