



# U.S. Green Building Council Iowa Chapter Newsletter

NOVEMBER 2011

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## UPCOMING SUSTAINABLE EVENTS

### USGBC Iowa Chapter Annual Membership Meeting

Wednesday, November 16  
Neal Smith National Wildlife Refuge  
9981 Pacific Street  
Prairie City, IA 50228-7820

**WHEN:** Wednesday, November 16, 2011—9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** Neal Smith Prairie Learning Center, 9981 Pacific Street, Prairie City, IA 50228  
Located just 25 minutes east of Des Moines, Neal Smith is 9 miles south of Interstate 80.

If traveling from downtown Des Moines, take Hwy 163 to exit 18, follow the signs along the new paved 4.5 mile entrance road.

If traveling on I-80, take the Colfax/Prairie City exit, turn south onto Hwy 117 and travel 7 miles through Prairie City across the Hwy 163 bridge to the refuge entry road.

#### AGENDA:

- 9:30 - 10:00 AM - Registration
- 10:15 AM - Welcome by USGBC Iowa Chapter President Joe Johnson
- 10:30 AM - Chapter Updates by Board and Committee Chairs
- 11:30 AM - Membership Survey
- 12:00 PM - Lunch
- 1:00 PM - LEED EB+OM Panel Discussion:
  - Scott Bowman, KJWW
  - Derek Nelson, Pioneer
  - Jonathan Ramsey AIA, LEED AP, BNIM
  - Alan D'Souza AIA LEED AP, The Weidt Group
- 3:00 PM - Adjourn and Networking

**REGISTER:** Registration required through Eventbrite. USGBC Iowa Chapter members and non members, \$20.

Please register by end of day, Sunday, November 13 so we can effectively determine our food needs. Click here to register: <http://usgbciaowachapterannualmeeting.eventbrite.com>.

### Green & Main Announces Upcoming Class—Reminder

Green & Main will be offering a class to the public in continuation of its Sustainable Renovation Series. The class will be presented by Green & Main's project developer, Chaden Halfhill, who will be discussing the lessons learned and concluding the class with a personalized behind-the-scenes tour of the progressive construction project.

Please mark your calendar:

**November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011:** Green & Main Project Overview, Lessons Learned & Project Research

#### Class Details

**Presenter:** Chaden Halfhill, Green & Main Pilot Developer

**Location:** The Wallace Center of Iowa, 756 16<sup>th</sup> Street, Des Moines **Time:** 9-11 AM Class, 11-12 PM Tour

**Admission:** \$10, payable at the door

**RSVP:** Please reply to Tizzy Hyatt, Program Coordinator at [tizzy@indigo-dawn.com](mailto:tizzy@indigo-dawn.com) or (515) 681-6781.

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Green & Main Project Overview,  
Lessons Learned & Project Research  
~ 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.  
~ *The Wallace Center*

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Eastern Iowa Branch Lunch Webinar  
~ 11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.  
~ *Neumann Monson Architects  
Office, Iowa City*

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LEED ND Webinar Series  
~ 12:00 p.m.—1:00 p.m.  
~ *Greater Des Moines Partnership*

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Eastern Iowa Branch Dinner Webinar  
~ 6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.  
~ *Jo's Roadhouse, Solon, IA*

**Save the date!**  
**Central Iowa Social**  
**Wednesday, December 14**  
**5:00-7:00 p.m.**  
Details coming soon.

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

Submit events to  
[beckymigas@gmail.com](mailto:beckymigas@gmail.com)

# GREEN SCHOOLS

## Connect with kids through the Future City Competition!

Last year we sponsored a Green Schools Award for the Future Cities competition and more information can be found at <http://futurecityiowa.org>. This was an inspiring event! I really enjoyed judging the entries, and was impressed by what the students had learned about LEED for schools.

This year we will again sponsor a Green Schools Award, and ask that you contribute your company's "freebies" such as pens, tablets, rulers, etc for our award bags. Send your materials to Pat Higby, UNI CEEE 18, Cedar Falls, IA 50614-0293 or bring them to our annual meeting. If you are interested in mentoring a group, please contact Jean Oberbroeckling at [319-857-4924](tel:319-857-4924) or [oberlueck@southslope.net](mailto:oberlueck@southslope.net). If you would like to help me judge the entries, the competition takes place on January 21 at Prairie Point MS in Cedar Rapids. For more information about the 2012 Iowa Future City contest, visit their website at <http://www.futurecity.org/iowa>.

## Learn more about Green Schools at our webpage!

We have added some new material to our Iowa USGBC webpage. There are links to excellent audits to measure the shade of "Green" of a school and helpful action plan materials. Also, view the videos by our USGBC members Krell Energy and SystemWorks.

Please help us spread the word about our April 19 Green Schools Conference by asking any school administrators you work with to save the date! Thank you.

~ Pat Higby

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## Join us on April 19 to learn more about Green Schools in Iowa!

Read more about the ways Green Schools benefit people, prosperity, and the planet in ***the Local Leaders in Sustainability Special Report from Sundance: A National Action Plan for Greening America's Schools*** at

<http://www.centerforgreenschools.org/guides.aspx>

## We can help you Green your school!

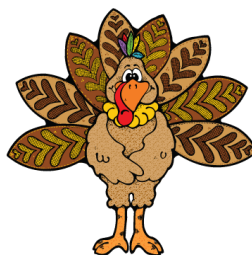
The USGBC Center for Green Schools website at <http://www.centerforgreenschools.org/why-green-schools.aspx> is a source of great information on the benefits of Green Schools and tips on how to build leadership to promote Green Schools in your community.

Find additional event details, Green School links, video and more information on the USGBC Iowa site for Green Schools at:

[http://www.usgbciaowa.org/green\\_schools.php](http://www.usgbciaowa.org/green_schools.php)

## 5 Easy Green Thanksgiving Day Tips

- When shopping for your Thanksgiving meal, keep two words in mind: *organic* and *local*. These keywords will guarantee a fresher, more nutritious meal.
- At least 28 billion pounds of edible food is wasted each year – more than 100 pounds per person. One of the best ways to reduce your waste this Thanksgiving is to plan ahead for the meal and practicing portion control.
- Instead of firmly planting yourself in front of the TV for the day, consider getting some fresh air or playing a board game. Take advantage of the time together with friends and family while decreasing your energy usage.
- According to Use Less Stuff, if each family reduced holiday gasoline consumption by 1 gallon (about 20 miles), we would reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 1 million tons. Invite nearby friends and family and neighbors to your house for Thanksgiving dinner and encourage them to do the same. If you must go over the river and through the woods to Grandmother's house for Thanksgiving, turn down the thermostat and turn off the lights to save energy while you're gone.
- If you're expecting a big crowd, organize it like a potluck and ask your guests to bring dishes and silverware for themselves. If disposable place settings are your only choice, opt for biodegradable and compostable utensils, napkins and plates .



See more tips and information at:

<http://earth911.com/news/2009/11/16/8->

## Central Iowa LEED ND Webinar Series

The USGBC Iowa Chapter has teamed up with Center on Sustainable Communities and The Greater Des Moines Partnership to provide the LEED ND Webinar Series. Cost: \$15 per person for Greater Des Moines Partnership and USBGC Iowa Chapter Members, \$25 for non-members \*Lunch is not included. Feel free to bring your lunch. These webcasts qualify for 1.5 GBCI hours and 1.5 AIA credit. You must be present to receive credit. Register online at [www.desmoinesmetro.com/events](http://www.desmoinesmetro.com/events). Questions? Contact Meg Fitz by email at [jflores@desmoinesmetro.com](mailto:jflores@desmoinesmetro.com) or phone at 515.286.4913.

**Location:** Greater Des Moines Partnership, Arthur Davis Conference Center, 700 Locust St., Downtown Des Moines, IA 50309

### **Tuesday, November 22 from 12:00-1:00pm**

LEED for Neighborhood Development: Sustainability Beyond Buildings: Strategies for Urban fill and Brownfield Redevelopment

### **Tuesday, December 6 from 12:00-1:00pm**

LEED for Neighborhood Development: Sustainability Beyond Buildings: A Tool to Retrofit Suburbs

## Marshalltown Public Library becomes LEED Gold certified

FEH Associates Inc. along with the Marshalltown Public Library announced that the Marshalltown Public Library has been LEED® Gold certified by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC). The new Marshalltown Public Library is a single story facility of approximately 35,700 square feet. The facility includes public meeting room space, a café area, dedicated Children's Collection and program space, and more. The Library achieved LEED certification for energy use, lighting, water and material use as well as incorporating a variety of other sustainable strategies. By using less energy and water, LEED certified building saves money for families, businesses and taxpayers; reduces greenhouse gas emissions; and contributes to a healthier environment for residents, workers and the larger community.



Click [here](#) for the full press release and more details.

## Eastern Iowa Branch Events

### Eastern Iowa Branch Webinar Series:

Each webinar is \$20 to attend, and is available to USGBC Iowa Chapter members at a reduced cost of \$10. There is a minimal processing fee for the event registration. Advance registration is preferred however you are welcome to join as a walk-in and pay at the door.

### **11/11 lunch webinar from 11 am to 1 pm**

*Location:* Neumann Monson Architects Office, 221 E. College St., Ste. 303, Iowa City

*Webinar Topic:* LEED for Healthcare: An Overview of the New Credits Through a Project Lens

Lunch is not provided however you can bring a lunch or pre-order a lunch to be delivered to the host office.

**Click here to register:**

<http://usgbciovaei1111webinar.eventbrite.com>

### **11/29 dinner webinar from 6 pm to 8 pm**

*Location:* Jo's Roadhouse, 101 Windflower Lane, Solon, IA

*Webinar Topic:* REGREEN 251: Home Performance Audits

Dinner can be purchased at the restaurant at the beginning of the webinar.

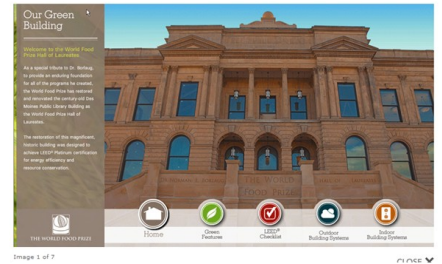
**Click here to register:**

<http://usgbciovaei1129webinar.eventbrite.com>

## World Food Prize Demonstrates Efficient Building with Dashboard

The World Food Prize Hall of Laureates is educating the public about the sustainable renovation of their century-old building with an interactive display created by **QA Graphics**. Visitors can view a dashboard which provides real-time energy usage information and variety of features that educate about the sustainable building practices. See the full press release and videos at [www.qagraphics.com](http://www.qagraphics.com) or click [here](#).

Plus, watch for more detail on the World Food Prize Hall of Laureates becoming a LEED certified building.



**PLEASE NOTE:** If your company has a baracudda spam filter, please be sure to put [usgbciova@assocserv.com](mailto:usgbciova@assocserv.com) on your safe sender list to ensure you are receiving all chapter communications.

**Interested in sponsor opportunities for USGBC Iowa or speaking at a monthly meeting? Contact the USGBC Iowa office for more information at [usgbciova@assocserv.com](mailto:usgbciova@assocserv.com).**

## Next Chapter Newsletter

The next newsletter will be issued during the first week of December. 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 [beckymigas@gmail.com](mailto:beckymigas@gmail.com) by *November 15, 2011*.

Thank You!

**Remember to connect with USGBC Iowa Socially!**

