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# Landscape, Public Open Spaces and Public Participation

Urban Design and Urban Conservation

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## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

Lively urban areas are created by popular open spaces or civic spaces. No town plan will be completed without its open space system. Parks shapes the extent and patterns of development in the community as well as city or town. Popular open spaces are those which cater for the needs of the communities and the urbanites. As the social, physical and psychological need of people varies from place to place, the character of public open spaces or image of an urban area also vary from region to region. There is also a great variation of the quality of open spaces between the third world cities or towns. Consideration of such variation and an understanding of local context are therefore essential for an urban designer in a developing town or municipality. The planning and management of open spaces face a number of challenges and increasing pressures.

Urban design addresses the way buildings, streets, landscape, and open space combine to create an attractive and memorable community character, or “sense of place”. It creates a supportive framework for new investment and enhances community pride, while providing environmental and aesthetic benefits. City urban design policies, programs, and design standards are used to strengthen community character. The wide scope of urban design research encompasses, amongst other things, the history, physical form and characteristics of towns and cities, and the behavior of the people who inhabit them. Urban design is not only a plan but also understanding of the city image as a whole considering interrelations of city elements, pattern and sequences. The urban design application in planning can be categories in four aspects such as image, conservation/preservation, design and management. Land use, building form and massing, open spaces, pedestrian ways etc. are the major elements of urban design. Open spaces is one of major elements of city or town planning. In the third world city or town the public open spaces are undergoing and changes due to population explosion and fast development trend. Some open spaces are flourishing while some are declining. This problem is common in all over the country. Spontaneous public open spaces are those which have developed or emerged as successful social spaces with spontaneous participation, aspiration and socialization of the community peoples. There are a great importance for preservation and improvement of open space to create better living environment of the urban area. They contribute to the positive image of a town as a place to pleasure, recreation, enjoy and visit. The development of an Open Space preservation strategy has been required to reflect the new focus on livability and delivery of the urban amenities and facilities and must seek in particular to meet the needs of local communities including groups which have traditionally suffered exclusion such as children, disabled people, minority ethnic communities, older people and women.

There have been done some researches about the evolution pattern and metamorphosis of civic spaces or public open spaces and its emergence in Dhaka city. But there has not yet done any work to preserve and improvement of public open spaces at the small urban scale especially for the district towns like Jessore. The future development of Jessore town will have implications for the use and

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