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2016–2017

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City of Auburn**

Connectivity Element for Comprehensive Plan

Community, Environment and Planning

- The purpose of a Connectivity Element is for the City to be more strategic in its efforts to physically, socially, culturally, and economically connect Auburn.

- This project includes a problem assessment, mapping exercise, and development of suggestions for code updates and infrastructure improvements for physical connectivity.

- The deliverable will be provided in a format resembling other already adopted elements of the Comprehensive plan.

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Community Place-making

Community, Environment and Planning

- Auburn's neighborhoods are quite distinct from each other. Residents may or may not associate themselves as from Auburn or as part of their neighborhood.

- This project will have students assess how communities see themselves, using mapping and a community survey to look across the whole city.

- This will allow for future connection to other LCY projects, and will include strategies for the city to increase local sense of place and Auburn-wide community identity.

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Business-to-Business, Auburn Business Collaboration

Sustainability Studio: Socially Responsible and Equitable Purchasing

- This multi-pronged project will enable Auburn's residents and local businesses to connect with each other.

- Students will develop a website and mobile application to gain information about local businesses and buy products and services.

- The project will also include a marketing component, helping local businesses to better advertise to a wider audience.

Ashley Blazina

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Assessment of Auburn Taskforce on Homelessness Recommendations

The City

- In November 2015, Mayor Nancy Backus convened Auburn's Task force on Homelessness.

- They developed a list of recommendations and consensus items on how to address the city's current condition of homelessness that will be brought to the city council.

- The overarching purpose of this project is to engage students in assessing these recommendations and developing strategies for carrying them out.

Kyle Crowder

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Homelessness Assessment

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- The purpose of this project is to develop new analysis tools to assess the size, location, and change in Auburns homeless populations.
- Students will assess current practices and strategies used by Auburn and other municipalities, and describe potential new tools appropriate for Auburn.

Kyle Crowder

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Tools to Monitor Housing Stock

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- Auburn has identified a need to maintain its existing housing stock as a means to maintaining affordability and reducing pressure on resources.
- This project will engage students in the development of approaches and tools to monitor and maintain Auburn's existing housing stock.

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Sewer Utility Wastewater Discharge Behaviors

Water, Wastewater & Health

- Improper disposable of fats, oils, and grease (FOG) and "flushable" cleaning wipes can cause clogging issues, and improper disposable of pharmaceuticals can cause downstream environmental issues.

- Greater amounts of FOG and rags have been identified downstream of large areas of rental housing than of single family residences.

- The aim of this project will be to determine possible strategies to educate these residents about the issues associated with improper disposal of FOG, "flushable" wipes, and pharmaceuticals.

John Scott Meschke

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Storm Utility T Basin - Pet Waste

Water, Wastewater & Health

- Pet waste has been identified as a likely source of high levels of fecal coliforms in a tributary to the White River.
- This tributary is downhill from a large residential area.
- The aim of this project will be to educate these residents about the issues associated with improper disposal of pet waste.

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Cultural/Neighborhood Mapping

Foundations of Health Behavior and Social Determinants of Health

- This is part of a year-long engagement with this project.
- During the fall quarter, students will identify and summarize available data to help describe Auburn's 5 neighborhoods.
- Students will conduct stakeholder interviews, and will identify aspects of shared identity and diversity.
- Students will create a community profile of each of Auburn's 5 neighborhoods to support community engagement in Auburn.

India Ornelas

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Marketing and Awareness of City Values

HuskyCreative; American Marketing Association

- The purpose of this project is to increase awareness of the city's values - created from the "Imagine Auburn" project - both internally among government workers and externally among citizens.

- Through the implementation of the marketing plan a greater feeling of community will be created in Auburn.

Kim Perdue

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