

EXAMPLES OF GREENING



Urban Farming



Vacant Lot Revitalization



Playground and Community Space

QUESTIONS?

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GREENING TO PREVENT INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE

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WHO ARE WE?

The Michigan Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence (MCEDSV) is a state-wide, membership-based, non-profit with offices in Okemos and Detroit. MCEDSV utilizes an intersectional, trauma-informed, and survivor-centered lens to empower all of Michigan's survivors of domestic and sexual violence and in developing and promoting efforts aimed at the elimination of all domestic and sexual violence in the state of Michigan.

WHAT IS IPV?

Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) is a pattern of coercive and controlling behaviors that one person uses against a heterosexual, same-sex, or non-binary partner in order to gain or maintain power in a current or former marital, cohabitating, or dating relationship. Examples of behaviors include:

- Physical assault
- Sexual assault
- Emotional abuse
- Isolation
- Economic coercion, threats
- Stalking or intimidation

HOW IS GREENING CONNECTED TO VIOLENCE?

- **Risk factors** are individual, community, or societal characteristics that increase the chance an individual will choose to perpetrate violence.
- **Harmful gender norms**, or strict beliefs about how women should behave versus men, are one risk factor targeted by greening.
- **Protective factors** may decrease the chance an individual may choose to perpetrate violence.
- **Community connectedness**, or a personal sense of belonging to a group, family, or community. It's about the relationships people have with each other and their engagement with the broader community. This is a protective factor targeted by greening.
- **Greening works on the community level to increase protective factors and decrease risk factors associated with intimate partner violence.**

WHAT IS GREENING?

Community gardens, revitalized vacant lots, urban farming, and parks are all examples of greening. Greening projects create safe, green spaces in neighborhoods to improve the relationship between community members and their environment (community connectedness).

RESEARCH-BASED BENEFITS

- Reductions in stress, anxiety, and other mental health issues
- Increased sense of neighborhood safety and stronger neighborhood relationships
- Increased social activity, community connectedness, and social cohesion
- Reductions in violence
- Increased support for survivors and accountability for perpetrators
- Positive environmental effects: naturally cooling, better air & water quality, habitat for wildlife, etc.

Research about the effects of greening can be found on the back of this brochure.