

GREENETWORK – July 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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Iowa Downtown Summit – August 21-22, 2012

<http://www.iowaeconomicdevelopment.com/register/>

The 26th annual Iowa Downtown Summit, sponsored by the Iowa Economic Development Authority, the Federal Home Loan Bank — Des Moines and the Iowa Farm Bureau, will provide opportunities for attendees to make new connections, hear about the latest trends, acquire practical information and ideas and learn strategies for historic preservation-based commercial district revitalization that is relevant to rural, mid-sized and urban communities and urban districts.

Featured speakers will include Governor Parris Glendening (President, Governors' Institute for Community Design and President, Smart Growth America), Margie Johnson (ShopTalk) and Hilary Greenberg (Greenberg Development Services). A wide variety of learning opportunities will be offered in sessions such as: historic preservation economics, visual merchandising, SSMID, retailing, social media marketing, Community Development Block Grant Funds, state historic tax credits, statewide preservation partners, Iowa Downtown Resource Center, downtown's role in state's economy, downtown recovery strategies, business retention and recruitment strategies, branding, downtown design guidelines and sustainability strategies

Iowa Clean Cities Coalition Webinars

http://www.iowacleancities.org/events_webinars/index.html

The Iowa Clean Cities Coalition (ICCC) a program housed within the Iowa Economic Development Authority is hosting two upcoming webinars. For more information on the webinars or to request to receive the ICC's email updates, approximately once/ month, email stephanie.weisenbach@iowa.gov.

Topic: Alternative Fuels Implementation Strategies for Iowa Fleets Webinar

Tuesday, August 7, 2:00 – 3:00 pm

Join the Iowa Clean Cities Coalition stakeholders and partners to learn strategies that Iowa fleets have taken, or could take in the future, to reduce petroleum use and incorporate alternative fuels. The webinar will cover alternative fuels and vehicle technologies available today including ethanol E85, biodiesel B20, natural gas, propane, and electric drive technology.

Topic: Electric Vehicles and Infrastructure Deployment Webinar

Tuesday, August 14, 2:00 – 3:00 pm

Join the Iowa Clean Cities Coalition stakeholders and partners to learn how electric drive technology is contributing to the portfolio of alternative fuels and petroleum reduction strategies. The webinar will discuss the basics on electric vehicle (EV) technology and infrastructure; EV readiness issues including permitting, planning, safety training; and best practices for planning and installing EV charging infrastructure.

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. 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

For Design Professionals

Cedar Rapids

October 8, 2012

Des Moines
September 13, 2012

Hiawatha
September 18, 2012

Bettendorf
September 20, 2012

Storm Lake
September 25, 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

EPA Brownfield Grant Proposal Writing Strategies Workshops – July 31

http://www.engg.ksu.edu/CHSR/outreach/tab/workshops/2012BF_Coralville_IA.html

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is partnering with the Federal EPA and the Nebraska Dept. of Environmental Quality (NDEQ) to host two grant application workshops to help Iowa entities that seek to learn more about the EPA Brownfields Assessment Grants and the Hazardous Waste Cleanup Grants, the application process, and ‘tips and tricks’ to make grant applications more competitive. The workshop will assist participants in detailing response strategies to Threshold and Ranking Criteria as well as utilizing the TAB EZ grant writing tool and discuss the planning process, specifically engaging the community and partners in the Brownfields initiative. The workshops will also highlight additional brownfield technical and financial resources available through the Iowa Department’s of Natural Resources Brownfield Redevelopment Program. For more information, contact Mr. Mel Pins, Iowa DNR, at 515-281-8489, or Mel.Pins@dnr.iowa.gov.

Dubuque Institute for Sustainable Communities and Economic Development (source: city of Dubuque)

<http://www.cityofdubuque.org/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=1553>

The Dubuque Institute for Sustainable Communities and Economic Development is a collaboration between Iowa State University Extension and Outreach, University of Wisconsin-Extension and the city of Dubuque. The institute will focus on issues important to the greater Dubuque regional economy and successful strategies that can be replicated in other communities across both states. Staff will research the area’s successful history of regional development, strategies for addressing new challenges within the region, and share the learning and results with other communities. It is expected that the institute will be established and staffed by this fall.

Resources and Models:

Guide to Transportation Funding Programs

http://www.iowadot.gov/pol_leg_services/Funding-Guide.pdf

This document from the Iowa Department of Transportation provides information regarding programs that provide transportation project funding of interest to local governments and other entities. This information is intended to serve as a guide for preliminary funding searches.

Community Energy: Planning, Development and Delivery

<http://www.districtenergy.org/community-energy-planning-development-and-delivery>

The International District Energy Association recently rolled out at their international conference in Chicago a new community energy development guide titled *Community Energy: Planning, Development & Delivery*. The guide was produced specifically as a planning tool for use by elected municipal officials, government energy, economic development and sustainability officials, and land-use planners, who can be project champions or sponsors.

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https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/336535318?utm_source=SCN+InBox+e-Newsletter&utm_campaign=9d1a390779-HRGreenWebinar-7-24-2012&utm_medium=email

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

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