

Causes of failure of urban green spaces established with the community participation (A Case study, Faisalabad City)

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Abstract

Urban green spaces play an important role in improving quality of life and sustainability in cities and require a careful empirical assessment. Development of green spaces with the participation of local community is considered a sustainable project in the whole world. In 2001, a project was designed to develop and maintain the green spaces in Faisalabad City, with the involvement of the local community. Finance, care, maintenance, security and preservation of urban green spaces were the aspects in which community was involved. At that time the project was found to be successful but with the passage of time these green spaces were miserably deteriorated and landscaped features were destroyed from many points. The aim of this paper is to investigate the basic and complex reasons for the failure of green spaces established by Municipal Corporation, Faisalabad with the collaboration of Department of Horticulture, University of Agriculture, Faisalabad involving the local community. The study was designed to collect the information from community (residents, visitor & contractors/investors) and Govt. sector in the form of field and social survey from different selected sites of the city. The paper examines the causes of failure of urban green spaces from the viewpoint of “local community or daily visitors”, “investors or contractors”, and “Government sector”, on the basis of information collected by interviews.

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