Summary

This lecture discusses the scope of the profession of Landscape Architecture and provides an overview of the use of two important landscape design elements, specifically, Landform and Water. It begins with the definition of Landscape architecture and discusses the scope of the profession. It, then introduces hard and soft landscape elements in landscape design. This is followed by a discussion on Landform as a landscape design element. Different uses of landform in landscape design, such as spatial definition, controlling views, influencing movement and affecting microclimate, are discussed with examples. Next, qualities of another important element in the landscape designer's palette, is presented. Subsequently, the qualities of static and dynamic water including flowing, falling and jets of water, and their use in landscape design are discussed with examples. Water elements can be used to demarcate different areas of activity, divide spaces, control circulation or views, modify microclimate, setting for other landscape enriching elements such as statues, or create "white sound" to mask background noise. It ends by emphasizing the need for environmentally responsible use of water in landscape design.