
Editorial Commentary

In this, the third number of *Landscape Journal*, we introduce some new features which will become either regular or occasional items in subsequent issues of the publication. The first is a book review section, hereafter envisioned as a regular component of the *Journal*. Since landscape architecture is such a diverse field, this section will include a broad array of books, reports, and publications.

Also presented in this issue is an interview with Heikki von Hertzen, the man primarily responsible for the development of the garden city of Tapiola, Finland. Other interviews with key individuals who have played a major role in defining the course of landscape design, planning, and management throughout the world may appear on an occasional basis in the future.

Another article which utilizes a format not presented in the previous volume of the *Journal* is the annotated bibliography prepared by Michael M. McCarthy and Charles B. Deans. As noted in Category 2, listed on page 2, we welcome such bibliographies; McCarthy and Deans, however, also have included a position statement which recommends that planning and design professionals make a greater effort to monitor the results and trends in the environments they develop and modify. Thomas Priestley's article also utilizes bibliographic sources, and assesses the references contained in a recent, major publication on visual resource management. From this analysis, he determines the current status and research directions of the field.

The results of a specific research project relating to visual resource management on the Massachusetts portion of the Appalachian Trail are reported in the lead article for this issue by James Palmer. In addition to presenting his research results, Palmer provides an approach that might be adopted by recreational landscape managers elsewhere.

The article by Julius Fabos, on paperless landscape architecture, represents a position statement by one individual, but one which is based upon scholarly investigation of past and present activities (Category 3). Following this evaluation, Fabos makes several thought-provoking comments regarding the future of computer applications in landscape architecture.

We believe the article by Boyd Hutchison *et al.* serves as a "model" review (Category 2). In this article the authors have reviewed the research and literature on the subject of microclimatic amelioration and energy conservation potentials of vegetation in the landscape; furthermore, they have provided interpretations of a portion of the research and have recommended new directions for additional research in this subject area. While the contribution is longer than the average article in *Landscape Journal*, we consider it to be of sufficient "landmark" stature to warrant the space and a thorough review by our readers.

Gregory Conniff, photographer from Madison, Wisconsin, has generously provided the photograph shown on the facing page, as well as those featured on pages 2 and 68 in this issue of the *Journal*. He has previously collaborated with Professor Bruce Murray of the Department of Landscape Architecture, University of Wisconsin-Madison, on a project documenting scenic values of the Wisconsin River. We thank Mr. Conniff for sharing his professional artistry with readers of *Landscape Journal*.

Finally, as we enter our second year of publication, we want to thank the many other individuals who have provided their assistance and support in a variety of ways throughout the *Journal's* beginning year. We express our gratitude to the contributors, reviewers, and readers for the patience they have exhibited as we have begun to establish policies, procedures, and a philosophical direction for *Landscape Journal*. We hope that, increasingly, it will provide a forum for presenting and interpreting research results, as well as viewpoints related to the future directions of the discipline of landscape architecture. In this vein, we invite you to consider *Landscape Journal* as a potential outlet for your research and scholarly investigations. In addition, we encourage you to respond to the papers published in these pages by writing to us. Letters or excerpts from letters which provide insights, ideas, and thoughts we believe to be of interest to our readers will be published.

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