



Sustainable City Year Program: City of Albany 2016-17

- 26 projects, seven disciplines and 20 courses
- Four city departments
- Faculty supervised multidisciplinary student coursework (architecture; arts and administration; business; geography; journalism; landscape architecture; planning; public policy and management)



ARCHITECTURE, LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE, PLANNING PROJECTS

PROJECT	EXPECTED OUTCOMES
Downtown Activation	Develop ideas and concepts to activate the downtown historic core.
Eat, Play, Shop: Downtown Redevelopment	Create architectural programs and design proposals around the concepts of food equity, economic equity, and social equity.
Analyzing Landscape Systems along the Willamette Riverfront	Conduct site analyses along Albany's Willamette Riverfront.
Reinterpreting Culture and Nature as Productive Infrastructure: East Thornton Lake Natural Area	Develop concepts for a park within the larger site that addresses the natural and cultural history of the area.
Redesign Albany Streets to be Bicycle-Friendly	Analyze and assess constraints and barriers to bicycle-friendly development around Albany.
Parks and Recreation Funding, System Development Charges Methodology Evaluation	Review Parks and Recreation Department's operating revenue sources, capital expenses, financing strategies and System Development Charges methodology.
Parks and Recreation Foundation Planning	Help the new Albany 501(c)(3) Parks and Recreation Foundation strategically organize.
GIS Analysis of Albany Land Use	Collect data using geographic information systems within the city to help the city evaluate undeveloped and under-utilized land available for future development.







BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

PROJECT	EXPECTED OUTCOMES
St. Francis Hotel: Viability of a Hotel in Downtown Albany	Identify hotel development feasibility in downtown Albany, either at the existing St. Francis historic building or new construction.
Parks and Recreation Business Assessment and Revenue Enhancement	Assess existing Parks and Recreation Department services and practices; recommend revenue-producing opportunities and other potential avenues for revenue enhancement.
Business Plan for Parks and Recreation Foundation	Develop a business plan for the new Albany Parks and Recreation Foundation.
Older Adult Population Strategic Plan	Create an older adult facility and activity strategic plan for the 55-60 age group and over 75 population.
Water Reclamation Facility Biosolids Alternatives Market Analysis	Analyze whether the local market in interested in compost or biosolids. Identify local partners, and potential revenues or costs associated with different options.

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT, GEOGRAPHY, JOURNALISM PROJECTS

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Advanced Cartography: Parks Mapping in Albany	Design and produce a finished thematic cartographic map of selected trails and parks in Albany.
Equity and Opportunity Mapping Analysis	Map selected data of Albany residents to help the city analyze access to housing and community amenities.
Strategies and Tactics for Historic Preservation Outreach	Build awareness of the city's historic preservation program through a strategic communication plan.
Historic Preservation Outreach Campaign	Implement a public relations campaign related to historic preservation.
Remote Sensing: Mapping of Parks in Albany	Use digital imagery to assess selected parks in Albany.
Monteith Riverpark Refinement / Expansion	Develop conceptual designs and alternatives for areas in the vicinity of Monteith Riverpark with a focus on connections to downtown Albany.
Parks and Recreation Outreach Campaign	Implement an outreach campaign directed at building awareness of the new Albany Parks and Recreation Foundation.
Improving Civic and Community Engagement	Research cultural inventory models and recommend how to best develop a cultural inventory that represents the culture and people of Albany.





