

### Top 3 Project Choices

1. Reducing the **carbon footprint of Wayne State University**. I like this idea because of the multiple directions that the project could go. It might even give the group a chance to work with the Office of Campus Sustainability.
2. Analyzing and proposing ideas in reducing the **response time of the Detroit Police Department**. For Detroit to be appealing to a large group of suburbanites to move into the city, it has to have an image of providing a safe environment for its residents.
3. Evaluating the feasibility of constructing a virtually maintenance free **urban garden** that can be replicated throughout the city. The ability to construct a lot sized garden that is self watering, weed free, and constructed in a way to produce adequate yields would give disadvantaged people the access to fresh food.

### Readings

The textbook reading, written by Joanna Wolfe, focused on building a cohesive team throughout the entire process. She believes that this will prepare students for their life after school. This type of assignment in school also leads to a better educational experience. She also gives a quote from Tom DeMarco and Timothy Lister stating that most projects in the technological field fail due to the inability of team members to work together. Ms. Wolfe gives suggestions to creating a team centered approach to project management. She suggests the use of a task schedule to give all members deadlines and to keep all informed of where the project is at. As far as the writing of the assignment, she lists three techniques along with their pros and cons. Members of a team can write face to face, divided, and layered.

The stasis article reflected some of the thoughts found in Ms. Wolfe's writing. Technical communication experts believe the number one essential skill of candidates is the ability to work in collaborative effort. When these groups work together they improve critical thinking and decision making. The article advises to employ the use of a log book. This seems to take the idea of a task schedule one step further. The article goes on to say that disagreements should lead to more discourse in solving the problem. Further discourse should be used during the drafting of the document. I would imagine that the continuous discussion would lead to a more complete final document.