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# NEWS RELEASE

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## Dubuque Selected for Global Green USA Sustainability Consultation

DUBUQUE, Iowa – Dubuque is one of eight American communities that will receive free sustainable neighborhood design consultation in 2014 from Global Green USA, with the help of a grant from the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Building Blocks for Sustainable Communities Program.

Over the next 10 months, a team of sustainability experts will conduct three-day visits to Dubuque and other winning communities to provide comprehensive recommendations for infrastructure and policy changes aimed at helping the communities build a future that is more resource-efficient, livable, healthy, and environmentally responsible.

Sustainability experts from Global Green, Raimi + Associates, Farr Associates, and Agora Group will identify Dubuque's positive qualities, consult with community stakeholders in meetings and public workshops, and identify major opportunities to improve the sustainability of the community. The team will use the LEED for Neighborhood Development standard, a nationally recognized method for creating neighborhoods that are walkable, bikeable, resource-efficient, and equitable. Experts' recommendations for both physical and policy changes may include streetscape improvements, ecological restoration to reduce storm surge, integrated energy production, green infrastructure for stormwater management, new standards for in-fill and transit-oriented development, and/or zoning revisions to allow for urban agriculture or mixed-use development.

“Working with the national organization Global Green USA provides us an opportunity to continue our work to re-establish the Washington Neighborhood as a vibrant, livable area,” said Dubuque Mayor Roy D. Buol. “As one of Dubuque's oldest and most densely developed neighborhoods, the Washington Neighborhood is home to thousands of residents and local businesses. The grant will allow the city and its partners to build upon our efforts to create a sense of place for businesses and residents while incorporating smart, sustainable practices around land-use, transportation, and urban development.”

Winning communities were competitively selected for the free consultations based on several criteria, including need for assistance, urgency, substantial upcoming projects and community engagement. Other cities include Santa Monica, CA; Los Angeles, CA; Long Beach, CA; Oak Forest, IL; Chippewa-Cree Tribe, MT; Long Beach, NY; and Westerly, RI.

Recommendation reports for these cities can be found at [www.globalgreen.org/articles/global/59](http://www.globalgreen.org/articles/global/59).

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*Global Green USA is the American affiliate of Green Cross International, founded by President Gorbachev, to foster a global value shift toward a sustainable and secure future. Since 2003, Global Green USA has been a national leader in advocating for smart solutions to global warming, including green building for affordable housing, schools and communities that save money, improve health, and create green jobs. Global Green USA has influenced more than \$20 billion dollars for green building projects and educates millions of people about climate friendly solutions through its Citizen Entrepreneur campaigns. Global Green is also leading efforts to help rebuild a green New Orleans through its sustainable green village and energy efficiency retrofit initiatives.*