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## IGGCC Supports Green Legislative Victories

### Breathing easy in Illinois

The Illinois Green Government Coordinating Council is proud to report that Illinois students, faculty, staff and custodians will soon breathe a little easier during the school day. This August, Illinois passed the Green Cleaning Schools Act, becoming the second state in the nation to enact legislation requiring green cleaning in schools. The Act requires all elementary and secondary schools in Illinois to purchase environmentally sensitive cleaning supplies that do not expose students and teachers to irritants and harmful chemicals.

### Phosphorus free for Illinois waterways

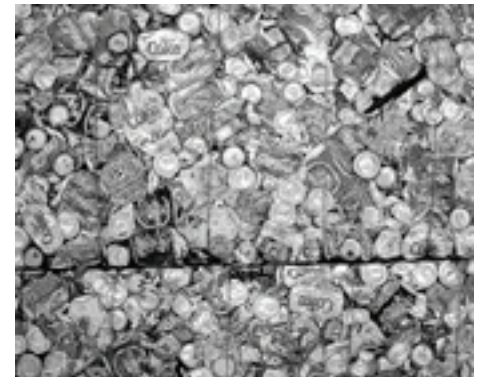
Our waterways represent the lifeblood of our environment, which is why Illinois is taking steps to reduce the amount of excess phosphorus flowing into our surface waters and seeping into our groundwater. Thanks to a law passed in August, no detergents containing more than 0.5 percent phosphorus by weight will be sold in Illinois by the year 2010.

### Renewable energy to power Illinois

Over the next decades, Illinois will be powered by more clean energy. A new state law requires utilities to increase their electricity supply from renewable sources to 25 percent by 2025. Seventy-five percent of the power must come from wind, while the rest may be generated by solar, biomass, hydropower, or other alternative sources. The new law also requires energy efficiency gains to achieve a 2 percent reduction in electricity demand by 2015.

## Veterans Benefit From State Fair Recycling

Illinois vendors and fairgoers recycled 3,900 pounds of cans – nearly four times the amount collected during last year's fair. And at 50 cents a pound, the Illinois environment wasn't the only cause that benefited. Illinois veterans groups will receive the \$1,950 collected from the recycled cans.



## Cities Symposium Set For October 26

The city of Elgin will host the Green Government Coordinating Council's second annual Sustainable Cities Symposium on October 26. The symposium will bring together mayors, village managers, planners, utility managers, local government participants and community groups from across the state to discuss strategies for improving the health and sustainability of our working environment. Visit [www.GreenSolutions.il.gov](http://www.GreenSolutions.il.gov) for more information and registration.



## Update On Sustainable Universities

This August, the Green Government Coordinating Council hosted the 2nd Annual Illinois Sustainable University Symposium at Illinois State University. More than 200 college administrators, facility managers, funding managers, planners and students from across the State of Illinois gathered in Normal, Ill. to discuss best practices in greening college campuses.

The symposium, titled "Green Living," featured presentations from Saint Xavier University, which recently unveiled a green residence hall; Illinois State University, whose environmentally savvy student body is led by a motivated crew called the Green Team; and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency.

## Nine New Schools Sign The Illinois Sustainable University Compact

The GGCC salutes the eight newest schools to sign the Illinois Sustainable University Compact, expanding Illinois' sustainable university community to 29 schools.

1. Highland Community College
2. Illinois College
3. Judson University
4. Lincoln Land Community College
5. Loyola University Chicago
6. Oakton Community College
7. Southern Illinois University – Carbondale
8. Wilbur Wright Community College
9. Moraine Valley Community College

# ILLINOIS GREEN GOVERNMENT COORDINATING COUNCIL

## Congratulations To The 2007 Green Government Award Winners

**Illinois Department of Employment Security**  
*Energy Efficiency*

**Central Management Services**  
*Green Facilities*

**Illinois Department of Revenue**  
*Green Office Practices*

**Illinois Department of Corrections at Menard Correctional Center**  
*Green Purchasing*

**Illinois Department of Transportation & Illinois Medical District Commission**  
*Innovative Projects*

**Illinois Tollway**  
*Sustainable Construction*

**Central Management Services**  
*Waste Reduction*

**Illinois Department of Human Services**  
*Water Conservation*

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