

Breakout Group Report

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Brownscape Design Items of Notes

- Integrates cleanup with landscape design
- Integrates multiple stakeholders at different points during the process
- A new interface with stakeholders: Design at a site with challenges: financial, community/stakeholders, environmental, long timeline
- Involves student exchanges
- Projects involve ecological restoration, recreational areas, infrastructure, landscape programming, and new landscape uses

Brownscape Design Items of Notes

- If possible use comparable sites for the cooperation
- Involves sites with social significance - investigate historical and regional significance
- Communities in transition
- Keeping all alternatives available as long as possible – intermediate use stages are important
- Sites typically have a closed or closing industrial facility
- Includes assessment of economic realities of the context

Cooperation Topics and Approach

- Topic: Landscape Design Process
 - Purpose: Evaluate, document, and compare U.S. and German processes and outcomes
- Conceptual Approach: Conduct German landscape design process with German and U.S. student participation and U.S. landscape design process with U.S and German participation
 - See Process Flowchart Workshops
 - Workshop at midpoint (time TBD)
 - Workshop at completion (time TBD)

Cooperation Products and Milestones

Topic:

- Products:
 - Documentation of U.S. Evaluation/Design process
 - Documentation of German Evaluation/Design process
 - Documentation of Charrette methodology
 - Documentation of process outcomes from U.S. and German processes
- Milestones:
 - Mid-point workshop (6 to 12 months from start)
 - Final workshop (12 to 20 months from start)

Challenges to The Team

- Timing of student participation
- Selecting the sites
- Transportation (intercontinental), should be flexible
- Funding
- Timing and structure of workshops, should be flexible
- Participants in workshops (should have practitioners)
- Communication (quarterly conference calls and email distribution, website updates)