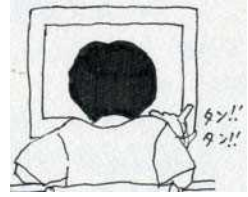


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We need to change our society from one that values the resource-wasting development, into one that values the sustainable development using local resources to solve environmental problems. In order to facilitate this goal, the Landscape and Regional Planning Research Group (LPRG) aims to develop methodologies for regional planning that utilize both open spaces (e.g., parks, woods, farmlands, etc.) and landscapes. The main research themes of the LPRG can be summarized as follows:

1. Identification of characteristics of open spaces and landscapes
2. Evaluation of ecological functions of open spaces and landscapes
3. Identification of current situations in local municipality management and civic activities that affect conservation and restoration of open spaces and landscapes



Photo1



Photo2



Photo3

-Captions of Photos-

Photo 1: Field survey in a sloped residential area undertaken in order to identify the condition of open spaces created by demolishing vacant houses

Photo 2: Psychological experiment using photographic images to identify human impressions of landscapes

Photo 3: Workshop for developing a walking course for viewing a typical landscape