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## U OF M STUDENTS ASK FOR OPINIONS ON DEVELOPMENT IN ROSEMOUNT

The direction and pace of development in Rosemount is under the microscope as part of a project that's bringing the expertise of the University of Minnesota to the City. And the researchers need the views of Rosemount residents and businesspeople.

A class at the University is researching "Asset Based Community Development." Students are researching how to build on the businesses that Rosemount already has and to meet needs for new options. The class is part of the Resilient Communities Project that involves more than 400 students and their faculty members working on 29 projects proposed by the City. In the community development study, students will determine the desirable qualities of Rosemount that could lead to more development: industrial, commercial, and residential.

Students are asking people who live and work in Rosemount to complete an anonymous online survey, available at <http://ci.rosemount.mn.us/survey>. Data from the survey will help guide research and give residents a voice in the process of strengthening and expanding Rosemount's business community.

Results will also provide background for a public meeting the students will take part in on Tuesday, March 31, 2015, starting at 6 p.m. at the Rosemount Community Center, 13885 South Robert Trail. Residents are encouraged to attend the meeting to provide their views and learn about the project.

Students in the class will also be conducting focus groups and doing research in the field before providing their findings to the City Council near the end of the school year.

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