

The Edgemere Development Project

A Collaborative Educational Endeavor
Focused on Real-World Learning

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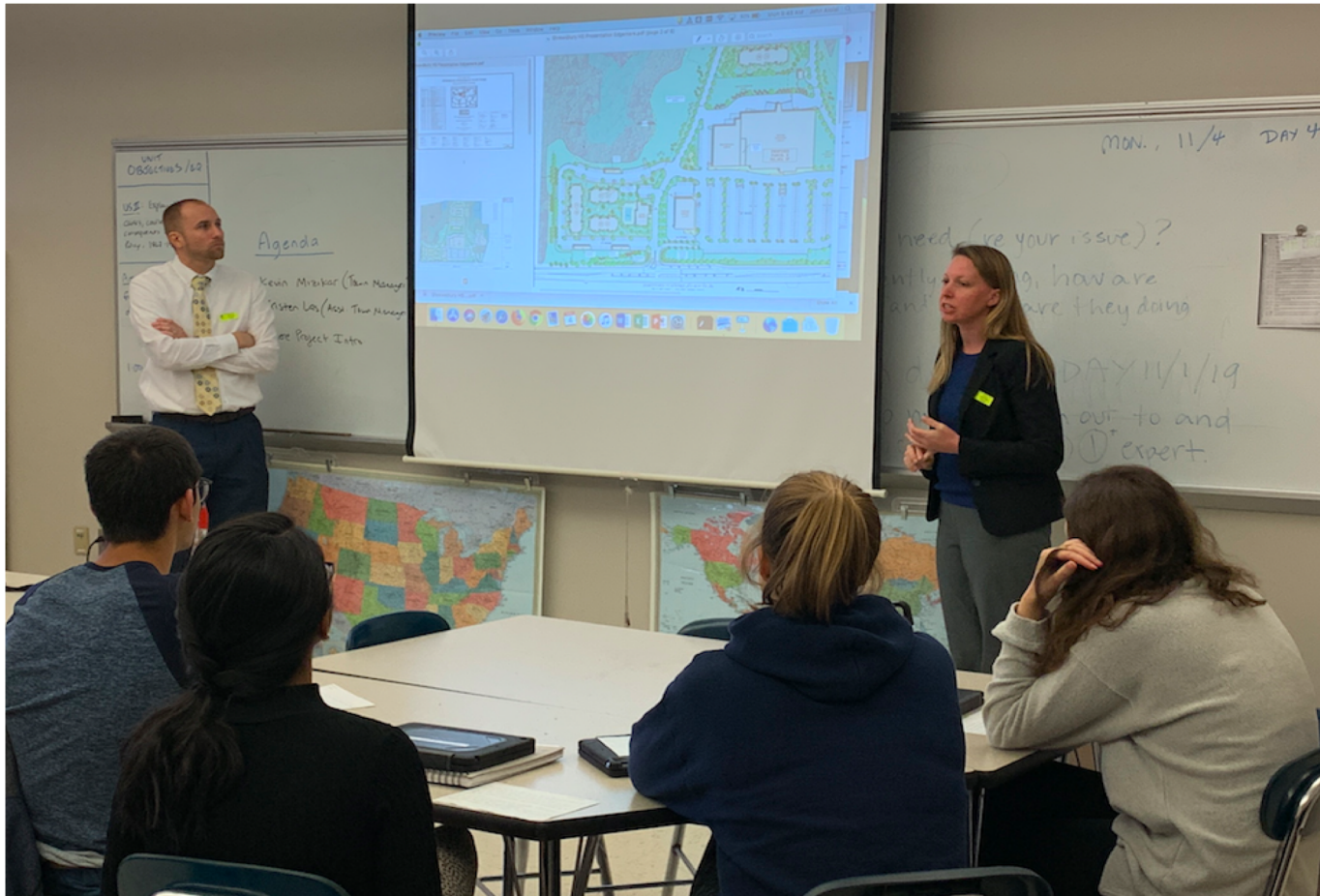
Edgemere Drive In Redevelopment

Timeline of a Major Development Project
November 20, 2019

Learning Objectives

1. Explain the purpose and operation of various local government departments.
 2. Explain the legal and fiscal relationship between state and local government.
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Partnering with Municipal Leaders



Student Teams Engage with Department Leaders



The PRODUCT

INFORMATION SHARING

Assemble in your groups of three and review the following in detail:

- Who spoke to your group?
- What is their role with the Town?
- What is their role with the Edgemere Project?
- How involved are they with the project? Slightly? Moderately? Heavily?

Explain.

- What are three interesting things that you learned from speaking with this town official?

Groups mix and share. (3 groups of 7)

WRITTEN REFLECTION

(TWO PAGES)

PARAGRAPH ONE: Reflect on what you learned about your sub-topic (see possible starters below).

PARAGRAPH TWO: Reflect on what you learned from another group's topic.

PARAGRAPH THREE: CONNECTIONS- There is some evidence of making connections between the ideas in the assignment or events, with some other aspect of your own experience, or even an idea you studied in another course. You need to go beyond the information and make inferences, analyze, interpret, imagine, synthesize.

A Sample of Student Reflections...

In Summary

"I was surprised to find out that our water main system is from 1905, and that we recently spent 2 million dollars to improve it...I am intrigued to learn of the significance of just one department...but there are so many other sections from our local government which are also involved."



"This project drew a lot of connections with other aspects of my life. I'm applying to colleges to be an environmental engineer, so talking to a woman with a job similar to what I'll be doing eventually was very informative...my meeting with Patty Sheehan almost renewed my excitement for environmental engineering."

"What I now understand better is the function of local government. In the beginning, I barely understood what local government was, that's why I took this class. However, after learning about the Edgemere Project and meeting with the officials in charge of it, I realize that it's more...I was amazed and confused at how much actually goes into local government and how a plan becomes a building."

**Thank you to the Town of Shrewsbury's
municipal leaders for partnering with us!**

Questions?