The city of Silverton, Oregon owns 80 acres that includes Pettit Lake (18 acres) just south of The Oregon Garden on the south edge of this city of about 10,000 people. The city would like to develop this place into something of great public value to its citizens and visitors, preferably in a way that complements and leverages with programs and tourism at The Oregon Garden.

The class will develop alternative design proposals for a diversity of site programs. Many of these will center on building an outdoor theater for concerts, plays, etc., for which the site has several big potential advantages. Other program elements will entail development of part of the site to help pay for public facilities, recreation, habitat restoration or other civic uses.

This is a UO Sustainable City Year Program project with substantial collaboration with city officials and the public, as well as funding to help support class fieldtrips, printing and reports.