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Earth Day Sustainable Dubuque Trolley Tour Scheduled

DUBUQUE, Iowa- The City of Dubuque and the Petal Project will host a free Sustainable Dubuque Trolley Tour sponsored by Dubuque Bank & Trust on **Monday, April 23** 2012. The tour will depart from the 1398 Central Avenue DB&T location following DB&T's Green Ribbon Cutting and Petal Project Certification Ceremony (from 8 -9 a.m.). Attendees are invited to attend the ribbon cutting to celebrate DB&T's success before boarding the trolley.

The Sustainable Dubuque Trolley Tour is set to begin at 9:15 a.m. and will end at approximately noon. The tour will highlight several buildings, projects and neighborhoods that have integrated various aspects of sustainability such as redevelopment of historic warehouses into urban apartments, adding solar panels to an existing building, installing native plantings, or developing sustainable practices in the work place.

"This tour was part of the 2011 Growing Sustainable Communities Conference," said Sustainable Community Coordinator Cori Burbach. "The tour sold out with out-of-town guests, and we wanted to make sure the opportunity to see these projects in person was available to local residents and business owners as well. It's a great way to celebrate Earth Day in Dubuque!"

Speakers will be available at stops including the Historic Millwork District, Bee Branch Creek Restoration, Municipal Services Center solar panel project, Washington Neighborhood Revitalization strategy and community gardens, the Carnegie-Stout Public Library, Water & Resource Recovery Center, Dubuque Metropolitan Solid Waste Agency methane capture and several others. **If attending the Trolley tour, please park at the Central Parking Ramp**, where the tour will end. The Central Parking Ramp was completed in 2011 and includes sustainable stormwater management best practices, energy-efficient lighting systems, and other sustainable features.

To sign up for the trolley tour please call **563-589-4110** or email svalenti@cityofdubuque.org.

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