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City of Dubuque Seeks Input on Sustainable Design

DUBUQUE, Iowa -- The public is invited to provide input on the City of Dubuque's Sustainable Design Assessment Team (SDAT) Final Report on Thursday, Feb 18 and Friday, Feb.19.

In 2007, Dubuque was selected by the American Institute of Architects (AIA) Center for Communities by Design as one of seven cities to receive technical assistance under the SDAT Program. Dubuque is the first city in Iowa chosen for this program.

The collaborative SDAT program brings together teams of volunteer professionals (architects, urban designers, planners, and others) to work with community decision-makers and stakeholders to help them develop a vision and framework for a sustainable future, provide a roadmap for communities seeking to improve their sustainability, and achieve balance between cultural, environmental, and economic systems.

On **Wednesday, Feb. 18**, the Long-Range Planning Advisory Commission will host a public meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at the Historic Federal Building, 350 W. 6th Street. AIA National SDAT Team Leader Peter J. Arsenault, AIA, NCARB, LEED-AP, Architect and Sustainability Consultant, in Manlius, New York; and AIA National SDAT Staff Erin Simmons, Program Manager at the Center for Communities by Design, The American Institute of Architects in Washington, D.C., will present the Dubuque SDAT Final Report. The public may comment on how to implement the Dubuque SDAT recommendations for planned and managed growth, stormwater management, sustainable design, neighborhood revitalization, and blufflands.

On **Thursday, Feb. 19**, following the "Growing Sustainable Communities" conference, the public may participate in developing an action plan for the SDAT recommendations and the Sustainable Dubuque initiative. The implementation meeting will be held from 1:15 – 3:30 p.m. in Platinum Room A at the Grand Harbor Resort, 350 Bell Street.

For more information about the Dubuque SDAT Final Report, contact the Planning Services Department at (563) 589-4210 or planning@cityofdubuque.org. Information is available on the City of Dubuque's website, www.cityofdubuque.org/SDAT.

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