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City of Rock Island Receives 2008 Radish Award

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On Monday, January 7th the City of Rock Island was honored to receive the 2008 Radish Award. The Radish Awards were given to 10 great efforts throughout the Quad Cities. Radish magazine stated, "to reflect the mission of our magazine, each recipient had to be involved in an activity which in some way had a positive impact on local foods or agriculture, the environment or our sense of responsibility toward our fellow humans."



Hydropower plant that the City of Rock Island is in the process of purchasing

Mayor Schwiebert received the 2008 Radish Award at the Council Meeting on Monday evening. Radish Magazine stated, "Mayor Mark Schwiebert has led city staff and employees in a series of ongoing initiatives that embody environmental stewardship and leadership. These efforts include signing the Kyoto Protocol, buying a hydropower plant and establishing a "Green Team.""

The City of Rock Island recognizes responsible environmental stewardship as part of its mission in serving the citizens of this community. The City is actively moving forward with innovative energy solutions that will create a healthier city that is safer and more secure. Mayor Schwiebert said, "Rock Island's "Green Team" is an innovative municipal effort to bring all City departments together to figure out ways we can operate in a more efficient and environmentally responsible manner. We hope, through this team, to not only "think green" in our City operations, but to provide examples and practices for private businesses and individuals to follow in having a more favorable impact on our environment. We also see this team as affording an opportunity for saving taxpayer dollars through reduced utility charges, and for exploring new opportunities for economic growth."

For find out more on the City's Green Initiatives click [here!](#)