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NEWS RELEASE

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Portion of Retaining Wall Collapses

DUBUQUE, Iowa – A 30-foot wide section of a stone retaining wall has collapsed in Dubuque. No one was injured but residents from two homes have been evacuated while City of Dubuque and utility crews evaluate the affected area. An Aquila gas line is exposed.

The City was notified of the collapse, located at 1106 Grove Terrace, at approximately 8:10 a.m. this morning. Dubuque Fire Department and Police responded as well as staff from the Engineering Department within 10 minutes.

An approximately 30-foot wide section of the 30-foot high limestone block retaining wall collapsed onto Grove Terrace and debris landed against the house at 1106 Grove Terrace. A gas line was exposed and crews are working to shut off the gas to allow a close inspection of the collapse, the remaining portion of the wall, and the affected home.

Traffic around the area will be prohibited while the area is cleared and the structural integrity of the wall is assessed.

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