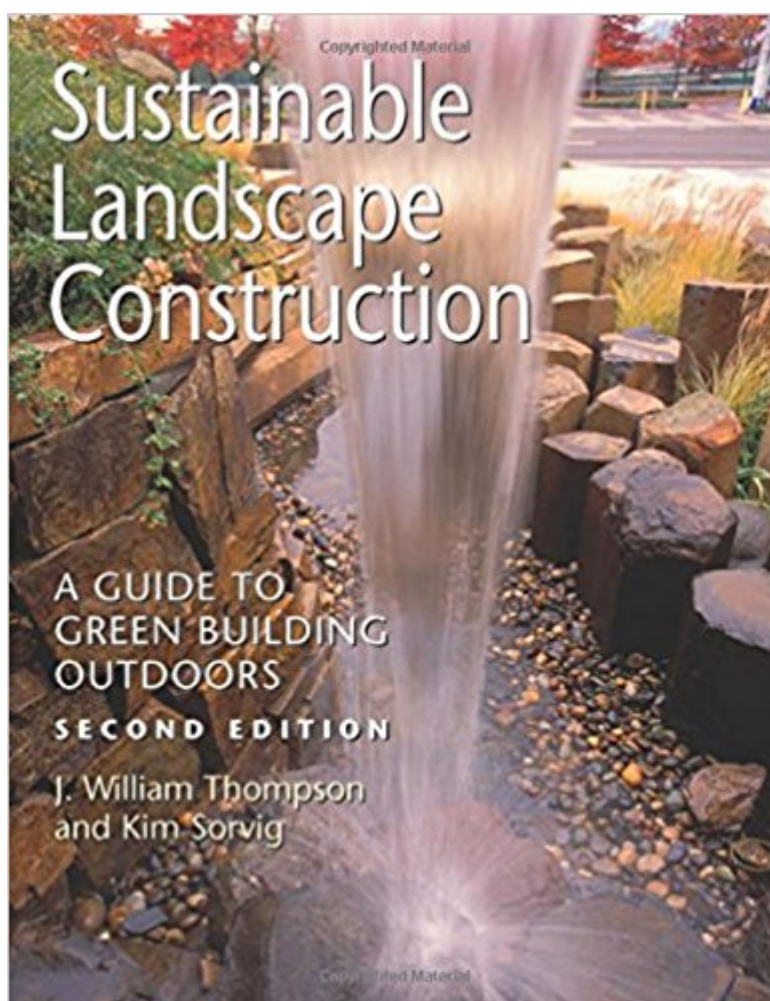


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# Sustainable Landscape Construction: A Guide To Green Building Outdoors, Second Edition



## Synopsis

Published at the beginning of the twenty-first century, Sustainable Landscape Construction took a new approach to what was then a nearly new subject: how to construct outdoor environments based on principles of sustainability. This enormously influential book helped to spur a movement that has taken root around the U.S. and throughout the world. The second edition has been thoroughly updated to include the most important developments in this landscape revolution, along with the latest scientific research in the field. It has been expanded to provide even more ideas for designing, building, and maintaining environmentally sensitive landscapes. It is essential reading for everyone with an interest in "green" landscape design.~ ~ Like its predecessor, the new edition of Sustainable Landscape Construction is organized around principles that reflect the authors' desire to put environmental ethics into practice. Each chapter focuses on one over-arching idea. These principles of sustainability are clearly articulated and are developed through specific examples. More than 100 projects from around the globe are described and illustrated. A new chapter details ways in which landscape architectural practice must respond to the dangers posed by fire, floods, drought, extreme storms, and climate change.~ ~ Sustainable Landscape Construction is a crucial complement to basic landscape construction texts, and is a one-of-a-kind reference for professionals, students, and concerned citizens.

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"This is a guide that provides inspiration and answers for the home- or land owner, as well as for the

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This book is very lengthy and full of information, but unlike typical textbooks, it is not overly 'heady' nor boring... Each chapter is quite long (50 pages approx.) and the words are quite small, yet you can sit there for four hours straight and still be interested in what is on the next page!? The only thing that would make this book better would probably be color pictures (there are a good amount of informative pictures, yet they are all black and white). Great book for anyone in the construction industry...very interesting!

I got this as a textbook for an internet class on sustainable landscape construction. It is well-written

and easy to follow the author thought, even when he gets a little preachy. I was interested in the fact that out of five textbooks I had to have for this semester the only one I could not get as an e-book was sustainable landscape construction. Anyone notice the irony?

Some good information, a lot of common sense. But much of it now needs updating. I found it to be very poorly written. The folksy tone may be accessible to some, but I found it un-authoritative and somewhat annoying.

This field is changing very rapidly, so I think this text is due for an update. But if you know nothing about any of this, it's probably a good starting place.

I rent this book and it was shipped really fast arrive in time. Strongly recommend to all of you! And I hope it can be returned properly after I used it.

Good information, at times a bit too specific/boring. Otherwise, a good resource to learn from and consider new ideas from.

First impressions of this title are poor. The layout is very old-school. The Text is way too small, making reading for long periods very tiring. The black and white photos are straight-out of a 1960's high school text book (figuratively speaking). Overall, whilst the content may be up to date and accurate, the design is poor and the publishing standard low. Colour photos in higher resolution and larger text (by at least another 2 points) would be a marked improvement. A disappointment.

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