

City of Springfield



Springfield is the third and current capital of the U.S. state of Illinois and the county seat of Sangamon County with a population of 116,909 (U.S. Bureau of the Census, 2010).

Present day Springfield was first settled in the late 1810s, around the time Illinois became a state. The most famous past resident is Abraham Lincoln, who lived in Springfield itself from 1837 until he went to the White House in 1861.

Mayor Timothy J. Davlin



Tim Davlin has held the office of Mayor of Springfield since April 2003. Since taking office he has overseen great change in downtown Springfield, including the opening of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum.

Improvements to the city's infrastructure have been accomplished along with expansion of programs to help small businesses grow and prosper. Mayor Davlin has instituted inner city redevelopment known as the Old South Towne Redevelopment project, revitalizing a neighborhood retail center.

Mayor Davlin sponsored a student driven recycling program within the city's schools. The pilot program kept hundreds of tons of recyclable materials out of area landfills, making them available for reuse through recycling.

One of Mayor Davlin's most successful programs is [Springfield Green](#), a city wide environmental improvement program which not only promotes planting trees, flowers and greenery, but also stimulates cleanliness through an Adopt-a-Street program.

Environmental Policy Statement

As a city government, and in line with the principles set out in [Springfield Green](#), the City of Springfield is committed to the ideals and practices of environmental responsibility through measures designed to:

- encourage tree planting, landscaping, and more green space and parks
- reduce and deter litter and fly-dumping
- promote good environmental practice and awareness of its environmental policies and issues amongst City personnel;
- promote practices consistent with environmental protection, both within and outside the city government;
- minimize the negative impact of the city government on the environment;
- participate in local initiatives to improve the quality of the environment;

The City of Springfield has adopted a program to support the planning and implementation of environmentally sustainable development strategies throughout the city. Through its Springfield Green program, the city is matching funding and resources to accomplish environmentally friendly projects that improve the quality of life. Additionally, the City will ensure that its personnel contribute to environmental responsibility in all of its practices and procedures.

Springfield's Cool Cities Advisory Council

Mayor Tim Davlin has named nine individuals to serve on Springfield's Cool Cities Advisory Council. The purpose of the council is to provide guidance and direction on a variety of issues as they relate to the Cool Cities initiative and the use of renewable energy.

"This Council will be essential in helping us move forward with our initiative to doing our part to reduce the threat of global warming," Mayor Davlin said. "When we signed onto the U. S. Conference of Mayors Climate Protection Agreement, we committed to do our part to expand green initiatives and curb emissions. This Council will be critical in facilitating this initiative."

The council will study and develop a local climate action plan. The plan would include a variety of initiatives aimed toward reducing carbon emissions and improving energy conservation. The council will work to develop a solutions plan that can reduce emissions while lowering energy costs for our community. That can include such things as expanding Green Vehicle Fleets, improving Energy Efficiency, and developing Renewable Energy solutions. These solutions will be used to form the foundation of our community's comprehensive energy-saving plan.

Cool Cities is a volunteer collaboration between community members, organizations, businesses, and local leaders to implement clean energy solutions that save money, create jobs, and help curb global warming.



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