

## Illinois Cool Cities Act

Illinois enacted the Cool Cities Act in August 27, 2007, Public Act 095-0453. A summary of the Act is as follows:

- 1) Upon request by a local government, the EPA shall provide technical assistance to the local government that has endorsed the U.S. Conference of Mayors Climate Protection Agreement as follows:
  - a. Assist on developing an inventory of greenhouse gas emissions.
  - b. Assist in determining the emissions reductions benefits of measures under consideration to reduce greenhouse emissions.
  
- 2) A local government may request designation as an Illinois Cool City if the local government:
  - a. Endorsed the U.S. Conference of Mayors Climate Protection Agreement; and
  - b. Prepared and approved a **plan** to achieve a 7% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from 1990 levels by the year 2012.
  
- 3) Upon a finding by the Director of the EPA that
  - a. the **plan** developed by the local government accurately estimates the emissions reduction benefits of the measures it contains; and
  - b. there is evidence of a commitment by the local government to implement the **plan**,the State shall provide the local government with
  - a. signs for posting at major entry points to the local government noting its designation as an Illinois Cool City; and
  - b. a graphic image for use by the local government in printed and electronic communications, noting its designation as an Illinois Cool City.