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Lt. Governor Pat Quinn, Chair

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## Universities and Colleges Focus on the Environment

On June 28, 2006, the Illinois Green Government Coordinating Council hosted the first Sustainable University Symposium at the Illinois Department of Natural Resources Building in Springfield. The event brought together almost 140 representatives from universities, community colleges, and government agencies to discuss ways to improve the health and sustainability of campuses in Illinois.

Speakers at the symposium addressed a wide variety of topics including green building design, water conservation, energy efficiency, green infrastructure, and alternative transportation. To view their presentations and learn more about environmental sustainability, please visit the Council's website at [GreenSolutions.il.gov](http://GreenSolutions.il.gov).



*University administrators, facility managers, campus planners, and professors representing more than 40 schools in Illinois attended the event in Springfield.*

## Illinois Campuses Join Sustainability Compact

At the Sustainable University Symposium, Lt. Governor Pat Quinn introduced the Illinois Sustainable University Compact, which outlines twelve environmental goals university and community colleges may adopt on their campuses. To date, three schools have joined: Robert Morris College, Western Illinois University, and Columbia College Chicago.

The Illinois Sustainable University Compact includes objectives such as purchasing renewable energy, implementing green building practices, developing sustainable transportation options, improving water conservation, and incorporating sustainable dining practices in school cafeterias. Lt. Governor Quinn has

invited institutions of higher education across the state to identify and accomplish attainable environmental goals by 2010.

The Illinois Green Government Coordinating Council hopes to see every university and community college in the state take steps to create more environmentally responsible campuses for learning. It will be happy to assist school administrations in the decision-making process and implementation of their chosen goals.

For more information about the Illinois Sustainable University Compact, please visit [GreenSolutions.il.gov](http://GreenSolutions.il.gov) or email [GreenCouncil.ltgov@illinois.gov](mailto:GreenCouncil.ltgov@illinois.gov).

# Council's Annual Report

Keep an eye out for the Illinois Green Government Coordinating Council's 2006 Annual Report, which will be published on September 1. Over the past few months, the Council received updates from state agencies, boards, commissions, and public universities on their environmental activities and achievements from the past year. To access the Annual Report, please check back soon at [GreenSolutions.il.gov](http://GreenSolutions.il.gov).

# Recycling at the State Fair

This year, for the first time, visitors to the Illinois State Fair will be able to recycle their aluminum cans and plastic bottles on the state fairgrounds in Springfield.

In coordination with the Illinois Green Government Coordinating Council and the Department of Agriculture, I-CYCLE, the state's recycling entity, will provide 50 recycling bins for visitors' use throughout the fairgrounds.



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### Upcoming Events

- September 1: IGGCC Annual Report Published
- September 15: IGGCC Quarterly Meeting
- October: Energy Efficiency Month
- October/November: Sustainable Municipality Symposium
- November 15: America Recycles Day

- Lt. Governor Pat Quinn, *Chair*
- Jack Lavin, *Director of Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity*
- Sam Flood, *Acting Director of Department of Natural Resources*
- George Vander Velde, *Director of Waste Management and Research Center*
- Doug Scott, *Director of Environmental Protection Agency*
- Janet Grimes, *Executive Director of Capital Development Board*
- Chuck Hartke, *Director of Department of Agriculture*
- Paul Campbell, *Acting Director of Central Management Services*

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# Save the Date!

The Illinois Green Government Coordinating Council will be hosting its first Sustainable Municipality Symposium in the fall. Visit the Council's website, [GreenSolutions.il.gov](http://GreenSolutions.il.gov), soon for more details!



# Greening the State Fleet

The Department of Central Management Services has helped Illinois create one of the largest flex-fuel vehicle fleets in the nation. To date, nearly one in six of the state's 12,100 vehicles are flex-fuel vehicles capable of running on E-85, a transportation fuel made of 85 percent ethanol, which is derived from corn.

Over the past two years, 77 percent of the 700 passenger cars added to the state's fleet were flex-fuel vehicles. This year alone, CMS purchased more than 400 cars capable of running on E-85.

Due to this increased capacity, and a successful awareness campaign, the state fleet used more than 100,000 gallons of E-85 instead of regular gasoline in the last fiscal year. During the same period, the Illinois Department of Transportation fueled state construction, clearing, and maintenance trucks with roughly 808,000 gallons of 2 percent biodiesel.

To learn more about sustainable transportation, please visit the following link: [GreenSolutions.il.gov](http://GreenSolutions.il.gov)

