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Dubuque Receives Governor's Environmental Excellence Award

DES MOINES — The City of Dubuque is one of 20 Iowa organizations and businesses which will receive Environmental Excellence awards from Gov. Terry E. Branstad. The awards are the premier environmental honors in Iowa and were announced today.

Dubuque will receive the Environmental Excellence Award for the Sustainable Dubuque initiative, a top priority for the Dubuque City Council and a community planning process that began in 2006 for citizens to help design a sustainability initiative for Dubuque. Through the process, sustainability for Dubuque was defined as a community's ability to meet the environmental, economic, and social equity needs of today without reducing the ability of future generations to meet their needs. Sustainable Dubuque is a holistic approach to making the community sustainable which utilizes a three-part approach that addresses environmental and ecological integrity, economic prosperity, and social and cultural vibrancy.

"On behalf of all Iowans, I would like to congratulate these organizations for their leadership and innovation in protecting Iowa's natural resources," said Gov. Branstad. "These awards serve as a small token of appreciation for their commitment to preserve Iowa's precious natural resources for future generations of Iowans to enjoy."

"It will be a privilege to accept this award on behalf of the residents of Dubuque because Sustainable Dubuque has been and continues to be a citizen-led process to improve the quality of life in our community -- today and for the future," said Dubuque Mayor Roy D. Buol. "It is an honor for our community to be acknowledged at this level and I thank Governor Branstad for offering this program to support environmental excellence."

The awards program recognizes comprehensive environmental programs by organizations and businesses, along with special project awards in water quality, air quality,

waste management, habitat restoration and development, energy efficiency and renewable energy, and environmental education.

The recognition ceremony will take place at 3 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 1, in the Wallace Building auditorium located at 502 E. Ninth St. in Des Moines. The winners include:

Environmental Excellence Award:

- Iowa Soybean Association Environmental Programs and Services, Ankeny
- **City of Dubuque**
- Board of Regents, State of Iowa
- Meredith Corporation, Des Moines
- East Central Intergovernmental Association – Petal Project, Dubuque
- American Packaging Corporation, Story City

Special Recognition in Water Quality:

- City of Charles City
- University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls
- Burke Corporation, Nevada

Special Recognition in Air Quality:

- Bi-State Regional Commission, Rock Island, IL
- Juergens Environmental Control, Carroll

Special Recognition in Waste Management:

- City of Pella
- American Ordnance LLC, Middletown
- Cox Sanitation and Recycling, Inc., North English

Special Recognition in Habitat Restoration/Development:

- City of Waverly
- Eaton Corporation - Shenandoah Plant

Special Recognition in Energy Efficiency/Renewable Energy:

- Metropolitan Des Moines Wastewater Reclamation Association
- TEAM- West Branch High School, West Branch
- Waste Management of Iowa, Des Moines

Special Recognition in Environmental Education:

- Dowling Catholic Entrepreneurial Studies Program, West Des Moines

For more information about the Governor's Iowa Environmental Excellence Awards, go to www.iowadnr.gov/Environment/IowaEnvironmentalAwards.aspx. For more information on Sustainable Dubuque, visit www.sustainabledubuque.org.

The awards are sponsored by the Governor's Office, the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship, the Iowa Department of Economic Development, the Iowa Department of Education, the Iowa Department of Public Health and the Iowa Waste Reduction Center.