



Towns and cities

Cities and towns continue to be dominant 'landscapes' for human dwelling. Cities in particular can take many different forms and are dynamic 'systems' rather than fixed structures. Most landscape design takes place within cities and towns and potentially contributes to their success as liveable places by influencing forms and functions. The landscapes considered and illustrated in this book are primarily urban landscapes.

City districts

Cities often have distinct (though changing) districts influenced by history, landuses communications and architecture as well as climate, topography, water and vegetation. Landscape design takes place within these district settings as well as the city-wide context.