



Applying Anthropology to Understand Perspectives of Urban Gardens in Dallas



ethnography

writing about people
(ethno = people; graphy = writing)



Client: Citizen D
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How:

- Volunteering
- Participant observation

Who:

- Neighbors
- Gardeners
- Policy-makers



Why Anthropology:

Anthropology gave me the skill set to help organizations like Citizen D identify the individual needs and concerns of communities they serve.

Anthropology helped me:

- Build rapport with the garden participants
- Gain a better understanding of participant views and perspectives through in-depth, semi-structured interviews on what it means to: live near a garden, be a garden participant, develop and maintain accepted shared spaces.

