

Governor Quinn's Commitment to Environmental Protection

2009 Highlights:

- Signed HB 1132 into law, securing \$15 million for Illinois from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (February 5, 2009)
- Joined with the University of Illinois Community to celebrate signing of the Sustainable University Compact, in which 12 campuses committed to going green (February 18, 2009)
- Ordered Illinois Department of Natural Resources to fully reopen seven state parks (February 26, 2009)
- Saluted GobNob Wind turbine. New green partnership puts first wind turbine on state-owned property (April 20, 2009)
- Implemented green practices at the Executive Mansion and signed Executive Order to reduce state agencies' impact on the environment (April 22, 2009)
- Joined with Army Corps officials to announce major Riverfront Development Project in Peoria (April 22, 2009)
- Announced dredging project to build island of wildlife habitat and make Peoria lake useable for recreation (April 24, 2009)
- Signed wind power purchase agreement with the City of Springfield to support environmentally friendly energy sources to power the capital city (May 6, 2009)
- Strengthened environmental right-to-know, public notification laws (May 7, 2009)
- Signed SB 1906 into law, a renewable energy finance bill which jump starts jobs (July 29, 2009)
- Signed bills to improve environment by prohibiting dumping of unused medication (August 10, 2009)
- Announced water conservation rain barrel effort at the state fair (August 14, 2009)
- Signed HB 4021 into law to strengthen Illinois' clean water laws (August 23, 2009)
- Endorsed 25x25 vision that encourages greater use of renewable alternatives, with a goal of producing 25 percent of Illinois' energy from renewable resources such as biofuels, wind, solar, and hydro by the year 2025 (September 1, 2009)
- Celebrated 200th E85 station opening in Illinois to support flex-fuel vehicles and creation of green jobs (October 23, 2009)
- Signed legislation to support energy efficiency projects to help jump start job creation and construction (November 12, 2009)