



# Let's Find Out About It: Public Gardens and Greenspaces

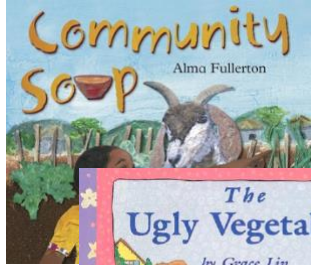
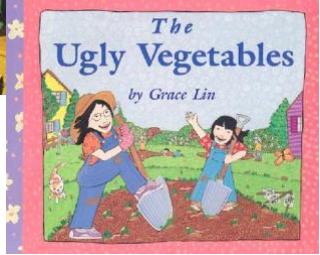
Standard Connection:  
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**Enduring Understanding(s):**

- Living things are part of interdependent systems.

**Essential Question(s):**

- How do living things respond and adapt to their environments?

Materials	Vocabulary	Books
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>The Ugly Vegetables</i></li> <li>• <i>Community Soup</i></li> <li>• images of public gardens (see Resource)</li> </ul>	<p><b>city:</b> a place where many people live close together</p> <p><b>community:</b> people living and working together in a place</p> <p><b>garden(-er):</b> someone who takes care of a garden</p> <p><b>greenspace:</b> land covered with grass, trees, or other plants</p> <p><b>town:</b> a place where people live</p>	 

Let's Find Out About It:	
<i>Preparation: Set up materials.</i>	
“In <i>The Ugly Vegetables</i> and <i>Community Soup</i> , the girl, her mother, Kioni, and her neighbors planted <b>gardens</b> . What do you notice?”	Show illustrations. <b>Children respond.</b>
“The girl and her mother shared the vegetables from their <b>garden</b> with their neighbors. Kioni and her neighbors shared taking care of their <b>community garden</b> .”	
“Here are images of <b>public gardens</b> - shared by everyone in a <b>city</b> or <b>town</b> . What do you notice?”	Show images. <b>Children respond.</b>
“Public <b>gardens</b> are also called <b>greenspaces</b> . Trees in <b>greenspaces</b> keep the air clean and provide protection from the weather.”	
“Visitors gather to enjoy the plants, to play on the fields.”	
“How is a public <b>garden/greenspace</b> similar to or different from a <b>community garden</b> ?”	<b>Children respond.</b>