

**Community garden programs can reduce food insecurity, improve dietary intake, and strengthen family relationships.**

**Community gardens create social ties, help reduce crime, empower residents, and help them feel safer in their neighborhood.**

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**Building stronger and happier communities**

**Neighborhoods with homes facing trees and greenery experience lower crime rates.**

**Tree planting is associated with increased voter turnout in primary and general elections.**