

Maravilla Residential Rainforest

This award winning* senior citizen residential home in Illinois, has been purpose built to include an indoor rainforest!

Owner, Dr Anbar cites clean air as one of the main factors for including the rainforest within the development.

Anbar claims "Plants have been shown to absorb toxins while releasing oxygen.



Courtesy of Follage Design Systems of Chicago

Research also demonstrates that people who live in rainforests do not suffer from allergies and related disorders triggered by synthetic surroundings.

By creating the Maravilla concept, our hope was to offer the facility's residents an environment in which cleaner air would improve their health, comfort and longevity."

It seems it may have worked. One staff member has weaned themselves off long-term asthma medication since working there. Residents claim to feel healthier and more energetic and even visitors say they feel better within 30 minutes of arrival at Maravilla.

Maravilla was built in 2000 and has won numerous awards including:

- * Interiorscape Magazine's Grand Award – Best Project 2001
- * Illinois Landscape Contractors Association 2001 Gold Award for Landscape Excellence
- * Florida Nurseryman's Association Grand Award for 2001
- * Associated Landscape Contractors of America Grand Award for 2001

