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Ninth Annual Watershed Symposium February 8 & 9

DUBUQUE, Iowa –The public is invited to attend a two-day “Urban and Agricultural Collaborations” Watershed Management Symposium on Wednesday, Feb. 8, and Thursday, Feb. 9, at the Hotel Julien in Dubuque. The deadline to register is Tuesday, Jan. 31.

The symposium will focus on both urban and agricultural watershed concerns, challenges, and solutions related to issues lowans face in dealing with water quality and flooding events. Several different presentations focusing on both stormwater and watershed management will be given throughout the two-day event.

Day one of the workshop, February 8, will feature several speakers discussing the impacts of green infrastructure, stormwater ordinances (and how they relate to development impacts), agricultural runoff, and the importance of soil health. Day two of the workshop, February 9, will feature a local watershed project, discussion on the potential for water quality trading/exchanging, the Sustainable Iowa Land Trust, and will wrap up with a tour of the Bee Branch Watershed Flood Mitigation Project in Dubuque.

Registration is required and the symposium has a standard two-day registration of \$50 or a student registration of \$25, which includes breakfast and lunch. A single-day registration is available for \$30. Registration forms and the detailed agenda are available at www.catfishcreekwatershed.org and must be returned with payment to the Dubuque Soil and Water Conservation District at 210 Bierman Rd., Epworth, IA 52045, by Tuesday, Jan. 31. For additional information, contact Eric Schmechel at 563-876-3418, ext. 3 or e-mail eschmechel@dubuqueswcd.org.

The workshop is sponsored by the City of Dubuque, Dubuque County, the Catfish Creek Watershed Authority Board, the City of Asbury, and the City of Coralville.

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