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Editorial Review

From the Back Cover

For more than 30 years, John Tillman Lyle (1934-1998) was one of the leading thinkers in ecological design. *Design for Human Ecosystems*, originally published in 1985, is his classic text that explores methods of designing landscapes that function in the sustainable ways of natural ecosystems.

The book provides a framework for thinking about and understanding ecological design, along with a wealth of real-world examples that bring to life Lyle's key ideas. Lyle traces the historical growth of design approaches involving natural processes and presents an introduction to the principles, methods, and techniques that can be used to shape landscape, land use, and natural resources in an ecologically sensitive and sustainable manner.

This new edition features a foreword by Joan Woodward, a noted landscape architecture professor and colleague of Lyle, that places the book in the context of current ecological design thinking and discusses Lyle's contributions to the field. It will be a valuable work for landscape architects, planners, students of ecological design, and anyone interested in creating landscapes that meet the needs of an area's inhabitants -- human and nonhuman alike.

About the Author

John Tillman Lyle was, until his death in 1998, professor of landscape architecture at California State Polytechnic University in Pomona, California.

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