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Community-Engaged Research to Promote Environmental Health, Sustainability, and Community Resiliency

Message from the Guest Editors

The built and social environments can have both salutogenic and pathogenic features that can influence health at the individual, population, and community levels. Issues such as urban sprawl, substandard housing, transportation inequities, lack of access to environmental amenities, as well as limited pedestrian friendly infrastructure, can lead to environmental injustice, negative health behaviors, and health inequities. Community-engaged research has become very important in helping to study and address these problems. Through community-engaged research including community-based participatory research (CBPR), participatory action research (PAR), community citizen science, community-owned and managed research (COMR), community-university partnerships, etc., community-based organizations utilize their grassroots activism and resources, contextual expertise, and research partners to translate research to action to make their communities more sustainable, healthier, and resilient.

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