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New Waste Receptacles Deployed on Central Avenue

DUBUQUE, Iowa -- Through a partnership between the Washington Neighborhood Development Corporation (WNDC) and the City of Dubuque, five new trash and recycling receptacles are being installed along Central Avenue this afternoon at the following locations:

- 22nd & Central (SE Corner)
- 20th & Central (NE Corner)
- 18th & Central (NW Corner)
- 16th & Central (NW Corner)
- 14th & Central (NE Corner)

A committee of Washington Neighborhood businesses has been meeting monthly to plan ways to address issues of mutual concern: fighting litter, making aesthetic improvements, and addressing vacant store fronts. The committee recognized the need for additional receptacles as a significant opportunity to improve access to recycling and to reduce litter in public spaces along the Central Avenue corridor.

Made possible by a grant from Dubuque Metropolitan Area Solid Waste Agency, the functional and artistic receptacles incorporate recycled street signs from the City's public works department and add a colorful and artful flair to the overall unique design. The design was approved by the Washington Neighborhood business committee which represents businesses in the neighborhood. The City of Dubuque Public Works Department will add the new locations to their regular collection routes.

“Installing highly-visible and well-marked trash and recycling receptacles will create an opportunity for education through access by providing a convenient way to recycle and

throw away trash where there was not one before”, according to Washington Neighborhood Development Corporation Director and City of Dubuque Economic Development Coordinator Megan Starr.

Tri-State Quality Metals, which will soon move to the Dubuque Industrial Center South, fabricated the receptacles. Owner Gary Wilming grew up in the Washington Neighborhood and was interested in being a part of the project.

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