

Sustainable City Year Program

2021-22



Design, Planning, & Engineering

Project	Outcome
Building a Neighborhood: Community Development Strategies for North Hermiston	Student teams identified four key strategies to transform the project site into a vibrant neighborhood: increasing connectivity, focusing on affordable housing, placemaking opportunities, and community engagement and equity.
North Hermiston Local Circulation Plan	Portland State University students proposed three Highway 395 redesigns that focus on easing congestion, providing better access for residents and commercial establishments, pedestrian and driver safety, and total construction time.

Economic Development & Civic Engagement

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Financing an Aquatic Center: Health and Wellness in Hermiston	Students analyzed three options to fund and maintain a city aquatic center and determined that creating a special parks and recreation district was more financially advantageous than forming an intergovernmental entity or using the current Hermiston Parks and Recreation Department.
Creating Shared Knowledge: An Asset-based Community Development Project in Hermiston	Through an environmental scan, survey, and focus group, Eastern Oregon University students determined that Hermiston's small town feel is a strength and that there is great potential for growth in the area. A community directory and a community navigator program are offered as potential solutions to the gaps identified in this Asset-based Community Development project.
City of Hermiston Visioning, Planning, and Design	Students prepared scenario plans, conducted design charrettes, prepared informational videos, and compiled urban planning and design topics for the North Hermiston study area in order to meet the City's goals of becoming more sustainable, resilient, and regenerative. The collaborative design and independent research efforts resulted in the compilation of more than 400 implementation actions and recommendations.
Information Needs Assessment for the City of Hermiston	Students distributed a survey to Hermiston residents and conducted community outreach to understand the existing information ecosystem in Hermiston. Based on the survey results and feedback from participants, students recommended fostering physical gathering spaces, collaboration between news outlets, encouraging journalist participation on online platforms, and publishing content that is accessible to Spanish speakers.

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