

ASU Project Cities

Sustainability Through Local Action

Project Cities connects higher education with local communities, creating a powerful combination of knowledge and know-how.

Project Cities is a University-Community Partnership

ASU students in designated courses work directly with a local city on predetermined sustainability-related projects and challenges. Students from multiple disciplines research difficult problems chosen by the city and propose innovative sustainability solutions that enable the city to make progress toward a better future.

Benefits to Cities

- Fresh, research-backed solutions to complex municipal challenges
- Expert guidance while exploring new sustainability opportunities
- Additional capacity through students to further projects
- Access to an expansive network of sustainability scientists and scholars

Benefits to Students

- Application of sustainability principles to real-world challenges
- Exposure to professional work environments
- Ability to effectively engage stakeholders
- Experience that enhances future employment opportunities

Benefits to Faculty

- Engage with city staff invested in project success
- Work with academic colleagues on transdisciplinary projects
- Involvement in complex and challenging community work
- Attract motivated, top-tier students
- Increase student engagement
- Media attention to courses and projects

Outcomes

- Increased capacity among city staff, residents and participating students
- Innovative and viable solution options for addressing complex challenges
- Summary reports detailing sustainability strategies
- Policy, program and/or infrastructure recommendations and improvements

Program Participation

Designed as a 12-24 month program, Project Cities solicits municipal participation through a Request for Proposal, issued annually by ASU's Julie Ann Wrigley Global Institute of Sustainability. Municipal partners propose a menu of projects, resource commitments and a timeline, to be evaluated by Project Cities' staff. For more details, visit projectcities.asu.edu.

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