

**Green Design An Emerging Paradigm  
In  
Urban Design and Planning**

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Abstract

This paper has been written as part of my campaign for raising awareness on Green Design and discuss the issues involved.

**INTRODUCTION:**

The word environment became popular in the nineties. The emergence of the environmental movement has brought this concept to the forefront of environmental policy in this decade.

As this concept is still new environment has many definitions and meanings depending on one's perspective and it's application to different fields of study. In Urban Design and Architecture this movement has manifest itself as Green Design and planning.

Mostly in this context Green Design and planning refer to our concern with the ways in which our environment is being damaged by humans through the depletion of natural resources, pollution and production of gases contributing to green house effect and thinning of Ozone layer on a larger scale and lack of comfort, diversity, identity and depletion of resources and their ill effects on physical mental and spiritual well being of humans on a smaller scale.

Today it is also associated with the term "Sustainability", which also has a no. of meanings attached to it. The most appropriate definition of sustainability seems to be is saving earth resources for our future generations. Victor Papanek states" Environment and the ecological balance of the planet are no longer sustainable and that unless we address this issue we may have no future".