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Resilient Communities Project to partner with City of Ramsey

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Last month, the U of M's Resilient Communities Project (RCP) announced that the City of Ramsey, located in Anoka County, will be its next partner community. During the 2017-2018

academic



year, Ramsey and the U of M will work together on approximately 20 multidisciplinary projects from the city's strategic plan.

Now in its fifth year, RCP is an initiative supported by the U's Center for Urban and Regional Affairs that organizes yearlong partnerships between the University and Minnesota communities, matching graduate and undergraduate students to projects identified by the chosen community. RCP's goal is to provide the community with efficient access to the resources and expertise of the U, offer students a professional opportunity to apply their knowledge and skills to a real-world project, and provide faculty with ready-made applied-learning opportunities for the classroom.

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Work with Ramsey will include U.S. Highway 10 corridor planning, community engagement, greenway planning, asset management, and more. During the next few months, staff from the RCP and Ramsey will further define the individual projects and match them with courses offered at the U in the upcoming academic year.

"We're truly excited about our upcoming partnership with the City of Ramsey," said RCP's Director Mike Greco. "As a growing city, Ramsey has identified a very diverse slate of projects. Working with Ramsey staff, residents, and community partners will provide students with great experiential learning opportunities, while increasing the city's capacity to build a more resilient community in response to economic, social, and environmental changes. We look forward to a productive collaboration."

Previous RCP partner communities are Minnetonka, North St. Paul, Rosemount, Carver County, and Brooklyn Park.

Adapted from a University of Minnesota news release about the partnership.

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