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During our research into the XX area, I learned several important facts about the area. I learned the area is predominately older in age, more affluent than surrounding areas, have higher values for homes listed, have strong public and private school systems, low crime rates, and have higher property taxes as well. I learned this information through research and collaboration with my cohort peers. We used the United States census website for our data as well as the local XX city own website. What we learned is important because it gives us a view into the community we are wishing to work within. For example, one of my classmates spoke with a council member for the city of XX and an issue she identified in the community was getting younger people to move to the area. While there are affordable housing options available for renting there are not many options for buying and owning homes for younger people who may not be able to afford the cost. So, what do we do with this information? At the end of the semester, we plan to present our findings in full to the city council and discuss our findings. Personally, I know asking to lower property taxes is impossible, but I think when trying to promote or market the city to younger people it could be done by leaning into other aspects of what make the city great. Such as great local schools and low crime rate, as well as local access to healthcare are many great selling points of the city. Plus, there are affordable housing options to rent for starter families in the area. This is also a small part of what we learned in our research and there are many more points to be made about why our research is important and how it can be useful to the community.