Sustainable Urban Design at the EcoDistrict scale focuses on design and strategies that lie between the city-scale and parcel-scale. This includes approaches that can address entire neighborhoods, can link existing or potential ecosystems, and can integrate larger transportation systems and streets.

This studio will work in coordination with the Portland Sustainability Institute (PoSI), the Gateway EcoDistrict Steering Committee, and the Portland Development Commission (PDC) to look at options for transforming the an existing site towards a more sustainable urban design approach. In specific we will be looking at the Gateway EcoDistrict Area, a Portland neighborhood located between Market and Halsey, east of I-205.

A critical aspect of this studio will be the development of a stronger identity for this area. In doing this, we will also focus on how urban design options can lead to increased walking and biking, reduced GHG emissions, reduced storm water runoff, and increased and more effective and connected habitat. This site is largely developed and the studio will be looking at ‘tactical’ urban strategies as well as larger scale interventions.

The intention is for this to be a multidisciplinary studio and it is open to Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Planning students.