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City of Dubuque Receives 1000 Friends of Iowa 2010 Best Development Award

DUBUQUE, Iowa – The City of Dubuque was chosen as the recipient of 1000 Friends of Iowa's "2010 Best Development Award" in the category of Leadership in a Large Community. 1000 Friends will honor the Best Development award winners at a reception following their Annual Meeting on October 30, 2010 at 5 p.m., at the Griffieon Family Farm in Ankeny, Iowa.

The City of Dubuque was selected to receive the award based on its recently adopted Unified Development Code which promotes best practices in sustainable development and will serve as a model for other cities in Iowa. One of the judges remarked, "This effort to implement sustainable development practices through code regulations will help improve development in Dubuque for years to come and should be applauded and emulated in other communities across the state."

1000 Friends of Iowa established the "Best Development Awards" in 2001 to showcase development projects and programs across the state of Iowa that best reflect the principles of smart growth and sustainable development and to recognize the cities, companies, non-profit organizations and individuals that made these projects or programs possible. The winners of the Best Development Awards are models of how responsible development practices provide benefits to the community, the environment, and quality of life for future generations.

1000 Friends of Iowa is a nonprofit, membership driven organization headquartered in Des Moines. With over 400 members across the state, their mission is to unite citizens for responsible land use and sustainable development. Their goals include farmland protection, responsible land stewardship, revitalization of cities and towns, and improved quality of life for future generations.

To read the City of Dubuque's Unified Development Code, visit www.cityofdubuque.org/udc or to learn more about 1000 Friends of Iowa, visit www.1000friendsofiowa.org.

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