Who We Are

Hometown Colorado (HC) is a cross-disciplinary initiative led by University of Colorado Denver and the Colorado Center for Community Development in the College of Architecture & Planning that seeks to channel higher education toward the public good and catalyze community change toward sustainability. The initiative is aimed to assist one selected Colorado community through a year-long partnership with the University. The partner community will benefit from between 20,000 and 40,000 hours of work by University of Colorado students and faculty from a multitude of disciplines in order to advance the community partner’s development objectives. HC will connect faculty experience, student passion, and local communities through a variety of studio projects and courses investigating real-world issues and problem-solving within the community. Students have the ability to bring energy, enthusiasm, and innovative approaches to difficult and persistent problems. HC’s primary value derives from collaborations resulting in on-the-ground impact and forward movement for a community ready to transition to a more sustainable and livable future. HC includes courses in Architecture, Planning, Landscape Architecture, Business Management, Public Policy, Geography, and Civil Engineering among others. Many HC projects are interdisciplinary in order to address problems from diverse perspectives. HC provides students with enriching academic experiences while assisting local communities with accomplishing many development and improvement goals.

Benefits

The benefits of the HC initiative include...

• Students provided with an opportunity to make a difference
• Cities are provided with new ideas, energy, and political space for new direction
• Accomplishment of taxpayers’ and legislatures’ goals for universities to be more involved with meeting the needs of communities
• A societal benefit of universities to be truly part of the solutions to Colorado’s most pressing issues

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