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a study of public recreation space and how urban developers can encourage ethnic diversity through planning that supports multiculturalism urban parks such as new york city s central park provide vital public spaces where city dwellers of all races and classes can mingle safely while enjoying a variety of recreations by coming together in these relaxed settings different groups become comfortable with each other thereby strengthening their communities and the democratic fabric of society but just the opposite happens when by design or in ignorance parks are made inhospitable to certain groups of people this pathfinding book argues that cultural diversity should be a key goal in designing and maintaining urban parks using case studies of new york city s prospect park orchard beach in pelham bay park and jacob riis park in the gateway national recreation area as well as new york sellis island bridge proposal and philadelphia s independence national historical park the authors identify specific ways to promote maintain and manage cultural diversity in urban parks they also uncover the factors that can limit park use including historical interpretive materials that ignore the contributions of different ethnic groups high entrance or access fees park usage rules that restrict ethnic activities and park restorations that focus only on historical or aesthetic values with the wealth of data in this book urban planners park professionals and all concerned citizens will have the tools to create and maintain public parks that serve the needs and interests of all the public the large parks and green infrastructure presented here illustrate the diverse uses and many benefits of large urban parks across 30 major cities demand for large urban parks emerged at the height of the first industrial revolution in the mid 1800s when large urban parks represented new ideas of accessible public spaces often established on land previously owned by aristocracy royalty or the army they represented new ideas on how city life could be improved and how large

green spaces could enhance urban citizens physical and psychological well being e g birkenhead park in liverpool bois de boulogne in paris tiergarten in berlin and central park in new york city today large urban parks are habitats for biodiversity and spaces of climate change adaptation for people living in cities this biodiversity may represent high cultural recreational and aesthetic values but is also important for other aspects of health and well being for example by reducing the urban heat island effect air pollution and risks of flooding at a time when we are seriously reconsidering how we live in cities and our urban quality of life while also grappling with serious challenges of climate change the authors of this book detail the much needed evidence pathways and vision for a future of more liveable resilient cities where large urban parks are at the core this book will help park managers ngos landscape architects and city planners to develop the green city of the future for years american urban parks fell into decay due to disinvestment but as cities began to rebound and evidence of the economic cultural and health benefits of parks grew investment in urban parks swelled the u s conference of mayors recently cited meeting the growing demand for parks and open space as one of the biggest challenges for urban leaders today it is now widely agreed that the u s needs an ambitious and creative plan to increase urban parklands urban green explores new and innovative ways for built out cities to add much needed parks peter harnik first explores the question of why urban parkland is needed and then looks at ways to determine how much is possible and where park investment should go when presenting the ideas and examples for parkland he also recommends political practices that help create parks the book offers many practical solutions from reusing the land under defunct factories to sharing schoolyards from building trails on abandoned tracks to planting community gardens from decking parks over highways to allowing more activities in cemeteries from eliminating parking lots to uncovering buried streams and more no strategy alone is perfect and each has its own set of realities but collectively they suggest a path toward making modern cities more beautiful more sociable more fun more ecologically sound and more successful great city parks is a celebration of some of the finest achievements of landscape architecture in the public realm it is a comparative study of twenty significant public parks in fourteen major cities across western europe and north america collectively they give a clear

picture of why parks have been created how they have been designed how they are managed and what plans are being made for them at the beginning of the twenty first century based on unique research including extensive site visits and interviews with the managing organisations this book is illustrated throughout with clear plans and professional photographs for each park this book reflects a belief that well planned well designed and well managed parks remain invaluable components of liveable and hospitable cities urban parks are a much loved feature of the city environment however our knowledge of the true scale of their impact remains uneven much work has been done on their origins and design features but this book aims to extend this beyond the nineteenth century examining the fuller flowering of these valuable spaces in the early decades of the twentieth century encompassing themes such as social and political usage parks as employers and the dangers posed by such freely accessible spaces the book examines a range of parks in cities such as manchester salford liverpool leeds preston hull and cardiff and challenges the prevailing myths about their meaning for their users this study s timeframe spans almost 100 years of unprecedented social cultural political and economic changes and allows for the consideration of the expansion and commercialisation of leisure opportunities for the public urban parks played a significant role in this the book places parks firmly in the context of the evolving city and examines the importance of green space to the urban citizen during this most fascinating of historical periods from yellowstone to the great smoky mountains america s national parks are sprawling tracts of serenity most of them carved out of public land for recreation and preservation around the turn of the last century america has changed dramatically since then and so has its conceptions of what parkland ought to be in this book one of our premier environmental historians looks at the new phenomenon of urban parks focusing on san francisco s golden gate national recreation area as a prototype for the twenty first century cobbled together from public and private lands in a politically charged arena the ggnra represents a new direction for parks as it highlights the long standing tension within the national park service between preservation and recreation long a center of conservation the bay area was well positioned for such an innovative concept writing with insight and wit rothman reveals the many complex challenges that local leaders

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guidance on good practice in municipal park provision it is based on 12 main case studies supported by a further 26 supplementary case studies areas covered include planning managing competing delegating maintaining building monitoring and involving urbanization around the world is happening at unprecedented levels urban parks are a precious natural environment within our urban setting designing them well to accommodate both the life and development demands of the present while also looking forward to the needs of our future generations and landscapes requires a comprehensive look at creating healthy ecosystems and prosperous mega cities and how the two can coexist in the twenty first century this book includes many world fabulous urban park landscapes through comprehensive presentation of pictures explicit explanation of technical drawings and detailed descriptions the book can be a useful tool for designers to gain some inspiration and enlightenment discover how these brilliantly designed green spaces have helped improve the lives of urban dwellers all over the arab world the middle east and the indian subcontinent for centuries the garden has served as a central element in muslim culture the new or restored gardens created by aktc seen in this fascinating book show how these urban pases are catalysts for positive economic social and cultural change they encourage ethical ideals of stewardship ecology and beauty in the built environment numerous authors first trace the history of islamic gardens and help clarify the environmental and design ethos of islam texts also explain the beneficial sociological and economic impact of urban gardens and parks succeeding chapters identify thirteen specific projects that illustrate these principles there are historic sites such as humayun s tomb garden in delhi and timur shah mausoleum in kabul contemporary locations including the national park of mali and all azhar park in cairo and settings that celebrate cultural and multi cultural identities such as aga khan garden in alberta canada and a city park khorog tajikistan each chapter offers color photographs plans and texts about the sites and their environment and each project demonstrates how green spaces bring people of different backgrounds together to provide places for reflection spirituality education and leisure together these achievements demonstrate how parks and gardens can enhance economic cultural and general well being the theme is related to large parks on post industrial sites in contemporary urban landscape conceptions which is

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book designing small parks a manual for addressing social and ecological concerns provides guidelines for building better parks by integrating design criteria with current social and natural science research small parks are too often relegated to being the step child of municipal and metropolitan open space systems because of assumptions that their small size and isolation limits their recreational capacity and makes them ecologically less valuable than large city and county parks this manual is arranged around twelve topics that represent key questions contradictions or tensions in the design of small parks topics cover fundamental issues for urban parks natural systems and human aspects also included are useful case studies with alternative design solutions using three different approaches for integrating research findings into small urban park design the role of urban parks in community well being subtitle designing for recreation and social interaction book title the role of urban parks in community well beingproduct description discover the profound impact of urban parks on community well being in this insightful and meticulously researched book authored by author s name this compelling work delves into the intersection of urban planning social equity and community development drawing inspiration from real world experiences and expert guidance the book provides a comprehensive examination of the role urban parks play in shaping healthier and more vibrant communities key features origin story the genesis of this study lies in the author's internship at the capitol region council of governments in hartford connecticut in 1995 the firsthand experience working on the capitol region fair housing compact on affordable housing ignited a passion for understanding the dynamics of urban spaces and their impact on well being informed insights the author's exposure to regional and local concerns regarding affordable housing coupled with timely debates in washington forms the foundation of this book the exploration of tenant based rental assistance and changes in section 8 policy adds depth to the narrative making it both relevant and timely acknowledgments the author expresses gratitude to key mentors including professor rolf pendall and professor marcia marker feld whose insights encouragement and teachings enriched the development and completion of this project the acknowledgement of mary ellen kowalewski director of community development at the capitol region council of governments emphasizes the real world connections that made this project possible why you should read

insider perspective gain insights from the author's internship experience providing a unique insider's view of the challenges and considerations in urban planning timely and relevant explore the book s timely discussions on affordable housing tenant based rental assistance and policy changes offering a fresh perspective on contemporary urban issues expert guidance benefit from the wisdom and teachings of esteemed mentors like professor rolf pendall and professor marcia marker feld who played a pivotal role in shaping the author s educational foundation real world impact understand the practical implications of urban planning through the author's interactions with professionals like mary ellen kowalewski whose patience and guidance made this project both possible and attainable embark on a journey through the pages of the role of urban parks in community well being and gain a nuanced understanding of how urban parks contribute to the vitality and health of communities this book is a must read for urban planners community development professionals and anyone passionate about creating inclusive and well designed urban spaces urban parks community well being affordable housing section 8 policy capitol region council of governments urban planning social equity community development real world experiences regional concerns tenant based rental assistance policy changes professor rolf pendall professor marcia marker feld social indicators equity in planning neighborhood development professional guidance capitol region fair housing compact city parks and health a new kind of city park has emerged in the early twenty first century postindustrial parks transform the derelict remnants of an urban past into distinctive public spaces that meld repurposed infrastructure wild looking green space and landscape architecture for their proponents they present an opportunity to turn disused areas into neighborhood anchors with a host of environmental and community benefits yet there are clear economic motives as well successful parks have helped generate billions of dollars of city tax revenues and real estate development kevin loughran explores the high line in new york the bloomingdale trail 606 in chicago and buffalo bayou park in houston to offer a critical perspective on the rise of the postindustrial park he reveals how elites deploy the popularity and seemingly benign nature of parks to achieve their cultural political and economic goals as urban economies have become restructured around finance real estate tourism and cultural

consumption parks serve as civic shields for elite oriented investment tracing changing ideas about cities and nature and underscoring the centrality of race and class loughran argues that postindustrial parks aestheticize past disinvestment while serving as green engines of gentrification a wide ranging investigation of the political cultural and economic forces shaping park development parks for profit reveals the social inequalities at the heart of today s new urban landscape this book aims to understand how the wellbeing benefits of urban green space ugs are analysed and valued and why they are interpreted and translated into action or inaction into success and or failure the provision care and use of natural landscapes in urban settings e g parks woodland nature reserves riverbanks are under researched in academia and under resourced in practice our growing knowledge of the benefits of natural urban spaces for wellbeing contrasts with asset management approaches in practice that view public green spaces as liabilities why is there a mismatch between what we know about urban green space and what we do in practice what makes some ugs more successful than others and who decides on this measure of success and how is this constituted this book sets out to answer these and related questions by exploring a range of approaches to designing planning and managing different natural landscapes in urban settings in early twentieth century america affluent city dwellers made a habit of venturing out of doors and vacationing in resorts and national parks yet the rich and the privileged were not the only ones who sought respite in nature in this pathbreaking book historian colin fisher demonstrates that working class white immigrants and african americans in rapidly industrializing chicago also fled the urban environment during their scarce leisure time if they had the means they traveled to wilderness parks just past the city limits as well as to rural resorts in wisconsin and michigan but lacking time and money they most often sought out nature within the city itself at urban parks and commercial groves along the lake michigan shore even in vacant lots chicagoans enjoyed a variety of outdoor recreational activities in these green spaces and they used them to forge ethnic and working class community while narrating a crucial era in the history of chicago s urban development fisher makes important interventions in debates about working class leisure the history of urban parks environmental justice the african american experience immigration history and the cultural history of

nature japan today protects one seventh of its land surface in parks which are visited by well over a billion people each year parkscapes analyzes the origins development and distinctive features of these public spaces green zones were created by the government beginning in the late nineteenth century for state purposes but eventually evolved into sites of negotiation between bureaucrats and ordinary citizens who use them for demonstrations riots and shelters as well as recreation thomas havens shows how revolutionary officials in the 1870s seized private properties and converted them into public parks for educating and managing citizens in the new emperor sanctioned state rebuilding tokyo and yokohama after the earthquake and fires of 1923 spurred the spread of urban parklands both in the capital and other cities according to havens the growth of suburbs the national mobilization of world war ii and the post 1945 american occupation helped speed the creation of more urban parks setting the stage for vast increases in public green spaces during japan's golden age of affluence from the 1960s through the 1980s since the 1990s the japanese public has embraced a heightened ecological consciousness and become deeply involved in the design and management of both city and natural parks realms once monopolized by government bureaucrats as in other prosperous countries public private partnerships have increasingly become the norm in operating parks for public benefit yet the heavy hand of officialdom is still felt throughout japan s open lands based on extensive research in government documents travel records and accounts by frequent park visitors parkscapes is the first book in any language to examine the history of both urban and national parks of japan as an account of how japan's experience of spatial modernity challenges current thinking about protection and use of the nonhuman environment globally the book will appeal widely to readers of spatial and environmental history as well as those interested in modern japan and its many inviting green spaces parks offer a little bit of nature in the middle of a vast gray city urban spaces new city parks looks at fifteen ground breaking projects that blur the distinction between landscaping and art between artificial and natural these projects explore the possibilities of landscape architecture with more than fifteen innovative imaginative solutions to urban challenges thoroughly documented with commentary by the creators and hundreds of full color photographs and plans these projects represent the

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future and direction of green space planning a fast growing frontier community transformed itself into a beautiful urban model of parks and boulevards in 1893 east coast newspapers were calling kansas city the filthiest in the united states the drainage of many houses emptied into gullies and cesspools there was no garbage collection service and herding livestock through the city was only recently prohibited through the diligent efforts of a handful of recently arrived citizens political financial and botanical skills were successfully applied to a nascent parks system squirrel pastures cliffs and bluffs ugly ravines and shanties and slums were turned into a gridiron of green with chains of parks and boulevards extending in all directions wherever the system penetrated well settled localities the policy was to provide playgrounds tennis courts baseball diamonds pools and field houses by the time the city fathers were finished kansas city could boast of 90 miles of boulevards and 2 500 acres of urban parks recent years have seen sustained public debate and controversy over the greening of european cities associated with the environmental movement pressures of urban redevelopment and the promotional strategies of cities competing in a global market but the european debate over urban green space has a long history dating back to victorian concerns for the green lungs of the city to combat the health and social problems caused by rapid population and industrial growth this book explores the multiplicity of green space developments in the modern city ranging over parks and commons garden suburbs and the cities in the park allotment gardens green belts and national urban parks it is concerned not only with the different types of green space but the many influences shaping their evolution from international planning ideas to the rise of modern day sport and leisure and the effects of the transport revolution no less vital in this story is the interaction of the many actors involved in the often fractious political process of creating green spaces architects and planners politicians developers and other businessmen ngos and local residents this volume is particularly concerned with contexts how international planning ideas are transmitted and adapted in different european cities how the construction of green space is affected by local power structures and relationships and how ordinary people perceive and use green spaces quite often at variance with official designs the european city and green space looks at these and other issues through the prism of four metropoles

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london stockholm helsinki and st petersburg all represent different types of north european city yet each has experienced distinctive economic political and cultural trajectories whilst also facing powerful challenges and problems of similar kinds with regard to green space this volume examines how each has responded to them and what patterns emerge

Urban Parks and Open Space 1997

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Rethinking Urban Parks 2009-05-21

the large parks and green infrastructure presented here illustrate the diverse uses and many benefits of large urban parks across 30 major cities demand for large urban parks emerged at the height of the first industrial revolution in the mid 1800s when large urban parks represented new ideas of accessible public spaces often established on land previously owned by aristocracy royalty or the army they represented new ideas on how

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Why Cities Need Large Parks 2021-12-06

for years american urban parks fell into decay due to disinvestment but as cities began to rebound and evidence of the economic cultural and health benefits of parks grew investment in urban parks swelled the u s conference of mayors recently cited meeting the growing demand for parks and open space as one of the biggest challenges for urban leaders today it is now widely agreed that the u s needs an ambitious and creative plan to increase urban parklands urban green explores new and innovative ways for built out cities to add much needed parks peter harnik first explores the question of why urban parkland is needed and then looks at ways to determine how much is possible and where park investment should go when presenting the ideas and examples for parkland he also recommends political practices that help create parks the book offers many practical solutions from reusing the land under defunct factories to sharing schoolyards from building trails on abandoned tracks to planting community gardens from decking parks over highways to allowing more activities in cemeteries from eliminating parking lots to uncovering buried streams and more no strategy alone is perfect

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Park Life 1995

great city parks is a celebration of some of the finest achievements of landscape architecture in the public realm it is a comparative study of twenty significant public parks in fourteen major cities across western europe and north america collectively they give a clear picture of why parks have been created how they have been designed how they are managed and what plans are being made for them at the beginning of the twenty first century based on unique research including extensive site visits and interviews with the managing organisations this book is illustrated throughout with clear plans and professional photographs for each park this book reflects a belief that well planned well designed and well managed parks remain invaluable components of liveable and hospitable cities

Urban Green 2012-07-16

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Great City Parks 2013-05-13

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park areas in terms of visitation now as public lands become increasingly scarce ggnra may well represent the future of national parks in america rothman shows that this model works and his book will be an invaluable resource for planning tomorrow s parks

The Greening of the City 2019

galen cranz surveys the rise of the park system from 1850 to the present through 4 stages the pleasure ground the reform park the recreation facility and the open space system

The New Urban Park 2004

the park system of two massachusetts cities holyoke pop 44 819 and fitchburg pop 39 332 produced an estimated 605 608 visitor hours of use during the summer of 1979 the average park produced 7 877 visitor hours in holyoke and 9 624 in fitchburg though use levels varied widely contrary to original expectations neighborhood characteristics had little influence on use levels rather park characteristics particularly activities and amenities had a significant effect on use city officials wishing to maximize the use of their park system should consider investments in these resources while researchers build a more thorough systematic body of knowlege about urban parks and their users

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Factors Affecting the Productivity of Urban Parks 1990

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Public Parks, Private Partners 2000

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The Regeneration of Public Parks 2012-12-06

the role of urban parks in community well being subtitle designing for recreation and social interaction book title the role of urban parks in community well beingproduct description discover the profound impact of urban parks on community well being in this insightful and meticulously researched book authored by author s name this compelling work delves into the intersection of urban planning social equity and community development drawing inspiration from real world experiences and expert guidance the book provides a comprehensive examination of the role urban parks play in shaping healthier and more vibrant communities key features origin story the genesis of this study lies in the author's internship at the capitol region council of governments in hartford connecticut in 1995 the firsthand experience working on the capitol region fair housing compact on affordable housing ignited a passion for understanding the dynamics of urban spaces and their impact on well being informed insights the author's exposure to regional and local concerns regarding affordable housing coupled with timely debates in washington forms the foundation of this book the exploration of tenant based rental assistance and changes in section 8 policy adds depth to the narrative making it both relevant and timely acknowledgments the author expresses gratitude to key mentors including professor rolf pendall and professor marcia marker feld whose insights encouragement and teachings enriched the development and completion of this project the acknowledgement of mary ellen kowalewski director of community development at the capitol region council of governments emphasizes the real world connections that made this project possible why you should read insider perspective gain insights from the author s internship experience providing a unique insider s view of the challenges and considerations in urban planning timely and relevant explore the book s timely

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Brazilian urban parks 2002

a new kind of city park has emerged in the early twenty first century postindustrial parks transform the derelict remnants of an urban past into distinctive public spaces that meld repurposed infrastructure wild looking green space and landscape architecture for their proponents they present an opportunity to turn disused areas into neighborhood anchors with a host of environmental and community benefits yet there are clear economic motives as well successful parks have helped generate billions of dollars of city tax revenues and real estate development kevin loughran explores the high line in new york the bloomingdale trail 606 in chicago and buffalo bayou park in houston to offer a critical perspective on the rise of the postindustrial park he reveals how elites deploy the popularity and seemingly benign nature of parks to achieve their cultural political and economic

goals as urban economies have become restructured around finance real estate tourism and cultural consumption parks serve as civic shields for elite oriented investment tracing changing ideas about cities and nature and underscoring the centrality of race and class loughran argues that postindustrial parks aestheticize past disinvestment while serving as green engines of gentrification a wide ranging investigation of the political cultural and economic forces shaping park development parks for profit reveals the social inequalities at the heart of today s new urban landscape

People, Parks & Cities 1996

this book aims to understand how the wellbeing benefits of urban green space ugs are analysed and valued and why they are interpreted and translated into action or inaction into success and or failure the provision care and use of natural landscapes in urban settings e g parks woodland nature reserves riverbanks are under researched in academia and under resourced in practice our growing knowledge of the benefits of natural urban spaces for wellbeing contrasts with asset management approaches in practice that view public green spaces as liabilities why is there a mismatch between what we know about urban green space and what we do in practice what makes some ugs more successful than others and who decides on this measure of success and how is this constituted this book sets out to answer these and related questions by exploring a range of approaches to designing planning and managing different natural landscapes in urban settings

Urban Park Landscapes 2011

in early twentieth century america affluent city dwellers made a habit of venturing out of doors and vacationing in resorts and national parks yet the rich and the privileged were not the only ones who sought respite in nature in this pathbreaking book historian colin fisher demonstrates that working class white immigrants and african

americans in rapidly industrializing chicago also fled the urban environment during their scarce leisure time if they had the means they traveled to wilderness parks just past the city limits as well as to rural resorts in wisconsin and michigan but lacking time and money they most often sought out nature within the city itself at urban parks and commercial groves along the lake michigan shore even in vacant lots chicagoans enjoyed a variety of outdoor recreational activities in these green spaces and they used them to forge ethnic and working class community while narrating a crucial era in the history of chicago s urban development fisher makes important interventions in debates about working class leisure the history of urban parks environmental justice the african american experience immigration history and the cultural history of nature

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japan today protects one seventh of its land surface in parks which are visited by well over a billion people each year parkscapes analyzes the origins development and distinctive features of these public spaces green zones were created by the government beginning in the late nineteenth century for state purposes but eventually evolved into sites of negotiation between bureaucrats and ordinary citizens who use them for demonstrations riots and shelters as well as recreation thomas havens shows how revolutionary officials in the 1870s seized private properties and converted them into public parks for educating and managing citizens in the new emperor sanctioned state rebuilding tokyo and yokohama after the earthquake and fires of 1923 spurred the spread of urban parklands both in the capital and other cities according to havens the growth of suburbs the national mobilization of world war ii and the post 1945 american occupation helped speed the creation of more urban parks setting the stage for vast increases in public green spaces during japan s golden age of affluence from the 1960s through the 1980s since the 1990s the japanese public has embraced a heightened ecological consciousness and become deeply involved in the design and management of both city and natural parks realms once monopolized by government bureaucrats as in other prosperous countries public private

partnerships have increasingly become the norm in operating parks for public benefit yet the heavy hand of officialdom is still felt throughout japan s open lands based on extensive research in government documents travel records and accounts by frequent park visitors parkscapes is the first book in any language to examine the history of both urban and national parks of japan as an account of how japan s experience of spatial modernity challenges current thinking about protection and use of the nonhuman environment globally the book will appeal widely to readers of spatial and environmental history as well as those interested in modern japan and its many inviting green spaces

Large-Scale Urban Parks on Post-Industrial Sites in Contemporary Urban Landscape Conceptions 2023-08-09

parks offer a little bit of nature in the middle of a vast gray city urban spaces new city parks looks at fifteen ground breaking projects that blur the distinction between landscaping and art between artificial and natural these projects explore the possibilities of landscape architecture with more than fifteen innovative imaginative solutions to urban challenges thoroughly documented with commentary by the creators and hundreds of full color photographs and plans these projects represent the future and direction of green space planning

Designing Small Parks 2005-10-24

a fast growing frontier community transformed itself into a beautiful urban model of parks and boulevards in 1893 east coast newspapers were calling kansas city the filthiest in the united states the drainage of many houses emptied into gullies and cesspools there was no garbage collection service and herding livestock through the city was only recently prohibited through the diligent efforts of a handful of recently arrived citizens

political financial and botanical skills were successfully applied to a nascent parks system squirrel pastures cliffs and bluffs ugly ravines and shanties and slums were turned into a gridiron of green with chains of parks and boulevards extending in all directions wherever the system penetrated well settled localities the policy was to provide playgrounds tennis courts baseball diamonds pools and field houses by the time the city fathers were finished kansas city could boast of 90 miles of boulevards and 2 500 acres of urban parks

Urban Parks and Recreation in the United States, 1970-79 1981

recent years have seen sustained public debate and controversy over the greening of european cities associated with the environmental movement pressures of urban redevelopment and the promotional strategies of cities competing in a global market but the european debate over urban green space has a long history dating back to victorian concerns for the green lungs of the city to combat the health and social problems caused by rapid population and industrial growth this book explores the multiplicity of green space developments in the modern city ranging over parks and commons garden suburbs and the cities in the park allotment gardens green belts and national urban parks it is concerned not only with the different types of green space but the many influences shaping their evolution from international planning ideas to the rise of modern day sport and leisure and the effects of the transport revolution no less vital in this story is the interaction of the many actors involved in the often fractious political process of creating green spaces architects and planners politicians developers and other businessmen ngos and local residents this volume is particularly concerned with contexts how international planning ideas are transmitted and adapted in different european cities how the construction of green space is affected by local power structures and relationships and how ordinary people perceive and use green spaces guite often at variance with official designs the european city and green space looks at these and other issues through the prism of four metropoles london stockholm helsinki and st petersburg all represent different types of north european city yet each has experienced distinctive economic

political and cultural trajectories whilst also facing powerful challenges and problems of similar kinds with regard to green space this volume examines how each has responded to them and what patterns emerge

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