



## **LINCOLNWOOD IN BLOOM CONTEST**

The annual Lincolnwood in Bloom contest extends a warm invitation to residents to participate in enriching our community's tapestry with the vibrancy of local flora.

All beautification endeavors are valued, this year we invite you to explore the beauty and benefits of native plantings. This initiative celebrates the dedication of property owners to elevate the appeal of their homes and neighborhoods, encouraging a shift towards native plants that not only enhance aesthetics but also play a pivotal role in absorbing groundwater, nurturing our environment in a way that non-native plant species may not. Native plants do not require fertilizers and require fewer pesticides than non-native plants. Your contribution to this celebration of nature's harmony, showcasing properties that have not received recognition in recent years, embodies the ethos of sustainability and environmental stewardship.

### **Who May Enter?**

Any resident within the Village of Lincolnwood's corporate limits. Entries are due by Friday, September 6, 2024.

To apply, complete the application attached to this flier. If you have any questions about the application, please contact Public Works at [publicworks@lwd.org](mailto:publicworks@lwd.org) or 847-675-0888.

### **Judging**

The Lincolnwood Environmental Commission will conduct the judging of all entries. Entries will be evaluated based on creativity, design, composition, environmental sensitivity, and overall quality. While aesthetics hold their merit, equal importance is placed on the thoughtful integration of native plantings and their contribution to ecological balance, emphasizing a harmonious coexistence with nature. Landscape projects do not have to be visible from the street.

### **How Will Winners Be Honored?**

Winners will be recognized in a future edition of the Village Newsletter. The top winner will receive a \$75 gift certificate, the first runner-up will receive a \$50 gift certificate, and the second runner-up will receive a \$25 gift certificate to a Lincolnwood business.

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**NAME OF ENTRY**

(Name of resident - Print exactly how you would like it published, should you win)

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**ADDRESS OF ENTRY**

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**DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT**

(Specify exact area to be judged. Include information about types of planting (native or non-native), purpose of the garden (e.g. rain garden, flower garden, etc.). Attach current pictures of the area to be judged. If you are unable to take photos of the area, please call the Public Works Department at 847-675-0888 and we can assist you.)

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**CONTACT PERSON** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_

**DAYTIME PHONE** \_\_\_\_\_

By signing and submitting this application to the Village of Lincolnwood, I understand and grant permission for the Village of Lincolnwood to publicize the address listed on the "Lincolnwood in Bloom" application, including images of any decorations, in the Village-sponsored public relations activities, including print and electronic media.

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Signature

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Date

Please scan this form to [PublicWorks@lwd.org](mailto:PublicWorks@lwd.org) or mail to:

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Lincolnwood in Bloom  
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