

## Landscaping: Concept and Applications in Planning Studies

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### Abstract

The landscaping concept presents recently one of the main concerns of globalization and the actual planning studies at different levels, and it is the objective of a number of recent applications of Green and sustainable policies. Starting with global level and moving towards continents, countries, then regional and local levels, this concept is introduced to reach economic and social development.

The goal of this research is to show the landscaping concept and its importance in defining the spatial regional development, in addition to seek the possibility of adopting this concept, as a planning tool suitable for application in Syrian regions and cities.

Based on its importance this paper analyses 4 main points: Theory and definitions, Landscape and relation to cities, Sustainability, Evaluation and diagnostics - region of rural Damascus and Conclusion Points.

In rural Damascus, this paper has concluded that a group of landscape orientations and recommendations concerning the regional level, must be evaluated and adopted through the classification of natural units, and the introduction of suitable strategies for each of these units. This classification helps to guide the regional balanced development, which could be considered as a base concept for defining sustainable local policies at the city level.

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