



ASU Project Cities

Sustainability Through Local Action

Project Cities is a university-community partnership. Through the program, sustainability faculty and students pair with a city to co-create strategies for better environmental, economic and social balance in the places we live. 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.

City of Apache Junction

Fall 2017

- Sustainable Solid Waste
- Understanding Homelessness
- Off-Leash Dog Park Site Analysis
- Positively Apache Junction

Spring 2018

- Finding New Revenue Sources
- Positively Apache Junction (continued)
- Planning for a Sustainable Future

Spring 2019

- Mobile Home Parks and Affordable Housing

City of Glendale

Fall 2018

- Multi-Generational Community Engagement
- Social Media Policy & Planning
- Sustainable Facilities Management

Spring 2019

- Chemical Storage Tanks Management Plan
- Fleet Management Plan

Fall 2019

- Recycling Program Enhancement Plan



City of Peoria

Fall 2019 & Spring 2020

- Water Conservation and Drought Shortage Response Plan
- Community-wide Placemaking Study
- Transit Circulator Best Practices Study
- Smart Cities Innovation Feasibility Study
- Skunk Creek Recreation Corridor Plan
- Sustainability Plan Review

Town of Clarkdale

Fall 2019 & Spring 2020

- Downtown Business District Revitalization Plan

Benefits

Cities

- Access to knowledge and expertise of sustainability scholars and scientists
- Fresh research-supported ideas for sticky municipal challenges
- Low risk option for exploring sustainability pathways
- Additional student research capacity for support

Students

- Hands-on experience applying sustainability principles and practices
- Exposure to professional work environments
- Stakeholder engagement experience
- Project work experience applicable to future employment opportunities

Faculty

- Engage with city staff invested in project success
- Meet new colleagues and work together on transdisciplinary projects
- Complex and challenging community work
- Attracts motivated, top tier students
- Increases student engagement
- Media attention to courses and projects

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