

WHY BLITZ YOUR TOWN?

Community

**CRIME IS NEGATIVELY
CORRELATED TO
INCREASED VEGETATION
IN A NEIGHBORHOOD**



Built Environment

**GREATER BIODIVERSITY
INCREASED RAINWATER DRAINAGE
RECYCLING OF ORGANIC WASTE**



**COST SAVINGS
ON GROCERIES**



**EMPLOYMENT &
WORKFORCE
DEVELOPMENT
OPPORTUNITIES**

Economy

**INCREASED
SOCIAL CAPITAL &
COMMUNITY WELL
BEING**



**THE AVERAGE COMMUNITY GARDEN
CONTRIBUTES APPROXIMATELY
\$9,000 PER YEAR TO THE CITY OF
MILWAUKEE'S TAX ROLL**

**STRESS REDUCTION
AND MENTAL
HEALTH BENEFITS**



**INCREASED
PHYSICAL
ACTIVITY**

Health

**GREATER FRUIT
AND VEGETABLE
CONSUMPTION BY
GARDENING
HOUSEHOLDS**

**GREATER ACCESS TO
FRESH PRODUCE**



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