The growing demand for incorporating natural elements into man-made environments has led to increasing recognition of landscape architecture design by other members of the building industry. Society has also recognized the importance of restoring and preserving sensitive natural environments. As a result, landscape architecture is one of the fastest growing fields, experiencing a higher-than-average expansion rate as an industry.

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- How Cindy Tyler, principal of Terra Designs, collaborates with horticulturists, water feature designers, sculptors, artists, architects, and engineers
- How Edward Blake of The Landscape Studio uses GPS technology in the design process

As well as serving as a guide for college-bound or career change students, this book can also be a valuable college textbook for a professional practice course, an introductory seminar and/or for use in an end of academic career capstone course.
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