

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING A STATEMEN OF COMMITMENT
AND ESTABLISHING A POLICY WITH RESPECT TO
THE ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY OF
THE CHAMPAIGN COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION'S
PROGRAMS AND OPERATIONS**

WHEREAS, we have entered a time where unprecedented pressures on the natural world impose limits on our use of natural resources if we are to ensure the ability of future generations to meet their needs;

WHEREAS, the environmental impact of the Champaign County Regional Planning Commission can be significantly lessened in a cost effective manner by paying closer attention to operating practices and programs;

WHEREAS, the Champaign County Regional Planning Commission plays a leadership role in Champaign County and in the larger region and, by its own example, should promote sustainable policies and practices among the public and private organizations with which it works;

WHEREAS, the Champaign County Regional Planning Commission has established a sustainability initiative and a staff committee to develop sustainability policies and programs; and

WHEREAS, the sustainability committee has prepared a Commitment Statement and Sustainability Policy for adoption by the Commission;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of the Champaign County Regional Planning Commission, Champaign County, Illinois, as follows:

1. The Champaign Regional Planning Commission takes responsibility for the economic, social, and environmental impact and integrity of its programs and operations and is committed to the sustainability of its policies and operations, in order to ensure that while it pursues its mission to meet current needs, it does not compromise the ability of future generations to meet theirs.
2. The Champaign County Regional Planning Commission hereby adopts the attached document as its Statement of Commitment and Sustainability Policy,
3. That the CEO of the Champaign County Regional Planning Commission is hereby directed to prepare a sustainability plan and to take all reasonable steps to fully implement it.

PRESENTED, PASSED, APPROVED AND RECORDED this 12th day of December, A.D. 2008.

SIGNED:

ATTEST:

Laurel Prussing, Chair
Champaign County
Regional Panning Commission

Cameron Moore, Chief Executive Officer
Champaign County
Regional Panning Commission

Adopted December 12, 2008

Commitment to Sustainability at
Champaign County
Regional Planning Commission



Commitment Statement

The Champaign County Regional Planning Commission takes responsibility for the economic, social, and environmental impact and integrity of its programs and operations. We are committed to the sustainability of our policies and operations, ensuring that while we pursue our mission to meet current needs, we do not compromise the ability of future generations to meet theirs.

The Champaign County Regional Planning Commission will work to achieve the following goals:

- 1. Consume less** – CCRPC will minimize the resources consumed in pursuing its mission in order to minimize natural resource depletion; reduce energy consumption and pollution in production and shipping; and to minimize waste generation within the organization:
- 2. Generate less waste** – CCRPC will eliminate waste and seek to reuse or recycle the materials consumed as much as possible:
- 3. Conserve Energy** – CCRPC will minimize the energy consumed in processes and practices and seek to ensure that the energy consumed is derived as much as possible from renewable and non-polluting sources:
- 4. Conserve Water** – CCRPC will minimize consumption of water used in practices and facilities:
- 5. Support Sustainable Markets** - CCRPC will work to foster the development of robust and efficient markets for the local provision of durable materials and products, and of eco-friendly products and services:
- 6. Reduce toxins and pollution** - CCRPC will minimize production, release and exposure of pollutants, green house gasses and toxic materials in the products and services consumed and as byproducts of operations;

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7. Reduce impact from transportation – CCRPC will encourage alternative transportation and pursue strategies that help staff reduce the harmful impacts associated with typical transportation options;

8. Contribute to conviviality, health and well-being - CCRPC will seek to promote healthy life styles, social cohesion, human well being and convivial social relationships.

The Champaign County Regional Planning Commission will achieve its goals through the following means:

Elevated Operating Standards through the choice of vendors, materials, use of technology, cost accounting and economic incentives, design of procedures and processes, facility design and function, selection of furnishings and equipment, real estate transactions, choice of venues for meetings and events, and selection of communication media.

CCRPC will adopt an **Organizational Commitment** of educating and encouraging its employees to adopt sustainable practices at the office as well as in their private lives particularly those that will provide better health and improved quality of life. Recognition and incentives will be provided to motivate employees to make appropriate life style changes. Education will be a centralized platform to help change behavior.

CCRPC will take the a **Lead in Regional Sustainability Efforts** to change practices in the community including, expanded recycling, energy efficiency initiatives, clearinghouse services, program coordination, educational outreach through existing programs, the adoption of policies supporting sustainability and in the development and implementation of regional plans.