William Mitchell College of Law Community Development Clinic Research Projects

William Mitchell Community Development Clinic students were engaged in research activities on topics directed by the Workgroup leaders. These research reports were used in the development of the Central Minnesota Sustainable Development Plan.

**Microfinancing Options** by Holly Hinman, Certified Student Attorney, Caroline Devany, CURA/NPCR Intern, Macalester College, and Diane Marie Dube, Supervising Attorney. Evaluation of microfinancing option for Region 5.

**Angel Investing Evaluation** by Max Page, Student Certified Attorney, and Diane Marie Dube, Supervising Attorney. Evaluation of angel investing options for Region 5.

**Transportation Funding Summary Memo** by David Howe, Certified Student Attorney, and Diane Marie Dube, Supervising Attorney. A summary of transportation funding systems in Minnesota with Region 5 priorities.

**Review of Local Zoning Ordinances for Housing Affordability Barriers** by David, J. Stellmach, Certified Student Attorney, and Diane Marie Dube, Supervising Attorney. Evaluation of 20 Region 5 communities’ zoning ordinances for barriers to housing affordability.

**Housing Barriers to Affordability** by Susie Vang, Certified Student Attorney, and Diane Marie Dube, Supervising Attorney. Research paper on typical barriers to housing affordability found in zoning ordinances.

**CMSDP Zoning Typology Memo** (Legal Research for the Land Use Work Group) by Elizabeth Anne Lyons, Certified Student Attorney, and Diane Marie Dube, Supervising Attorney. Research paper on zoning types.

**CMSDP Variance Changes Memo** by Elizabeth Anne Lyons, Certified Student Attorney, and Diane Marie Dube, Supervising Attorney. Research paper summarizing recent changes in Minnesota variance law.

**CMSDP Sustainability in Current Zoning Memo** by Elizabeth Anne Lyons, Certified Student Attorney, and Diane Marie Dube, Supervising Attorney. Research paper evaluating two local zoning ordinances for sustainability concepts.