



Spaces and edges

An edge occurs at the place where openness (space) transforms into the solidity of enclosing elements. In landscape architecture, harsh and immediate transitions from space to solid are often neither desirable nor feasible. This is due, in part, to the nature of landscape elements particularly vegetation. Plants 'mesh' space within their form. Sudden transitions in designed space ignore the

potential of spatial subtleties and the social and ecological opportunities that transitional places offer. The enclosing edge of a space is often a well-used place. This is considered so important to spatial thinking in landscape architecture that a part of this book is devoted to the design and consideration of edges both as enclosing elements of space and as places in their own right (see p. 115).