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Dubuque Named 53rd ‘Best Green Place’ in Country

DUBUQUE, Iowa – *Country Home* magazine has ranked Dubuque 53rd among its 379 “Best Green Cities in America” for 2008. Dubuque climbed 109 spots after being ranked 162nd on last year’s list.

“This is encouraging news for our community,” said Dubuque Mayor Roy D. Buol. “The citizens of Dubuque should be proud that their community was named to this list and even more proud of the progress we have made since last year’s report.”

The “Sustainable Dubuque” initiative uses a holistic approach to making our community sustainable. The model involves a three-part approach that integrates: environmental and ecological integrity, economic prosperity, social and cultural vibrancy. The goal of “Sustainable Dubuque” is to create policies and programs that address all three pieces to create a community that is viable, livable and equitable. The individual “building blocks” of the strategy relate to energy, water, mobility, air, resources, nature, green economy, eco-literacy, food, and shelter.

In issuing the report, *Country Home* reported, “Across the nation, people are looking for ways to shrink their proverbial footprint. And along with that push to live a little closer to the ‘Three-R’ mantra (reduce, reuse and recycle), Americans are asking their communities to think green, too. That prompted our second annual Best Green Places report, which analyzed hundreds of cities on key points, such as official energy policies, green power, green buildings, and the availability of fresh, locally grown food.”

Of eight Iowa communities named to the list, Dubuque was the third-highest ranked. Among 92 cities in 12 midwestern states, Dubuque was the twelfth-highest ranked community. For more information, visit: <http://www.countryhome.com/greencities/>

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