

Short-, Medium-, Long-Term Vision + Next Steps
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1. Short-Term

The Ann Arbor Council of the Commons will publicize a set of shared values and objectives that all members have agreed upon, hereby making a public-facing commitment supporting a new phase of Library Lot visioning. The Ann Arbor Council of the Commons must build up its reputation as a respectable, informed set of community members seeking progressive change in local politics and placemaking. The following steps support these short-term goals:

- Establish volunteer working groups for members of the Ann Arbor Council of the Commons. Such working groups could include: DDA liaisons, parking lot programming, community engagement, and Center of the City Block partners group liaisons.
- Schedule upcoming working group meetings.
- Encourage City Council to organize and schedule regular meetings of the Center of the City Block partners group.
- Invite speakers representing Library Green Conservancy, City of Ann Arbor Planning Commission, Downtown Development Authority, University of Michigan, etc. to give brief lectures.
- Share information on money raised for the Center of the City block/Council of the Commons with the entire committee.
- Clarify role of the Initiating Committee and Ann Arbor Community Commons website
- Schedule a Council of the Commons Library Lot site visit.

2. Medium-Term

The Ann Arbor Council of the Commons will enter the next stages of the design process, like brainstorming and analyzing ideas. Emphasis should be placed on the vision of younger generations with specific community events targeting this demographic. Local schools may also participate in the visioning process. Once consensus is reached, the Council of the Commons will recommend to City Council next steps that clearly outline a path forward to reaching the project's long-term vision. The following steps support these medium-term goals:

- Hire a project consultant.
- Facilitate several community engagement events (charettes, open houses/town halls), surveys, mailings, etc.
- Conduct more research on the next steps for City Council to move forward with the construction of this new space.
- Write a report updating the public on the Library Block and the development of a Civic Center Commons. This would take into consideration the 2020 Center of the City Task Force Report.
- Recommend specific elements of the Library Block, for instance clarifying elements of a civic center and a park or public space.
- Initiate programming on the lot.

3. Long-Term

Finally, the new public space and civic center commons will be constructed and open to the public. The space will meet the vision outlined in the 2020 Center of the City Task Force report, including creating spaces that are: 1) inclusive and welcoming to everyone; safe, active, and foster a culture of peace and non-violence; easy to see, easy to get to, and easy to get through; flexible, adaptable and sustainable; inspiring and promote life-long learning.

- Continue to benchmark the space's success and assess changing community needs.
- Continue facilitating programming.

Curriculum Vitae

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Education

Master of Urban and Regional Planning, University of Michigan, expected 2022.
Focus Area in Transportation Planning

B.A., Environment, University of Michigan, 2020
Specialization in Land and Resource Management
Minor in Urban Studies

Work Experience

Research Associate. Ann Arbor, MI: Detroit River Story Lab, May 2021 – present.

- Write a beta case study exploring alternative, adaptive economies for the Wyandot of Anderdon Nation located in South Detroit
- Create an inventory of potential organizational partners for future Detroit River Story Lab projects

Project Manager. Ann Arbor, MI: Impact Design Collaborative, September 2020 – present.

- Oversee the work of five designers seeking to develop a novel proposal for a community design center in the Ann Arbor region
- Develop an impact evaluation framework to track measurable outcomes of project
- Manage communication between project team, board, and client
- Engage closely with project partners in design, architecture, and urban planning

Research Assistant, Dr. Robert Goodspeed. Ann Arbor, MI: Urban Scenarios Lab, September 2017 – present.

- Assist in developing and collecting responses from an online survey of 405 national metropolitan planning organizations on practices of scenario planning and their effectiveness in promoting plan implementation
- Facilitate stakeholder engagement and document previous literature on green infrastructure for a scholarly journal report and project collaboration with Detroit Future City, City of Detroit, and Washtenaw County
- Develop and manage a meta-database documenting past research of 108 land use and transportation planning projects using scenario planning methods and design
- Collect data from eviction case filings in three counties for the Michigan Eviction Project
- Document previous literature on groundwater management for a scholarly journal report and project in partnership with the Environmental Defense Fund
- Document ridesharing literature and distribute flyers for a sustainable mobility study in Washtenaw County

Case Developer, Dr. Richard Norton. Ann Arbor, MI: Michigan Sustainability Cases, May 2019 – November 2019.

- Developed an open-access, online case study on the regulation of private development in high-hazard settings for undergraduate- and graduate- level law courses
- Created class assignments, recorded and edited podcast episodes, and shared research with local stakeholders

National Capital Region Community Campaigns Intern. Washington, DC: U.S. Green Building Council, June 2019 – August 2019.

- Developed outreach strategy and promotional materials for a grassroots campaign incentivizing zero-waste practices in local restaurants and businesses
- Identified potential partners and community-based organizations for a social equity campaign and K-12 program
- Conducted research on past local, national, and international USGBC Women in Green events to further advance audience diversity, highlight stories of female leadership, and streamline programming

Aquatic Field Intern. Ann Arbor, MI: Huron River Watershed Council, May 2018 – July 2018.

- Conducted field-based water quality monitoring and stream mapping in local tributaries of the Huron River
- Participated in outreach activities including promoting neighborhood storm drain awareness and invasive species removal, leading youth education events, and assisting in festival tabling

Zero-Waste Program Intern. Ann Arbor, MI: Office of Campus Sustainability, January 2017 – April 2017.

- Hosted department-wide presentations and campus-wide engagement opportunities to promote zero waste events
- Supported departments in launching a commitment to recurring zero waste events and one-time zero waste events, assisted with composting material delivery, and created online surveys to gauge program usages and effectiveness

Certifications

LEED Green Associate, Green Business Certification, Inc.
TRUE Advisor, Green Business Certification, Inc.

SCHOLARLY WORK

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

Goodspeed, Robert, Christina Babbitt, Ana Lucia Garcia Briones, Emily Pflleiderer, **Camilla Lizundia**, Colleen M. Seifert. “Learning to Manage Common Resources: Stakeholders Playing a Serious Game See Increased Interdependence in Groundwater Basin Management.” *Water* 12 (2020).

Scholarly Work Under Review

Goodspeed, Robert, Rosie Liu, Dimitris Gounaridis, **Camilla Lizundia**, Joshua Newell. “A Regional Spatial Planning Model for Multifunctional Green Infrastructure.”

Reports

Grongstad, Elise, Camilla Lizundia, Andre Monge, Sarah Perrigo, Danielle Wallick. City of Westland Side Lot Program Proposal. April 2021. University of Michigan.

Chong, Patrick, Nick Lee, **Camilla Lizundia**, Aashika Sulabelle. *US Steel South Works Redevelopment Project*. April 2020. University of Michigan.

Lizundia, Camilla. *Locating Long-tailed Bats (Chalinolobus Tuberculatus) in New Zealand’s Hūnua Ranges*. December 2020. EcoQuest Education Foundation Te Rarangahau Taiao.

Lizundia, Camilla, Olivia Perfetti, Michael Friese, Jacob Hite, Richard Norton. *How is Private Land Development Regulated in High-Hazard Settings?* November 2019. Gala. <https://www.learn gala.com/cases/beautiful-hazardous-places>.

Atkinson, Alexander, Emily Korman, An Nguyen, Sherelle Streeter, **Camilla Lizundia**, Yvonne Wu. *Estimating the Spatial Growth of Proposed Development on Urban Water Infrastructure in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia*. April 2019. University of Michigan.

Lizundia, Camilla. *Burning Questions: Investigating Wildfire Hazard Potential in California*. December 2018. University of Michigan.

Academic and Professional Conference Presentations

“Uprising Nation: What it Means and Where it Takes Us,” 10 June 2020, Residential College, Ann Arbor, MI.

“Last Mile Initiative,” 14 July 2019, Public Policy and International Affairs Public Service Weekend, Washington, DC.

“Evaluating Public Participation in Scenario Planning,” 18 April 2018, Ann Arbor, MI.

SERVICE

Professional Membership

American Planning Association, 2020 – present.

American Society of Adaptation Professionals, 2020 – present.

Michigan Association of Planning, 2020 – present.

Professional Service

Layout Editor, Agora Journal of Urban Planning and Design, September 2020 – present.

Member, Residential College Identity Taskforce, March 2020 – present.

Workshop Facilitator, Youth Arts Alliance, January 2020 – April 2020.

Member, Central Student Government Sustainability Commission, September 2017 – March 2018.

Organizations

Member, Urban Planning Student Association, September 2020 – present.

Poetry Editor, Residential College Review Literary Magazine, September 2019 – April 2020.

Member, Michigan Animal Respect Society, September 2018 – April 2020.

Prose Editor, Residential College Review Literary Magazine, September 2018 – April 2019.

Outreach Coordinator, Residential College Student Union, September 2017 – April 2019.

Member, Center for World Performance Studies Student Advisory Board, January 2018 – December 2018.

Advisor, Residential College Academic Peer Advisors, May – July 2018.

Ambassador, Residential College Student Ambassadors, January – April 2018.

HONORS & AWARDS

Michigan Sustainability Cases Innovation Award, June 2020

The Spirit of the RC Award, April 2020

University Honors, April 2020

University Honors, December 2019

University Honors, May 2019

University Honors, December 2018

University Honors, December 2017

University Honors, December 2016

California Scholarship Federation, May 2016