Creating the Landscape City





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Abstract

This presentation explores the key role that landscape architecture is capable of fulfilling in the development of cities and urban centres. Far from being simply optional window dressing or even a financial burden upon new development, landscape architecture is seen as a fundamental determinant of how our cities function, and how they should be planned, developed and operated. Responding to the public's greater expectations for enhanced quality of life and environment, landscape architecture is presented as a key driver of urban form and process, and a fundamental unifying element within the urban fabric, that is critical to the success of future cities and development at all scales and the quality of life they are capable of generating. Examples will be reviewed of the influence of landscape at all levels, from the macro-scale of major urban design and planning studies, to the micro-scale of the benefits to be derived from the introduction of simple landscape elements such as tree planting or water features into new development or refurbishment projects.

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