

# LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

## Preserving Landscapes that Teach us About our Past

Professional landscape architects and interested groups work to preserve landscapes every year. Historic landscapes such as gardens, farms, battlefields, scenic byways and parks are just some examples of “landscapes” that can be preserved for future generations to learn from and enjoy.



Historic Farmland and Battlefields of Shenandoah Valley

Preserved and historic landscapes exist at many scales; they can range from large tracts of land to a small front yard. They can be designed formal

landscapes such as the Vanderbilt Garden in New York, as well as vernacular cultural landscapes such as the historic Shenandoah Valley.

View some examples of landscapes preserved with the help of landscape architects >>

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### CULTURAL LANDSCAPE PRESERVATION



Native American Village



El Camino Real, CA

Cultural landscapes have properties that represent the combined work of nature and of man. They can include both natural elements, such as vegetation and geofeatures, as well as man-made features. The forms, features, and uses of cultural landscapes reveal much about the histories of places and people.

Like historic buildings, some cultural landscapes are worth preserving because they are important parts of our national heritage and connect people to places.

Cultural landscapes come in many different forms, including designed landscapes such as parks and gardens like Central Park or the Vanderbilt Gardens in New York. But cultural landscapes can also be vernacular landscapes, that is, landscapes which are shaped by how they are used. Vernacular landscapes such as a farm, rural village, or industrial complex teach us about the work and culture of the people who use them. Both designed and vernacular landscapes might also be historic landscapes—those which are significant for their association with historic events, people, persons, or ideas. A Civil War battlefield or a historic road, such as the El Camino Real, are good examples of historic landscapes.

### HISTORIC GARDEN PRESERVATION



Vanderbilt Gardens, NY

### LANDSCAPE PRESERVATION AND MAINTENANCE



Civil War Battlefield



Central Park, NY

Landscape architects make a difference by preserving cultural landscapes that show us how people's relationship with nature has changed over time



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