

Urban Revitalisation

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Urban Landscape design is about landscape design in an urban context. This project emphasises designing landscape as a space that exists in the urban area. The objective is to create analytical thinking in solving problems through proposed landscape plans in selected town area. A town is chosen based on issues such as site uniqueness and environmental richness that would stimulate the thinking process to find design solutions. In addition, this exercise also aims to achieve the learning outcome of this course which includes the capability to evaluate planning issue, to design landscape plan and to present work in a professional manner.

Since the site is in an urban environment, this exercise gives students an understanding on how to plan landscape design for an urban district through exposure with real problems. Through this exercise, students would develop a design process consisting of understanding the urban vocabulary, identifying the design philosophy, determining design goals and objectives, developing programmes, etc. Furthermore, they would propose a comprehensive landscape plan for urban space revitalisation.

The exercise in landscape planning is achieved through several steps carried out by the students. For example, at the initial stage, an inventory was carried out for three days at a proposed area. Students explored and investigated the site with proper inventories' forms and tools. They used their experiences and felt the existing situation of the urban lifestyle and context. Furthermore, they analysed a site by interpreting 'elements' with suitable references and research. Finally, they would propose a landscape master plan. This master plan was created with selected specific aim according to the site offerings and studies that were carried out. A student had the opportunity to apply sciences and design knowledge into the design scheme after a series of discussions. Finally, four landscape urban master plans were produced with different approaches and concepts.

Furthermore, the students had an opportunity to choose a suitable space for designing its landscape details. The size of the space is approximately 100m width x 250m length. The scale of the detailed design is at 1:200 until 1:500 where they have to design landscape details through their understanding of specific site and design requirements. Sense of respect over existing condition and environment are among the criteria used by students in their attempts to develop and express their ideas.

In conclusion, the landscape urban design project was able to expand the students' thinking on how to solve existing landscape architecture problems in an urban context.