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Public Meeting on Brownfields Project on May 28

DUBUQUE, Iowa — The City of Dubuque will host an open house on Thursday, May 28, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Neighborhood Resource Center at Prescott Elementary School at 1151 White St. The purpose of this meeting is to inform residents and stakeholders of the City's brownfields redevelopment project.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recently awarded the City of Dubuque two Brownfields Assessment Grants totaling \$400,000 that allow the City to inventory, characterize, assess, and plan the revitalization and reuse of underutilized properties within the community. Brownfields are real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant.

The City is concentrating its efforts within the Historic Millwork District, South Port area of the Port of Dubuque, and the Washington Neighborhood. City staff and its environmental consultant, HR Green, Inc., will cover the following topics during the meeting:

- Definition of a brownfields site and the purpose of the brownfields program;
- Importance and benefits of redeveloping brownfield sites;
- Phase I and II Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) processes;
- Areas of the community targeted for assessment activities;
- Benefits of participating in the brownfields program; and
- Redevelopment visioning.

The City of Dubuque invites all interested residents to attend the meeting. City staff will consider all feedback received. For more information, please contact City of Dubuque Economic Development Director Maurice Jones (563-589-4393 or mjones@cityofdubuque.org) or HR Green Project Director Scott Mattes (515-657-5277 or smattes@hrgreen.com).

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