A NEW POLICE STATION FOR THE CITY OF SALEM
A Sustainable Cities Initiative (SCI) Project

Participating faculty and studio consultants

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Design Objectives for the Police Station:
Police stations are essential civic facilities. While open to the public and symbolic of a city’s commitment to the safety of its community, they include spaces that are high-risk to the general public and intended to be accessed only by trained professionals. As critical community services facilities with 24 hour staff, police stations must be designed to address:

• Quality of life issues for staff, and health and safety concerns for patrons including accessibility, daylighting, use of durable, non-toxic building materials, and the overall environmental quality of interior and exterior spaces;
• Measures against natural hazards such as earthquakes, or human threats such as terrorism that are vital to protect life, physical assets, and to maintain operations;
• Responsible use of financial and environmental resources enhanced through the efficient use of renewable energy sources and sustainable design principles; and
• The cultural values and civic aspirations of the city they serve.

The Salem Civic Center Space Needs Study:
Salem, capital of Oregon and the state’s third largest city, will be the focus of the 2010-11 Sustainable Cities Year Program. The new police station project is part of a larger investigation of the space needs for city functions within the Civic Center district. The City has engaged ZGF and CB2 to complete the initial detailed analyses of space needs and programming requirements for each of the Civic Center’s public spaces and office spaces, including the existing city hall where police facilities are currently housed. Their Civic Center Study will also investigate how city functions could be most effectively located adjacent to each other and provide building analysis and site evaluation. As part of this project, students will work closely with the architectural team to explore scenarios for the new police facility. Both the new structure and the adaptive reuse of existing buildings within the existing Civic Center campus will be proposed. Members of the consulting team will be available to support the work of the studio as students develop conceptual designs. The results will be compiled by SCI and included in a report for the City of Salem. Consulting architects and city representatives will participate in reviews of student work. A field trip to Salem to visit potential sites identified by the Civic Center Study for the new police facility, tour existing space and discuss programming requirements for the new police facility, and meet with client and consulting team representatives is scheduled for October 6. For more information about this and other projects for Salem, see the Salem proposal for the Sustainable Cities Year Program at:

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