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(Lenexa, Kan., Dec. 6, 2012) – EPA Region 7 Administrator Karl Brooks and Des Moines Mayor T.M. Franklin Cownie will hold a news conference Monday, Dec. 10, to provide details about green infrastructure assistance for Des Moines, Iowa. EPA will provide design assistance from private-sector experts to help Des Moines demonstrate sustainable city planning designs that create vibrant neighborhoods with multiple social, economic, environmental, and public health benefits.

The focus of the project is a proposed streetscape plan for a one-mile segment of Sixth Avenue. The Sixth Avenue Corridor serves as the northern gateway to the city's downtown, and is an official Main Street Iowa Urban Neighborhood District and has direct access to the Des Moines River. The city plans to use the Sixth Avenue project to guide designs for other planned streetscape improvements throughout the community.

A team of designers and landscape architects that specialize in green infrastructure approaches will produce schematic designs and illustrations during a three-day design workshop that will take place in Des Moines early next year. Additionally, this project could be the testing ground for other city actions, such as changes to local codes and ordinances to better support sustainable growth and green building.

WHAT: News conference on green infrastructure assistance for Des Moines

WHEN: 10:45 a.m., Dec. 10, 2012

WHERE: City Council Chambers, City Hall, 400 Robert Ray Drive, Des Moines, Iowa 50309

WHO: EPA Region 7 Administrator Karl Brooks and Des Moines Mayor T.M. Franklin Cownie

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