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# NEWS RELEASE

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## **‘Great Connections’ Stormwater and Watershed Management Conference is April 24-26**

DUBUQUE, Iowa – The public is invited to attend the Great Connections 2018 Conference from April 24-26 at the Grand River Center, 500 Bell St., in Dubuque. Stormwater, erosion control, and watershed management professionals are encouraged to participate and learn about the latest techniques and technologies in the industry.

The conference is co-hosted by The Great Lakes and Great Rivers Chapters of the International Erosion Control Association (IECA) and the City of Dubuque's 10th Annual Watershed and Stormwater Symposium.

The multi-day workshop will feature high-quality training and information designed to prepare attendees for the spring construction season and certification review courses. Stormwater, erosion and sediment control, agriculture and watersheds, locally driven policy and education initiatives will be explored. Speakers and content will range from the core focus of the IECA to trends in science and research on surface water quality, stormwater management regulations, and locally led watershed improvement efforts.

Registration is required to attend the conference. Registration fees for the three-day conference are \$195 for IECA members and \$235 for non-members. Conference admission includes technical sessions, expo reception, keynote reception, lunches, and the option of a field tour of the Upper Bee Branch. Keynote speaker is Dr. Wallace J. Nichols, author of the New York Times bestselling book, “Blue Mind.” The keynote speaker event, which will be

held at the National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium on April 25 at 6 p.m., is free and open to the public.

Registration and more details are available at [www.iecagreatconnections.com](http://www.iecagreatconnections.com).

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