

Frankfort Chamber Member Spotlight

The Conservation Foundation

105404 Knoch Knolls Rd., Naperville, IL 60565

How long has your organization been open?

47 years

The primary service of the organization:

We are a non-profit Land Trust Agency, working to protect land and water in the region.

What makes your organization special?

We are one of the oldest Land Trusts in Illinois. We work with land owners of any size, from the smallest residential lot up to municipalities and even the Forest Preserves. We can help anyone who owns land and wants to take care of it in a more environmentally-friendly way.

Best thing your organization does:

Our Conservation@Home program for homeowners. We have almost 1000 properties certified in the program, which means that many people taking an active, thoughtful role in turning their yard into habitat for birds and butterflies.

Something people don't realize about your organization: There is no charge for a Conservation@Home consultation! We will come out for free to walk around your yard and make recommendations about how you could add native plants. People can contact me any time with questions about nature, plants, ponds, etc.--if I don't know the answer, I know who to ask! We've worked with municipalities to make sure landscape ordinances don't accidentally exclude natives. We organize rain barrel sales in many communities. And we basically just try to improve soil and water quality everywhere we go.

My favorite thing about being a Frankfort Chamber member is:

All the interesting people I've gotten to meet! The Chamber has been a great way to get our name out into the community and to get to know so many people. My husband jokes that we can't go anywhere in town without running into someone who knows me.



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