



Department of  
**Community Sustainability**  
**PhD Dissertation Proposal Approval**

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 Name of Student (full name) Semester/Year Program Start

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Month, Date, Year CSUS or STPAM?

Dual Major?  ESPP  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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*Advisor Signature confirms*

**Title of Dissertation** (may be tentative, but should be descriptive and accurately reflect your research):

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**Anticipated Completion Date** (final defense): \_\_\_\_\_  
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**IRB:** Federal and University regulations require that all proposed research projects involving human subjects be reviewed and approved by the MSU Institutional Review Board (IRB).

Will your research involve human subjects?  YES  NO

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*I, the undersigned student, understand that I may not begin my research until the IRB grants its approval and I have completed the required HRPP tutorial on the IRB website.*

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