

Board Meeting
July 24, 2008

ESTABLISH THE INSTITUTE OF NATURAL RESOURCE SUSTAINABILITY,
URBANA

Action: Approve the Establishment of the Institute of Natural Resource Sustainability, Urbana

Funding: State Appropriated Funds

Public Act 95-728, effective July 1, 2008, transferred the rights, powers, duties, property, and functions formerly vested in the Illinois Department of Natural Resources through the State Scientific Surveys to the University of Illinois. Section 15 of the University of Illinois Scientific Surveys Act provides:

The [University of Illinois] Board of Trustees shall establish and operate an institute for natural sciences and sustainability. The institute shall contain within it the State Natural History Survey division, the State Water Survey division, the State Geological Survey division, the Waste Management and Research Center division, and such other related entities, research functions, and responsibilities as may be appropriate. The institute shall be under the governance and control of the Board of Trustees.

Therefore, in furtherance of this legislative mandate, the Chancellor at Urbana recommends the establishment of the Institute of Natural Resource Sustainability, incorporating the following divisions: Illinois State Geological Survey; Illinois Natural History Survey; Illinois State Water Survey; and Illinois Sustainable Technology Center (formerly Waste Management and Research Center).

The Board action recommended in this item complies in all material respects with applicable State and federal laws, University of Illinois *Statutes*, *The General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure*, and Board of Trustees policies and directives.

The President of the University concurs.