



# What Surrounds Us Shapes Us: Greening and other Physical/Built Environment Strategies for Preventing Sexual and Domestic Violence

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AKJ: Hi everyone! Welcome to the web conference today. Please let us know where you are joining us from and what the weather is like in your part of the world. I am in Oakland, California today with Prevention Institute.

TV: Hi Don, we have started the audio broadcast. You should be able to hear it on your computer, as long as you have good internet connection for audio over the phone, please call 866-866-2244, passcode 9053509#.

TV: You can download the PowerPoint slides for this session here: [http://www.preventconnect.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/What-Surrounds-Us-Shapes-Us\\_06052019.pdf](http://www.preventconnect.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/What-Surrounds-Us-Shapes-Us_06052019.pdf)

TV: Web Conference Guest  
Profiles: <http://www.preventconnect.org/2018/07/preventconnect-web-conference-guest-profiles/>

SC: Southern California- Institute for Public Strategies is a nonprofit with 12+ programs working in San Diego, Los Angeles and San Bernardino Counties primarily on alcohol and drug prevention, community health and environmental prevention within a health equity framework

TV: Text Chat Question: How familiar are you with the connections between sexual and domestic violence prevention and improving the physical/built environment? Why did you decide to join us today?

EB: Not at all

CS: Not at all

KG: Not at all., Joined to learn all about it

SB: Not at all

DA: Not at all

KO: Also not at all, and very curious

KCM: not at all, here to learn

ME: Not at all familiar

CM: not at all

JB: not at all, I was just intrigued by the concept

KK: not familiar

MC: same

SP: I am an Interior Designer and very interested to see how my profession can help as I don't know much regarding this specific topic.

SO: I've taken a CPTED course and one of our community partners use CPTED in their community change strategies

VK: I have some understanding since we work with the U of A on their Arizona safer Bars Alliance project.

KV: I am working towards a more community-based approach for my prevention work.

JT: USDOJ SMART Office has funded two projects in this area and I am curious what others in this field are doing?

MG: I have been really thinking about environmental strategies to keep spaces as trauma informed as possible

SMcM: Have been looking at CPTED and how it is related to campus sexual violence prevention

AD: pretty familiar and working from this perspective but always ready to learn more

SER: Fairly familiar and we are starting to explore these strategies in Missouri

AM: I have an idea but not very familiar.

AS: This is my first training on this specific topic. I am a Victim Advocate for the US Coast Guard

KP: I run several groups at schools and in communities so I am interested in utilizing the physical space around me and to bring in the history

AA: IPV technical package: <https://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/pdf/ipv-technicalpackages.pdf>

AK: Newer concept, but somewhat familiar. Looking to understand connections and evaluation more.

CS: I'm familiar with the concept. Always looking to learn more.

AH: Not very familiar. I am the program director of a non-profit that is building an urban farm in a low-income area of Charleston, SC.

MP: I'm pretty familiar with the connection between sexual and domestic violence prevention

SP: I am fairly new in prevention work and wanted to learn more about it. –  
Suemi Rape Prevention Education Coordinator with Family Service of Tulare County

GM: very familiar, this is my area of research.

HJ: Not much- but from an urban sociology perspective, I know that safety is linked very strongly to the built environment through Jane Jacob's work,

KR: Here to learn and see what can be added to our violence prevention efforts.

TB: Not at all, interested in learning more to reduce violence in our community

MP: I'm here to learn more about how to improve physical environment

GB: We use Shifting Boundaries Curriculum with our SA primary prevention work with middle school students. This curriculum utilizes a school mapping activity to show how school spaces influence incidents of Sexual Harassment and other school violence. Looking more to learning more!

RB: Very familiar, I'm interested in learning more to add to prevention efforts.

EB: Familiar with the topic but interested in the "how to"

SC: We utilize Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) in our work and help communities better understand how environment impacts determinants of health. Really eager to hear more about how this is being applied to DV, etc. :-)

JT: Gibran Mancus, I would be interested in any links to your research (if you can share).

CC: I work with youth to prevent gender violence and know that housing has such an influence and I am an organic gardener who wants more information!

MB: Did straight up SV prevention in classroom for a long time, now as a new mom I'm interested in a community focus working with kids and parents in more informal settings (especially outside!)

JA: I had the fortune to attend FCADV's Prevention Institute last year, so I learned quite a bit there. As for interest, I now chair our county's DV SV Task Force.

AA: PreventConnect: <http://www.preventconnect.org/2017/05/preventing-intimate-partner-violence-across-the-lifespan-a-technical-package-of-programs-policies-and-practices/><https://preventipv.org/news/preventing-intimate-partner-violence-across-lifespan-technical-package-programs-policies-and>

SO: Not very familiar, working with access and equity in food environment, but hoping to broaden the definition of an environment to include physical, mental and economic factors.

AA: 2017 PreventConnect web conference: <http://www.preventconnect.org/2017/07/a-safe-place-to-call-home-transforming-the-physicalbuilt-environment-for-sexual-and-domestic-violence-prevention/>

JR: The prevent connect link doesn't work

AA: PreventConnect: <http://www.preventconnect.org/2017/05/preventing-intimate-partner-violence-across-the-lifespan-a-technical-package-of-programs-policies-and-practices/>

AA: Here you go, Judy! Thanks for letting us know!

AA: Thrive Tool: <http://preventioninstitute.org/tools/thrive-tool-health-resilience-vulnerable-environments>

AA: Vegetation and Violence: A study by Frances Kuo and William Sullivan: <http://lhl.lillinois.edu/violence.htm>

AA: County Health Rankings: <http://www.countyhealthrankings.org/take-action-to-improve-health/what-works-for-health/policies/green-space-parks>

AA: NBC News Article: <https://www.nbcnews.com/health/health-news/clean-green-public-spaces-make-us-happier-study-finds-n893181>

GM: <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/29314746>

AKJ: Hi Dr. Mancus, thank you for joining us!

FR: Here representing Promesa Boyle Heights - working with residents in East LA to advocate for urban greening as a way of reducing stress and providing healthy spaces for child development, family unity, and exercise in general.

PC: FIRE UP CHIPS!!

JR: I was late to join and the survey. I'm a member of Design 4 Active Sacramento. A cross-sector health and built environment team doing work across all sectors to improve community health. Have recently been adding ACEs and Trauma Prevention. Thank you for today's webinar.

DL: I am tweeting with the hashtag #GreeningPreventsViolence

LW: what are we really referring to when we talk about social capital?

AS: Thanks for the question, Liat. We'll ask the guests to share!

DC: I've been listening on my phone and finally followed all of the right steps to join via computer. I am Denisha (hi Ashleigh!) I am a child sex abuse prevention advocate here in Maryland #paranoiatoprevention and also working as a network consultant

AD: social capital is the relative power and economic gain that a social network (relationships) produce or do not produce (excuse typos on phone)

DC: #paranoiatoprevention glad to be here as well - thank you!

LW: thank you Alison

CS: So, year 1-relationship building, year 2 relationship building and starting to implement Year 3 implementation and sustainability? Is that correct

CR2: Hi Everyone, I am the Empowerment Evaluator with the Rhode Island Coalition Against DV. We have a Greening Urban Spaces strategy with DELTA Impact as well. We are working with our community partner, the Newport Health Equity Zone a

SO: I'm wondering if anyone is including murals with positive messaging in the green spaces?

AS: Cynthia, isn't your team using murals?

CR2: Yes! Newport did a mural under the DELTA FOCUS funding. We are also currently working with partners in the City of Providence via our OVW funding to support a resident engagement/mural/park process

CR2: In both instances, Newport and Providence, the process of engaging the community was/is the driving force

KE: I am wondering about the logic model. Is the theory that the built environment may influence IPV through its effects on stress? Is stress the primary mediator or are there other ways in which the environment may impact IPV?

CS: thank you

ATG: Hello everyone! Angelica & Jacqueline from RCS Fresno

AS: The research from Dr. Kua talks about the theory of change through mental fatigue pathways

VS: Can someone provide additional resources for us to look at the data connecting greening urban spaces and resident engagement/mural park process and prevention of IPV and SV?

VK: Can someone explain to me why voter turnout is relevant as a measure please?

LW: My uninformed guess, Katherine, is that it's more than stress but also community connectivity, shared values, and engagement

CR2: voter turnout is an indicator of civic engagement

LW: Violet - probably community engagement

CR2: Newport RI is also tracking voter turnout

AD: yes! Have really been struggling to do the work and figure out how to measure at outer layer...this will be great!

VK: Thanks Liat.

SO: Did someone mention mental health measures?

KE: yes thank you Liat and Alisha.

SO: so community connections and reduction of social isolation?

PR: What is the role of your project besides the evaluation? Are you providing support to the communities? Work with the city? Other?

TV: Text Chat Question: What are prevention practitioners' roles in improving the physical/built environment? What added value could you offer to greening efforts?

KVS: I am not sure. That is why I am here

WJ: Supporting other community partners who are working on the Built Environment.

RD: organize and mobilize community members/orgs to engage in greening through an intersectional lens

AS: Perhaps educating those in the community about the prevention strategy and engaging them in greening (people like the City, Parks and Rec, designers, etc.)

CC: I have already thought about contacting the director of sustainability at our city government.

JG: I think while we may not have the ability to support efforts or provide them due to funding, we can assist with environmental scans and help to guide greening efforts

SE: We have a youth program - maybe having the youth involved do a volunteer project around gardening

KD: Ensure resident voice and needs remain centered. Be a voice for the ways multiple forms of violence are interconnected

DV: perhaps get involved with the Complete Streets efforts and Safe Routes to Schools efforts going on around the country, a lot of room at the tables to enhance mutual efforts.

MW: joined a healthy community initiative that is building a green space

CC: We do talk with the schools about it.

CR2: in RI a role we can play is to leverage CDC funded work to support the statewide health equity efforts

AS: For us we do community involvement efforts but it is mostly focused on Food drives and the like. I think it would be great to also expand to beautification projects

BT: I think it'd be interesting to see to what extent each of the different city departments and community dev agencies understand how their decisions can impact our work. Could they have a violence advisor tin decision-making???

KCM: we have a very excited and supportive board and this would be a great way to get them directly involved with the care we provide without direct service training

NW: I would advocate for safe green spaces, making sure that there is visibility, proper lighting, and various reasons to be there, so that it isn't a desolate place.

CR2: RI department of health just launched its statewide health equity indicators. of the fifteen indicators, tree canopy is one of them. <http://www.health.ri.gov/data/healthequity/>

MC: Is there info out there on how the lack of public transportation impacts SV/DV rates?

NUH: What does community organizing mean in this context?

CY: Informing the location of greening investment to decrease inequities. Increase the protections of green space, safety, connectivity and health-promoting activities for communities that have been marginalized. Also, ensuring accessibility and relevance for neighbors across ages and abilities.

LW: I'm coming at this today from an academic perspective - working on a prevention plan with a university environmental design department. So I'm looking for ways to engage them professionally and in scholarship

LW: great question Megan

NW: Wanted to share this article: <https://www.pps.org/article/safer-cities-for-women-and-girls-through-a-place-based-approach>

TV: Thanks for sharing, Natalie!

AA: CDC's Connecting the Dots: [https://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/pub/connecting\\_dots.html](https://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/pub/connecting_dots.html)

GM: <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4924128/> Environmental Determinants of Aggression in Adolescents: Role of Urban Neighborhood Greenspace

TV: Thanks, Gibran! I LOVE all this resource sharing in the text chat!

AS: Thank you for the resources!

AKJ: @Megan this is not quite getting to your question, but you may find the work from the Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence around social inclusion and sidewalks interesting.

AKJ: <http://www.preventconnect.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/Sidewalks-to-Sexual-Violence-Project-Guide-1.pdf>

JT: Ashleigh, the resources in the chat are amazing. Will you be pulling this together as a resource from this webinar? I am also happy to do that and send to you.

AKJ: @Joan hi! :) We will be doing that for sure!

VS: Wow, the rates in Oakland! Why were they not selected over Salinas?

AS: Linda works in Monterey County so her work is focused there

AS: There is a lot of great violence prevention work in Oakland though!

VS: Thank you- we misunderstood that it was selected because it had the highest rates. Thanks for clarifying!

VS: Thank you!

JT: Thanks Ashleigh!

ATG: Thank You

SM: Thanks- the resources are super helpful!

CY: Love your beautiful process and your beautiful project, Gabriela! Thank you!

JE-T: Are the youth interns paid?

MB: Are we worried about people hiding bc of stranger assault? We know that is more rare with children..

MB: I'm a bit surprised bc I would find trees and shrubs very valuable.

VK: Why is the norm of violence no longer accepted? I think I missed how we got to that part.

SO: Those murals look awesome

AS: In Eureka, we have this very interesting park (Sequoia) that is a blend of the redwoods with trails leading to a lake area as well as a couple of traditional playgrounds. It's beautiful, but poorly lit. As a result transients tend to set up tents in the more isolated, darker areas. Needles and drugs have been found very close to the playground equipment.

AA: <https://www.pbs.org/wgbh/frontline/article/the-problem-with-broken-windows-policing/>

MB: @amanda sunderman I definitely understand that issue. But I wouldn't think the solution is eliminating the natural greenery.

VK: Could you give us the name of your open streets project that is youth led please.

GM: I have often thought that police could identify broken pavement, potholes, overflowing trash cans, parks that need to be maintained and other health risk to appropriate city agencies.

LR: Have you noticed any effects of gentrification with all of the improvements?

SO: The greenery is not removed necessarily but maintained so it doesn't block paths, create hiding places, block windows etc...

TV: Text Chat Question: How might you adapt some of these principles to prevent gender-based violence?

GM: <http://www.bcnuej.org/green-gentrification/>

AS: @Megan absolutely not. But I am wondering if providing lighting is a solution. There is a canopy project in the works (the local zoo that is attached is developing it )so the may already be working on that.

ATG: With the green spaces enacted into the neighborhoods, I think that having less liquor stores and more farmers markets sounds great. If that is the goal then their has to have the accountability of affordable pricing on the produce.

AE: I also had a question about gentrification. Might greening increase the risk of gentrification?  
Additionally, how can other risk factors be addressed in tandem with greening strategies? Economic stability/good affordable housing may come first to many families before greening.

AS: Great question Aisha! We'll try to respond

SO: What measures did you use for social cohesion?

ATG: Aisha, yes the increase on gentrification can possibly happen in poor neighborhoods

GM: green interventions would benefit with cooperative housing, grandfathered tax breaks for residents

KD: @Laura, within our Greening Urban Spaces strategy, gentrification has surfaced as a critical issue to advocate around and monitor, and a Housing Working Group is now being convened alongside the Open Space/Greening Working Group since there is so much to hold and address at once

ATG: @Gibran Mancus ---YES!!! Grandfather tax is so important to keeping the established residents in their homes

ATG: @Gibran Mancus...let's not forget about the historical redlining practices that occur in these neighborhoods as well. -Jacqueline & Angelica from RCS Fresno

AA: Pl's Development without Displacement: <http://preventioninstitute.org/publications/healthy-development-without-displacement-realizing-vision-healthy-communities-all>

VK: Could you give us the name of your open streets project that is youth led?

MW: @Violet, I think it was: Ciclovía Salinas

VK: Thanks Megan.

AA: Second Generation CPTED article: Reducing Private Violence against Women in Public Housing: <https://alisaltrojantribune.com/1667/uncategorized/cpted-salinas-creating-a-safer-city/>

TV: Reducing Private Violence against Women in Public Housing: Can Second Generation CPTED Make a Difference? [https://uknowledge.uky.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?referer=https://www.google.com/&httpsredir=1&article=1305&context=crvaw\\_facpub](https://uknowledge.uky.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?referer=https://www.google.com/&httpsredir=1&article=1305&context=crvaw_facpub)

ATG: What's the 7th Sign? Only 6 were displayed on screen

AS: Good catch! Let me look up the 7th!

AA: Great point!

AS: 7. Accessibility and inclusion: consider breadth of intersecting issues

AS: See page 35-

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ATG: Absolutely! It's important to really develop the relationship(s) at the start --and to remain accountable

AA: CPTED Neighborhood Assessments in English and

Spanish: <https://documentcloud.adobe.com/link/track?uri=urn%3Aaaid%3Ascds%3AUS%3Ab813494e-02ae-41f7-94c2-7c3efa5336eb>

JR: With so many people from around the country on this webinar I wanted to call everyone's attention to how critical the 2020 Census is in March 2020! We all rely on census data to find individuals who need our services and assistance the most. If they don't complete the census then we won't be able to find them!! Most of these folks are likely not to complete the census due to ICE and fear of government and a lot of other reasons. Everyone on this webinar and working in the communities are trusted voices and messengers. Please get involved in the local 2020 Census Complete Count work already going on around the country. Health services and federal funding are at serious risk of loss. Thank you

AE: Appreciate that message, Judy!

AS: We have Resident Leadership Academy trainings that teach community member how to improve their communities. Thanks for the reminder that we should reach out to survivors to empower them to change their communities!

AA: Community Safety By

Design: <https://www.preventioninstitute.org/publications/community-safety-design>

SO: thank you so much this was great!

VK: Great webinar, thanks.

ATG: Such a great webinar! --Jacqueline & Angelica

TS: Thank you so much for this webinar! I am a violence prevention educator in central Florida currently working on Creating Protective Environments from the toolkit. This was amazing! Great resources and info in the chat as well.

FR: Thank you! Great webinar.

AA: A Safe Place to Call Home (2017 PreventConnect web conference): <http://www.preventconnect.org/2017/07/a-safe-place-to-call-home-transforming-the-physicalbuilt-environment-for-sexual-and-domestic-violence-prevention/>

AS: Thank you all for joining!!!

AS: <http://www.livewellsd.org/content/livewell/home/community/resident-leadership-academy.html>

CY: Excellent! Thank you!!

TV: Thank you everyone! What a great web conference together!

EB: Great webinar! I would love to see more webinars on this topic

CS: Thank you! Great information!

GM: thank you

JR: Rich with information and resources! Thanks so much!!

AS: If you are not familiar with Human Impact Partners, you can check out their resources at <https://humanimpact.org/>, or see their Health Equity Guide at <https://healthequityguide.org/>

TV: Thanks, Amelia!

CC: Will be getting the chat info or do I need to copy it for myself?

TV: Hi Craige, we will have this formatted and upload to the website in the next week or so.

TV: You don't need to copy it all :)

TV: We'll have the resources uploaded sooner than the whole text chat

CC: YAY! Thanks so much

TV: You're welcome! So happy to preserve this rich conversation!!