

**Enhancing local capacity through
university/local government partnerships:**

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ASU “Project Cities”: City of Apache Junction, Arizona

Project Cities

- **EPIC-N model used**
- **12 ASU classes participated; 223 students**
- **11 fields involved:** Landscape Architecture, Tourism, Digital Engineering, Environmental Engineering, Public Affairs, Sustainability, Urban Planning, History, Theater
- **10 city depts. involved:** City Manager, Development Services, Parks & Rec, Economic Development, Grants, Planning, Information, Communications



Sustainable
Cities
Network

Arizona State
University



2017 - 2018 Projects

Project Cities



Homelessness



Solid Waste



Dog Park



Positively
Apache Junction



Sustainability
Planning



Municipal Revenue



Mobile Homes Parks



Challenges:

- **Aligning class objectives and city objectives**
- **Integrating online students**
- **Collaborating across academic disciplines**

Outcomes:

- **Students loved hands-on learning**
- **City accomplished projects at low cost**
- **City-university relationship strengthened**