

## MINI GRANT PROJECT SUMMARY

Please complete the project summary and return the completed form to April Snyder, Associate Administrator for the Institute on the Environment at [aprilsnyder@umn.edu](mailto:aprilsnyder@umn.edu). Paper copies will not be accepted. Please also attach any photos, publications, brochures, event agendas or other materials that were a result of the mini grant summary.

<b>Date of Report Submission:</b>	December 31, 2013
<b>Project Title:</b>	Design Duluth Project Planning.

### Project Context & Purpose

*Please include the original project purpose statement and revise for any changes that occurred in the project after the start date with a short explanation of the changes.*

From the original application for the IonE grant:

#### **Original Proposal**

This proposal seeks funding to continue the interdisciplinary research and design project begun in the Fall of 2012, through two combined third year graduate studios in the College of Design. Specifically, funding is being requested to advance the research through a publication and symposium (titled "Designed Duluth 2020") planned for the Fall of 2013.

#### **Changes**

While we were unable to secure additional funding during the late summer and early fall for our intended symposium, we were able to host two public exhibition/presentations in Duluth of the collaborative student work on resiliency, design and infrastructure. The symposium was re-tooled (for this past semester) as a series of interactive q+a sessions with City stakeholders – including Mayor Don Ness, City Stormwater Specialists, Urban Planners, Energy Coordinator, Parks and Trails Representatives and Public Health officials. Although the IonE funding was initially proposed for use from January 2013-May 2013, we used that money to fund travel to Duluth in June and through the Fall of 2013 - see below.

## Work Completed

*Please provide a summary of the work that was completed for the mini grant project.*

Work completed for the project:

**June 2013:** A facilitated community meeting (with over 40 attendees) to help develop the framework for the design studio (fall 2013).

### **Fall 2013:**

September: Q+A Presentations in Duluth with Mayor Don Ness, Chris Kleist (City of Duluth Stormwater Specialist), Josh Gorham (Public Health Nurse for Lincoln Park), Judy Gibbs (Duluth Parks), Bob Bruce (Retired City Planner), David Salmela (Architect), Hawksboots Industries, Meteek and Company.

October: Proposal Presentation + Exhibition for Community Feedback. 22 schemes were presented by 11 student groups to city stakeholders at Clyde Iron Works in Duluth. Participants included Mayor Ness, Aparna Katra (UMD), Kathryn Milun (UMD)

December: Final Presentation and Exhibition at Clyde Iron Works with 70 attendees (including Mayor Ness).

### **FUTURE:**

We are currently in the process of looking for additional grants to help advance the project as a publication. It is still our intention to host a symposium on the project in the future.

## Partnerships & Collaborations

*Please provide a summary of the project personnel, partnerships and collaborations that worked directly on the project or were started as a direct result of the mini grant project.*

As part of the project, we've managed to develop a network of relationships and partnerships in Duluth of over 40 individuals and institutions. Some of these include the following:

DyAnn	Andybur	City of Duluth	Sustainability Coordinator
Brian	Augustine	Business Owner	West Duluth
Starr	Augustine	Business Owner	West Duluth
Tim	Bates	UMD	Assoc. Dir. Recreational Sports Outdoor Program / Ass
Rob	Finnigan	Developer	Developer
Greg	Follmer	Greg Follmer Comm. Real Estate / Messina & Asso	Assoc. Broker, Comm Sales and Leasing
Anni	Friesen	Ecolibrium 3	Program + Client Specialist / Energy efficiency + hom
Stephanie	Getty	Salmela Architect	Architect
David	Getty	Salmela Architect	Architect
Judy	Gibbs	City of Duluth	Dir. Trees, Trails and Volunteer Coordinator
Tom	Hanson	Business Owner	Duluth Grill
John	Judd	City of Duluth	Senior Planner
Lucy	Kragness	UMD	Chief of Staff
Pam	Kramer	LISC	Director
Sam	Leidenberg	City of Duluth	Sustainability Intern / UMD Student in Sustainability t
Ross	Lovely	City of Duluth	Office of Business Development
Inge	Maskun	Business Owner	Consultant and Mentor, Personal Development + Lead
Kathryn	Milun	UMD	Assoc. Prof. Sociology / Anthropology
Jenn	Moses	City of Duluth	Planner
Susana	Pelayo-Woodward	UMD	Dir. Office of Cultural Diversity
Libby	Prest	Interior Designer, Ret.	Interior Designer, UMN Alumna
Tari	Rayala	City of Duluth	City Architect / St. Louis River Alliance boardmember
David	Salmela	Salmela Architect	Architect
Charlie	Stauduhar	Business Owner	West Duluth, and President, West Duluth Business Cl.
Joel	Vikre	Business Owner	Vikre Distillery, Canal Park
Emily	Vikre	Business Owner	Vikre Distillery, Canal Park
Sandra	Wood	Business Owner	Real Estate, Business Development, Senior Housing, f

The project personnel include: Ozayr Saloojee (Architecture) and Vince Debritto (Landscape Architecture) – who serve as the PIs on the project. Core personnel include Jamuna Golden (Landscape Architecture + Landscape Architect at Perkins and Will), Cynthia Lapp (Landscape Architecture), Maura Rockcastle (Landscape Architecture + Landscape Architect at Tom Leader Studio), Kai Salmela (Architecture) and James Wheeler (Architecture). This group worked directly (this year) with 33 graduate students - 19 from Architecture and 14 from Landscape Architecture). We have an ongoing relationship with the City of Duluth (Mayor Don Ness, Ross Lovely and Heidi-Timm Bijold – City Development Coordinator).

## Project Outcomes

*Please provide a summary of the outcomes of the mini grant project including future plans for the project.*

As part of the mini-grant funding, we were able to host a community participation and engagement meeting, to host 2 presentation/exhibitions in Duluth as part of the programming that the grant helped sponsor. Immediate and tangible outcomes included the development of student work and projects that the city has requested be made available to them (and 4 projects in particular) for use in the City's Development agenda. We will continue to pursue that. We have also been asked to help the city work through two grant proposals and are in the process of writing those for submission in the next two weeks (a Bush Grant and an NEA grant). IN addition, we are also writing/applying for four other grants (currently in review) – Imagine Special Events, Imagine Chair, Institute for Advanced Study, and Graham Foundation Grant.

It is our intention to pursue this project to 2020 (in full partnership with the city of Duluth) through continued academic programming (collaborative design studios, workshops in the Twin Cities and Duluth, public presentations), public programming (community charettes and workshops, engagement initiatives), publications (we currently have 4 papers that have been accepted as a result of the studio work) as well as a series of public art initiatives.