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**Fixing Climate Change in Your Backyard (and Frontyard)**  
**Presented by Mike Nowak of “The Mike Nowak Show”**  
**and the late, great *Chicagoland Gardening Magazine***  
**Author of *Attack of the Killer Asparagus and Other Lessons Not Learned in the Garden***  
**Podcasts at <https://mikenowak.net>**

**Some Quick Information**

[www.aroundtheblockpress.com](http://www.aroundtheblockpress.com) (*Attack of the Killer Asparagus*)  
<https://extension.illinois.edu/cook> (Cook County Extension)  
[https://extension.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/soil\\_testing\\_infosheet.pdf](https://extension.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/soil_testing_infosheet.pdf) (Soil testing info)  
<https://mortonarb.org/about-arboretum/plant-health-care-report/> (Morton Arb Plant Health Care Report)  
<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/vegguide/> (U of I Extension Vegetable Guide)

**Climate Change**

<https://climate.nasa.gov/> NASA Global Climate Change  
<https://www.ilcpr.org/> Illinois Coalition for Plastic Reduction  
[www.climate.us](http://www.climate.us) The nonprofit successor to Climate.gov, which was deleted by the White House  
<https://climate.nasa.gov/evidence/> How Do We Know Climate Change Is Real? (NASA)  
<https://putnam.cce.cornell.edu/resources/climate-friendly-gardener> The Climate Friendly Gardener  
<https://www.greenamerica.org/climate-victory-gardens> Climate Change Victory Gardens  
<https://tinyurl.com/yz6r9x82> ‘The anti-livestock people are a pest’: how UN food body played down role of farming in climate change, The Guardian  
<https://theconversation.com/explainer-why-phenology-is-key-in-tracking-climate-change-123783>  
Phenology and Climate Change  
<https://yaleclimateconnections.org/2019/08/how-plastics-contribute-to-climate-change/> How Plastics Contribute to Climate Change  
<https://showyourstripes.info> Show Your Stripes  
<https://tinyurl.com/ReaderNativePlantsFlooding> How native plant gardens help prevent street flooding  
<https://restore.eco> Worldwide network of community-led restoration and conservation efforts

**Compost, food waste and more**

<https://illinoiscomposts.org/> Illinois Food Scrap Coalition  
<https://illinoiscomposts.org/haulers-processors/> IFSC Haulers and Compost Processors  
<https://reducewastechicago.org/> Reduce Waste Chicago  
<https://www.epa.gov/sustainable-management-food/reducing-impact-wasted-food-feeding-soil-and-composting> Reducing the Impact of Wasted Food by Feeding the Soil and Composting (EPA)  
<https://www.feedingamerica.org/> Feeding America  
<https://ampleharvest.org/> Ample Harvest  
<https://ampyourgood.com/> Amp Your Good  
<https://rethinkinglawns.com/> Rethinking Lawns  
<https://midwestgrowsgreen.org/> (Midwest Grows Green)  
<https://www.beyondpesticides.org/resources/lawns-and-landscapes/overview> Lawns and Landscapes (Beyond Pesticides)

## Plants

<https://www.possibilityplace.com/> Possibility Place Nursery  
<https://prairieup.com/> Prairie Up: Unlawning America (Benjamin Vogt)  
<https://naturalcommunities.net/> Natural Communities native plants  
<https://www.youtube.com/c/RoyDiblik> Roy Diblik  
[https://www.nwf.org/NativePlantFinder/?itid=lk\\_inline\\_enhanced-template](https://www.nwf.org/NativePlantFinder/?itid=lk_inline_enhanced-template) NWF Plant Finder  
[https://www.audubon.org/native-plants?itid=lk\\_inline\\_enhanced-template](https://www.audubon.org/native-plants?itid=lk_inline_enhanced-template) Audubon Native PlantDatabase  
[https://www.chicagobotanic.org/plantinfo/tree\\_alternatives](https://www.chicagobotanic.org/plantinfo/tree_alternatives) Chicago Botanic Garden Trees for 2050  
<https://mortonarb.org/plant-and-protect/trees-and-plants/> Morton Arboretum Tree and Plant Information

## Nature

<https://xerces.org/blog/leave-leaves-these-invertebrates-depend-on-it> Leave the Leaves! These Invertebrates Depend On It.  
<https://www.humanegardener.com/> The Humane Gardener  
[https://extension.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/management\\_of\\_invasive\\_plants\\_and\\_pests\\_of\\_illinois.pdf](https://extension.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/management_of_invasive_plants_and_pests_of_illinois.pdf) Management of Invasive Plants and Pests of Illinois (Illinois Extension)  
<https://homegrownnationalpark.org/> Homegrown National Park

## Some Books:

*What If We Get It Right? Visions of Climate Futures* by Ayana Elizabeth Johnson  
*What to Grow for a Climate Resilient Garden* Dr. Amanda Rasmussen  
*Plant This, Not That* by Elise Howard  
*Bringing Nature Home* by Douglas W. Tallamy  
*Nature's Best Hope* by Douglas W. Tallamy  
*The Nature of Oaks* by Douglas W. Tallamy  
*Native Trees for North American Landscapes* by Guy Sternberg with Jim Wilson  
*The Midwestern Native Garden: Native Alternatives to Nonnative Flowers and Plants, an Illustrated Guide* By Charlotte Adelman and Bernard L. Schwartz  
*Prairie Up: An Introduction to Natural Garden Design* by Benjamin Vogt  
*The Tallgrass Prairie: An Introduction* by Cindy Crosby  
*Chasing Dragonflies: A Natural, Cultural, and Personal History* by Cindy Crosby  
*The Organic Lawn Care Manual* by Paul Tukey  
*The Soil Will Save Us* by Kristin Ohlson  
*The Problem with Plastic: How We Can Save Ourselves and Our Planet Before It's Too Late* by Judith Enck  
*Untangling Plastics: The Missing Link in Mitigating Climate Change* by Bob Gedert  
*The Humane Gardener* by Nancy Larsen  
*The Know Maintenance Perennial Garden* by Roy Diblik  
*Start a Community Food Garden: The Essential Handbook* by LaManda Joy  
*Fearless Food Gardening in Chicagoland* by Teresa Gale and LaManda Joy  
*The Monarch: Saving Our Most-Loved Butterfly* by Kylee Baumlee  
*Epic Tomatoes: How to Select & Grow the Best Varieties of All Time* by Craig LeHoullier  
*Rodale's Basic Organic Gardening* by Deborah L. Martin  
*Rodale's All New Encyclopedia of Organic Gardening*, by F.M. Bradley and Barbara Ellis, Rodale  
*Teaming with Microbes, A Gardener's Guide to the Soil Food Web* by Jeff Lowenfels and Wayne Lewis  
*The Well-Tended Perennial Garden: Planting and Pruning Techniques* by Tracy DiSabato-Aust  
*The Vegetable Gardener's Bible*, by Edward C. Smith  
*A Feathered River Across the Sky: The Passenger Pigeon's Flight to Extinction* by Joel Greenberg