

# CLEAN AIR

Due in part to its historical industrial base, the Metro East region has a significant issue with air quality. In particular, fine particulate matter, such as that coming from exhaust smoke, threatens the health of residents within the region. Particulate pollution can shorten lives, contribute to heart disease, lung cancer and asthma attacks, and interfere with the growth and work of the lungs.

## WHAT WE DO

Southwestern Illinois Resource Conservation & Development is committed to improving air quality in the region. Some initiatives that the organization brings forward in an effort to improve air quality, include urban forestry which filters many types of air pollution, planning alternative transportation (walking – biking) routes, and supporting locally grown initiatives, which reduces transportation associated with obtaining our food products, while strengthening the local economy.



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