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$96.9 million HUD National Disaster Resilience Competition Grant Partners to Hold Media Conference in Dubuque

The City of Dubuque will hold a media conference at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 10, at Dubuque Area Labor Harvest, 423 W. Locust Street, to discuss the $96.9 U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) National Disaster Resilience Competition Grant awarded to the state of Iowa.

Dubuque Mayor Roy D. Buol will host the event and speakers will include Jessica Turba, Executive Officer, Iowa Homeland Security & Emergency Management; Ann Schmid, Historic Preservations Specialist/Housing Project Manager, Iowa Economic Development Authority; Dr. Craig Just, Assistant Professor and Assistant Faculty Research Engineer, University of Iowa Flood Center; Deron Muehring, Civil Engineer, City of Dubuque; and Alvin Nash, Housing & Community Development Director, City of Dubuque.

Representatives will discuss state projects funded by the grant and their roles in the Iowa Watershed Approach (IWA) Program. The City of Dubuque will detail plans to improve 320 low- to moderate-income housing units through the Bee Branch Healthy Homes Resiliency Program, and describe the stormwater infrastructure improvements that will take place in the city over the next five years. Local media are invited to attend the media conference to learn more, and will be welcome to ask questions or conduct individual interviews following the presentation.

The IWA Program is a collaboration of numerous agencies, universities, non-profits, and municipalities. Partners include: Iowa Economic Development Authority, Iowa Homeland Security & Emergency Management, University of Iowa/Iowa Flood Center, Iowa State University, University of Northern Iowa, Iowa Department of Agriculture & Land Stewardship, Iowa Department of Natural Resources, Natural Resources Conservation Service, County Soil & Water Conservation Districts, The Nature Conservancy, Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation, Iowa Soybean Association, Iowa Corn Growers Association, Iowa Farm Bureau, Iowa Agricultural Water Alliance, local Resource Conservation & Development offices, local Council of Governments offices, Iowa Department of Transportation, Iowa Association of Counties, Silver Jackets Flood Risk Management Team, and many more.

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