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Reflection#2

My plans changed a lot over this semester. I know I mentioned that my group was switched, and I was assigned to a new mission. First, we conducted surveys for water companies and asked how we can improve water infrastructure. With no response and even getting blocked this upcoming semester, I switched to a new group. We tried looking for cities that had previous experiences with flooding and how they helped their communities. Compared to others who had site visits, I still feel bad. I'm upset with how this semester we haven't advanced in anything we have done, and we all started back from scratch. I enjoyed some of the articles I discovered and organizations I found. However, after emailing and reaching out with no responses, I am left discouraged.

I don't like how there isn't a better route for this topic. People see how other communities struggle and leave those behind to "rise" to the top. We are only as strong as those who work together because what is a community that doesn't want to help each other? All this work and effort for what reason? Can a change even happen? All these questions are what dwells on my mind as we go deeper into each semester. I give props to my other peers who are finding a breakthrough in their research, for their efforts are all paying off. It takes time sometimes, but I wish we had more than what we got so far.

I think we need to find another way to get information on our topic or have another meeting with John. I feel the information I have is valuable, but not good enough to have a strong ending. The main Idea I think can save this project is finding out how to start a grassroots organization. We talked about how we can use a website to inform others about the problems in their community. I feel this is a great start for something better. I have found websites that gave good information on how to start this process and make these changes. There are things we still have to work on, and I plan on having a conversation with my group on what I can do. I haven't contributed anything really since I came to this group, and I understand that. I appreciate their effort and hope for the best with future research.