



**GREEN  
WEDGE  
URBANISM**

HISTORY, THEORY AND  
CONTEMPORARY PRACTICE

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'This fascinating and historically informed account sheds new light on the urban landscape, reminding us of the benefits of linear open space, whether as an alternative to encompassing green belts or (even better) in combination with them.'

Michael Hebbert, Professor of Town Planning at University College London, UK

'*Green Wedge Urbanism* provides an original and potentially impactful contribution to urban theory, history and practice. The narrative of the book surfaces the concept of the Green Wedge historically and geographically, acting both as an archaeology of its meaning and a critical examination of its contemporary practice.'

Simon Guy, Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences at Lancaster University, UK

The creation of green spaces within urban areas is receiving greater attention than ever before, as the need to promote sustainable, connected communities is balanced with fast-increasing land pressures in towns and cities worldwide. At the same time, the value of the 'green belt' as one of the most prominent models of green space planning is being widely questioned. This book explores an alternative and often complementary model – the 'green wedge' – showing how it offers a successful approach for integrating urban development and nature in existing and new towns and cities around the world.

Part history, part contemporary argument, this book examines the emergence and global diffusion of the green wedge in town planning in the late 19th century and throughout the 20th century, placing it in the broader historic context of debates and ideas for urban planning with nature, before going on to explore its use in contemporary urban practice. Examining their relation to green infrastructures, landscape ecology and landscape urbanism, and their potential for sustainable cities, *Green Wedge Urbanism* highlights the continued relevance of a historic idea in an era of rapid climate change.

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