



Enclosure and microclimate

Enclosure substantially affects microclimate and therefore human comfort and use. In temperate climates, warm south-facing walls ripen fruit and enable tender plants to be grown. A south-facing bank is good for basking in the sun. Broad trees provide dappled shade,

cooling the air and making sitting spaces. Pines and dunes protect places from coastal winds. Open valleys channel cooling winds into hot cities. Climate is fundamental to landscape architecture and the designer always considers and works with it.