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# NEWS RELEASE

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## Dubuque Named a 2013 ‘Crown Community’

Dubuque, Iowa — *American City & County* magazine has named Dubuque a “Crown Community” for 2013. Dubuque is just one of three communities to receive the distinction, joining Las Vegas, Nev., and Port Washington, Wis.

The award announcement acknowledges the recent completion of Dubuque’s Water & Resource Recovery Center project, a three-year, \$65 million upgrade of the city’s wastewater treatment plant. 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. The award announcement also cites two other Dubuque projects: the Historic Millwork District Complete Streets Project and the Bee Branch Creek Restoration Project.

*American City & County* announces its Crown Communities each December. Projects submitted for consideration are judged on uniqueness, short- and long-term value to the community, and effective/innovative financing. Projects can encompass virtually any aspect of city or county government, including — but not limited to — water supply, streets and highways, parks and recreation, wastewater collection and treatment, public finance, public transportation, stormwater and flood control, technology, solid waste collection and treatment, public safety, management, building maintenance and construction, and grounds maintenance.

Dubuque was also named a Crown Community in 2003 and 2009. For more information, visit <http://americancityandcounty.com/public-works/crown-communities-awards>

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