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This is a visionary plan for making county government a leader in protecting our environment. Implementing these ideas will save taxpayers money while making Cook County a better place to live, in addition to setting an example for governments across the country and the globe to follow.

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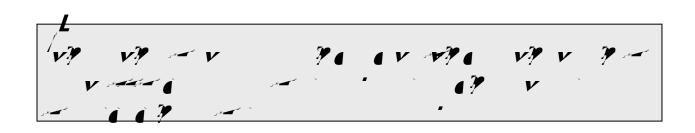
"Greening Cook County" is the latest report by Commissioner Mike Quigley to improve county government for the benefit of residents. "Reinventing Cook County," released in late 2003, recommends restructuring County government to make service delivery more efficient, more accessible to citizens, and more fiscally responsible. Other reports from Commissioner Quigley make recommendations concerning the Forest Preserve District, Lake Calumet region, and Cook County Sheriff's Office.

Cook County Commissioner, 10th District

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Join Hospitals for a Healthy Environment.

Implement composting programs at County and Forest Preserve District facilities.

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Move routine internal transactions onto the Internet.

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Create a new property tax classification and incentive for green buildings.

Tax new vehicle purchases on the basis of weight, not number of wheels.

Charge for vehicle stickers based on vehicle weight.

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Require all court documents to be submitted on recycled-content paper and encourage double-sided copying.

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Permit electronic filing of court documents.

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Adopt an environmentally-preferably purchasing policy in the Forest Preserve District.

Establish cooperative purchasing agreements with other governments in the area to lower the cost of environmentally preferable products and services.

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Establish a Cook County "Green Team" and Green Teams at each County facility.

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Establish a Forest Preserve District Board subcommittee to handle environmental issues.

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Join voluntary environmental partnerships and initiatives.

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Make more county services available

Develop socially responsible investment guidelines for the County/FPD and their employee pension funds.

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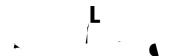
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Estimates of State and Local Government Electricity Usage

Cook County total budget (FY2004)¹

divided by equals	State/local government GDP, 2003° Total US GDP, 2003° State/local government share of GDP	\$ 1,323,300,000,000 \$ 11,004,000,000,000 12.03%
multiplied by equals	Total 2003 US electricity retail sales, in kWh State/local government share of GDP Electricity retail sales to state/local government, in kWh	3,500,000,000,000 12.03% 420, , 4 ,

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, ,	US federal government 2003 electricity consumption, in Btus ¹⁰	189,300,000,000,000
divided by	Btu per kWh	3,412
equals	US federal government 2003 electricity consumption, in kWh	55,480,656,506
	Federal government GDP°	\$ 752,200,000,000
	State/local government GDP°	\$ 1,323,300,000,000
	Total government GDP°	\$ 2,075,500,000,000
	Federal government share of total government GDP	36.24%
	State/local government share of total government GDP	63.76%
	US federal government 2003 electricity consumption, in kWh	55,480,656,506
divided by	Federal government share of total government GDP	36.24%
equals	Total government electricity usage, in kWh	153,084,422,466
multiplied by	State/local government share of total government GDP	63.76%
equals	State/local government electricity usage, in kWh	, 03, , 0

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