



THE VALUE OF LANDSCAPE DESIGN TOWARDS  
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## **ABSTRACT**

Landscape design becomes an exercise that can give benefit to the community. The implementation of landscape design in housing areas has become a demand in the development of the housing industry nowadays. This is due to the awareness regarding the importance values of landscape design as one of the indicators to achieve a sustainable environment has been aware of. The impact on its values such as social, environmental, aesthetic and functional values, on a community has become a priority in this study. Therefore, the aim of this study is to investigate the value of landscape design on influencing the residents in housing areas. To complete this purpose, this study employed qualitative and quantitative methods of data collection consisting of questionnaire surveys, interviews and observations conducted in housing areas within the Klang Valley. The methods of analysis used are the statistical, content and visualization analysis. The findings indicate several characteristic of landscape design values can give impact to residents of housing areas. The characteristics divided into two major aspects: i) macro, landscape designs consists of the implementation of general use of landscape design such as recreation facilities, streetscape and back lane area; and ii) micro, landscape design consists of important of yard in the compound of the house. Besides that, findings also indicate that by implementation of landscape design values in housing can contribute to significant needs such as social, environmental, aesthetic and functional for residents. It is hoped that, this study can become a contribution in promoting the importance of landscape design toward the residents' needs in a living environment. Thus, the exposure on landscape design and awareness on the importance of landscape design for creating a sustainable environment should be introduced for all residents and developers to achieve a quality of living environment. The housing built today will not only help to reshape the environment at present, but it will also be a legacy in determining the environmental quality for the future.

## ملخص البحث

أصبح تصميم المناظر الطبيعية أمراً مهماً في إفادة المجتمع، ويُعد تنفيذ تصميم المناظر الطبيعية في المناطق السكنية مطلباً في تطوير صناعة الإسكان في الوقت الحاضر. وذلك بسبب الوعي بأهميته كمؤشر من المؤشرات المحققة للبيئة المستدامة. وتُعد معرفة آثار تصميم المناظر الطبيعية الاجتماعية والبيئية والجمالية والوظيفية من أهم أهداف هذا البحث. لذا فإن البحث يهدف إلى معرفة الأثر التصميمي للمناظر الطبيعية بسبب قيمة المناطق السكنية. وإكمالاً لهذا الغرض فقد استخدمت هذه الدراسة الأساليب الكمية والنوعية من جمع البيانات، وتتكون من استبيانات الاستطلاعية المسحية، والمقابلات، والملاحظات داخل المناطق السكنية لوادي كلانج. وطرق التحليل المستخدمة، هي: الطريقة الإحصائية، وتحليل المحتوى والتصور. وتشير نتائج البحث إلى سمات عدة لتصميم المناظر الطبيعية والتي يمكن أن تؤثر على قيمة المناطق السكنية، وتنقسم خصائص تصميم المناظر الطبيعية إلى قسمين رئيسيين، هما: أ. التصميم العام للمشهد الكلي لتصميم المناظر الطبيعية، مثل: مرافق الترفيه، الشوارع، والأدقة الضيقة ب. التصميم الجزئي للمناظر الطبيعية، وأهمية الساحات حول المنازل. إضافة إلى ذلك فإن النتائج تشير أيضاً إلى أن تنفيذ قيم تصميم المناظر الطبيعية في المناطق السكنية يُسهم كثيراً في الاحتياجات الاجتماعية، والبيئية، والجمالية، والوظيفية للسكان. ومن المؤمل أن تُسهم هذه الدراسة في ترويج أهمية المناظر الطبيعية تجاه احتياجات السكان في البيئة المعيشية، وبالتالي ينبغي التطرق إلى أمور تصميم المناظر الطبيعية، وأهمية الوعي بتصميم المناظر الطبيعية من أجل خلق بيئة مستدامة لجميع المقيمين والمطورين، وتحقيق جودة البيئة المعيشية. لذا فإن الأماكن السكنية التي أنشئت في الوقت الراهن لن يُسهم في إعادة تشكيل البيئة فحسب، بل ستكون إرثاً في تحديد نوعية بيئة المستقبل.

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## LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

CPTED	Crime Prevention through Environmental Design
JPBD	Jabatan Perancangan Bandar dan Desa
JLN	Jabatan Landskap Negara
IN1	Interviewee 1
IN2	Interviewee 2
IN3	Interviewee 3
IN4	Interviewee 4
IN5	Interviewee 5
IN6	Interviewee 6
IN7	Interviewee 7
IN8	Interviewee 8
IN9	Interviewee 9
IN10	Interviewee 10
IN11	Interviewee 11
IN12	Interviewee 12
IN13	Interviewee 13
IN14	Interviewee 14
PWD	People with Disabilities
SPSS	Statistical Packages for Social Sciences
TTDI	Taman Tun Dr. Ismail
UNCED	United Nations Conference on Environment and Development
UK	United Kingdom

# **CHAPTER ONE**

## **INTRODUCTION**

### **1.1 INTRODUCTION**

This study focuses on the impact of landscape design that can influence the values of housing areas. Landscape design in housing areas should be favorable for the ambience of ecological environment and for enhancing the quality of life for residents. Thus, this chapter presents the introduction to this study, which consists of the research background, the problem statements, the research aim and objectives, the research questions, the research methodology, the research scope and limitation, the structure of the thesis and the conclusion of the chapter.

### **1.2 RESEARCH BACKGROUND**

The understanding of landscape design can be defined as an exercise to plan and design housing areas so that it gives benefits to the community. The landscape that adopts in housing areas has a potential to create a significant value in creating a sustainable lifestyle and lead to the quality of life for people. As such, Rodie and Ellen (1998) recognize the quality of life can examine in a various perspective include in the context of residential development and has received significant attention from researchers in light of the complexities of urban living and the high rates of growth in urban areas. Apart from that, study by Ezeanya (2004) identified that housing development in Malaysia has become a priority for the Malaysian government and other authorities in order to improve the quality of life for society.