

## **Make Clean Air Count with Natural Landscaping for your Home and Community**

What are Showey Lady Slippers and Turk's Cap Lillies, and what do they have to do with the federal Clean Air Act?

They are flowers native to the Great Lakes and Chicago regions, and therefore – unlike a weedless expanse of grass lawn – grow in Chicago-area yards with little maintenance, watering or property-owner attention. By reducing the use of lawnmowers, pesticides, fertilizers and watering, you make the air cleaner and conserve resources.

Home and business owners can take a number of simple steps to make their property more environment-friendly. When you install natural landscaping around your home and community, you will find that it generates not only the self-satisfaction of improving your family's air quality, but it will set a standard among your neighbors and surrounding communities.

Clean Air Counts wants to help you develop an environment-friendly lawn and garden. It combats erosion and accommodates storm and flood waters better than traditional landscaping methods.

Natural landscaping is one of a host of Clean Air strategies that you can adopt to reduce pollution in the Chicago area. You can play a vital role in the future of our community by becoming part of Clean Air Counts. Visit [www.cleanaircounts.org](http://www.cleanaircounts.org) to sign up and obtain detailed information on the wide range of steps you can take at home, at work and in the community to improve the air we breathe.

Clean Air Counts is a six-county Chicago regional initiative of the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency – Region V, City of Chicago and Illinois EPA. It seeks significant reductions in smog-forming pollutants and energy consumption.

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