

ALBANY EDUCATION DISTRICT ENHANCEMENT STUDY



Before and after illustrations of Education District streetscape concepts in the City of Albany, New York.

Total Study Cost: \$95,000 consultant effort

Description: CDTC assisted the City of Albany, the College of St. Rose and the University at Albany with a consultant study to create a redevelopment plan for the area known as the Albany Education District. This effort evolved out of the 2005 Midtown Colleges and University District Plan and intends to supplement the Albany 2030 comprehensive plan. The Study area is roughly bounded by South Main Avenue, Washington Avenue, Madison Avenue, South Lake Avenue and Robin Street. The Education District has many strong and unique qualities, with densities and a mix of uses that make it a lively, walkable and sustainable place to live and work. However, the District also has its challenges with respect to public safety, security and neighborhood quality of life, some of which are related to a high concentration of college age student residents. The plan makes recommendations that focus on enhancing the network of connections between transportation modes, commercial destinations, residences, places of work and academic institutions. In addition, the Study addresses physical improvements to the built and streetscape environment, zoning and code enforcement, Americans with Disabilities Act accessibility and other opportunities to strengthen neighborhood character and identity such as wayfinding and branding.

This study was completed in February 2012.

To view the final report, visit <http://www.cdcmpo.org/linkage/aedes.pdf>.

Sponsors: CDTC, City of Albany, the College of St. Rose and the University at Albany

Consultant: BFJ Planning