

Global landscape

The design of local landscapes should always be considered in the context of the global environment. This is of particular importance in relation to sustainability and the need to protect natural places, systems and resources. Landscapes are part of natural systems which support life. Design can contribute to or detract from these systems.

Choices in design affect the global landscape. For example, energy can be conserved by improving microclimates through design or by using local building materials to avoid transportation. Biodiversity can be increased or reduced.