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## Mayor Buol Participating in White House Water Summit

DUBUQUE, Iowa – As part of World Water Day, Dubuque Mayor Roy D. Buol will serve as a panelist at the first-ever White House Water Summit tomorrow (Tuesday, March 22) in Washington, DC.

Buol is participating in a panel on “Building Resilience for the Extremes” that will discuss how too much or too little water affects communities, regions, and states and how those extremes can be mitigated. He will share insights on Dubuque’s efforts to build resilience and mitigate flash flooding through the Bee Branch Watershed Flood Mitigation Project.

The purpose of the summit is to shine a spotlight on the importance of cross-cutting, creative solutions to solving the water problems of today, as well as to highlight the innovative strategies that will catalyze change across the ways in which we use, conserve, protect, and think about water in the years to come.

According to the White House, water challenges are facing communities and regions across the United States, impacting millions of lives and costing billions of dollars in damages. Recent events, including record-breaking drought in the West, severe flooding in the Southeast, and the water-quality crisis in Flint, Michigan, have elevated a national dialogue on the state of our Nation's water resources and infrastructure. This dialogue is increasingly important as a growing population and changing climate continue to exacerbate water challenges.

At the event, senior Obama Administration officials will join with water experts, practitioners, and stakeholders from organizations and institutions across the country to discuss how we can work together to build a sustainable water future—one in which everyone has access to the safe, clean, and affordable water they need, when and where they need it.

The public is encouraged to tune in to the summit live from approximately 8 a.m. - 11:30 p.m. CT on Tuesday, March 22, at <https://www.whitehouse.gov/live/white-house-water-summit> , and to join the conversation using the hashtags #WHWaterSummit and #WorldWaterDay.

For more information, visit <https://www.whitehouse.gov/webform/share-your-input-activities-and-actions-build-sustainable-water-future>

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