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# NEWS RELEASE

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## Dubuque Receives 1000 Friends of Iowa 2014 Best Development Award

DUBUQUE, Iowa – The City of Dubuque was chosen as the recipient of 1000 Friends of Iowa’s “2014 Best Development Award” in the category of Stormwater Management. The award announcement acknowledges the City’s Green Alley Program.

As part of the 20-year Bee Branch Watershed Flood Mitigation Project the City is reconstructing all 240 alleys in the Bee Branch Watershed with permeable pavement. This is expected to reduce the amount of stormwater runoff in the watershed by up to 80% and help protect 1,373 homes and businesses from flood damages. Green alleys will also replenish the groundwater and lessen the amount of pollutants entering the storm sewer system and ultimately the Mississippi River. Twenty-three green alley conversions were completed in 2014 with approximately 53 planned for 2015. One of the jurors remarked, “Dubuque keeps knocking it out of the park.”

1000 Friends of Iowa established the “Best Development Awards” in 2001 to showcase development projects and programs across the state of Iowa that best reflect the principles of smart growth and sustainable development and to recognize the cities, companies, non-profit organizations and individuals that made these projects or programs possible. The winners of the Best Development Awards are models of how responsible development practices provide benefits to the community, the environment, and quality of life for future generations.

1000 Friends of Iowa is a nonprofit, membership driven organization headquartered in Des Moines. With over 400 members across the state, their mission is to unite citizens for responsible land use and sustainable development. Their goals include farmland protection, responsible land stewardship, revitalization of cities and towns, and improved quality of life for future generations.

To read about the City’s Green Alley Program, visit [www.cityofdubuque.org/greenalleys](http://www.cityofdubuque.org/greenalleys) or to learn more about 1000 Friends of Iowa, visit [www.1000friendsofiowa.org](http://www.1000friendsofiowa.org).

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