Philosophy of Nature in Landscape Design: Reflections on Ecosystems, Natural Beauty and Sustainability

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Abstract: The procedure of landscape design planning includes the considered organization of recreational spaces with the objective of increasing their visual attractiveness, efficiency, and ecological stability. Landscape design is an intentional and perceptive process of choosing suitable plants, materials, and elements, taking consideration of numerous variables such as topography, weather conditions, and the preferences of the consumer. Landscape design planning attempts to improve spatial use, encourage ecological responsibility, and facilitate delightful outdoor interactions for both individuals and communities. The aesthetic consequences of landscapes are influenced by the interactions between humans and the environment. There is an interruption between the delight of landscapes for their aesthetic value and the understanding of their ecological significance. The convergence of aesthetic landscape design and sustainability enables the development of sustainable ecosystems based on predefined contexts and concepts. The research examines the relationship between elevated aesthetic and sustainable standards, with a concentrate on optimal visual dimensions. This paper establishes the experiential framework of ecological aesthetics and demonstrates significant landscape and ecological statistics based on Philosophical concepts, therefore expanding the collection of strategies for designing aesthetically engaging landscapes that promote environmental wellness.
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1. INTRODUCTION

The field of landscape design planning encompasses a wide variety of elements, integrating both artistic and scientific principles to develop outdoor areas that are visually appealing and serve practical purposes (Cheng, 2023). The mentioned all-encompassing procedure entails deliberate consideration of natural components, environmental variables, and human necessities, concluding in the development of outdoor environments for both beautiful and sustainable (Olszewska-Guizzo et al., 2023; Souter-Brown, 2023). Landscape design planning is an art form that encompasses the integration of design concepts with the complicated dynamics of the natural environment. The core principles of landscape design include the deliberate harmonization of several aspects (Tomić

Reljić et al., 2023), including influence, texture, color, and dimension.

Designers use deliberate strategies to modify these aspects with the intention of generating certain emotions and constructing visually appealing environments (Mélix & Christmann, 2022). The use of lines, regardless of their straight or curved nature, assumes a crucial function in delineating spatial configurations (Abdel-Gawad et al., 2022), directing motion, and providing points of emphasis in the external environment. Straight lines usually communicate a perception of professionalism and organization, while curved lines bring a more natural and peaceful ambiance (Lee, 2021). Through a knowledge of the complexities associated with these design concepts, landscape designers and architects acquire the ability to create places that combine both practicality and aesthetic appeal. The methodology of landscape design planning expands beyond the boundaries of aesthetics (Jahani & Saffariha, 2020), including environmental issues and the promotion of sustainability. Designers accomplish a comprehensive evaluation of the site's topography, climate, composition of the soil, and present vegetation in a precise manner to formulate designs that effectively use natural resources and minimize negative environmental effects (Cammarano et al., 2020). The entire design incorporates sustainable techniques, including water saving, native plant decision-making, and efficient lighting, to promote long-term health of the environment (Vermeir et al., 2020). The designer's responsibility in landscape design planning develops beyond visual appeal to include utility and user experience. The practical features of outdoor areas are considered to ensure they satisfy the demands of the residents. This might include establishing locations for rest, recreation, or social events. Accessibility and simplicity of management are other important considerations in the planning procedure, ensuring that the chosen landscape fulfills its function while requiring minimal attention. Landscape design planning is a multifaceted and multidisciplinary domain that integrates artistic expression (Arbogast et al., 2020), environmental consciousness, and practicality. The method involves the deliberate integration of natural and human components by designers to construct outdoor places that possess both aesthetic appeal and sustainability (Qureshi et al., 2022), while serving a specific function. The method of landscape design planning, when established in the framework of nature, entails a beneficial association between human creativity and the intrinsic aesthetic appeal of the environment (Shahali & Habibi, 2023). This field of study incorporates environmental factors, using the natural components of land, weather, and plant life to design engaging and environmentally-friendly outdoor areas

(Sherif Abdelfatah, 2023). The creative method used by designers involves the skillful integration of human requirements with the inherent patterns of nature, resulting in the creation of ecosystems that are visually appealing and in symbiotic existence with their respective ecosystems. This study aims to analyze the evolutionary basis of environmental aesthetics and the integration of advanced aesthetic concepts with philosophy of landscape sustainability for the development of landscape design in the consideration of nature. Section 2 provides a literature review on philosophy of landscape in the perspective of nature based ecological aesthetics and sustainability. Section 3 of this research includes a detailed description of the considerations in landscape design. Section 4 summarizes the similarities in the perception of landscape design planning. Section 5 discusses various aesthetic philosophy and evaluation of nature's beauty. Section 6 summarizes the determining factors for environmental aesthetics. Section 7explains the factors related to ecological aesthetics developing. Section 8 provides the research's conclusion.

2. RELATED WORKS

2.1 Landscape Design Planning on Ecosystems

The study (Marques et al., 2019) examined the establishment of an Eco sanctuary that was implemented by the residents of the area. They examined the potential advantages for wellness and health that arise from seeing the place of refuge by a Māori perspective. The study investigated the occurrence of Zealandia, whereby the implementation of green and blue technologies facilitates the development of developing ecologies while providing amenities for tourists. The researchers discovered that the advantages of the condensed urban environment beyond the initial objectives of the experiment. That has opened up novel opportunities for promoting wellness and health by focusing on environmental sustainability using intensification. Researchers (Albert et al., 2021) provided guidance on how to conceive about and implemented "Nature-based solutions (NBS)" into the real world in the planning process. The strategy involved six stages of preparation and that was based on the following three criteria that together characterize NBS. Discuss the context, identify the problems, Imagine futures, weigh their probabilities, plan for them, then implement and track their results. They proposed appropriate methodologies and an overview of supplementary processes for using the framework in reality, drawing on empirical findings from the research. The methodology might

assist planning NBS while suggesting more steps beyond integration.

The research (Keesstra et al., 2018) evaluated significant instances that demonstrated the improved impact of environment oriented approaches to promote the environmental responsibility of river valley systems by encouraging desired gardening and landscape processes. They demonstrated the value of NBSs as a sustainable, low-cost approach to addressing hydrological hazards and land degradation. They could contribute to sustainability by decreasing the connectivity of the landscape, permitting fewer inches of rainfall to be turned into precipitation, and enhancing soil moisture. The improved ecological system activities contributed significant to the "achievement of the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals."Authors (Huang et al., 2021) employed the city of Fuzhou, China as a representative example to investigate the impacts of development. The research focused on three separate periods of time in Fuzhou's history, namely 2000, 2010, and 2021. They employed the combination of landscape design index and geographical linguistic attribute values to assess the modernization status of Fuzhou, as well as the level of segmentation in the green spaces throughout the urbanization process. Furthermore, the network analysis approach was used to establish an urban environmental system characterized by a "one city and two rings" configuration. The findings indicated that there was a noticeable process of development in the city center of Fuzhou, and the separation of urban green spaces has emerged as an important problem between the years 2000 and 2021. Researchers (Egerer et al., 2020) examined the manner in which centers of environmental service delivery promote socio-ecological connection and the transportation of services as an interconnected system inside intricate communities. They used community gardening connections as an example system in three cities in the United States to demonstrate how the physicochemical and psychological characteristics of urban environments influence the geographic distribution. The researchers determined that in one particular case study, the level of biophysical connection was greater than that associated with psychological connectivity. However, in the other two case studies, the two forms of connectedness were shown to be almost equivalent. The observed patterns demonstrated the significant influence of city layout and cultural resources on the distribution of environmental services within gardening ecosystems.

2.2 Philosophy of Landscape Design Planning: Ecological Sustainability

The study (Atwa et al., 2019) provided a framework for the design and development of landscaping in "Green Business Parks (GBPs)," with the

objective of providing guidance to individuals involved in the process of determining decisions. Furthermore, the utilization of Virtual Reality (VR) to reliably predict the performance of a given location involves gathering perspectives from consumers and specialists. The research assessed the implementation of landscape architecture for a GBP in a hot-dry climatic region, and their implications for development. Subsequently, professionals and consumers conducted an evaluation of the three alternatives utilizing "VR headsets and mobile devices (MDs)." The primary revelation was the integration of sustainable concepts with the aesthetic aspects, therefore addressing the preferences of the consumers. Researchers (Opoku et al., 2019) determined the obstacles that prevent the achievement of "environmental sustainability (ES)" in building initiatives. A comprehensive examination to obstacles in the implementation of ES was performed, afterwards performing direct informal conversations with a selected group of constructed environment specialists in Ghana. The primary results contained many factors, including anticipated initial expenses, limited understanding of ES, technical challenges, outside influences in embracing ES methods, and ecological conditions specific to emerging economies. The findings provided valuable insights into the techniques that were importance for the building sector to implement to embrace ES. The study (Dong et al., 2022) introduced the description and philosophical significance of sustainable landscape pattern (SLP), while also providing a comprehensive overview of the implementation status and future growth possibilities of the methodology in the field of urban development. They conducted an analysis on the topics of landscape environmental responsibility, growth of cities boundary, environmental system, and other related subjects in the field of SLP. They consolidated the main concepts and applications of SLP to geographical management based on their study. The investigation proposed that the incorporation of novel ideas such as geographical adaptability presents novel possibilities for investigation, hence expanding the scope of applications for SLP to include restoration of the environment, urbanization, and natural options. The research (Li, 2022) examined the obstacles and possibilities associated with the sustainability of China's rural areas. Subsequently, it delved into the philosophical concepts of environmental profundity, aesthetics, and the Western perspective on the interaction between "humans and the natural world." They further analyzed the implementation techniques and practical approaches derived from these philosophical frameworks. The aforementioned initiative has contributed valuable knowledge of theory and practice to inform the strategic planning of designing the environment

in rural areas of my nation.

Researchers (Yusuf et al., 2023) investigated the characteristics and classifications of various residential neighborhoods in Kano, with the objective of assessing the efficacy of landscaping administration in the Kano metropolitan region. The study conducted "focus group discussions (FGDs) with respected elders and MasuUnguwanni" from selected areas. Additionally, personal evaluations of their outside appearance were performed to provide evidence for the overall landscape development.

The research prevented the development of detrimental projects inside the urban area and the whole of the state. It also suggested that the inclusion of landscaping professionals in designing strategies was crucial for the management and regulation of urban growth, including many aspects.

3. ECOLOGICAL AND AESTHETIC CONSIDERATIONS IN LANDSCAPE DESIGN

The evaluation of landscapes from an aesthetic perspective depends on the capacity to recognise and appreciate beauty in various geographical environments, which is influenced by the habitat concept within the framework of evolutionary paradigms. The enhancement of wellness is facilitated by the presence of aesthetic and environmental surroundings, which provide a vital connection among both ecological and human wellness. The historical framework for ecological design, extending from the 17th to the 19th century, placed significant emphasis on the encouragement of beneficial aesthetics and the adoption of Leopold's land ethic. This approach attempted to prioritize the preservation and conservation of the biological community. The scope of ecological aesthetics has expanded beyond nature's beauty to include human-modified surroundings and routine actions. The field of aesthetic philosophical thought has traditionally illustrated an elevated inclination towards the examination and analysis of artistic initiatives, so accidentally excluding the beautiful dimensions inherent in the natural world during the 20th century. During recent years, there has been a notable development known as "ecological aesthetics" that draws inspiration from the set put out by Aldo Leopold. This intellectual framework aims to incorporate the examination of nature's aesthetics, which includes its interplay with the constructed world. This discipline investigates the aesthetic evaluation of environments that include a healthy ecological system, the socio-biological

factors that influence individual opinions, which have been influenced by evolutionary processes to enhance survival and reproductive achievements. Within the framework of increased environmental consciousness, natural aesthetics concentrates on the intricate relationship between the aesthetic evaluation of natural elements and the constructed surroundings.

4. SIMILARITIES IN THE PERCEPTION OF LANDSCAPE DESIGN PLANNING

The inclusive recognition and admiration of natural landscapes may be attributed to the fundamental human inclination to occupy and explore appealing environments, consequently encouraging modifications of landscapes to develop acceptable ecosystems. Responding to the spatial-temporal environment depends in both natural and historical perspectives. According to evolutionary theories, there exists a natural preference for environments that provide unrestricted perceptions while minimizing the risk of being detected, such as landscapes resembling the grasslands. The data selection matrix developed by Kaplan depends on the theoretical framework of information processing (Kaplan, 1987). This matrix serves to monitor individuals' preferences by consideration of their preference towards comprehension and exploration. The impressions of security and the encouragement of investigation are influenced by the coherence, accessibility, and complexities of the surroundings.

The philosophical concept of "landscape room," which is associated with perceptual components or optical dimensions, has significant importance. The capacity to comprehend environmental information has a direct impact on an individual's desires. The visual field is a crucial factor in determining spatial arrangements, impacting on how aesthetics are perceived and ecological functions are carried out. Factors such as the density of trees have an important influence on the extent to visual penetration occurs, the accessibility of information, and the variety of habitats.

Landscape rooms are a series of experiential sequences that serve as a framework for the organization of landscape ecology. The dynamic interaction between visual components and their spatial arrangement impacts the complex interconnection among aesthetics and ecosystems, emphasizing the critical role of spatial organization in determining the perception and ecological processes within landscapes. Table 1 presents the similarities between landscape design planning and ecology.

Table 1: Similarities Between Landscape Design Planning and Ecology

References	Ecological aesthetic attributes	Landscape design	Ecology
(Zhang et al., 2021)	Openness	Visual perspectives and levels of field	Invasion is more difficult in accessible areas, and this might lead to less variety.
(Dhar et al., 2020)	Disturbance	Interference with pattern of utilization of land, and lack of contextual fit	Ecological patterns and habitats may be influenced by a single event or cause.
(Wyles et al., 2019)	Naturalness	Consideration of the whole in terms of its proximity to nature	Environment and landscape inherent beauty on a scale
(Zhang et al., 2023)	Landscape room	Dimensions of the view shed and perceptual scale	Patch Dimensions
(Ahmed et al., 2023)	Coherence	Compatibility of form and function in a given environment.	Ecosystem, elevation, and land use are all examples of naturally occurring elements.
(Albracht, 2019)	Stewardship	sense of order, attentive administration	Similarly proportioned patches and edges, unified environment.

5. AESTHETIC PHILOSOPHY AND EVALUATION OF NATURE'S BEAUTY

Individual preferences for attractive landscapes are influenced by the interactions between humans and the natural environment. In addition to visual impressions, humans interact with the environment by considering its aesthetic qualities and ecological condition, which include the diversity and arrangement of landscape and ecological components. The phenomenon under examination, referred to "the development of landscape and environmental characteristics," encompasses the manipulation of physical components and spatial organization. Aesthetic perceptions and behavioral reactions generally qualify as transactional and environmental occurrences, whereby they project influence in return impacted by the surrounding environment. The leading modifications demonstrate the significance of executive leadership that is in accordance

with the health of people and the preservation of the natural world. Figure 1 represents the conceptual framework associated with environmental aesthetic sensations.

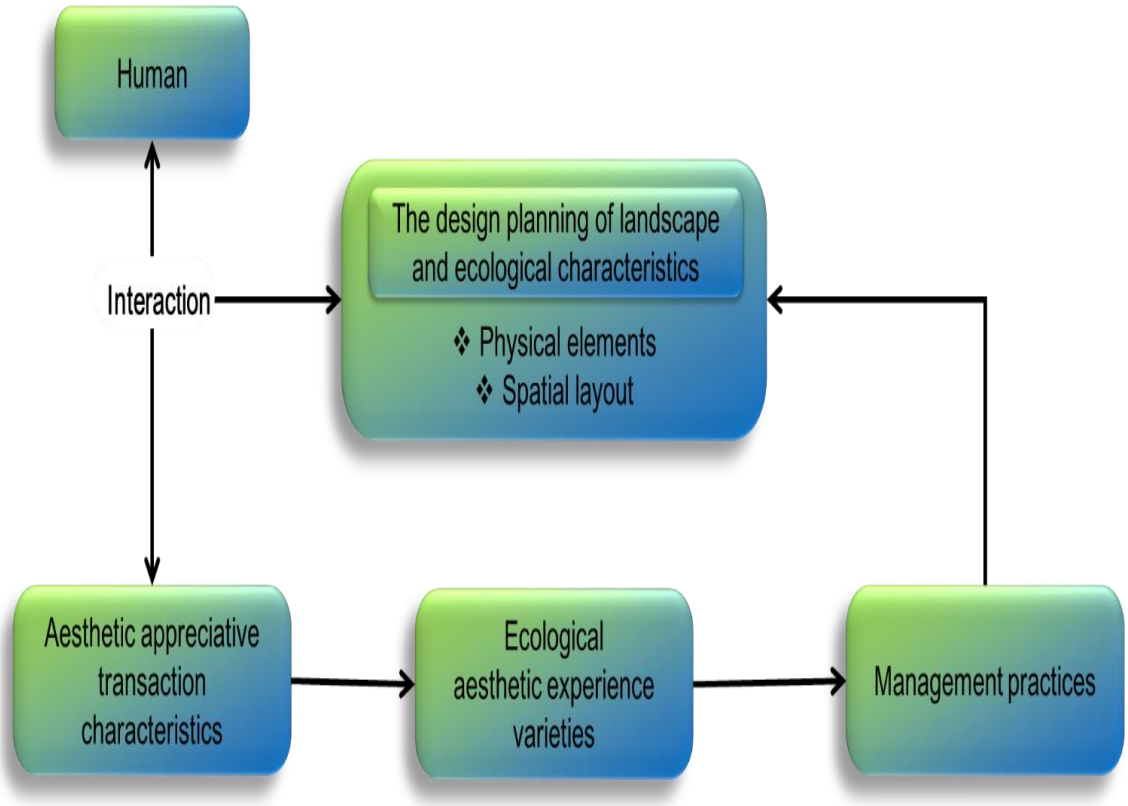

Figure 1: Model of Ecological Aesthetic Experience Process

The structure of landscape design planning and ecological characteristics include the organization of physical objects in the environment, influences the desire for a certain landscape and the foundation of the natural environment within the corresponding area.

It also incorporates an integration of landscape and ecological components, exerting influence on both artistic quality and ecological functionality. Aesthetic appreciating interactions take place when humans engage with and observe various landscape spaces, understanding environmental indicators and developing ecological aesthetic experiences. After obtaining an understanding of the landscape room, many environmental aesthetic encounters arise, influencing people' decision to further explore the environment.

In basic terms, the implementation of management strategies is influenced by aesthetic considerations, which guide decisions on landscape alterations with the objective of promoting appropriate ecosystems and improving the overall aesthetic value of the environment.

6. DETERMINING FACTORS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AESTHETICS

6.1 Environmental and Landscape-Related Characteristics

The methodology of developing landscape and ecological features include the manipulation of physical components and the arrangement of spatial design. Physical features refer to several characteristics that contribute to the aesthetic appeal and ecological health of an environment. These characteristics include plants, buildings, water bodies, edges, sequences, human occupations, and utilization of land. In combination, these elements determine the visual and environmental aspects of a landscape.

Edges illustrate borders, patterns signify groupings of plants, and land usage associated to the surrounding development. The arrangement of these components within physical space is facilitated by spatial layout, which encompasses several components such as the visual unit, backgrounds, middle area, backdrop, entire landscape, and the entire environment inside a landscape room.

6.2 Qualities of an Effective Aesthetic Perception

The concept of aesthetic understanding refers to the cognitive and emotional evaluation of the artistic or visual qualities of an object, artwork, or experience. The features of transactions pertain to the individuals perceive and respond to their surroundings when they enter a landscape room, accumulate, and interact with environmental information. The findings of this study impact the environment's aesthetic selection and quality. The indicator encompasses several dimensions such as continuity, transparency, complexities, naturalness, variety, diversity, and uniformity.

6.3 Variations of Environmental Aesthetic Experiences

The concept of environmental aesthetic satisfaction originated from the recognition of the fundamental value of landscapes and environmental assets. The transformational mechanism provides reactions to ecological aesthetic sensations that lead to a state that is influenced by the surroundings.

Several types of environmental aesthetic sensations are usually categorized into feelings of excitement, cognitive responses, and actions such as avoidance or engagement. These experiences can cause a range of emotions, both good and negative, may include elements of intelligibility

and confusion, among others.

6.4 Methods of Management

Aesthetic interactions serve as stimulants for modifications in landscapes and ecosystems, therefore expressing individuals' sensitivity and psychological attachment to specific environmental conditions. The use of management strategies that provide a connection between landscapes and ecological has been shown to increase the aesthetic aspects of the environment, hence promoting the protection of natural resources. The sense of beauty has a significant role in encouraging the acceptability of management techniques, particularly in situations where human-altered environments live with the natural world.

The ideal objective of management is responsibility, while disruption is seen as a threat to landscape design and natural assets. Table 2 displays the components correlated with each attribute of the sustainable aesthetic approach.

Table 2: Components Correlated with Attributes of the Sustainable Aesthetic Approach

Landscape design and ecological features development		**Aesthetic Appreciation Transaction Characteristics**
Spatial Layout	**Components of Nature**	
Landscape Room	Plants	Coherence
Foreground	Plant-Based Framework	Being transparent
Middle area	Aspect Vertical	Complexities
Background	Shape/Land Use	Simpleness
Entire Landscape	The border	Diversification
Surroundings of Environment	Resulting from Human Intervention	Richness
		Uniformity
	Water	Stewardship
	Land Usage	Interference

7. FACTORS RELATED TO ECOLOGICAL AESTHETICS DEVELOPING

The many categorizations of traditional landscape and ecological parameters are organized inside an allocated region known as a landscape room. The location-specific distribution is demonstrated in Figure 2. The spatial arrangement of nature's elements involve the design of landscapes and natural features, as well as the points of entry for individuals, and the interactions between these aspects. The occurrence of human-landscape

relationships has attracted attention due to its transactional qualities including appreciation of aesthetics, resulting in a development of ecologically aesthetic significance and preferences.

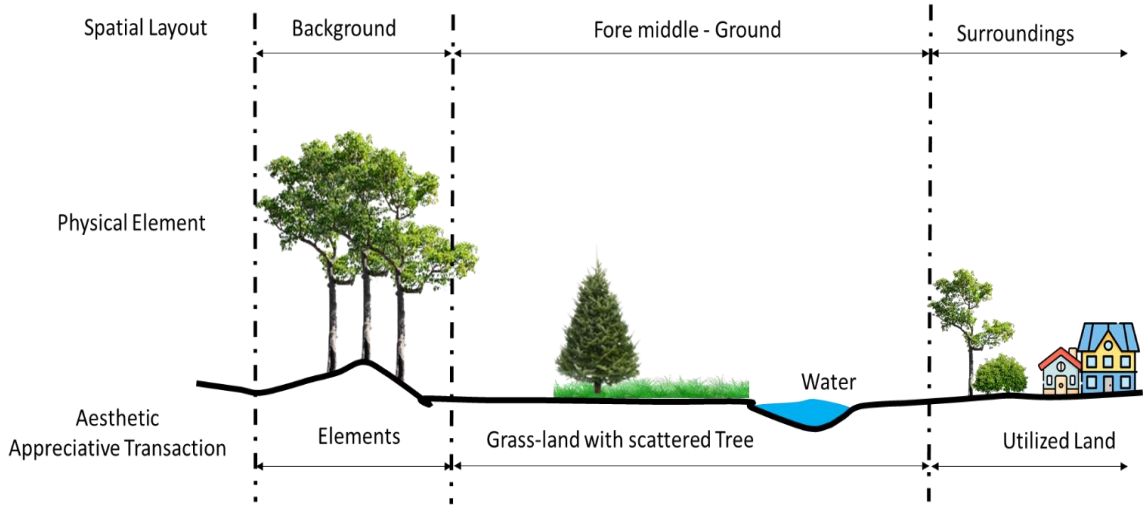

Figure 2: Distribution of Landscape in Accordance With Location

The concept of the prospect-refuge theory, which has a strong relationship with environmental aesthetics within the context of a landscape room, intersects with the information processing paradigm that depends on developmental suggestions. The process for developing landscape and environmental characteristics include the arrangement of fore-middle-back grounds, which results in a sequential progression of aesthetic interactions within consecutive landscape spaces. As people join these environments and explore them further, the total environment becomes complex, leading to the emergence of ecological aesthetics. The arrangement and quantity of patches contribute to the enhancement of aesthetic experiences, contributing in the comprehension of ecological data regarding the features of the landscape and ecosystem while recognizing each distinct area within the landscape. The configuration of physical components and the spatial organization have an impact on individuals' perception and comprehension of the surroundings natural or constructed environment. In ecosystems of grassland characterized by a high diversity of plants and a limited presence of plants in the front and middle ground, people have a heightened ability to perceive and interpret environmental indicators. Diverse visual environments characterized by varying plant heights, such as grasslands and trees, give rise to patterns that are considered as visually appealing. Environments that exhibit coherence and naturalness, together with ordered building qualities, have significant ecological aesthetic value. Artificial structures that are designed to integrate with the natural environment have an impact on people's preferences, but

the presence of water, primarily large bodies of water, generates pleasant reactions and promotes the development of various ecosystems. Evolutionary theories place significant emphasis on the inclination towards watery environments, since they attribute ecological advantages to the transitional areas between water and land, known as water-land ecotones, which exhibit an extensive range of species. The level of transparency within a landscape, which impacts the capacity for observation without being observed, has a significant role in enhancing visual enjoyment. The view shed size is determined by the presence of vertical factors such as higher trees in the backdrop and open terrain in the fore-middle ground. These components contribute to the presentation of complexity and serve to encourage exploring. The presence of a variety of plants over the foreground, middle ground, and backdrop is utmost importance to provide visual and environmental prosperity, hence promoting continuity and complexity. The user's choices usually favor smaller and dispersed apertures to enhance patch variability. The relationship between the length of an edge and landscape variety has an impact on the overall view shed area and the quality of habitat. The aesthetic experiences of individuals are influenced by the spatial patterns of land cover types, where the fragmentation of these kinds plays a significant role in determining the quality of core ecosystems. Land cover types with low-input management practices contribute to the enhancement of landscape appearance, while landscapes characterized by reduced diversity in structure and uniformity are considered as undesirable due to their absence of complexity.

The comprehensive description of a landscape, serving as an emotional representation of an identified region, must have fundamental attributes that respond to both aesthetic appeal and ecological efficacy. There is a positive relationship between improved visibility and environmental aesthetics, which is associated with increased levels of variety, simplicity, and a more realistic, appears. The administration of landscape and ecological is influenced by biological and developmental concepts, as well as modern activities. This management approach can potentially consider in the form of management or disruption. The concept of stewardship, which encompasses the implementation of organized aspects, has a favorable impact on aesthetic choices. Conversely, the absence of management contributes to disturbances, which express as visual in coordination, separation from ecological processes, and fragmentation of ecosystems. The alignment of land utilization in the surrounding areas is paramount significance to meet the aesthetic and environmental requirements of the landscape design.

8. CONCLUSION

Landscape design planning is structuring recreational places to improve visual appeal, efficiency, and sustainability. This procedure utilizes consideration variables such as geography, weather, and customer preferences. The goal is to maximize an environment utilization, encourage environmental responsibility, and produce satisfied outdoor interactions. However, there is an imbalance between admiring landscapes for their aesthetic value and recognizing their ecological significance. Finally, combining attractive landscape design with sustainability principles provides an approach to cultivating sustainable ecosystems within specified environments and suggestions. This study investigates the relationship between more substantial aesthetics and sustainability, with a particular focus on ideal visual dimensions. The study develops an experience paradigm for ecological aesthetics through an analytical lens, offering distinctive perspectives into landscape and ecological processes. The combination of aesthetics and sustainability results to healthy relationships between human interactions and ecological health by expanding the range for developing attractive landscapes associated with ecological health. The study could face practical implementation issues due to possible conflicts between elevated aesthetic and environmentally friendly standards, demanding negotiation and context-specific considerations. Future study may investigate the actual application and long-term effects of integrating heightened aesthetic ideals with sustainability issues in landscape design for better environmental well-being

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