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SIX PRINCIPLES OF LANDSCAPE DESIGN



SCENERY--*Design "passages of scenery" and a liberal use of plantings, even in the smallest spaces and in areas with the most active use.*

SUITABILITY--*Creation of designs that are in keeping with the natural scenery and topography; respect for, and full utilization of, the "genius of the place."*

SANITATION--*Provision for adequate drainage and similar engineering considerations; creation of designs to promote both physical and mental health of users.*

SUBORDINATION--*Subordination of all details, all features, both of natural and artificial materials, to the overall design, and the effect intended for it to achieve.*

SEPARATION--*Separation of areas done in different styles so that "incongruous mixture of styles" will not dilute the intended effect of each; separation of ways in order to insure safety of use and reduce distractions for those using the space; separation of uses that conflict with one another.*

SPACIOUSNESS--*Creation of designs that make the area seem larger than it is: bays and headlands of plantings, indefinite boundaries.*

