



WOOSTER

Applied Methods and Research Experience



Housing in Wooster OH, Affordable and Accessible

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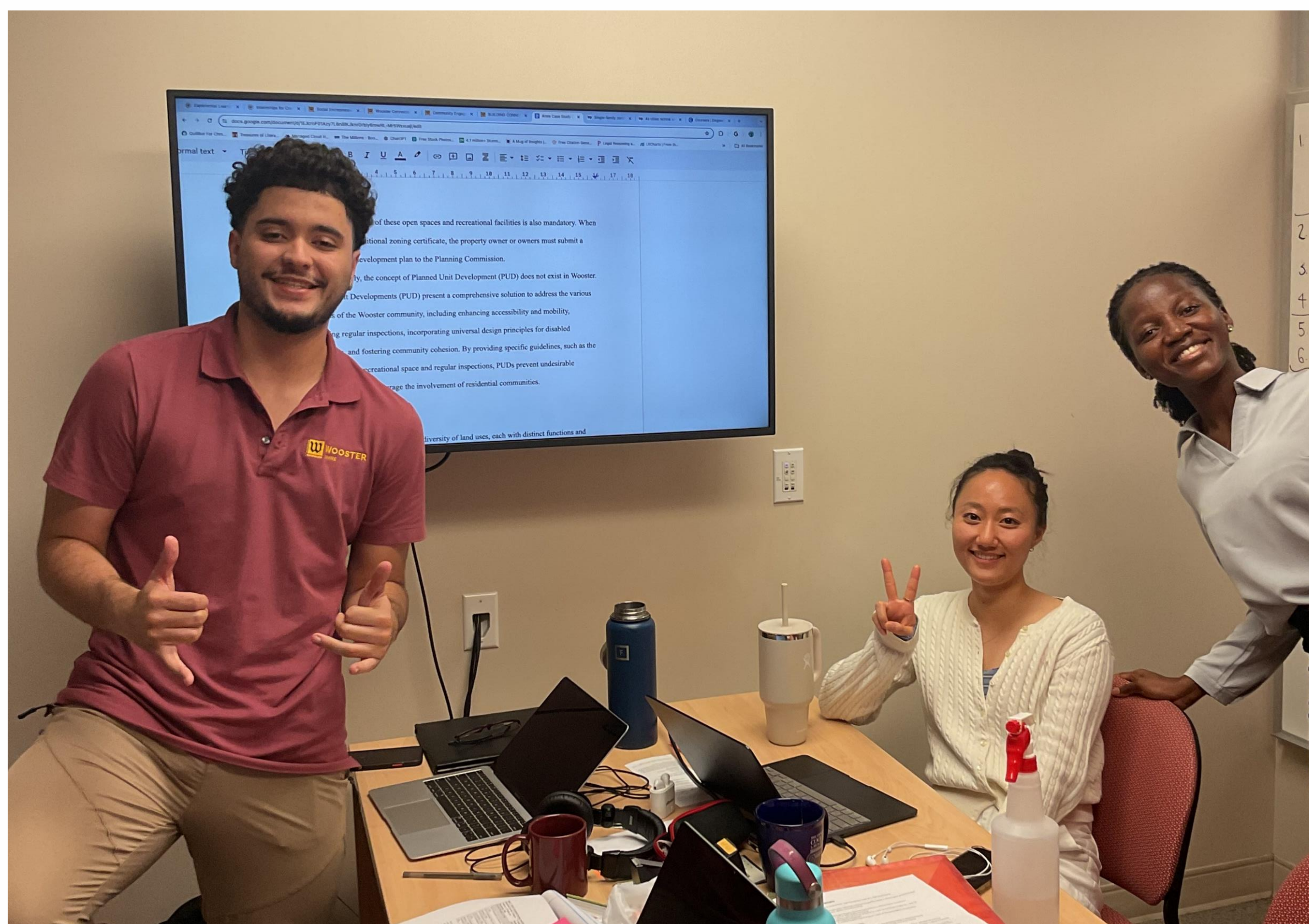
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This project addressed affordable and accessible housing concerns through land-use reform recommendations.

OVERVIEW

In response to our clients' concerns, our project aimed to improve affordable and accessible housing options in Wooster, Ohio by suggesting land-use reform.

- **Research:** Conducted interviews, explored Wooster, and analyzed successful affordable housing initiatives in other Ohio cities.
- **Land-Use Reform:** Recommended adopting land-use reforms like those used in nearby Ohio cities, such as Planned Unit Developments (PUDs) and Mixed-Use Overlay Districts (MUOs).
- **Accessibility:** Proposed an accessibility fund program to incentivize developers to create accessible housing for people with disabilities.



CLIENT

- **Community Action Wayne/Medina (CAWM)** is a non-profit organization working on community development in Wooster that offers collaborative social services for low to moderate-income individuals.
- **IncludeAbility:** focuses on ensuring people with disabilities have equal access to essential services like healthcare, housing, and transportation.

EXPERIENCE

This project provided a valuable learning experience for our team on several fronts;

- We divided tasks according to individual strengths.
- Followed a qualitative approach by conducting in-person and virtual interviews. We also did an exploration of Wooster.
- There were a few challenges with time management because this topic is very vast and requires constant research and updates.

Overall, this project deepened our understanding of the issues surrounding housing in Wooster.



CONCLUSION

We investigated how other communities have addressed these issues through land-use regulation reforms and accessibility funding programs. We were also able to complete all AMRE deliverables;

1. **Report:** This was not a typical academic report. Our clients, Community Action Wayne/Medina and IncludeAbility asked that we do an interactive report with information (like a comprehensive plan) that could be easily read by all.
2. **Video and Presentations:** Highlighted the aim of our project, the deliverables, and the whole process.
3. **Poster:** Completed a poster to visualize our project.

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