Abstract

Public space is increasingly developed and managed by actors other than local governments, ranging from citizens to corporations. This article investigates the role of local citizens as managers of five community gardens in the Netherlands. It aims to unravel conditions required for such civic-led initiatives to thrive in the management phase. Our in-depth interviews with volunteers revealed three important conditions for maintaining these gardens: (1) fully connected cooperation with a ‘fun factor’, (2) strong neighbourhood involvement, and (3) lively places of encounter. Overarching these conditions is the need for a flexible and resilient organisation structure to respond to changing circumstances.


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community gardens to be operated as an interim use on both publicly and privately owned vacant land. A city employee works with landowners and community gardeners to develop an agreement for the conditions and tenure of use of the land as a garden. 2. Des Moines, Iowa, has a community garden program that allows the establishment of community gardens on city right-of-ways and real property. 3. A number of cities, including Washington, D.C., and Hartford, Conn., collect. Civic Space Continues to Close. In the mid-2000s, a disturbing international trend emerged: a growing number of governments around the world began restricting space they had previously permitted for independent civil society, using both formal legal and regulatory measures and extralegal actions. Public and private research funding has supported many studies of the closing space trend by think tanks and INGOs, as well as numerous workshops and conferences to let concerned actors share perspectives and lessons learned. 15. Meanwhile, the Community of Democracies set up a working group on civic space in More civic engagement examples of community involvement are listed to help you appreciate ways to become more active in the community. The examples act as ways to protect and educate the public, make a change or promote tourism to your area. As citizens, we all want to love where we live. We want our community to feel like home, to be a place that gives us a sense of pride, and the type of city, town, or village we want to work hard to protect and maintain. We’re often inspired by the creative ways that communities connect to their residents, which is why we’ve compiled a list of 12 inspiring Public green space includes parks and reserves, sporting elds, riparian areas like stream and river banks, greenways and trails, community gardens, street trees, and nature conservation areas, as well as less conventional spaces such as green walls, green alleyways, and cemeteries (Roy, Byrne, & Pickering, 2012). Such housing cost escalation can potentially lead to gentrication: the displacement and/or exclusion of the very residents the green space was meant to benet. Hangzhou is recognized throughout China as a Garden City and renowned for its tree-lined streets, scenic West Lake National Park, and for the nation's rst urban wetland park—the XIXi Wetlands (about three times larger than New York's Central Park).