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**Finley, Ron, "A Guerilla Gardener in South Central LA"**

Finley, Ron. "A Guerilla Gardener in South Central LA." Filmed February 2013. TED video, 10:38. Posted March 2013. [http://www.ted.com/talks/ron\\_finley\\_a\\_guerilla\\_gardener\\_in\\_south\\_central\\_la](http://www.ted.com/talks/ron_finley_a_guerilla_gardener_in_south_central_la).

Ron Finley plants vegetable gardens in South Central Los Angeles—in abandoned lots, traffic medians, along the curbs. Why? For fun, for defiance, for beauty and to offer some alternative to fast food in a community where “the drive-thrus are killing more people than the drive-by.” (Source: [TED](#) )



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**Further readings:**

- Certomà, Chiara. "[Critical Urban Gardening](#)." In: "Think Global, Eat Local: Exploring Foodways," edited by Michel Pimbert, Rachel Shindelar, and Hanna Schösler. Special issue, *RCC Perspectives* 1 (2015):13–17.
- Mauch, Christof. "Slow Hope: Rethinking Ecologies of Crisis and Fear," *RCC Perspectives: Transformations in Environment and Society* 2019, no. 1. [doi.org/10.5282/rcc/8556](https://doi.org/10.5282/rcc/8556)

**Related links:**

- Ron Finley Project  
<http://ronfinley.com/>
- Plant This Movie (Film Profile)  
<https://www.environmentandsociety.org/mml/plant-movie>

**Websites linked in this text:**

- [http://www.ted.com/talks/ron\\_finley\\_a\\_guerilla\\_gardener\\_in\\_south\\_central\\_la](http://www.ted.com/talks/ron_finley_a_guerilla_gardener_in_south_central_la)