



Iowa Chapter

U.S. Green Building Council Iowa Chapter Newsletter

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UPCOMING SUSTAINABLE EVENTS

USGBC Iowa Chapter Special Monthly Meeting:

Tour of Green & Main

Join as Chaden Halfhill, of Silent Rivers Design + Build, discusses the collaborative Pilot Project: Green & Main, located in the historic Sherman Hill neighborhood of Des Moines. Green & Main is an initiative focused on the social and environmental transformation of existing buildings and neighborhoods into sustainable communities. Through its renovation and rehabilitation efforts, Green & Main gives new life and purpose to historic buildings and neighborhoods that may otherwise fall into decay or continue to operate with overly-intensive energy use. The Green & Main team launched their endeavor with this Pilot Project, a high-performance renovation of a mixed-use historic building as a case study

of best practices. Upon completion of the Pilot Project, the goal is to achieve LEED Platinum certification.

Applied Green Building Practices in Green & Main Pilot Project:

Sustainable site development, energy efficiency, site water conservation, drinking water improvements, waste minimization, pollution prevention, resource-efficient materials, and improved indoor air quality. Multiple erosion and sediment control methods.

Future Use of Building: Mixed-use building. First tenant in the renovated building will be a women's holistic health center.

More information can be found at greenandmain.org/

MAY PROGRAM:

When: Thursday, May 26
8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Where: Green & Main project site: 800 19th Street, Des Moines, IA in the Historic Sherman Hill District

AGENDA:
8:00 – 8:30 a.m. Registration, networking, breakfast/ coffee ~ Breakfast held at:

Willowsong
733 19th Street
Des Moines, 50314
*** Street parking on Center Street, as we will end up at corner of 19th and Center**

8:30 – 10:00 a.m. Green & Main presentation and tour, networking

Registration:
Price varies based on membership status. \$15 USGBC Iowa chapter member, \$25 non-member. Each purchase option also includes a modest registration processing fee.

To register, [click here](http://www.usgbc Iowa.org) OR log onto www.usgbc Iowa.org.

NOTE: Registration closes May 22

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- 6 - Green & Main Sustainable Renovation Workshop No. 3 ~ 9:00 a.m. — 12:30 p.m. ~ The Wallace Centers, 756 16th Street
- 18 - Environmental Impact Awards Luncheon ~ 11:30 a.m. — 1:00 p.m. ~ Des Moines Botanical Center
- 20 - Eastern Iowa Branch Webinar - Reducing Water Use ~ 11:30 a.m. — 1:30 p.m. ~ OPN's Office, Cedar Rapids ~ [Webinar Information & Registration](#)
- 26 - Monthly Special Program: Tour of Green & Main ~ 8:00 a.m. — 10:00 a.m. ~ Green & Main project site: 800 19th Street, Des Moines, IA
- 26 - GreenDrinks ~ 5:30 p.m. — 7:30 p.m. ~ Gateway Market Cafe

For a complete list of upcoming events and more information, visit the Iowa USGBC website, [Calendar of Events](#).

Submit events to usgbc Iowa news@gmail.com

Environmental Impact Award Winners Announced

The Center on Sustainable Communities, Metro Waste Authority, and Greater Des Moines Partnership will honor five organizations and one individual with Environmental Impact Awards at a luncheon on Wednesday, May 18, 2011. The awards program will take place at the Des Moines Botanical Center, from 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m., sponsored by Des Moines Water Works.

The Environmental Impact Awards were established to recognize organizations, and leaders who exemplify environmentally sustainable practices. Awards will be given to individuals, businesses, community organizations, and for built environment.

The 2011 Award Winners are:

Built Environment Category

(presented by Center on Sustainable Communities)

Residential: Iowa Home Crafters

Commercial: BNIM Architects

Business Category

(presented by Greater Des Moines Partnership)

Small Business: RDG Planning & Design

Large Business: Principal Financial Group

Individual and Civic Category

(presented by Metro Waste Authority)

Individual: Brad Gerndt, Des Moines Resident

Civic: Agriculture's Clean Water Alliance

Information available at: www.icosc.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

Green & Main Sustainable Renovation Workshop No. 3

Date: Friday, May 6, 2011

Location: The Wallace Centers, 756 16th Street, Des, Moines, IA 50314

Topic: Foundations; Framing and Roofing; Radon, lead & Asbestos

More information & to register: www.icosc.com

Join 1000 Friends of Iowa for their 2nd annual Iowa Sustainable Planning Workshop "Planning Iowa Sustainably - Building on What We Have."

Date: Tuesday, June 28, 2011

Location: Historic Hotel Pattee, Perry, IA

Keynote: Tactics & Techniques for Livable Communities in Small Cities, Towns and Rural America
Roger Millar, PE, AICP, Director, Smart Growth America's Leadership Institute

More information & to register:

<http://www.1000friendsofiowa.org/>

Fun Fact:

248 million pounds of hardware and printer cartridges were recycled from Europe, the Middle East, and Africa; 170 million pounds were collected by Hewlett-Packard alone. The United States collected 65 million pounds of computer products that were recycled, which is excellent, but American can do even better!



SEEKING MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

USGBC Iowa is seeking a member to become the new Chair person for the Membership Committee. The committee is responsible for proactively and effectively communicating benefits of membership, recruiting new members, and promoting participation from other USGBC Iowa members. If you are interested in becoming the Chair person or participating on any of the current committees, please email Kristina at usgbc Iowa@assoc serv.com. For a full list of committees, visit <http://www.usgbc Iowa.org/committees.php>.

Nichols School Promotes Sustainable Education with QA Graphics' Dashboard

QA Graphics, provider of the award-winning Energy Efficiency Education Dashboard[®], has created an educational display for Nichols School in Buffalo, New York, to help inform students about the campus' sustainable initiatives and efficient resource use. For the complete press release, [click here](#) or visit www.qagraphics.com.

Next Chapter Newsletter

The next newsletter will be issued during the first week of June. If you have news or information that you would like to share with the USGBC Iowa Chapter membership, please send to the Communications Committee at usgbc Iowa news@gmail.com by May 22, 2011. Thank You!

Remember to connect with USGBC Iowa Socially!

