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# NEWS RELEASE

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## **Sustainable Dubuque Task Force Seeks Resident Input**

DUBUQUE, Iowa – The Sustainable Dubuque Task Force is asking Dubuque residents to help define what sustainability means for the Dubuque community. Input will be accepted through an online survey and through a public open house on Wednesday, July 30.

Since 2006, the Dubuque City Council has made “sustainability” a top priority for the City of Dubuque. Many initiatives have been underway to make Dubuque a more sustainable community including the creation of a Sustainability Task Force, made up of representatives from the Dubuque community. Representatives on this task force come from a variety of backgrounds including business, education, religious and non-profit organizations, neighborhood associations, environmental groups as well as staff from various City departments.

One of the primary roles of the Sustainability Task Force is to develop a vision statement and to define what “sustainability” means to the citizens, businesses and organizations of Dubuque. People have many different ideas about what that the term means and what issues should be addressed. One definition is “meeting the needs of today while not jeopardizing the ability of future generations to meet their needs.” Citizens are invited to participate in two ways; the first is to take the “Sustainability Survey” by visiting [www.sustainabledubuque.org](http://www.sustainabledubuque.org).

The second way to provide input is to attend a public open house on Wednesday, July 30, at 6:30 p.m. at the Grand River Center. This open house will consist of a brief presentation on Sustainable Dubuque and will be followed by a question and answer session. Refreshments will be provided so an R.S.V.P. would be appreciated, but is not required. Please R.S.V.P. to the City Manager’s Office at 563-589-4110.

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