

THE **sage** PROJECT



SAN DIEGO STATE
UNIVERSITY



Transforming knowledge to practice

Cities

- Limited capacity
- Limited access to new knowledge
- Risk-averse

Universities

- Excess capacity
- Unlimited access to new knowledge
- Innovation-seeking



Campus Community Sustainability Partnerships: A radically simply model

Connect existing faculty teaching existing courses with existing projects to real-world projects that address an individual community's pressing social, economic, and environmental needs

The Sage Project mission

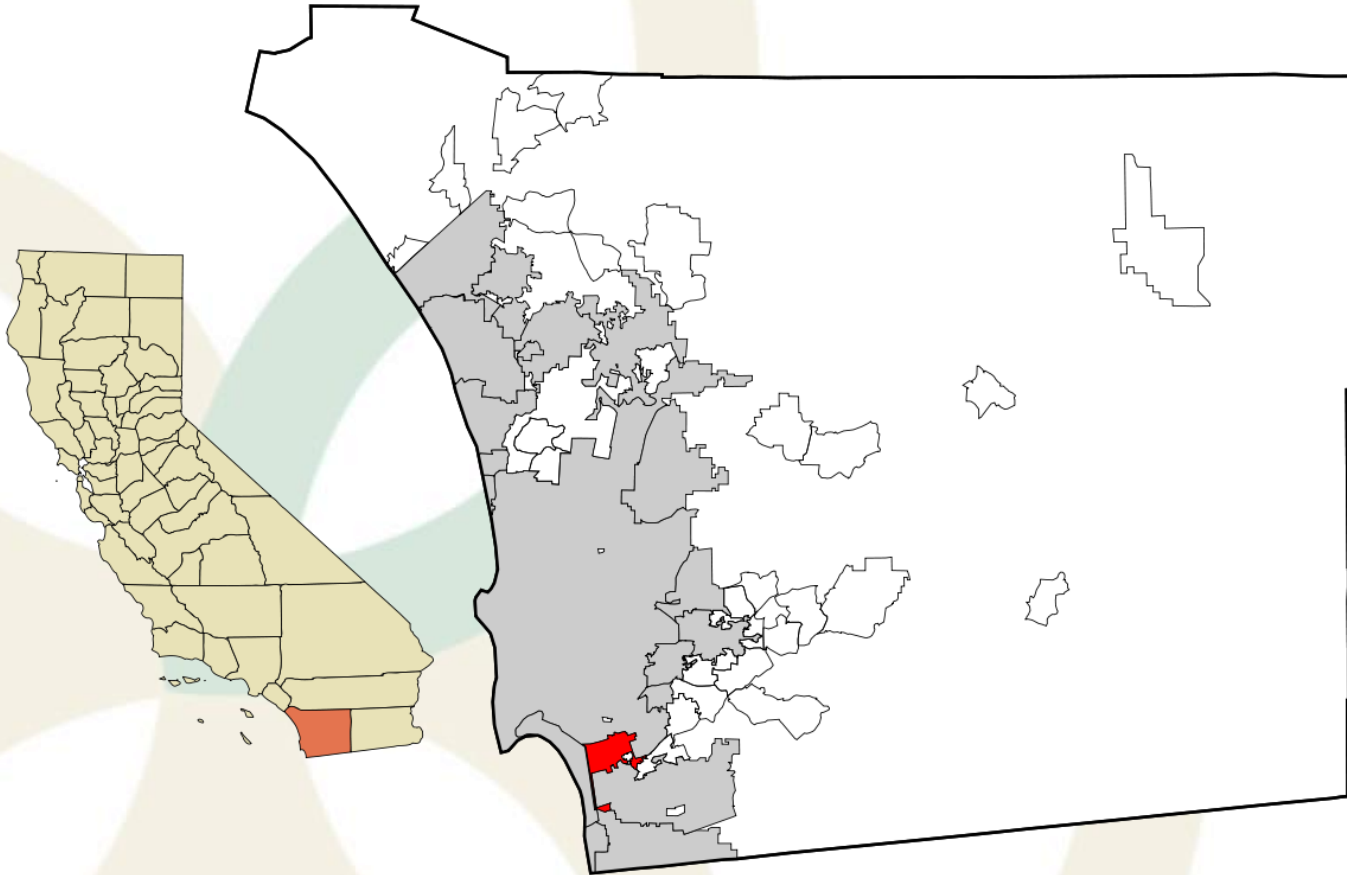
- Students engage in meaningful, real-world projects and make positive contributions to a community in SDSU's service area
- City gets creative ideas and resources that create momentum for stagnant projects



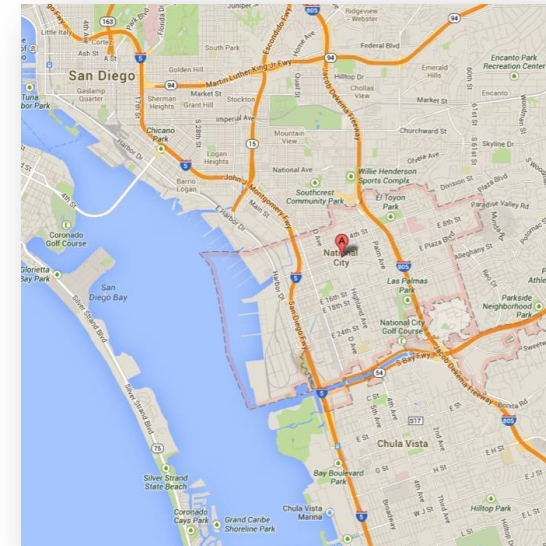
National impact: The EPIC Network

- Founding member of Educational Partnerships for Innovation in Communities (EPIC) Network
- Approximately 30 programs across the nation underway or in development adapting the University of Oregon's original model
- The Sage Project serves as a resource for the Network and prospective members

Partnership: City of National City (2013-14 and 2014-15)



San Diego County California Incorporated and Unincorporated areas National City Highlighted by Arkyan (Wikipedia.org)



A word cloud featuring various college disciplines. The words are arranged in a circular pattern, with some overlapping. The colors of the words range from light green to dark red. The disciplines include: Professional Studies And Fine Arts, Recreation And Tourism Management, Real Estate And Finance, Mechanical Engineering, International Securities And Conflict Resolution, Political Science, City Planning, Anthropology, Public Health, Graphic Design, Geography, Public Administration, Marketing, Speech Language And Hearing Sciences, Civil Engineering, Honors, Hospitality And Tourism Management, Business Of Craft Beer, Exercise And Nutrition Science, Homeland Security, Communication, Criminal Justice, Child And Family Development, Construction Engineering, Journalism And Media Studies, and Management Information Systems.

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Campus impact:
Disciplines from every college

Community impact:
National City, 2013-2015

40,000+

hours of effort toward
one community

2,000+

students

55 courses

35 faculty

23 disciplines

18 projects

2 years

1 univ

1 city

Recipe for success

- Buy-in from city manager's office and above
- Communication between city staff and council
- Understanding of city's needs and what faculty and their courses can deliver
- City must have 'skin in the game'
- University support

Benefits to cities

- Value add
- Expanded breadth of conversation
- Not consultants
- Sustainability overlay
- Increased community engagement
- Moving projects forward
- Energy

Benefits to private sector

- Getting projects unstuck
- Educating future client on sustainability
- Tilling the soil for future projects
- Testing approaches
- Connecting with the university

Our momentum: Positive press



Wednesday, April 29, 2015
By City News Service



Sunset from atop a mountain in Santee, Jan. 4, 2014.

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- feasibility studies for a new civic center and athletic complex
- a concept for a pedestrian bridge over the San Diego River that would connect the Town Center Community Park and nearby residential areas

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City of Santee New Focus of SDSU Sage Project

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Students involved with The Sage Project.

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The Sage Project Announces a New Partner

SDSU students will provide ideas, designs, service and products to tackle community issues with Santee city officials.

By Natalia Elko

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Our momentum: Campus and community recognition



<https://youtu.be/hKr5X6oDFLE>

Yearly timeline

Nov – Feb:	Request for Proposals / selection process
Mar – Apr:	Match-making (faculty/courses/projects)
May – Jun:	Contract
Jul – Aug:	Course prep / communication plan
Aug - Aug:	Courses / presentations / report writing cycle
April:	Annual symposium

Save the Date!

EPIC-N's Sustainable City Year Conference in San Diego, CA

March 13-16, 2016

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in Communities Network

5TH ANNUAL SUSTAINABLE CITY YEAR CONFERENCE


March 13 – 16, 2016

San Diego, California

Hosted by the Sage Project at San Diego State University

The Educational Partnerships for Innovation in Communities Network (EPIC-N) is pleased to announce the 5th Annual Sustainable City Year Conference March 13–16, 2016. This conference is intended for university representatives, city officials, and organizational partners who are interested in adopting and adapting the University of Oregon's Sustainable City Year (SCY) Program model, which is now being replicated across the country and internationally, to their home institutions and community contexts.

The conference is highly engaging, interactive, and participatory, and helps attendees get from the big idea to implementation techniques. Special capacity building and peer-to-peer learning sessions for currently running SCY programs are also included.

 <http://sage.sdsu.edu/dus/sage/conference.aspx>

Thank you!

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