

GREENETWORK – August 2012

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Green Infrastructure Workshops – Comprehensive Approaches to Stormwater Management

<http://www.iowaeconomicdevelopment.com/community/stormwater/default.aspx>

The Iowa Economic Development Authority is sponsoring stormwater management workshops across Iowa. The September workshops are designed for local government elected officials, policy makers and staff. An evening reception for elected officials and city managers / administrators / clerks will share core concepts of stormwater green infrastructure policies and practices the evening before each workshop. The October workshops target design professionals including engineers, landscape architects, architects, planners and contractors. As a follow-up to the workshops, the Iowa Stormwater Education Program and the American Public Works Association Iowa Chapter are hosting a tour of Iowa stormwater projects on October 18. Below is a list of dates and cities for the trainings. More information is coming soon to the website above.

Comprehensive Approaches to Stormwater Management Workshop Series and Tour

For Local Officials

Charles City
September 11, 2012

Des Moines
September 13, 2012

Hiawatha
September 18, 2012

Bettendorf
September 20, 2012

Storm Lake
September 25, 2012

For Design Professionals

Cedar Rapids
October 8, 2012

Ankeny
October 9, 2012

Council Bluffs
October 10, 2012

Putting Policy into Practice: Green Infrastructure (GI) Tour

Charles City/West Union
October 19, 2012

ThinkENERGY Expo

<http://www.vanmeterinc.com/thinkenergy>

Van Meter Inc. is holding its third annual **ThinkENERGY Expo** on **Wednesday, September 12** in Cedar Rapids. **ThinkENERGY 2012** will include five tracks, more than 30 speaking sessions, a special keynote address and many “green” product and service exhibitors. The five education tracks will include everything from lighting solutions, energy audits, motor standards, environmental compliance issues and green building strategies to power monitoring, solar energy, utility industry updates, sustainability practices, and more. The cost to attend is \$69 per person and visit <http://www.vanmeterinc.com/thinkenergy> for more information or to register.

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Application Workshop

<https://student.gototraining.com/r/6559676820325686784>

The Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA) is hosting CDBG application workshop webinar on September 4 from 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM. IEDA will cover a variety of topics related to the state CDBG program requirements, and preparing to apply for the program. Application due dates will be in late 2012/early 2013. Funding programs include Water/Sewer, Community Facilities, and Housing Rehab. Please register for the 2013 CDBG Application Workshop on Tuesday, September 4, 2012 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM CDT at: <https://student.gototraining.com/r/6559676820325686784>.

Energy Efficiency Rehab Training

<http://icosc.com/index.php>

The Center on Sustainable Communities (COSC) is offering a comprehensive renovation training focusing on sustainable building techniques and energy efficiency. Upcoming training series are being offered in DeWitt, North Liberty and Des Moines. This free state-wide training series supports community energy-savings goals, job skills and improving the energy performance of existing buildings and homes. Building professionals who complete the program will be placed by COSC on a state-wide preferred vendor list for energy efficient commercial and residential projects.

Dubuque Energy Efficiency Loans

<http://www.eciabusinessgrowth.com/EELF.html>

The city of Dubuque has partnered with East Central Intergovernmental Association Business Growth, Inc to establish a \$200,000 Energy Efficiency Loan Fund (EELF) with funds from the U.S. Department of Energy. The purpose of the fund is to help finance energy improvements in buildings owned or leased by commercial businesses, non-profits, and multi-tenant facility management groups. The projects that receive loans will be those seeking to fund innovative energy efficiency projects that significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Call for Award Entries - American Society of Landscape Architects – Iowa Chapter

<http://iaasla.org/>

The Iowa chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects has issued a call for entries for its awards program. Award categories include Design (Built), Design (Unbuilt), Planning & Analysis, Research, Communication, and Community Stewardship. Deadline for entries is September 6, 2012.

Sustainability Circles Preview

<http://icosc.com/index.php>

The Center on Sustainable Communities (COSC) has partnered with True Market Solutions to offer the Sustainability Circles™ program to Iowa communities. Interested parties are invited to join COSC for a preview session and learn how businesses, municipalities and nonprofit organizations can incorporate proven principles and practices of sustainability to enhance profits, reduce expenses, increase energy efficiency and much more. Choose between two free preview sessions, sponsored by COSC and the Greater Des Moines Partnership on September 5 and 6.

Sustainability Circles is a proven six-month program that enables small to mid-sized businesses, municipalities, and nonprofit organizations to embed the principles and practices of sustainability into their business models, cultures and daily operations.

- Enhance profitability
- Reduce expenses
- Increase energy efficiency
- Build brand integrity
- Improve productivity
- Establish sustainable competitive advantage

Resources and Models:

National Complete Streets Coalition 2011 Policy Analysis and Local Policy Workbook

<http://www.completestreets.org/>

This new analysis examines 350 Complete Streets policies that have been approved by communities across the country as of the end of 2011. Local policies of particular note are highlighted throughout the report, providing a comprehensive examination of best policy practices across the country. Accompanying the new policy analysis is the latest edition of the *Complete Streets Local Policy Workbook*. This introductory guide serves as a starting point for transportation experts and interested local leaders to begin mapping out their own Complete Streets policies. (source: <http://www.smartgrowth.org/>, 8/29/12)

Vibrant Rural Communities—NADO Case Study Series

<http://www.nado.org/tag/vibrant-rural-communities/>

The National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) is releasing a series of case studies describing how rural regions and small towns across the country are growing local and regional economies and creating stronger communities. Clinton, Iowa is featured in one of the case studies recently released. This series will show how communities can leverage a wide range of tools and resources to build on their assets, protect their resources, and make strategic investments that offer long-term benefits. (source: <http://www.smartgrowth.org/>, 8/29/12)

Upcoming Workshops, Trainings and Events:

Sustainability Circles Previews

September 5 and 6, 2012 – Des Moines, IA

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September 11, 2012 – Charles City, IA

September 13, 2012 – Des Moines, IA

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<http://www.iowaeconomicdevelopment.com/community/stormwater/default.aspx>

ThinkENERGY Expo

September 12, 2012 – Cedar Rapids, IA

<http://www.vanmeterinc.com/thinkenergy>

Energy Efficiency Rehab Training

September 14, 2012 – DeWitt, IA

<http://icosc.com/index.php>

PARK(ing) Day

September 21, 2012 – Worldwide

<http://parkingday.org/about-parking-day/>

Iowa League of Cities Annual Conference

September 26-28, 2012 – Sioux City, IA

<https://www.iowaleague.org/Conference2012/Pages/2012AnnualConference.aspx>

American Institute of Architects Iowa – Annual Convention

September 27-28, 2012 – Des Moines, IA

<http://www.aiaiowa.org/index.cfm>

Energy Efficiency Rehab Training

October 5, 2012 – North Liberty, IA

<http://icosc.com/index.php>

Comprehensive Approaches to Stormwater Management for Design Professionals

October 8, 2012 – Cedar Rapids, IA

October 9, 2012 – Ankeny, IA

October 10, 2012 – Council Bluffs, IA

<http://www.iowaeconomicdevelopment.com/community/stormwater/default.aspx>

Energy Efficiency Rehab Training

October 12, 2012 – Des Moines, IA

<http://icosc.com/index.php>

7th Annual Land Bank Conference

October 14-16, 2012 – Kalamazoo, MI

<http://www.communityprogress.net/national-2012-conferences-pages-119.php?id=260>

Green Infrastructure Tour

October 18, 2012 – West Union and Charles City, IA

<http://www.iowaeconomicdevelopment.com/community/stormwater/default.aspx>

American Society of Landscape Architects – Iowa Chapter Fall Conference

October 18-19, 2012 – Des Moines, IA

<http://iaasla.org/>

Iowa Energy Summit

November 7-8, 2012 – Des Moines, IA

<http://www.iowaenergy.org/>

Energy Efficiency Rehab Training

November 9, 2012 – Des Moines, IA

<http://icosc.com/index.php>

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<http://www.iowaagriculture.gov/aqMarketing/IRFIP.asp>

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<http://www.energy.iastate.edu/Funding/index.htm>

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