

Regional landscapes

Natural and semi-natural systems, agriculture, settlement, transport, climate and culture affect the form and fabric of regional landscapes. Landscape and environmental planning of regions is beyond the scope of this book but designed landscapes should always be considered in a regional context. Many regions have positive economic, social, cultural and environmental functions into which

new designed landscape should 'fit' or enhance and contribute to. Other regional landscapes may be degraded economically, socially, environmentally or aesthetically. In these contexts, landscape design contributes to and is carried out within the context of a broader economic, social and environmental strategy for a region's 'regeneration'.