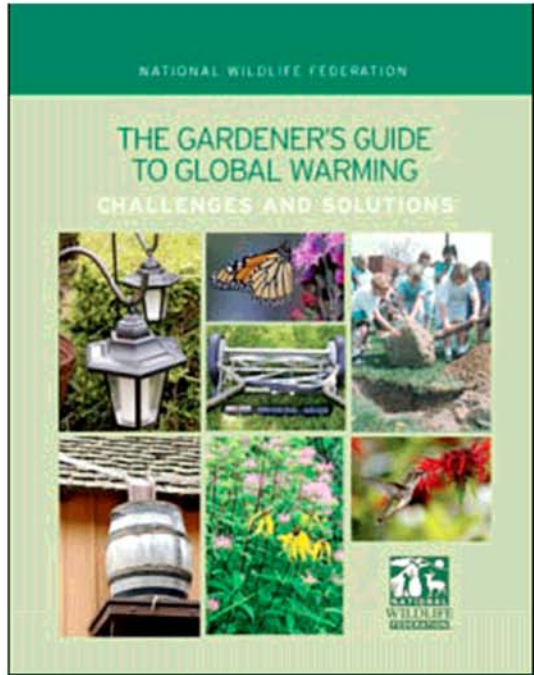


# Sustainable Land Actions for Ohio



## *Help Improve Ohio Environmental Health*

You can make a major contribution by creating a certified, sustainable habitat in your yard and community so that our environment is healthy, beautiful and 'green' for future generations.

### **Governments**

- Educate the general public about sustainable gardening practices
- Support 'Community Sustainable Habitats'
- Ban the sale of Ohio's worst Invasive Plants ([www.oipc.info](http://www.oipc.info))
- Revise weed ordinances to allow gardens and yards to include well-maintained Ohio native plants
- Change laws to allow downspout diversion to rain barrels or water absorption areas (i.e. rain gardens, etc.)
- Toughen zoning legislation to protect natural areas, like wetlands
- Promote 'Green Space'
- Develop programs to curb 'Urban Sprawl'
- Require vehicle emission standards on gas powered lawn mowers, weed eaters, etc.

### **Homeowners**

- Remove invasive species from your yard and community
- Incorporate a diversity of native plants into your yard and community
- Limit water consumption
- Reduce or eliminate chemical use on yard
- Reduce lawn area
- Compost
- Plant trees around your house
- Develop a rain garden
- Reduce use of gasoline-powered yard tools

### **Schools**

- Create and maintain a 'Wild School Site' at every facility
- Incorporate ODNR's curriculum, already aligned to Ohio's education standards
- Use ODNR training and grant opportunities

### **Farmers**

- Use grants to create sustainable land plots in areas that are not used for farming

### **Plant Nurseries and Landscapers**

- Incorporate native plants into your inventory
- Discontinue selling Ohio's worst Invasive Plants ([www.oipc.info](http://www.oipc.info))

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