

## OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

In addition to being first in line of succession to the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor has several defined duties, including serving as chair of the Illinois River Coordinating Council, the Illinois Delegation to the Great Lakes Commission, the Governor's Rural Affairs Council, the Illinois Main Street Advisory Council, the Illinois Green Government Coordinating Council and the Broadband Deployment Council. Lt. Gov. Pat Quinn has vowed to use the office to be an advocate for taxpayers and consumers and to help Illinois citizens gain a stronger voice in government.

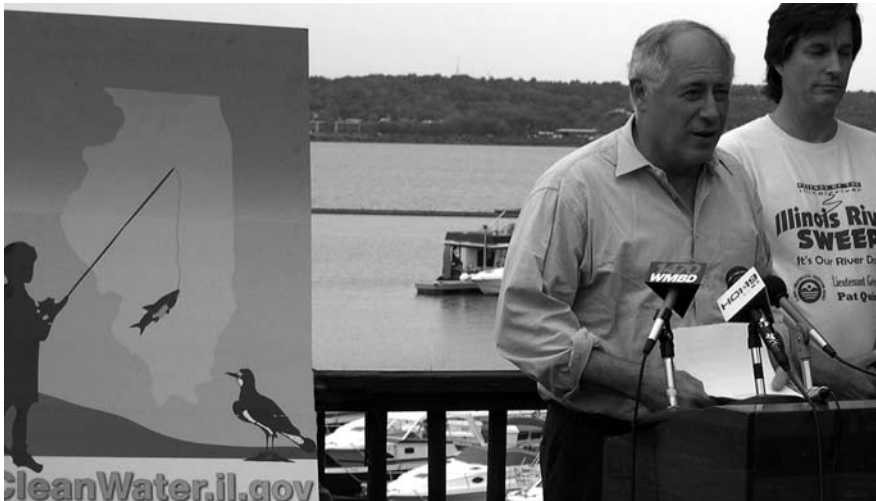
### Illinois Green Government Coordinating Council

The State of Illinois manages more than 400,000 acres of land, annually procures billions of dollars worth of goods and services, and operates thousands of facilities and programs. The Illinois Green Government Coordinating Council promotes the incorporation of pollution prevention and resource conservation practices into government management and operations. The council works with state agencies to increase green purchasing, reduce pollution and waste, facilitate green-building practices and promote green policies.

The Green Government Coordinating Council was influential in the passage of the Green Cleaning in Schools Act. Signed into law in August 2007, the Act requires all Illinois K-12 schools to use non-toxic, green cleaning products wherever economically feasible. As chair of the Council, the Lieutenant Governor annually hosts the Sustainable University Symposium, the Sustainable Cities Symposium, and the Green Government Symposium. For more information, visit [www.GreenSolutions.il.gov](http://www.GreenSolutions.il.gov).

### Broadband Deployment Council

Access to the modern information economy is crucial to every community throughout the state. To improve public safety, enhance educational opportunities and strengthen economic development, the Broadband Deployment Council works with communities to



Lt. Gov. Pat Quinn salutes "It's Our River Day" volunteers.



**Lt. Gov. Quinn announces designation of DuQuoin as an Illinois Main Street Community.**

increase high-speed Internet access across Illinois. Lt. Gov. Quinn chairs the council, which helps state agencies find innovative ways to make competitive and affordable Internet technology universally available to Illinois residents.

In 2007, the Broadband Deployment Council hosted the 10th Annual Rural Telecommunications Congress, which provided community development and technology leaders from around the country an opportunity to share ideas about the potential of high-speed Internet technology in rural areas. For more information on broadband deployment, visit [www.illinoisconnect.org](http://www.illinoisconnect.org).

### **Illinois River Coordinating Council and Great Lakes Commission**

The history of our state has been greatly shaped by the waters of the Illinois River and Lake Michigan. Approximately 90 percent of the people in Illinois live within the 55-county Illinois River watershed.

The Illinois River Coordinating Council consists of a diverse group of citizens, grassroots organizations, state and federal agencies, and river enthusiasts. The council coordinates private and public projects that enhance the economic and environmental benefits of the Illinois River watershed. As part of its mission, the Council implements “It’s Our River Day,” an annual statewide event featuring dozens of activities and events promoting recreation, conservation and education. In 2007, hundreds of volunteers and participants cleaned up riverbanks and celebrated Illinois rivers at more than 60 sites.

Lt. Gov. Quinn also serves as vice-chair of the Great Lakes Commission. This binational public agency promotes the orderly, integrated and comprehensive development of the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River basin. Its members include the eight Great Lakes states with associate member status for the Canadian provinces of Ontario and Quebec. Commission activities are directed at promoting a strong and growing economy, a healthy environment, and a high quality of life for all citizens in the Great Lakes region. The commission addresses a range of issues involving environmental protection, resource management, transportation and economic development. For more information, visit [www.CleanWater.il.gov](http://www.CleanWater.il.gov).

## Illinois Main Street Advisory Council

Beginning in 1977 with Galesburg, Illinois Main Street is now one of the nation's largest preservation-based local economic development programs and boasts 69 communities across the state, stretching from Rockford on the Rock River to Golconda on the Ohio River. Illinois Main Street, a comprehensive community revitalization program, represents one of the state's most effective public-private partnerships for economic development and community renewal. Since its inception, the Main Street program has spurred the reinvestment of more than \$575 million in Main Street downtowns, and designated communities have reported net gains of more than 1,600 new downtown businesses and created more than 6,000 new full and part-time jobs.

Illinois is one of 40 states participating in the National Main Street program, administered through the National Trust for Historic Preservation. The Lieutenant Governor's office administers Illinois Main Street with architectural assistance from the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency. Local staff, businesses and volunteers provide grassroots leadership, raise money and spearhead improvement activities to restore and revitalize historic business districts, while the Main Street program provides training and technical assistance to participating communities to help make their vision of a thriving downtown a reality. A seven-member advisory council chaired by Lt. Gov. Quinn oversees Illinois Main Street. For more information, visit [www.IllinoisMainStreet.org](http://www.IllinoisMainStreet.org).

## Governor's Rural Affairs Council

As chair of the Governor's Rural Affairs Council, Lt. Gov. Quinn leads a group of government agencies, academic institutions and rural advocacy groups dedicated to improving the economy, environment and health of Illinois' rural communities. Created in 1986, the council provides a link between state and local government agencies to support innovative rural development initiatives, and champions public policy changes that help rural Illinois.



Lt. Gov. Quinn celebrates the 40th anniversary of the United Farm Workers Grape Boycott started by Cesar Chavez.

The Governor's Rural Affairs Council also honors the hard work and commitment of Illinois Physicians and Dentists serving rural Illinois with the Rural Physician of Excellence Award and the Healthy Smiles Hero Award. For more information, visit [www.RuralAffairsCouncil.il.gov](http://www.RuralAffairsCouncil.il.gov).

### **Illinois Military Family Relief**

When Illinois National Guard members and reservists are called to active duty, they often see a dramatic decline in household income. As a result, their families can face serious financial challenges.

To help military families deal with the financial problems that can be caused by deployment, Lt. Gov. Pat Quinn spearheaded the drive to create the Illinois Military Family Relief Fund, which provides assistance to families of Illinois National Guard members and reservists called to active duty. All monies collected by the fund go directly to the families with no administrative overhead. Since the fund's inception, more than 10,000 military families have received grants totaling more than \$5 million to help pay for food, housing and other necessities.

Lt. Gov. Quinn also leads Illinois' efforts to honor fallen soldiers and their families. Each year, the Lieutenant Governor's office sponsors the Gold Star Mother's Day ceremony, presenting memorial Gold Star banners to the mothers of servicemembers who have died while on active duty. The Lieutenant Governor's office also created the Portrait of a Soldier memorial, a series of hand-sketched portraits of Illinois military men and women killed in the line of duty since the beginning of the Global War on Terror. The Portrait of a Soldier exhibit has traveled to communities throughout Illinois, touching many hearts along the way. For more information, visit [www.IllinoisHomeFront.org](http://www.IllinoisHomeFront.org).



**Lt. Gov. Quinn welcomes home Illinois military troops.**

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