

Towards an Institute for Sustainable Maryland

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Institute for Sustainable Maryland?

- National Center for Smart Growth
 - Transportation Policy Research Group
 - Housing Strategies Group
- Environmental Finance Center
 - Sustainable Maryland Certified
 - Stormwater Finance Unit
 - Agriculture Finance Unit
- Active Learning Program



Active Learning Program

- What is its Mission:
 - to help communities become more energy efficient, economically prosperous, socially stable, and environmentally healthy.
- How does it do this:
 - by having hundreds of bright, young college students work on issues identified by local governments.



Active Learning Program

- What are the benefits?
 - Students gain valuable experience addressing real world problems.
 - Local governments gain innovative, low cost technical assistance
- Who pays for it?
 - A combination of state government, University of Maryland, private foundations, and local governments



Oregon City Year Program



SCYP Introduction

- 53 Projects
- 92 Courses
- 36 Faculty
- 15 Disciplines / 2 Universities
- 1450+ students
- 191,000 hours of student time
(first four years)
- \$250k - \$350k per Year

Example Projects

- Expanding your job base or attracting new employers
- Managing your energy supplies efficiently
- Assuring water quality and conservation
- Meeting storm water regulations
- Taking recycling to the next level
- Exploring new methods of funding fire and police services
- Engaging immigrant, minority and low income communities
- Creating wellness programs and improving community health
- Using social media effectively
- Anticipating sea level rise
- Capturing the value of public investment through tax increment finance
- Making good investments in transportation infrastructure
- Promoting tourism as an economic development strategy
- Reusing industrial property



How can Maco help

- Help assure that the program serves the interests of county governments.
- Help support efforts to raise funds.
- Help promote the program among its members.

Thanks for your time and attention

