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## **Water & Resource Recovery Center Offering Scheduled Tours**

DUBUQUE, Iowa – Following its recent ribbon-cutting, the City of Dubuque's new Water & Resource Recovery Center (W&RRC) is offering free tours of its facility to the public on Wednesday, Oct. 30, and Wednesday, Nov. 6, at 3:30 p.m. Tours will be led by Jonathan Brown, W&RRC manager, and last approximately one hour.

The Water & Resource Recovery Center serves nearly 23,000 households and commercial and industrial customers 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. The facility treats nearly 10 million gallons of wastewater daily.

The facility, formerly known as the Water Pollution Control Plant, is located at 795 Julien Dubuque Drive and underwent a three-year, \$65 million upgrade---the largest capital improvement project in the City's history. The new facility features anaerobic digestion for wastewater sludge stabilization and energy recovery in the form of methane, which forms the cornerstone of the City's sustainability and energy-reduction goals at the plant. Under current conditions, the plant will have the ability to generate approximately 50 percent of the electrical demand on-site using the methane from digestion. In the future, the plant's methane production should be sufficient to generate all of its electrical needs on-site.

Tours are also available year-round by appointment to the public, small school groups, and other organizations. To schedule a tour, contact the W&RRC at 563-589-4176.

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