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GreenTown Will County Comes To Downtown Joliet At Joliet Junior College Renaissance Center

*Will County Regional Sustainability Network To Launch At GreenTown;
Purpose Is To Spur A Healthy, Sustainable Region*

Joliet, Illinois—October 19, 2018— Will County and the City of Joliet together will bring GreenTown: The Future of Community to Will County and the Joliet Junior College Renaissance Center on Friday, October 26. A dynamic one-day experience, GreenTown is designed to join the public and private sectors so that together they identify the coordinated action steps they can take to create healthy, sustainable communities.

GreenTown Will County will host the launch of the Will County Sustainability Network, which has been organized to connect people, communities and resources with the goal of making lasting improvements to Will County's economy, ecology and social equity.

The day begins with the Elected Officials Breakfast, an invitation-only gathering of elected office holders, appointed public officials, government staff and policymakers who will learn about the sustainable initiatives underway in the region and will receive details regarding the launch of the Will County Regional Sustainability Network.

Part of the discussion will include taking action on water supply challenges. Safe and sustainable drinking water is integral to the livability, prosperity and quality of life for the region.

The full GreenTown day begins with the keynote presentation by Debra Rowe, PhD., a leading advocate in sustainability and education for sustainable development. She will focus on sustainable economic development and the impact it will have on the future of Will County, its employees and residents. Dr. Rowe is a professor at Oakland Community College in Detroit.

The topic areas covered by the full program at GreenTown Will County include:

- Energy And Ecosystems
- Local, Sustainable Food
- Water
- Transportation
- Health
- Waste Diversion, Composting, Recycling And Food Recovery

GreenTown Will County concludes with a Craft Beer and Networking Social. The full program, along with details about the workshops, is online at www.greentownconference.com.

GreenTown is co-produced by Seven Generations Ahead and a5 branding + digital.

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About the Joliet Junior College Renaissance Center

Joliet Junior College is an innovative and accessible institution, dedicated to student learning, community prosperity, cultural enrichment and inclusion. Joliet Junior College delivers quality lifelong learning opportunities empowering diverse students and the community through academic excellence, workforce training, and comprehensive support services.

The Renaissance Center is in the heart of Joliet's beautiful downtown city center boasting a European blend of Spanish and Italian architecture as designed by the renowned Chicago architectural firm of D. H. Burnham and Co.

About Seven Generations Ahead

Founded in 2001, Seven Generations Ahead has been a leading environmental organization advocating for the development of ecologically sustainable and healthy communities. SGA collaborates with area business, government, and community organizations, and assists its clients on every level from advising city planners on eco-effective policies to supporting implementation of Zero Waste strategic plans and composting initiatives to fostering linkages between local farmers and school food services. www.sevengenerationsahead.org

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