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# Growing Sustainable Communities Conference Slated Oct. 3-4

## 10th Annual Conference Hosted on Dubuque Riverfront

**Dubuque's Growing Sustainable Communities Conference is held annually at the Grand River Center in the Port of Dubuque, overlooking the Mississippi River.**

DUBUQUE, Iowa – The Growing Sustainable Communities Conference celebrates its 10th anniversary at the Grand River Center in the Port of Dubuque on Oct. 3-4.

Registration is now open on the conference web site at www.GSCDubuque.com.

The Growing Sustainable Communities Conference is the largest and longest standing sustainability conference in the Midwest, according to Dubuque city officials, who have hosted the conference annually since 2008. Sustainable City Network, a Dubuque-based trade magazine, has co-hosted the event with city staff since 2011.

The conference includes more than 30 workshops, mobile tours and keynote presentations on the latest developments in community sustainability and resiliency initiatives.

This year's conference will include workshop speakers with a wide range of expertise, including representatives from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the Arbor Day Foundation, the

Iowa Economic Development Authority, the Econservation Institute, Great Plains Institute, Green Iowa AmeriCorps, the Iowa Clean Cities Coalition, the Midwest Renewable Energy Association, the Sustainable Iowa Land Trust, The Nature Conservancy and businesses such as General Electric, HDR, Shive-Hattery, and many others.

Speakers from municipal governments large and small will also present case studies on the sustainability initiatives in their respective communities, from large cities like Minneapolis, New Orleans, Nashville, Kansas City, Charlotte and Des Moines, to Broward County, Fla., and the small and mid-sized communities of Brookings, S.D., Columbia, Mo., Huntington Beach, Calif., South Euclid, Ohio, Madison, Wis., New Lebanon, Ohio, and the Iowa communities of Cedar Rapids, Muscatine, Cedar Falls and Dubuque. Researchers from numerous universities and nonprofits will also present their findings.

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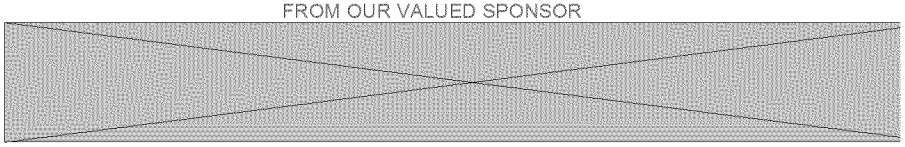

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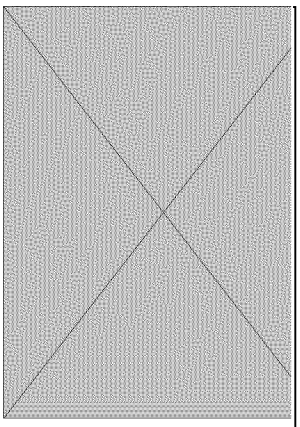
Sustainable City Network and NWETC have teamed up to offer this 6-hour online course June 20-22 on the Lean process improvement system.

This course will challenge your ideas about how you think about and evaluate the work you do.

Our Lean Master certified instructor, Brion Hurley, is principal Lean consultant at Rockwell Collins. He will introduce the history of Lean concepts, derived from the Toyota Production System, and explain how and why they have come full-circle back to the United States.

Results of Lean initiatives have led to increased customer and stakeholder satisfaction, reduced costs, reduced risks, increased sales,



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and more flexible and agile organizations. Perhaps the largest benefit has been more engaged employees, where people enjoy the work they do.

Examples of Lean successes can be found within city and state agencies, utilities, nonprofits, law firms, military, public schools, startup companies, movie studios and even farming!

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## Online Course

### Creating a Sustainability Strategy

Sustainable City Network will present a webinar series in July for any personnel who are responsible for developing sustainability plans,

Sustainable City Network operates a website (www.sCityNetwork.com), customized e-newsletters, online training, conference and telecommunications interactive tools dedicated to providing quality and timely information on sustainability products, services and best practices to leaders in government, education and healthcare.

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Sustainable City Network has a mission involving climate and sustainability strategy for a community, business or institution.

The 6-hour online course, Creating a Sustainability Strategy for Your Organization, will be delivered live on July 11-13. Sessions will be recorded so registrants may attend live or via on-demand streaming video.

This course, featuring veteran instructor Antonia Graham, will focus on the implementation and strategic thinking that is required to implement a Sustainability Plan. This course will teach you how to incorporate storytelling and systems thinking into a strategic plan that gets your plan implemented and enables you to move the needle further and faster to create a more sustainable community.

This course will be presented in three 2-hour sessions held on consecutive days, July 11-13. (Group rates available.)

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