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Reflection#2

Last semester in CODES, I narrowed down our focus on the website. I made a Q&A for people who live in the community of Cahokia Heights and for potential residents moving to the area, addressing the issues with flooding and the aftermath of water infrastructure. I want to share my work with local grassroots organizations that are here to help the community. East Saint Louis is another place I know that struggles with flooding. People who really don't have the resources to help better themselves or their communities.

Relevant stakeholders would be people who will bring change to these communities. Having the power to give better resources and options to help the community. Government officials are another stakeholder who could change the community for the better. Providing more funding for changing the water infrastructure and giving more resources. People in the community also have a voice and opportunity to strike change. Youth have a voice and can reach out to start making a difference.

It takes a village to make a change and to address these issues people are facing. I want to push more information because I want to enable and strike change. I want my work to address these struggles from a native perspective. Being from East Saint Louis and living in Cahokia Heights, I know the struggle people are dealing with. It isn't something pleasant and I

feel the community needs to make a stand to change these problems. These issues won't change overnight; it takes time to heal wounds that have been here for decades. I feel a change will come, and if we keep working hard, the opportunity to make things better will happen. I will keep doing my part to let this message be heard, and if I put my mind to it one day it will become my reality.