

Ecoscape

My research focuses on understanding how physical-spatial continuities and discontinuities affect the meaning of space in cities. I call it the corridor effect. Baltimore is the ideal case study, because its Long Term Ecological Research provides the ideal research opportunity and learning environment.

Among others media, I will develop my research with a video; it will be produced during the Fall and Winter of 2010. Using materials developed by biologists studying the quality of water in Gwynns Falls along with my own personal interviews with local residents and experts, I will develop a description of the natural and artificial environment of Baltimore. Baltimore is the ideal place to describe the change in paradigm from a Sanitary City to a Sustainable City.

This is also a reflection about how we perceive difference and repetition of situations in spaces, how knowledge and science can help to change matters of fact usually seen as unavoidable, or "natural"; I think the way we describe and observe reality actively plays a role in changing it. I argue this is an important part of a design strategy for cities and environments.

Finally, the relevance gained by scientific knowledge in design is required to avoid a "can't do" attitude, as spatial thinking added in scientific knowledge helps to understand time-related changes in cities and environments. We can use the change of paradigm from Sanitary City to Sustainable City to find new projects and visions for our increasingly designed and inhabited lands.

As my project develops, further information will be posted here:
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