

Reviewer comment-2

Thank you very much for the opportunity to read and provide my comments on the article titled “Exploring Community Gardens and Race in the Deep South.” Below, I offer a few suggestions to further enhance the paper.

Please ensure that you carefully follow the author guidelines of the journal and organize the paper accordingly, with sections such as Title, Abstract, Keywords, Introduction (including a literature review), Materials and Methods, Results, Discussion, and finally a Conclusion.

Introduction:

The introduction should be thoroughly written, and it should clearly address the following points:

- The topic covered by the research (including the background, brief history, and current state of community gardens).
- The key argument, the research gap, and the necessity of filling that gap.
- The novelty of the research.
- The research objective(s).

Currently, some of these points are addressed under the literature review and a separate section called “Purpose of the Research.” It would be more appropriate to include them as part of the Introduction.

Literature Review:

In the literature review, clearly define the term "community gardens," as it may be an unfamiliar concept in certain regions, particularly in Asia and Africa. Then, review the literature concerning why community gardens exist, their benefits, and any critiques. Following this, review literature on race dynamics in community gardening (if there is no direct literature on this, focus on race dynamics in community activities). Conclude this

section by explaining how your research is unique compared to other studies on community gardens.

Methodology:

The methodology section is well-written and provides comprehensive information. However, it would be beneficial to briefly discuss the philosophical foundation or nature of reality that underpins your research. Additionally, consider including a table that highlights key participant details such as participant code/pseudonym, age, race, gender, and years of experience in community gardening.

Results:

In the results section, start with a brief overview before moving into the theme-wise analysis. At the end of the section, provide a short concluding paragraph.

Discussion:

In the discussion section, relate your findings to the literature by highlighting consistencies, inconsistencies, and novel insights that are not reflected in existing research. Afterward, write a concluding paragraph. You should also mention the implications of your study, any limitations, and areas for future research.