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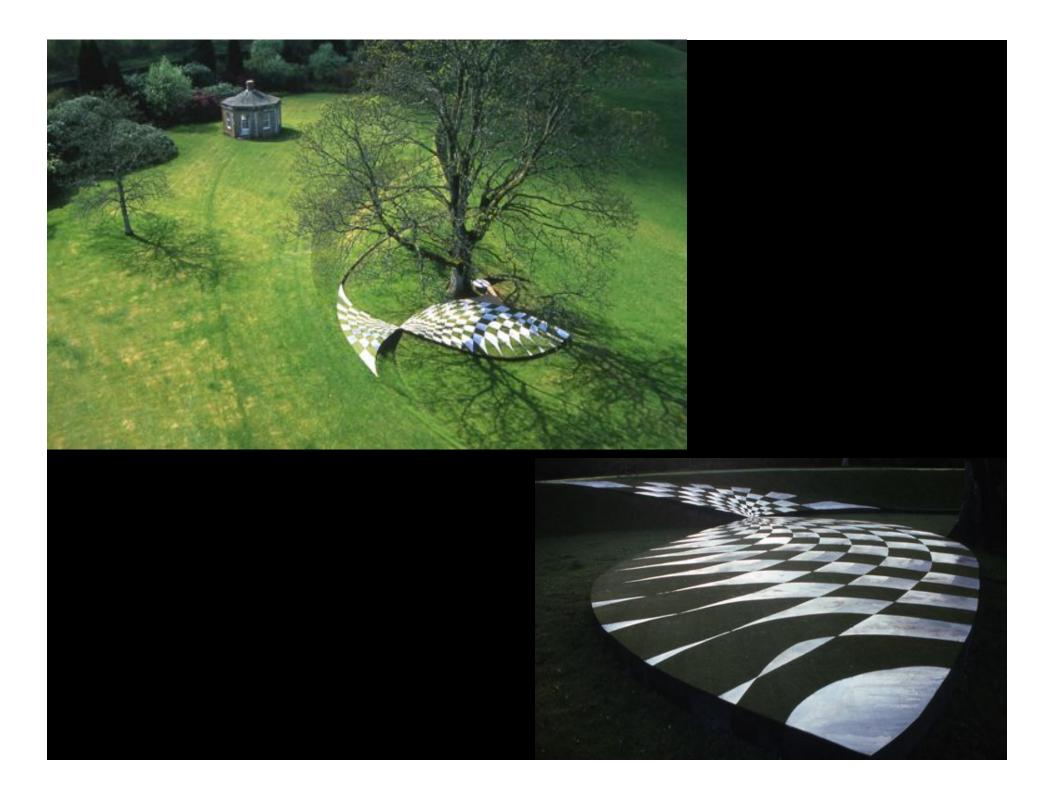


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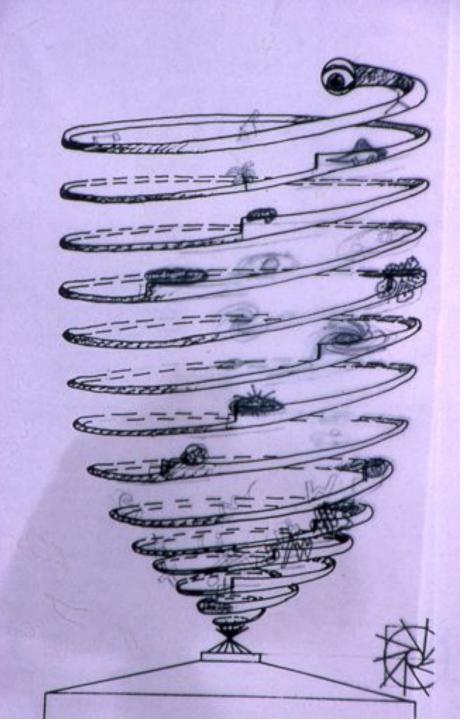


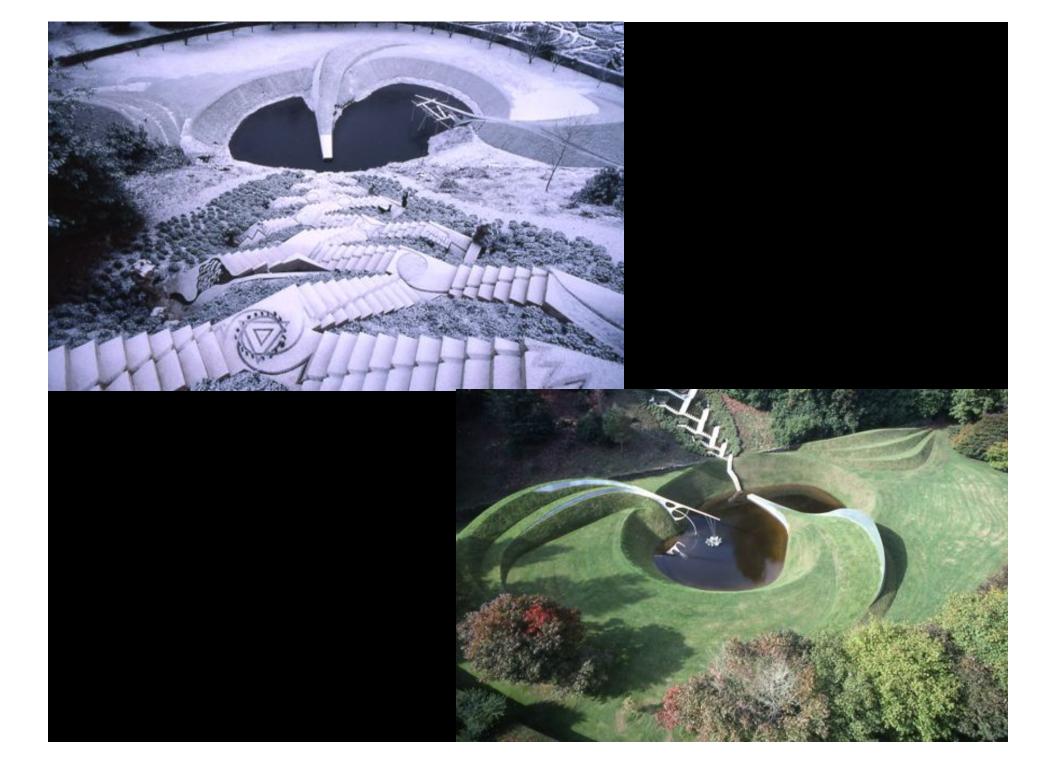














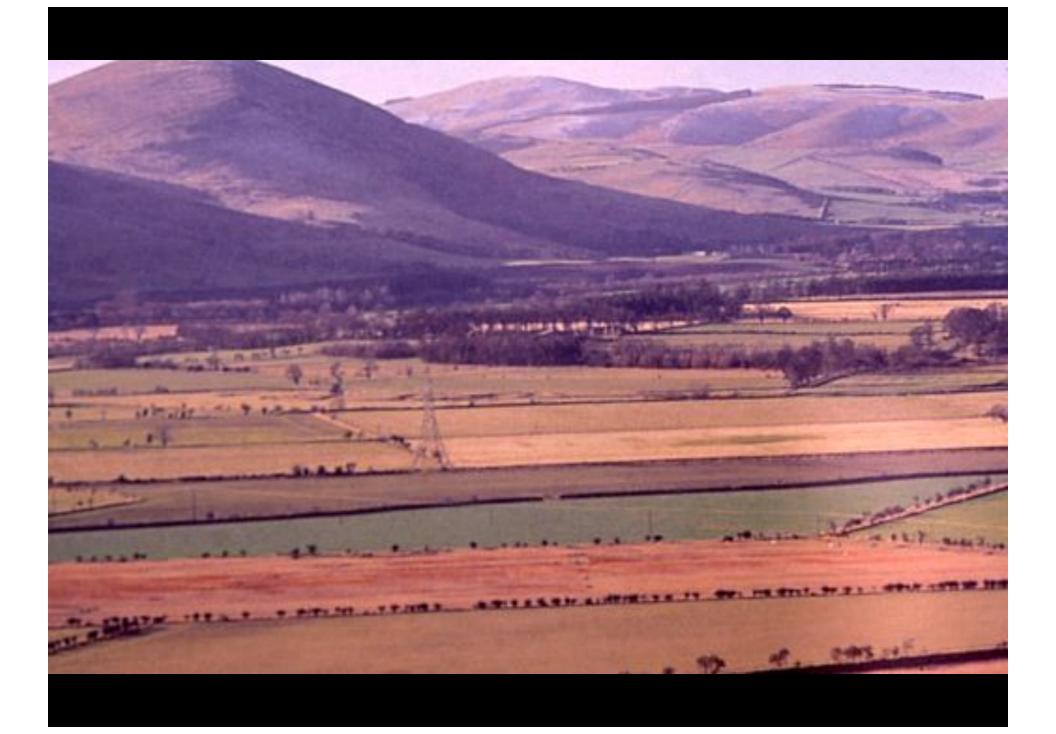


















ABSTRACT BODY SHAPES

There are two basic methods of suggesting anthropomorphic shapes in the landscape.

Curved volumetric abstraction

Four Islands as a Goddess, Charles Jencks, 2003; Fertility Figure, Haute Garonne, 25,000 ya; Willendorf Venus, The Earth Mother, 30-25,000 ya;

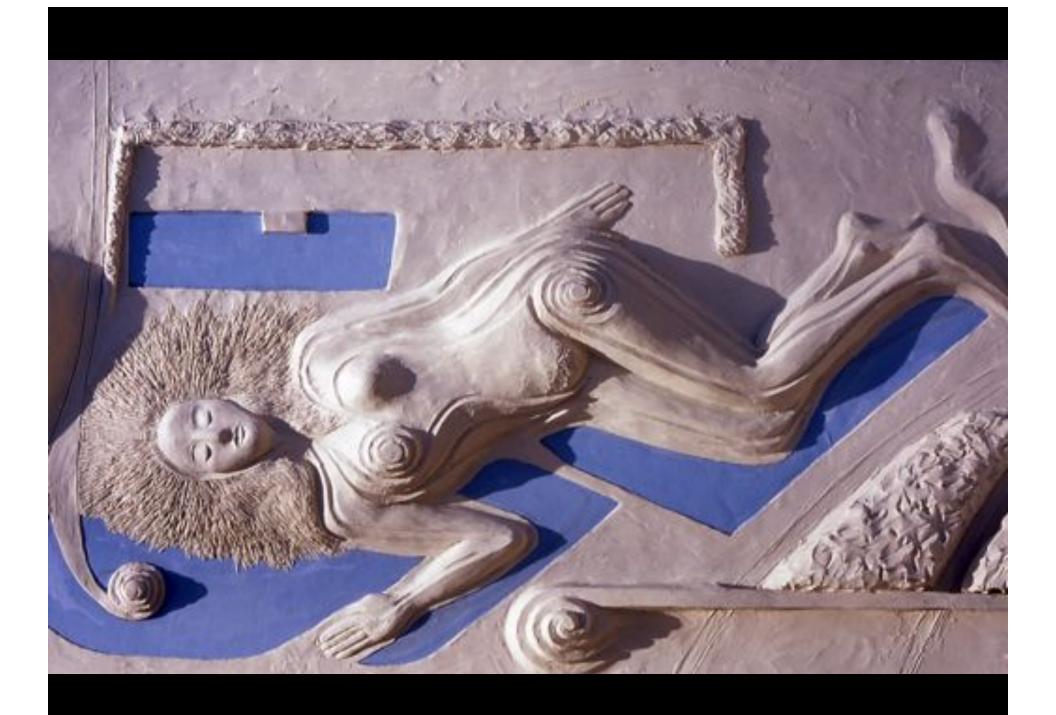
White soil abstraction

White Horse, near Uffington Castle, Berkshire, Celtic circa 100 BC. Cerne Abbas Giant, Celtic fertility symbol with club.

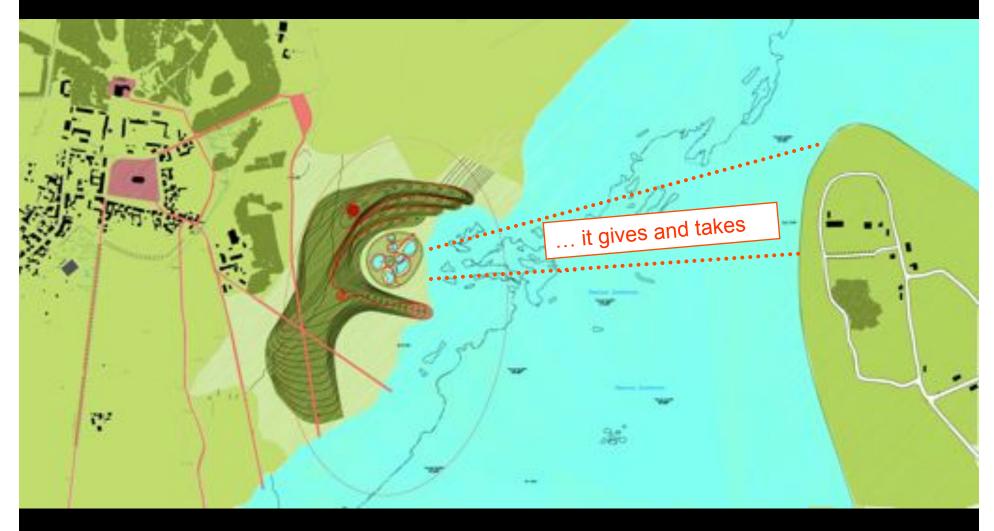




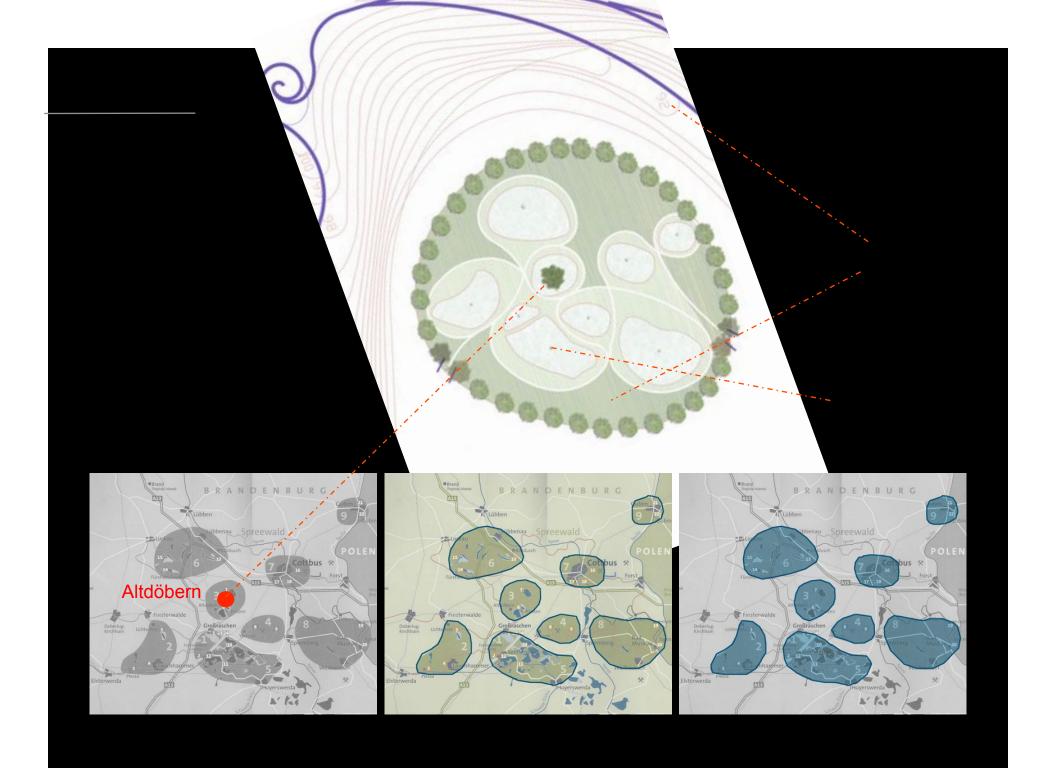




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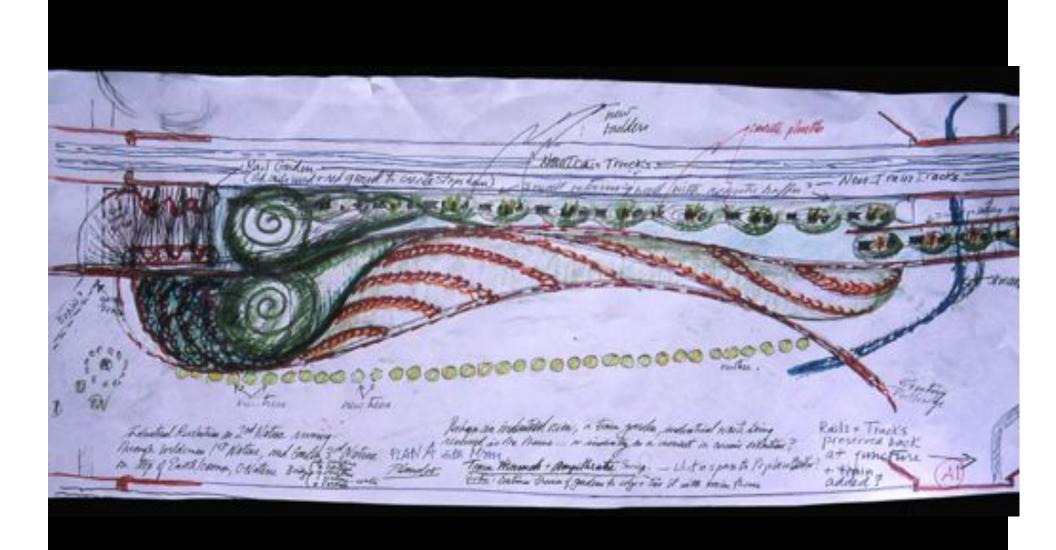












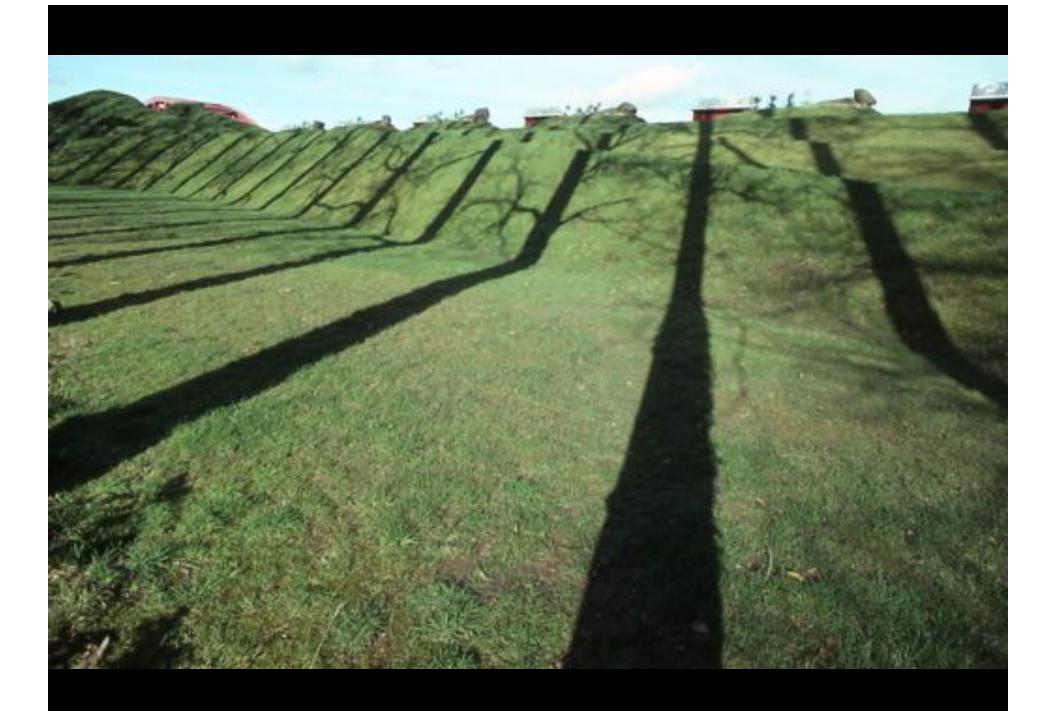


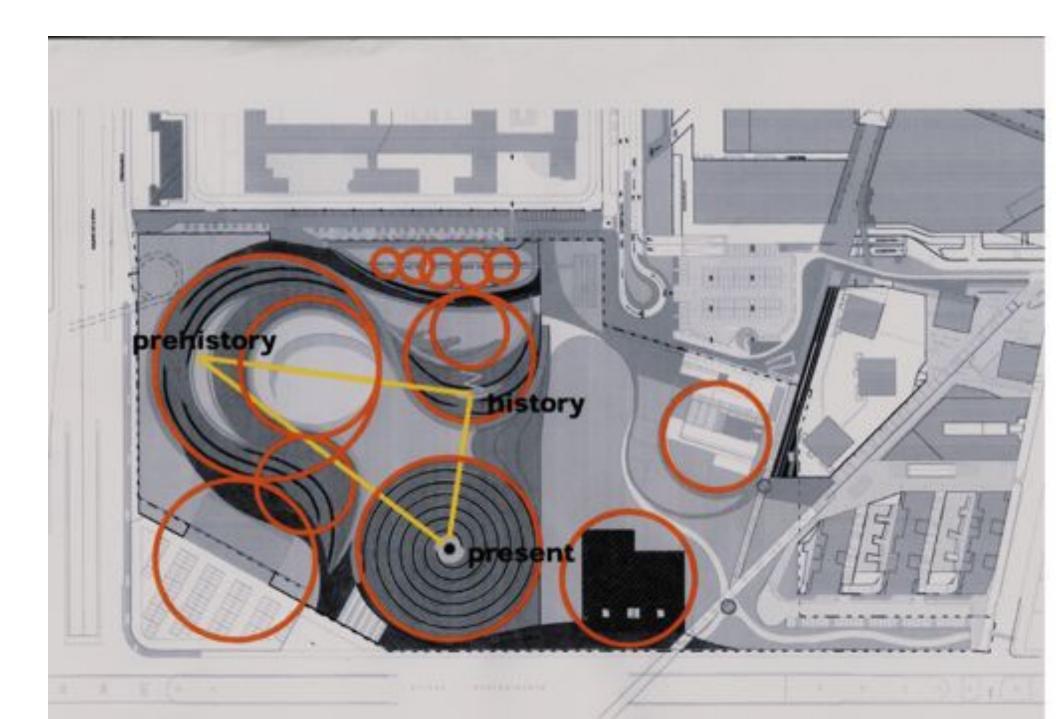












Ten Lessons of City Parks

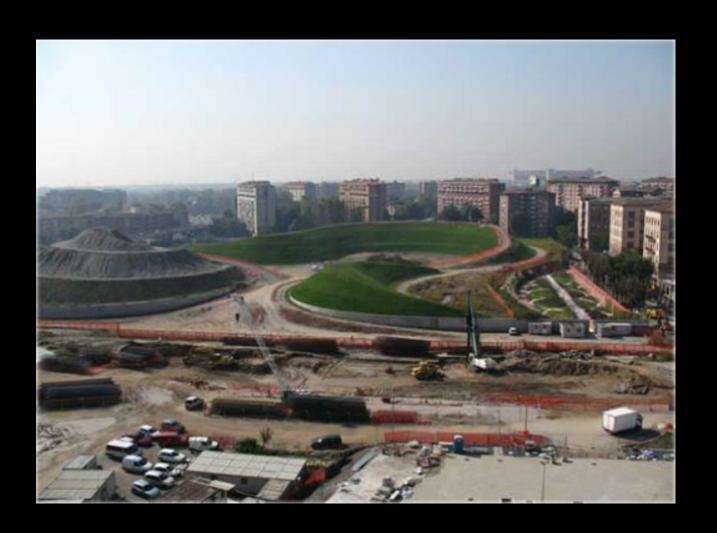
From a study of city parks in the west, certain truths have been established, general rules that usually bear fruit. They can be summarised as economic and social propositions with aesthetic and philosophical additions. In terms of success, use comes first, ideas and form second, but they are equally important:

- 1 The high public use of an urban park can double the land value of surrounding areas, and cut the crime rate.
- 2 The key to high use is usually that by women with their children.
- 3 But use by local people can be just as important. Most visitors will be women and local people.
- 4 Intervisibility between areas in an urban park allows people to feel confident and safe, and seeing ways into and out a space or garden. Thus many entrances and exits are desirable. The formal layout of the whole should be clear, but also complex and intimate in parts.
- 5 To attain high use, a park will need, during the first opening years, the management and scheduling of events – fashion shows, stage events, open-air films, art installations, games and contests. These events create both a sense of ownership, and loyalty, and expectation of future use.
- 6 Further functions underscore this ongoing commitment children's play area, a café or kiosk, different places of exercise for old and young – which soon creates continued loyalty. A city park is like a good theatre to which one returns.
- 7 Local small gardens within the park, of different character and quality, are essential. The response to nature as an individual, sensual and intimate experience must be encouraged and satisfied.
- 8 In small gardens lots of tables and seats should be provided, for joint activities such as chess, and reading alone.
- 9 Highly visible attractors should be provided, striking sculpture or landforms that give identity and continued aesthetic interest. Complex details and meaning, at several points, should engage visitors and make them slow down. One visits an urban garden to contemplate and relax in a 'place apart': as the Renaissance garden advised festina lente, make haste to go slow.
- 10 The art of nature and the nature of art make one reflect on the fundamental delights and perplexities of life. Like the church and museum, the city park is an institution essential to spiritual and communal life, to the public realm.

These propositions do not ensure a successful urban park, but disregarding their truth can court trouble. They are the sine qua non that guarantees nothing, pointers not recipes.







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