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into engaged communities



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> ILLINOIS RESIDENTS FACE THESE ISSUES:

Residents of African-American neighborhoods or neighborhoods with a high percentage of residents under the poverty level were significantly less likely to have parks and green spaces in their communities (Powell & Slater, 2004).

Nearly one-third of high school students play video games for 3 or more hours per day (CDC).

Nearly half of the world's population lives in urban areas, making it difficult for many to access nature-based experiences (Miller, 2005). By 2050 this number is expected to grow to 66%.

Illinois is ranked 48th out of the 50 states in the amount of publicly accessible open space per capita.



PROVIDES UNLIMITED OUTLETS THAT LEAD TO ENGAGED COMMUNITIES:

We provide the glue that holds our community together.

The University of Illinois Landscape and Human Health Laboratory recently found that inner-city residents that lived closer to green spaces enjoyed more social activities, had more visitors, know more of their neighbors, and possessed a stronger sense of belonging.

A scientific study of multiple recreation/community centers found that member's main benefits included a place to play, meditate, rest, or gather.

Crimes by and against children dropped after a Bakersfield school district began an after-school program for over 1,300 students. Lewd acts against children dropped by 46% within the district boundaries, compared to a drop of only 8% in the rest of the city.

Of the children in beyond school programs, 67% receive free or reduced lunch. Park and recreation agencies provide nearly 560,000,000 healthy meals to children through beyond-school and day camp programs every year.



what's your outlet?