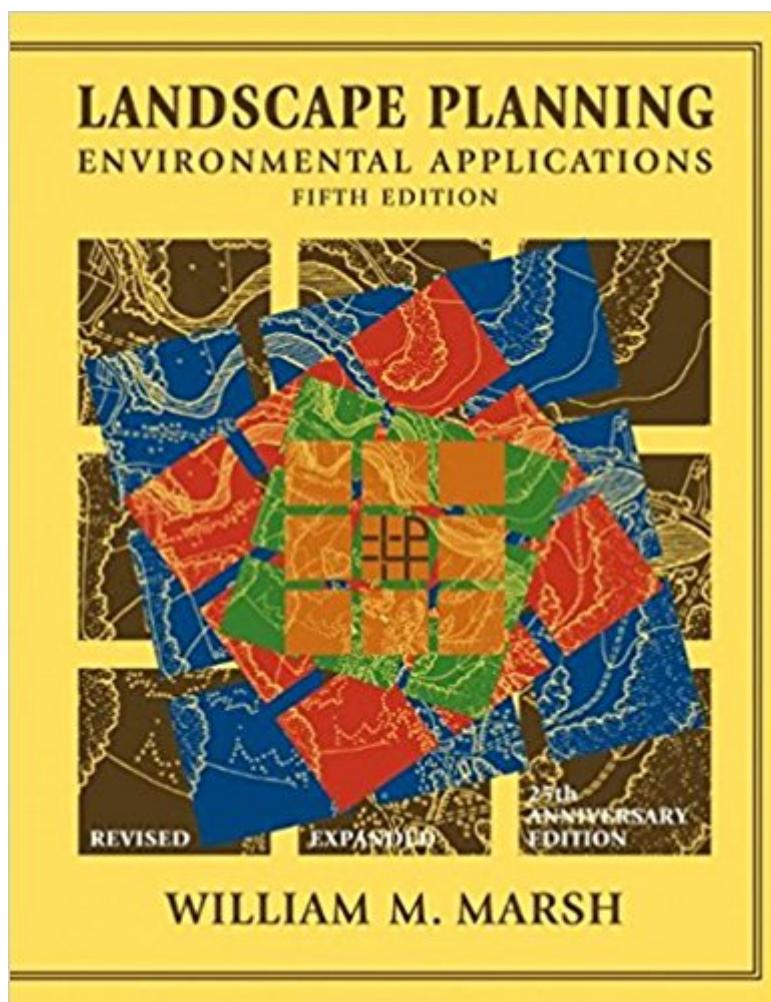


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# Landscape Planning: Environmental Applications



## **Synopsis**

With its wide variety of topics and up-to-date coverage, the fifth edition is an excellent resource for landscape planners and designers, scientists, and environmentalists. It focuses on environmental problems associated with land planning, landscape design, and land use. New coverage is included on adaptive planning as an approach necessary to build a sustainable landscape. Greater emphasis is placed on systems and updated case studies are integrated throughout the chapters. This edition also arms the reader with a collection of best management practices, which can be applied in the field.

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This book was a great tool for the beginning landscape architect. Many great tools for land planning including equations and tables and charts to determine various things like water runoff, erosion, sun exposure, and much more.

This may be one of the best introductions to environmental planning for geography students interested in the application of physical geographic techniques. When inquiring minds ask how a Geography major like myself ended up doing septic plan review as a county Environmental Health Specialist I simply point to Marsh's chapter on waste disposal and describe the necessary physical parameters familiar to physical geographers (soil types and percolation rates, groundwater levels, slopes and topography, surface water, geohazards, mapping, etc). There is something for everybody in this book and you don't have to be a geography major to benefit. A very practical text.

I'd recommend this book especially to any Earth/Environmental Science Majors. I actually just read this entire book cramming for an Environmental Planning exam (I was originally just going to skim some chapters). I wish I'd been reading it all along! There's a lot of cross-over with a Geology class I'm taking too. Chapter 3 is one of the best explanations of the form/function(process) relationship in terms of the environment that I've ever read. I also found Chapter 9 very insightful concerning drainage basins. The diagrams and pictures are incredible. There is just enough technical scientific detail in the book to get a really good understanding of processes without overloading you with too many complicated equations.

I've read this book cover to cover and it is very comprehensive. It breaks planning (and some design) into manageable elements and does a great job of helping you develop skills in systems thinking, planning, and integration. As a planner, LA, and restorationist, this book continues to be instrumental to my planning and design process. It doesn't do much for inspiring creative design, but that's not really its function. This book will tell you exactly what you need to know so that you can develop scale and context sensitive design solutions that preserve and/or restore landscape function, which IMHO is the only truly sustainable way to plan and design. The process oriented planning algorithms outlined in this book will make you a site analysis superstar if you're actually interested in truly comprehensive coupled human and natural systems integration.

I am a student in environmental planning and have found this book to be extremely useful. It address a variey of things such as watershed, storm discharge, streamflow, etc. It really gives the reader an idea of how to design with nature.

It's really unfortunate that people use book reviews to complain about order processing, inappropriately skewing weighted average reviews, in this case of a truly excellent book. Hopefully will remove these gremlins. I used the second edition of this book 20 years ago as an architecture grad student taking a landscape architecture class, primarily about landscape ecology. I don't think it's a stretch to say it was revelatory and enlightening. It gave me valuable understanding I'd lacked of landscape and landscape processes. I hadn't realized how ignorant I was about these things, things which I'd be (and have been) impacting as an architect and planner. As a hiker/backpacker and kayaker it also laid a foundation for greater understanding and appreciation of the natural places I've visited. Perhaps most importantly, it gave me a better understanding of fragile

ecosystems, of wetlands and their functioning, and better knowledge of other matters important in land use and minimizing its negative environmental impacts. I've recently been reviewing the book again and reading the few chapters we omitted in class 20 years ago. It's easily one of the best texts I've ever used, and useful for students and professionals in numerous disciplines.

Clearly explained wetland designations and issues. Good in preparation for the LARE exams part B.

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