

Enhancing cities' liveability through fostering Nature Connections

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Over the past few decades, there has been widespread recognition of the importance of urban greenery to support cities' goals to be liveable, sustainable, and resilient to disturbances brought about by climate change. In Singapore, greenery provision is complemented by national level urban horticultural programs that aim to foster people-nature connections. For instance, community gardens offer distinct platforms for people to get together. Allotment gardens in parklands enable individuals to engage with nature through the various gardening activities and reap produce. The Gardening with Edibles program encourages home gardening through provision of resources. Specially designed therapeutic horticulture programs engage target groups to receive benefits from the facilitated nature-based activities. The involvement of relevant governmental agencies, driven by taking an expanded view of urban horticulture targeted at delivering social objectives and achieving the environmental and ecological objectives of city greening, has contributed to the growth and expansion of the initiatives.