

A study on developing a preventive safety network by placemaking
established with edible landscape

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[SYNOPSIS]

This is a practical study aimed at the following. 1: Expanding the edible landscape; in order to contribute to people's communication and beautification of the area by using edible landscape in empty spaces. 2: Using a common kitchen; utilizing a vacant house through co-eating activities with harvested products to create visible relationships and build a preventive safety net.

The following points became clear through action research, interviews, and questionnaire.

“Community” ① Increased opportunities for communication with not only neighbors, but also unknown passers-by. ② Enjoying walking on the way. ③ Co-eating activities improved the quality of communication between participants. ④ The planters facilitated neighborhood and local working people's attachment to the place and belonging awareness. ⑤ Collaboration with other community groups created mutually complementary relationships. ⑥ Making casual connections.

“Local food” ⑦ Growing fresh, safe food. ⑧ Created opportunities for contribution to local businesses. ⑨ Created the possibility for a seed bank and local biodiversity cycle system.

“Education” ⑩ Made possible the experience of gardening for children. ⑪ Created an ecological system in the Edible landscape. ⑫ Contribution to food education through observing plant growth. ⑬ Created artwork for the Edible landscape.

Thus, the development of edible landscape by residents, and the associated co-eating activities can have a diverse array of values and connect people with each other and with places. The complex network of people's relationships becomes a preventive safety network for their future safety and peace.