



# CITY OF DUBUQUE AWARDS & RECOGNITION

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**PLANNING, PARTNERSHIPS, & PEOPLE**  
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**RESILIENCY, SUSTAINABILITY, EQUITY, & COMPASSION**



**Dubuque Named an Iowa Thriving Community** Dubuque was named to the inaugural group of Iowa Thriving Communities, a new program from the Iowa Finance Authority (IFA) and Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA). The program recognizes cities around the state that utilize innovative solutions to enhance their housing offerings to residents of all income levels.

**Dubuque received top honors including the Over 35,000 Population Category Award and an All-America Selections Showcase Garden Award.** Dubuque's participation in the 2022 National Awards Program was part of a \$25,000 AIB/CN EcoConnexions From the Ground Up grant the City received for the Re-Imagine Comiskey Park Redevelopment Project to be used for trees, native forbs, grass seed, shrubs, and flowers.

**American Heart Association's 2022 Mission: Lifeline® EMS Gold Plus Award** The Dubuque Fire Department has received the American Heart Association's 2022 Mission: Lifeline® EMS Gold Plus Award for implementing quality improvement measures for the treatment of patients who experience severe heart attacks.

**Score of 100 on 2021 Municipal Equality Index** Dubuque scored 100 on the 2021 Municipal Equality Index, issued by the Human Rights Campaign (HRC), in partnership with the Equality Federation Institute. The index is a ranking of municipalities across the country based on the inclusiveness of their laws, policies, and services for LGBTQ residents.

**All-America City** (2007, 2012, 2013, 2017, 2019) The National Civic League All-America City Award celebrates the best in local innovation, civic engagement, and cross-sector collaboration, the award reminds us that every community can create real change.



## Dubuque Named One of the Best American Riverwalks - 2020

USA Today has named Dubuque #8 on its list of Best American Riverwalks, as chosen by USA Today readers and 10Best.

**Dubuque Featured in Preservation Magazine** Dubuque was featured in a nine-page article entitled "Heart and Soul" in the fall 2018 issue of Preservation, the magazine of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. The publication's cover features a photo of Dubuque's Historic Millwork District and "Finding Dubuque: An Iowa city rediscovers its sense of place."

**LEED-Certified City** As one of the 75 STAR-certified cities and counties in the U.S., Dubuque was named a LEED-Certified City in 2018. Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, or LEED, for Cities is a program from the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) that advances healthy, green, and economically strong cities and communities.

**Leading Environmentalism and Forwarding Sustainability (LEAFs) Award** — The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 7 awarded the City of Dubuque the LEAFs Award in April 2018 for excellence in site reuse for the construction of the Jule Operations & Training Center at the former Peoples Natural Gas Co. EPA Superfund site.

**Driftless North End Designated as Iowa Great Place** The Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs designated Dubuque's Driftless North End as an Iowa Great Place for 2018. The designation for the area is new, but is a re-designation for the community. Dubuque was originally recognized as an Iowa Great Place in 2007 and Steeple Square received the designation in 2017. The Iowa Great Places program provides designation and supports the development of new and existing infrastructure intended to cultivate the unique and authentic qualities of neighborhoods, communities, and regions in Iowa.

**"Most Livable" Small City in the United States** — U.S. Conference of Mayors Livability Awards Program

### *Livability Awards:*

2017: **Outstanding Achievement Award**, Bee Branch Watershed Flood Mitigation Project.

2008: **First-Place Award**, America's River Project

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The **Bee Branch Creek Restoration Project** was recognized in late 2017 by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for **excellence and innovation in clean water infrastructure** through the Performance and Innovation in SRF Creating Environmental Success (PISCES) program. The creek restoration was one of just 28 projects by state or local governments, public utilities, and private entities that were recognized.

#7 among the **Top 30 Small Cities** (population under 160,000)  
— Area Development Magazine

Dubuque was named one of the **"Top 100 Leading Locations,"** ranking 21st in the U.S. — Area Development Magazine.

One of the **10 Best American Cities to Work in Technology:** Ranking based on pay for tech workers, percentage of tech workers in the workforce (representing high levels of opportunity in the field), and low cost of living indices. Tech workers in Dubuque make 1.86 times more than the city average, the highest ratio on this top 10 list — SmartAsset.com

The National League of Cities (NLC) selected Dubuque for its **first place award in the 2016 NLC City Cultural Diversity Awards** for the City's support of Inclusive Dubuque and its efforts to develop a community equity profile.

Dubuque was awarded a **4-STAR Community Rating** in 2015 for national sustainability excellence. **Dubuque was just the third Iowa community and the 25th in the nation to achieve certification under the STAR Community Rating System**, a national framework for measuring and advancing local government's environmental, economic, and community efforts to achieve sustainability.



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The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) named Dubuque a recipient of its 2013 **National Award for Smart Growth Achievement**. Competing in the "Corridor or Neighborhood Revitalization" category, Dubuque was selected for revitalization efforts in the Historic Millwork District and Washington Neighborhood.

The White House named Dubuque **one of 16 Climate Action Champions for 2014**, a diverse group of communities defining the frontier of ambitious climate action whose approaches can serve as a model for other communities.

One of the **"10 Great Places to Live"**, The rankings place an emphasis on small and mid-size cities, considering metro areas with a population of 1 million or less that have good jobs, reasonably priced homes, decent schools and access to great health care — Kiplinger

One of the 2015 **"Smart 21 Communities."** One of just 5 U.S. communities on the list — Intelligent Community Forum

Dubuque ranks **#5 for Resiliency**. Ranked 5th out of 361 communities nationwide in a study of resiliency capacity that evaluates a community's economic capacity to bounce back from adversity, strength of demographics, and community connectivity.

Dubuque is among the **top 8% of the nation's metropolitan areas for "upward mobility,"** defined as the ability of children born in the lowest-income category to reach the highest-income category by age 30.  
— The Equality of Opportunity Project

**10 Smartest Cities on the Planet:** 1) Songdo, South Korea; 2) Lavasa, India; 3) PlanIT Valley, Portugal; 4) Skolkovo, Russia; 5) Masdar, United Arab Emirates; 6) Wuxi, China; 7) King Abdullah Economic City, Saudi Arabia; **8) Dubuque, Iowa;** 9) Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam; 10) Nano City, India — Fast Company Magazine

**"Top 100 Places to Live"** - Communities with visionary leaders, improving or thriving economies including housing, and realization of "green" initiatives — Relocate America.