

## Offer of Participation in Problem Solving

**About Us:** City 2.0 is a high school senior public policy course that uses the design process to explore and solve community issues. Our students are interested in working with you and we would love the opportunity to collaborate on finding solutions to a challenge your organization faces.

**How we can help:** What are the challenges you are facing in your work? Do you have prototypes you need to gain feedback on? Are there systems you wish to make more efficient or effective? Are there opportunities for community outreach you want to pursue? Here are some examples of the kind of work we have done or are currently working on:

- With Vision Zero to address the issue of school children crossing streets while texting
- With civic parks group to answer the question, "how can we get children to spend more time outside?"
- Helped school community to find their way around a confusingly large multi-floor building
- Combined several NY city agencies and NGOs to beautify a park and inspire youth through music mentoring

**The benefits of working with High School students:**

- High School students provide a fresh outlook
- Students are the adult citizens / consumers of the future
- Students are openminded
- Students can gather youth opinion and motivate others to act for positive change

**Design Thinking Process:** In September, City 2.0 students are intensively trained in using design thinking to solve civic problems. Design Thinking is the problem solving sequence we use to engage students in sorting out complex and "wicked" social issues (Diagram pictured below).

**Timing:** Our students will be ready to meet with you and your team by the end of September. The students will be working on these projects daily through December, and can continue until graduation.



