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Dubuque Recognized as Leader in National Guide to Greening Cities

DUBUQUE, Iowa – “The Guide to Greening Cities,” a recently published handbook, recognizes the City of Dubuque as a national leader in developing partnerships and measuring community progress related to sustainability. The guide features stories of the successful implementation of green agendas by cities across North America. Dubuque is featured along with other cities nationally renowned for their sustainability efforts, such as New York, San Antonio, Minneapolis, Denver, Asheville and Philadelphia. The publication is the first written from the perspective of municipal leaders with successful, on-the-ground experience working to advance green city goals.

City of Dubuque Sustainable Community Coordinator Cori Burbach is among leading municipal staff from various cities interviewed for the book. The City’s partnership with the University of Iowa Iowa Initiative for Sustainable Communities to develop a set of performance measures for the Sustainable Dubuque initiative is highlighted in the book, which provides guidance to municipalities and their partners engaged in measuring the livability and resilience of their communities. The Green & Healthy Homes Initiative, a partnership between the City of Dubuque and the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque, is also recognized.

“The Guide to Greening Cities” features case studies and chapters highlighting strategies for overcoming common challenges such as changes of leadership and fiscal austerity, and it lays out concrete ways to jumpstart ideas and to keep projects moving. It showcases multidisciplinary solutions for creating and greening communities, and helps elected officials, professionals, policymakers, business and community leaders, students and others understand which approaches have worked and why.

The book is authored by seasoned green city leaders Sadhu Johnston, deputy city manager for the City of Vancouver, Canada; Steven Nicholas, vice president for United States programs at the Institute for Sustainable Communities in Vermont; and Julia Parzen, founding network executive director of the Urban Sustainability Directors Network. The guide is published by Island Press and augmented by a companion website at www.guidetogreeningcities.org, which offers video interviews with municipal leaders, additional case studies and other resources.

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