

Challenging Technology Issues 2003

On a Clear Day, You Can See...

Charleston, WV is a large and crowded city where many people commute to work each day from surrounding areas. During morning and evening rush hours, the pollution from automobile fumes becomes unhealthy to breathe. Families who live in the downtown area want to ban driving cars in the downtown area between 9 am and 6 pm. They are suggesting that workers would park their cars at the outskirts of town and use public transportation. The local merchants angrily oppose this ban because they feel that they will lose business and suffer greatly.

Can you come up with suggestions for the town council that will address the needs of the families that want clean air to breathe, the merchants who want customers in their stores, and the workers who just want to get to work?