HOUSING ISSUES

Private Student Housing for Dakota County Technical College

Dakota County Technical College (DCTC) is moving toward a complete college experience. DCTC has begun junior college athletics and has expanded programs. DCTC administrators have indicated they desire student housing, but DCTC does not want to construct, own, or manage the housing. Student housing typically looks like apartments but needs to function quite differently with more durable construction, shorter rental terms, affordable rents, and provision for multiple unrelated student households.

Questions / Issues:

- Does DCTC have enough students to support student housing?
- Detail the physical, functional, and economic differences between student housing and market rate apartments.

Deliverables:

- Investigate the difference between privately owned student housing and typical market rate apartment developments.
- Identify housing which serves existing student populations around technical and community colleges in Minnesota and other states.
- Compare findings to existing circumstances in Rosemount.

Sustainability:

This project provides sustainable economic and environmental impacts because it will provide housing options for students not currently available and reduce greenhouse gases by reducing the vehicle miles that DCTC students would need to travel to attend classes. This project is relevant to the City because it would help fulfill the 2013-2014 City Council’s goal to increase community lifecycle housing options by addressing rental, senior, and affordability needs.