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The last aim of Black ecologies examines how Black ecological knowledge(s) denote environmental **futurities** and build other-wise worlds in the here and now (Roane and Hosbey 2019; Williams 2021). At the heart of this aim is addressing the question ‘What realities and futurities do Black ecologies make possible?’

The story of Ron Finley, or ‘gansta gardner’, grounds Black ecologies within an urban reality. As a pillar of his community in L.A., Finley shares how he uses the soil as a canvas for gardening to provide nourishing food for his community and to seed food sovereignty – thereby challenging the racist food and health crisis that his community has faced by design.

Watch the TEDx talk - A guerilla gardener in South Central LA | Ron Finley

https://youtu.be/EzZzZ_qpZ4w?si=-3KndBvKftCioRDr



Consider the following questions:

1. What does Ron Finley state the impact of gardening (getting kids to grow their own food) is on children?

2. How is the work of Guerrilla gardening an example of Black ecologies and sustainability?

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