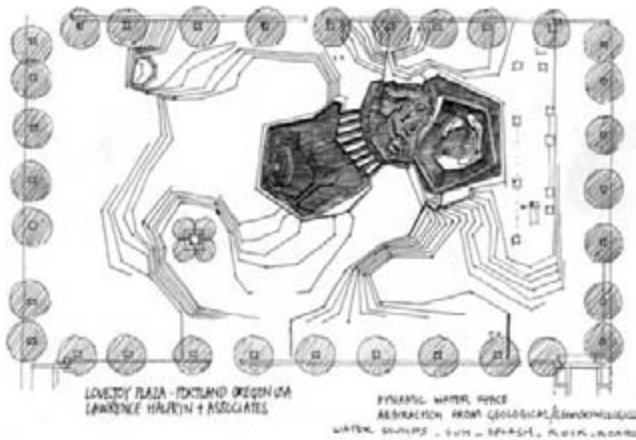


Water spaces



Water is a primary element of landscape architecture. 'Water spaces' refers to places in which water is a dominant element or simply to a waterbody along with its enclosing topography. The complex relationship between topography and water is not fully explored in this section. Large water spaces are very commonly 'natural' or modified natural environments. Water spaces attract people because of their diverse recreational potential, and they are often important habitats for wildlife. As a source of life, water has fundamental and enduring cultural meanings. The purpose of this section is to illustrate some of the spatial and experiential potential of water in recreational landscapes.

Linear waterbodies are explored in the section on Paths (see p. 111).