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## Dubuque's 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Sustainability Conference Slated for Oct. 3-4

DUBUQUE, Iowa – The Growing Sustainable Communities Conference will celebrate its 10th anniversary at the Grand River Center in the Port of Dubuque on Oct. 3-4, 2017. Registration is now open on the conference website at [www.GSCDubuque.com](http://www.GSCDubuque.com).

The Growing Sustainable Communities Conference is the largest and longest-standing sustainability conference in the Midwest, according to City of Dubuque officials who have hosted the conference annually since 2008. Sustainable City Network, a Dubuque-based trade magazine, has co-hosted the event with the City since 2011.

The conference includes more than 30 workshops, mobile tours, and keynote presentations on the latest developments in community sustainability and resiliency initiatives.

This year's conference will include workshop speakers with a wide range of expertise, including representatives from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the Government Alliance on Race & Equity, the Arbor Day Foundation, the Iowa Economic Development Authority, the Econservation Institute, Great Plains Institute, Green Iowa AmeriCorps, the Iowa Clean Cities Coalition, the Midwest Renewable Energy Association, the Sustainable Iowa Land Trust, the Nature Conservancy, and businesses such as General Electric, HDR, Shive-Hattery, and many others.

Speakers from municipal governments large and small will also present case studies on the sustainability initiatives in their respective communities, from large cities like Minneapolis, New Orleans, Nashville, Kansas City, Charlotte, and Des Moines, to Broward County, Fla., and the small and mid-sized communities of Brookings, S.D.; Columbia, Mo.; Huntington Beach, Calif.; South Euclid, Ohio; Madison, Wis.; New Lebanon, Ohio; and the Iowa communities of Cedar Rapids, Muscatine, Cedar Falls, and Dubuque. Researchers from numerous universities and nonprofits will also present their findings.

Workshop topics at this year's event include tree canopy projects and programs, watershed and stormwater management, brownfield redevelopment, solar energy, small-town

sustainability, biogas conversion, equity, placemaking, livability, climate action planning, education/community partnerships, mobility planning and design, sustainability tools and frameworks, alternative fuel vehicles, green building and sustainable development, local foods, LED streetlight conversions, affordable housing initiatives, green infrastructure, sustainability metrics, training, and community engagement, among others.

Complete [workshop descriptions](#) can be found on the conference website.

The conference will feature three mobile tours, two keynote luncheons, a breakfast plenary session, a networking reception, and dozens of vendors and exhibitors. Several hotels are within walking distance of the Grand River Center. See the conference website for contact information and special room rates.

More than 500 people from across the U.S. are expected to attend the event. Attendees annually include elected officials, municipal senior management and staff, as well as private-sector business leaders, university administrators, faculty, and students.

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