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Breaking News ...

2003 Energy Savings Released

\$455,791

Through Employee Energy Conservation and Efficient Building Management

AJC editorial backs Belt Line
["Atlanta has a rare opportunity to attract the kind of high-quality, low-cost housing and transit options other cities can only dream about."](#) June 1, 2003

Other recent Belt Line news
["All Things Considered"](#), April 7
[Tour promotes transit concept](#), March 2
[Cathy's guest column](#), Feb. 14
[Using tracks to ease transit](#), Jan. 2

Join the Belt Line Action team. [Click here](#) and type "Join Belt Line Action List" in the subject if you want to help make the Belt Line a reality.



I was happy to participate in the groundbreaking of the [High Museum](#) expansion, designed by Renzo Piano. (Photo by Alan Mothner courtesy HMA)

Welcome!

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Energy Savings for Atlanta

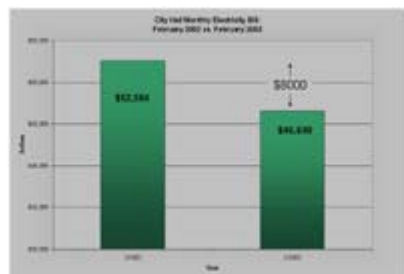
On July 29, joined by Mayor Shirley Franklin and representatives from several energy related agencies, I held a press conference to reveal the initial dollar savings achieved through my comprehensive City Energy Conservation Program.

The program has resulted in almost half a million dollars in savings to the City's budget in 2003 (over \$455,000) and will result in over \$367,000 in savings next year and years to come.

The first stage of the Energy Conservation Program was an audit of the City's 660+ energy bills, which was performed through a grant from the Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority (GEFA). We discovered that the City spends over \$20 million a year on energy costs, and the audit provided a comprehensive analysis of each bill, leading to some rate changes and billing corrections that added up to hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Experts on loan from GEFA and the Department of Energy also conducted energy-use audits of major City office buildings and employee conservation training - all done at no cost to the City.

The audits uncovered unnecessary energy waste in city-run offices, but also offered 'smart energy' solutions that have already been implemented. For instance, the energy bill at City Hall downtown has gone down an average of \$8,000 a month from last year to this year based on simple changes such as turning down the air conditioning and turning off lights after hours.



This graph shows the difference in City Hall's energy bill in February 2002 and February 2003

Suggestion of the Month

Reporting problems with City services
Many people have called my office asking how to report problems with city services. I've created a one-page guide that's easy to follow. You can print it out and put it on your refrigerator or copy it for a neighborhood meeting. [Click to view the guide.](#) (Requires [Acrobat Reader](#))

Tell us your suggestion



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President's eUpdates

Receive information about issues impacting City of Atlanta residents. [Read the most recent eUpdate.](#)

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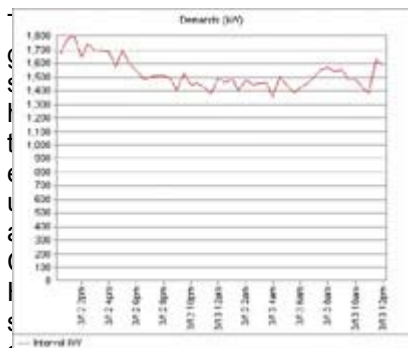
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Quick Poll

How would you use the Belt Line?

- Go to work
- Go shopping
- Go to school
- Go to worship
- Go to MARTA

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constant over night in a 24 hour period in 2002

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Year-end report

[Click here](#) for my 2002 Report. (Requires [Acrobat Reader](#))

Council strengthens [code](#) as part of Dirty Dozen [initiative](#)

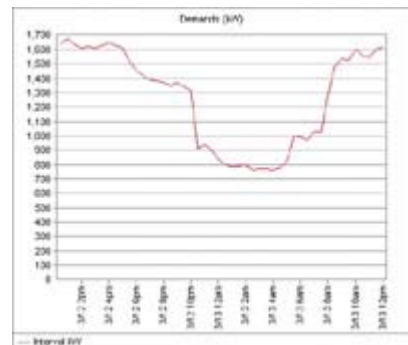
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And this graph demonstrates how on the same date this year, the energy usage at City Hall dips significantly in the evening hours.

To create a more efficient and sustainable government, I will continue to develop new initiatives for the City Energy Conservation Project, ensuring that all City purchases include energy efficiency criteria and developing standards for the construction of new City facilities that significantly reduce energy use.

Best Regards,
Cathy Woolard
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For more information about the Energy Conservation Program [GO>>](#)

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