

ENSURING MICHIGAN'S FUTURE

AFFORDABLE AND RELIABLE ENERGY, NO REGRETS FOR OUR FUTURE

There are things we can do today that benefit us right now and pay dividends tomorrow, no matter what the future holds. It's all about adaptability -- the sort of wisdom that will serve our state well when it comes to enacting new energy policies and protecting our environment.



AFFORDABLE ENERGY

CONSERVING ENERGY, SAVING MONEY



State buildings have **reduced energy use** by nearly **25% in the last 10 years**, and continue to **invest in energy efficiency upgrades**.

MICHIGAN SAVES

Energy efficiency saves energy, money, supports local jobs, and is good for our environment.



In 2012, private financial institutions across the state will make more than **\$68 million available** for **efficiency improvements** in buildings.



Since October 2010, more than **1,700 Michiganders** have used Michigan Saves funds to improve their homes and have **saved about \$350 per year in energy costs**.
Next Step: Michigan Saves is expanding its program to businesses like small grocers and convenience stores.

RELIABLE ENERGY

FOR A STRONGER ECONOMY

Reliable energy is vital for homes, hospitals, schools and businesses.



The Upper Peninsula has nearly **12 "yellow alerts" a year** -- meaning that all it takes is for one more thing to go wrong and everybody's power could be out for days.

Solution: Michigan needs to upgrade our transmission and electrical superhighway system so we can keep growing stronger.



PROTECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT

PRESERVE OUR LAKES, RIVERS, FORESTS AND STREAMS

Energy is the lifeblood of Michigan's economy. But what good is a strong economy if we can't enjoy our environment -- the Great Lakes, our forests, fields, rivers, streams and trails? Together, energy and our environment go hand in hand, and we must consider both together when planning for the future.



Invasive species like the **Asian carp** are threatening the health of our beloved shoreline and lakes. We must **aggressively defend the Great Lakes against these threats**.



We need to protect all of Michigan's waters. That means **ensuring good water quality, defending our wetlands, and restoring Michigan's environment**.



Michigan has **more total trail miles than just about any other state**. We need to connect those trails and be the **number one trail state**.