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**Environmental Greening in Residential Vacant Land:
A Community Service Initiative at Griya Muncang Asri
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Abstract. This abstract summarizes a community service initiative focused on environmental greening in residential vacant land within the Griya Muncang Asri Housing area in Tasikmalaya City. The project aims to address the issue of unused land by promoting sustainable practices and enhancing the local environment. The initiative includes engaging residents in collaborative efforts to transform vacant lots into green spaces that contribute to ecological conservation, aesthetic improvement, and community well-being. By implementing innovative strategies such as urban gardening, tree planting, and sustainable landscaping, the project aims to create a greener and more vibrant living environment. The initiative also emphasizes community participation and education, empowering

residents with knowledge and skills related to environmental conservation and sustainable land management. Through this community service initiative, the project seeks to foster a sense of ownership, pride, and social cohesion among residents while promoting sustainable development practices in residential areas.

Keywords: Environmental greening, residential vacant land, community service, sustainability, Tasikmalaya City.

Abstrak. Abstrak ini merangkum inisiatif pengabdian masyarakat yang berfokus pada penghijauan lingkungan di lahan kosong perumahan di dalam kawasan perumahan Griya Muncang Asri di Kota Tasikmalaya. Proyek ini bertujuan untuk mengatasi masalah lahan yang tidak digunakan dengan mempromosikan praktik berkelanjutan dan meningkatkan lingkungan setempat. Inisiatif ini termasuk melibatkan penduduk dalam upaya kolaboratif untuk mengubah lahan kosong menjadi ruang hijau yang berkontribusi pada konservasi ekologi, peningkatan estetika, dan kesejahteraan masyarakat. Dengan menerapkan strategi inovatif seperti urban gardening, penanaman pohon, dan lansekap berkelanjutan, proyek ini bertujuan untuk menciptakan lingkungan hidup yang lebih hijau dan lebih hidup. Inisiatif ini juga menekankan partisipasi dan pendidikan masyarakat, memberdayakan warga dengan pengetahuan dan keterampilan terkait konservasi lingkungan dan pengelolaan lahan berkelanjutan. Melalui inisiatif pengabdian masyarakat ini, proyek berupaya menumbuhkan rasa memiliki, kebanggaan, dan kohesi sosial di antara warga sambil mempromosikan praktik pembangunan berkelanjutan di kawasan pemukiman.

Kata kunci: Penghijauan lingkungan, lahan kosong perumahan, pengabdian masyarakat, keberlanjutan, Kota Tasikmalaya.

INTRODUCTION

In recent years, there has been a growing recognition of the importance of environmental greening in residential areas. Vacant land within residential neighborhoods offers a unique opportunity to implement sustainable practices and create green spaces that benefit both the environment and the community (Ramadhan, 2021).

In Islam, environmental conservation and stewardship are considered essential responsibilities for Muslims. The Quran and Hadith (teachings of the Prophet Muhammad, peace be upon him) provide guidance on the importance of caring for the Earth and its resources. There are several Quranic verses that emphasize the significance of preserving the environment and maintaining balance in nature (Puryani, 2022). For instance:

First, Surah Ar-Rum (30:41):

ظَهَرَ الْفَسَادُ فِي الْبَرِّ وَالْبَحْرِ بِمَا كَسَبَتْ أَيْدِي النَّاسِ لِيُذِيقَهُمْ بَعْضَ الَّذِي عَمِلُوا لَعَلَّهُمْ يَرْجِعُونَ

Corruption has spread on land and sea as a result of what people's hands have done, so that Allah may cause them to taste 'the consequences of some of their deeds and perhaps they might return 'to the Right Path'.

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This verse highlights the consequences of human actions leading to corruption and imbalance in the natural world. It serves as a reminder for individuals to reflect on their actions and strive for positive change.

Second, Surah Al-Araf (7: 56):

وَلَا تُفْسِدُوا فِي الْأَرْضِ بَعْدَ إِصْلَاحِهَا وَادْعُوهُ خَوْفًا وَطَمَعًا إِنَّ رَحْمَتَ اللَّهِ قَرِيبٌ مِنَ الْمُحْسِنِينَ

Do not spread corruption in the land after it has been set in order. And call upon Him with hope and fear. Indeed, Allah's mercy is always close to the good-doers.

This verse encourages believers not to engage in activities that cause harm or corruption to the Earth. It emphasizes the need for environmental preservation and calls upon individuals to seek Allah's mercy by engaging in righteous actions. While these specific verses may not mention greening residential vacant land explicitly, they convey the broader message of environmental responsibility and the importance of maintaining balance and avoiding corruption in the natural world (Yolanda, 2022).

Environmental greening in residential vacant land provides numerous benefits, both for the environment and the people living in the community (Sanches, 2016). First, Enhanced Aesthetics: One of the primary benefits of environmental greening is the visual improvement of the community. Vacant land transformed into green spaces with trees, flowers, and shrubs can significantly enhance the overall appearance of a neighborhood.

Second, Improved Air Quality: Plants and trees act as natural air filters, absorbing harmful pollutants and releasing oxygen into the atmosphere. By greening vacant land, we can help combat air pollution and create a healthier environment for residents.

Third, Temperature Regulation: Green areas provide shade and help regulate temperatures in urban environments. By planting trees strategically, we can reduce the heat island effect and create more comfortable living conditions for the community.

Fourth, Biodiversity and Habitat Creation: Vacant land often lacks diversity and serves as a barren space. Through environmental greening, we can introduce a variety of plant species, attracting birds, insects, and other wildlife. This helps create a more balanced ecosystem and enhances biodiversity.

Fifth, Stormwater Management: Green spaces help absorb rainwater and prevent runoff, reducing the risk of flooding and soil erosion. By transforming vacant land into gardens or small parks, we can contribute to better stormwater management in the community.

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1 Griya Muncang Asri Housing, located in Tasikmalaya City, had a significant amount of vacant land within its premises. This land was lying unused and underutilized, contributing to a sense of neglect and disarray in the community. Recognizing the potential of these vacant spaces, the residents decided to take matters into their own hands and initiate a community service project to transform the land into green and sustainable areas. This condition need to community service.

Community service (Kim, 2016) plays a crucial role in creating sustainable and livable cities. One area where community service can make a significant impact is in the greening of residential vacant land. By transforming these neglected spaces into vibrant green ares, we can not only enhance the aesthetics of the community but also improve the overall environmental quality.

The main objective of the community service (Kim, 2015) project was to improve the aesthetics of the housing area by creating green spaces that promote environmental sustainability. The project aimed to: (1) Enhance the quality of life for residents by providing access to nature within their immediate surroundings; (2) Foster a sense of community by encouraging residents to come together and actively participate in the greening process; (2) Increase biodiversity and ecological balance by planting native and adaptive species that attract local wildlife; (3) Improve air quality and mitigate the effects of urban heat islands; (4) Educate residents about the importance of environmental conservation and sustainable practices.

This report focuses on a community service project conducted at Griya Muncang Asri Housing in Tasikmalaya City. The objective of this project was to promote environmental greening in residential vacant land. The report will highlight the activities carried out, the impact of the project, and recommendations for future initiatives.

Method for Implementing Greening Projects

The community service project at Griya Muncang Asri Housing employed several methods to implement environmental greening in the vacant land (Schwarz, 2018). Firstly, the project team conducted a thorough assessment of the land, considering factors such as soil quality, sunlight exposure, and drainage. This helped determine the types of vegetation that would thrive in the area.

Next, the team collaborated with local residents to gather support and participation. Awareness campaigns and workshops were conducted to educate the community about the benefits of environmental greening and to encourage them to contribute to the project.

The planting process involved selecting appropriate plants, trees, and flowers that were suitable for the local climate and soil conditions. Native species were prioritized to support local biodiversity.

The Griya Muncang Asri Community Service Project

1 The community service project at Griya Muncang Asri Housing aimed to transform the vacant land within the neighborhood into vibrant green spaces that would benefit both the residents and the environment. This greening project is located on an empty land owned by Mr. Widy covering an area of 90 square meters at Griya Muncang Asri Housing Block B -22 RT 001 RW 15 Gunung Gede Village, Kawalu District, Tasikmalaya City, carried out from April to June 2023 and is still continuing to this day, and is funded by his own servants.

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Figure 1. The gate of Griya Muncang Asri Housing



The project involved a collaborative effort between the housing management, local community members, and environmental organizations (Syharuddin, 2022). The first step in the project was to conduct a thorough assessment of the vacant land and develop a greening plan. This included identifying suitable areas for planting trees, creating community gardens, and designing recreational spaces for residents to enjoy. The plan also considered the needs and preferences of the community, ensuring that the greening initiatives would be well-received and utilized.

Once the plan was finalized, the implementation phase began. Volunteers from the community and environmental organizations worked together to plant trees, establish community gardens, and set up seating areas. The project also involved educating residents about the importance of environmental greening and providing them with the knowledge and tools to maintain the green spaces.

The project employed various strategies, including:

1. Conducting a survey and analysis of vacant land to identify potential areas for greening.
2. Designing and implementing landscaping plans, including the selection and planting of native vegetation, trees, and shrubs.

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- 1** 3. Organizing discussion sessions to educate residents on sustainable gardening practices, composting, and water conservation.
4. Establishing a community garden or green space that encourages active involvement and fosters a sense of ownership among residents.
5. Collaborating with local authorities to implement waste management practices, including recycling and waste reduction.
6. Control and maintenance of green plants in a sustainable manner.

The six steps of the strategy are briefly described in the following table which contains the time, activities, materials and costs.

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No	Times	Activities	Needs	IDR Cost
1	April 2023			
	First Week	Conducting a survey and analysis	Accommodation and transportation	200.000
	Second Week	Organizing discussion sessions	Meeting menu	200.000
	Third Week	Designing and implementing landscaping plans	Landscaping plans	100.000
	Fourth Week	Establishing a community garden	Garage building materials	2.000.000
			Garage worker wages	1.000.000
2	May 2023			
	First Week	Establishing a community garden	Procurement, planting and maintenance of seeds of green plants/trees such as cassava, papaya, pineapple, guava, banana, soursop, black sugar cane, batrawali, ginger, galangal, orange, mango, lemongrass, lawn grass, moringa, leek, tin, gods, pandanus, wijaya kusuma etc.	1.300.000
	Second Week			
	Third Week			
	Fourth Week	Collaborating with local authorities to implement waste management practices	Making trash bins in the ground for processing organic fertilizers	200.000
3	June 2023- now	Control and maintenance of green plants in a sustainable manner	Continuous care of greenery (watering, weeding etc.)	Self-subsistent
			Amount	5.000.000

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Figure 2 and 3. Process of Servant activities in the vacant land



The outcomes of the project are expected to include:

1. Improved environmental quality within the Griya Muncang Asri Housing area, including increased green cover and biodiversity.
2. Enhanced community awareness and participation in sustainable practices, leading to a more eco-conscious neighborhood.
3. Strengthened community bonds through shared experiences and collaborative efforts.
4. Long-term sustainability of the greening initiatives through community engagement and support.
5. Potential replication of the project's success in other residential areas, contributing to the broader goal of urban greening and sustainable development.

The Impact of Environmental Greening

The environmental greening project at Griya Muncang Asri Housing had a significant impact on both the physical environment and the community.

1. Improved Air Quality: The planting of trees and the creation of green spaces helped improve air quality in the residential area. Trees act as natural air filters, absorbing pollutants and releasing oxygen.
2. Enhanced Aesthetic Appeal: The addition of trees and green spaces significantly enhanced the aesthetic appeal of the residential area. The once barren vacant lands were transformed into visually pleasing landscapes that improved the overall ambiance of the neighborhood.
3. Community Cohesion: The project fostered a sense of community cohesion. Residents came together and actively participated in the greening activities, creating a stronger bond among themselves.
4. Educational Impact: The educational campaign raised awareness and knowledge about the importance of environmental greening. Residents gained a better understanding of the benefits of planting trees and maintaining green spaces.

1 **Figure 4.** Area of thr vacant land before greening project



Figure 5. Area of the vacant land after greening project



CONCLUSION

Environmental greening in residential vacant land is a powerful tool for improving the quality of life in urban areas. The example set by the residents of Griya Muncang Asri Housing in Tasikmalaya City demonstrates the positive impact that community service can have on transforming vacant land into vibrant green spaces.

By recognizing the benefits of environmental greening, communities can take similar initiatives. It not only beautified the housing complex but also raised awareness about the importance of environmental conservation and the benefits of green spaces. The project serves as a model for other communities looking to transform their vacant land into green areas and create a more sustainable and livable environment.

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To further promote environmental greening in residential vacant land, **recommenda** to be Continued Maintenance: It is essential to ensure the continued maintenance of the planted trees and green spaces. Regular inspections and care should be carried out to ensure their long-term survival.

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