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Historic Landscapes: Planning, Management, and Cultural Landscape Reports

Seminar Overview

Review the basics of scenic vistas and designed, cultural, rural, agricultural, and urban landscapes and applicable laws and regulations. Explore the development of the cultural landscape report—the principal tool used to document a site’s landscape—and its use in planning and managing historic and cultural landscapes. Assess realistic approaches to adaptive reuse, historic preservation, restoration, and accessibility and discuss recent preservation theory.

Agenda

The Larger Landscape

- Protection of historic rivers, valleys, villages, towns
- The historic experience of landscape and environments
- Land acquisition, zoning, and scenic easements for protection and enhancement of historic landscapes
- Impact of environmental regulations on historic landscape restoration
- Impact of institutional policy on historic landscape preservation
- Development of the cultural landscape report
- Accessibility
 - in historic landscapes
 - to historic structures: protection of historic architectural fabric
- Types of landscape treatments of historic sites
 - Restoration and preservation
 - Adaptive reuse

Specific Landscape Treatments

- Examples
 - Restoration
 - Preservation
 - Adaptive reuse
- Details and materials

- Costs, establishing budgets
- Relationship of maintenance planning on design and budget
- Installation of contemporary art works in historic landscapes
- Politics of landscape treatments and historic sites

Types of Historic Landscapes

- Gardens and historic houses
- Sites of historic public buildings
- Campuses
- Townscapes, streetscapes
- Bridges
- Parkways
- Parks
- Rural landscapes
- Archaeological sites

Open Forum

- General discussion
- Questions
- Review and discussion of students specific projects or problems