

GREENETWORK – December 2012

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Thanks for your interest in sustainable community practices and happenings. The following information will assist you in promoting attitudes and practices in your community that are socially, environmentally, and economically sound. Please send GreeNetwork content suggestions to jeff.geerts@iowa.gov. You are also encouraged to forward this update to others and to reprint GreeNetwork material.

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Updates:

Iowa 2013 Most Endangered Properties Nominations Sought - due January 4, 2013
<http://www.preservationiowa.org/programs/endangered.php>

Preservation Iowa is seeking nominations for the 2013 list of Iowa's Most Endangered Properties. Iowa's Most Endangered Properties began in 1995 to show Iowans the special buildings and historic sites that are slowly and gradually slipping away. The program helps introduce owners of endangered properties to preservation advocates and resources that can help preserve their historic property. A panel of judges reviews each nomination based on four criteria:

1. The (historic) significance of the building, site, or structure
2. Present condition
3. The urgency & nature of the threat
4. The possible solutions that would remove threats to the place

Derelict Building Program Grants

<http://www.iowadnr.gov/Environment/LandStewardship/WasteManagement/DerelictBuildingProgram.aspx>

The Derelict Building Program was established to provide small Iowa communities and rural counties financial assistance to address neglected structures in order to improve the appearance of their streets and revitalize local economies. Applications are due February 1, 2013.

Building for Performance Conference

<http://www.iowaenergycenter.org/event/building-for-performance-conference/>

This educational conference on how to construct higher performing homes is being offered in eight Iowa locations in January and February. Attendees receive a free International Energy Conservation Code 2009 code book, complete reference manual with images and details from the day, free breakfast, lunch, snack and networking opportunities. Topics covered during the one day event are:

- HVAC installation
- Planning and design of your home building project or development
- State of Iowa Energy Code – IECC 2009, plus a preview of IECC 2012
- Building science – best practices on how to build an efficient and durable home
- ENERGY STAR V 3.0 – discussion of revision 6 changes
- Utility rebates – why are they available and how to get them

Resources and Models:

Iowa Healthiest State Initiative

<http://www.iowahealthieststate.com/>

The Healthiest State Initiative is a privately led public initiative intended to inspire Iowans and their communities throughout the state to improve their health and happiness. To achieve the goal, individuals, families, businesses, faith-based organizations, not-for-profits and the public sector will unite in a community-focused effort to make Iowa the healthiest state in the nation by 2016.

Energy Efficiency Policies, Programs, & Practices in the Midwest: A Resource Guide for Policymakers

http://www.mwalliance.org/sites/default/files/uploads/MEEA_2012_EE-Policy-Midwest-Resource-Guide.pdf

This new regional report from the Midwest Energy Efficiency Alliance (MEEA) details policies and programs currently in place that will guide the more efficient use of electricity and natural gas. The guide, funded in part by the Joyce Foundation, highlights many of the state and local energy efficiency policies, regulations and programs from across the region and is intended to be a resource for legislators, regulators, advocates and other stakeholders active in the energy efficiency space. (source: MEEA)

Midsized Cities on the Move: A Look at the Next Generation of Rapid Bus, Bus Rapid Transit, and Streetcar Projects in the United States

<http://bit.ly/REckox>

This new report from Reconnecting America explores transit in midsized cities with a focus on best practices in transit planning, funding strategies, and outcomes. Included are many examples of innovative transit in midsized cities that local leaders can draw upon to improve transportation options in their communities.

EPA Report Series on Sustainable Development Practices and Economic Success

http://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/economic_success.htm

Smart Growth and Economic Success is the first in a series of reports from EPA's Smart Growth Program designed to inform developers, businesses, local government, and other groups about the benefits of smart growth development. This report incorporates feedback from a one-day workshop in December 2011 when business leaders, real estate developers, and economic development professionals came together to share their thoughts and make suggestions about how to expand on work in this area. Additional reports will build on this work, exploring how real estate developers and investors can overcome real and perceived barriers to benefit from infill opportunities, how decisions about where to locate will impact the bottom lines of businesses, and why smart growth strategies are good fiscal policy for local governments.

Plug-In Ready Michigan: An Electric Vehicle Preparedness Plan

<http://cec-mi.org/mobility/programs/pluginreadymichigan/>

In the fall of 2011, Clean Energy Coalition was selected by the United States Department of Energy (DOE) to work with a coalition of more than 40 regional project partners to create an electric vehicle infrastructure readiness plan for Michigan. Plug-In Ready Michigan provides the necessary information and tools to planners, local officials, consumers, and private enterprises to prepare for an increase in plug-in electric vehicle use. The plan can be downloaded at the URL above.

Upcoming Workshops, Trainings and Events:

Rainscaping Loess Soils PlusClass Series

Various Programs September 2012 – April 2013

http://www.iwcc.edu/continuing_education/files/greencatalog.pdf

Building for Performance Conference

January – February 2013 – Various Iowa locations

<http://www.iowaenergycenter.org/event/building-for-performance-conference/>

New Partners for Smart Growth

February 7-9, 2013 – Kansas City, MO

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

Better Buildings: Better Business Conference

March 6-8, 2013 – Wisconsin Dells, WI

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

American Planning Association National Conference

April 13-17, 2013 – Chicago, IL

<http://www.planning.org/conference/>

15th National Brownfields Conference

May 15-17, 2013 – Atlanta, GA

<http://www.brownfieldsconference.org/en/home>

Low Impact Development Conference

August 18-23, 2013

<http://www.cce.umn.edu/2013-International-Low-Impact-Development-Symposium/index.html>

Funding and Assistance Opportunities:

Working Watersheds: Buffers & Beyond – due December 31, 2012

<http://www.treesforever.org/Content/Affiliate-Resources/Programs/Working-Watersheds-Buffers-Beyond.aspx>

USDA Solid Waste Management Grants – due December 31, 2012

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&opId=208233>

Solid Waste Alternatives Program – due January 3, 2013

<http://www.iowadnr.gov/Environment/LandStewardship/WasteManagement/SWAP.aspx>

Our Town – due January 14, 2013

<http://arts.gov/national/ourtown/index.php>

Community Development Block Grant Community Facilities/Services – due January 16, 2013

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

Downtown Revitalization Fund – due January 30, 2013 (application at www.iowagrants.gov)

<http://iowaeconomicdevelopment.com/community/call-for-projects.aspx>

Derelict Building Program Grants – due February 1, 2013

<http://www.iowadnr.gov/Environment/LandStewardship/WasteManagement/DerelictBuildingProgram.aspx>

Five Star and Urban Waters Restoration Grant Program – due February 7, 2013

http://www.nfwf.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Charter_Programs_List&TEMPLATE=/CM/ContentDisplay.cfm&CONTENTID=26237

Keep Iowa Beautiful Byers Environmental Scholarships – due February 8, 2013

www.KeepIowaBeautiful.com

Multifamily New Production and Adaptive Reuse – due March 1, 2013

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FY 2013 Economic Development Assistance Programs – due quarterly

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppld=208353>

Iowa Renewable Fuels Infrastructure Program – accepted quarterly

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

Iowa Energy Center Conference and Events Grants

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

Iowa Energy Center Technology Demonstration and Education Grants

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

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