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## City of Ramsey Partners with University of Minnesota Through Resilient Communities Project



The University of Minnesota's Resilient Communities Project (RCP) is pleased to announce that the City of Ramsey has been selected as its partner community for the 2017–2018 academic year. Starting in September 2017, Ramsey and the University will begin collaborating on 20 multidisciplinary projects that advance community priorities from Ramsey's Strategic Plan focused on a stable tax base, a connected community, smart citizen-focused government, and an efficient organization. Some of the projects identified include small business incubation, community engagement, U.S. Highway 10 corridor planning, environmental and floodplain communication, asset management, greenway planning, housing for all, organics recycling, retail market analysis, water conservation, and a community volunteer program.

"This partnership builds on Ramsey's history of being a leader in planning and citizen engagement strategies," Ramsey Mayor Sarah Strommen stated.

Now in its fifth year, the RCP program matches students from the University of Minnesota with a single Minnesota city or county for an entire academic year. This will be the first year that RCP is partnering with a community in Anoka County. An RCP partnership provides the

community with access to students from a wide range of programs and disciplines—from architecture, planning and engineering, to business, environmental sciences and the humanities. Through work with RCP, the City is able to enhance its own capacity to deal with a variety of community issues. Students who participate in RCP projects also benefit from real-world opportunities to apply their knowledge and training.

Over the next few months, staff from RCP and Ramsey will define the scope and purpose of the individual projects, and begin matching them with courses offered at the University in fall 2017 and spring 2018. RCP Director Mike Greco will administer the partnership on behalf of the University, and Ramsey Community Development Director Tim Gladhill will coordinate the City's participation in the program.

RCP is a program of the Center for Urban and Regional Affairs at the University of Minnesota. To learn more, visit [rcp.umn.edu](http://rcp.umn.edu), contact Mike Greco, Resilient Communities Project Director at 612-625-7501, [mgreco@umn.edu](mailto:mgreco@umn.edu), or Tim Gladhill, City of Ramsey Community Development Director at 763-433-9826 [tgladhill@cityoframsey.com](mailto:tgladhill@cityoframsey.com).