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Seventh Annual ‘Put a LID on It’ Workshop Scheduled for March 11-12

DUBUQUE, Iowa –The public is invited to attend a two-day workshop titled “Put a LID on It: Protecting Our Water Resources Today and Into the Future,” at the National Mississippi River Museum and Aquarium in Dubuque on Tues., March 11, and Wed., March 12.

The workshop will focus on low-impact development (LID), an innovative stormwater management approach that emphasizes conservation and use of on-site natural features to protect water quality. The goal of LID is to mimic a site’s predevelopment hydrology by using design techniques that infiltrate, filter, store, evaporate, and detain runoff water close to its source. This year’s workshop will focus primarily on the importance of watershed planning and the Catfish Creek Watershed, which encompasses much of Dubuque, Asbury, Peosta, and Centralia.

Day one of the workshop, March 11, is free to the public and will begin at 6 p.m. with opening remarks and an overview of the Catfish Creek Watershed Management Plan. There will also be a public input session for potential projects and concerns for those who live in the watershed area. Day two of the workshop, March 12, goes from 8:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. and will feature exhibitors and various presentations on topics such as green infrastructure, bio-swale applications and design standards, and streambank restoration.

Registration is required and day two of the workshop has a standard registration of \$15 or a student registration of \$5, which includes breakfast and lunch. Registration forms are available at www.cityofdubuque.org/engineering and must be returned with payment to the

Dubuque Soil and Water Conservation District at 210 Bierman Rd., Epworth, IA 52045 by Fri., March 7. For additional information, contact Eric Schmechel at 563-876-3418, ext. 3 or e-mail eschmechel@dubuqueswcd.org.

The workshop is sponsored by the City of Dubuque, Dubuque County, the Catfish Creek Watershed, the City of Asbury, and the National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium.

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