

**John F. “Jack” Ahern, Ph.D., FASLA**

Professor

Department of Landscape Architecture & Regional Planning  
University of Massachusetts Amherst

**EDUCATION**

University of Pennsylvania  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
Master of Landscape Architecture, 1980

University of Massachusetts  
Amherst, Massachusetts  
Bachelors of Science,  
Environmental Design, *cum laude*,  
1974

Wageningen Agricultural University, Wageningen, Netherlands  
Department of Physical Planning and Rural Development  
Ph.D. Environmental Sciences, 2002

**ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

Professor, September 1999-present  
Department Head, September 1998 - September 2007  
Associate Professor, 1992-1999  
Assistant Professor, 1986-1992  
Department of Landscape Architecture & Regional Planning  
University of Massachusetts Amherst

Instructor and Department Chair, 1985-1986  
Department of Ornamental Horticulture  
Ulster County Community College . Stone Ridge, New York

**AWARDS**

- 2005. Environmental Design Research Association, “Places Research Award”, also Boston Society of Landscape Architects Merit Award for Research, for “People and Places on the Outer Cape: A Landscape Character Study”.
- 2002. American Society of Landscape Architects Honor Award for Research. “Greenways as a Planning Strategy: Theory and Application”.
- 2000. American Society of Landscape Architects Merit Award, American Society of Landscape Architects, and Honor Award, Boston Society of Landscape Architects, for the book: A Guide to the Landscape Architecture of Boston.
- 1997. Fulbright Research and Teaching Fellowship, Portugal
- 1996. Fellow, American Society of Landscape Architects
- 1995. Merit Award, Boston Society of Landscape Architects, “Chicopee River Study”, with LA 554 Studio
- 1993-94. Faculty Fellowship, Department of Physical Planning and Rural Development, Wageningen Agricultural University, Wageningen, The Netherlands.
- 1990. Merit Award, Boston Society of Landscape Architects, "Quabbin to Wachusett

- Wildlife Corridor Study", with LA 554 students.
1990. Lilly Teaching Fellowship, University of Massachusetts
1990. Merit Award, Boston Society of Landscape Architects, "Quabbin to Wachusett Wildlife Corridor Study", with LA 554 students.
1980. American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) Certificate of Honor Award, University of Pennsylvania.
1980. Distinguished Graduate Student Award, ASLA National Student Design Competition, "Beckett New Town".
1980. First Place, U.S. National Crushed Stone Association/ American Society of Landscape Architects National Student Design Competition (with John Jensen)

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **A. Books**

2006. Leitao, Andre Botequilha; Miller Joseph; Ahern, Jack; McGarigal, Kevin. Measuring Landscapes: A Planner's Handbook. Island Press, Washington. 245 pp.
2006. Ahern, Jack, Elizabeth LeDuc, Mary Lee York. Biodiversity Planning and Design: Sustainable Practices. Island Press, Washington, 110 pp.
2002. Ahern Jack. Greenways as Strategic Landscape Planning: theory and application. Wageningen, Netherlands, 175 pp.
1999. Ahern Jack. A Guide to the Landscape Architecture of Boston. The Hubbard Educational Trust, Cambridge. 96pp.
1997. Environmental Challenges in an Expanding Urban World and the Role of Information Technology. João Reis Machado and Jack Ahern, editors, Centro Nacional Informação Geografica, Lisbon, Portugal, 525 pp.
1995. Greenways: the Beginning of an International Movement. Julius Gy. Fabos and Jack Ahern, Editors. Elsevier Publications, Amsterdam. 491 pp.

### **B. Selected Journal Articles and Conference Proceedings**

2008. Kato, Sadisho and Jack Ahern. "Learning by Doing: Adaptive Planning as a strategy to address uncertainty in planning". *Environment and Planning Journal*, V. 54:4, pp. 543-559.
2002. Leitão, André, B and Jack Ahern. Applying landscape ecological concepts and metrics in sustainable landscape planning. *Landscape and Urban Planning*, 59:2, pp. 65-93.
2001. Ahern, Jack. "Greenways and Ecological Corridors in Urban Environments", In proceedings of the "International Symposium on Man and Nature", Guan Kaiun, Editor. Kunming, China, 1999. pp. 39-45.
2000. Ahern, Jack. "Greenways: A planning strategy for integrating nature and culture". *Journal of the Japanese Institute of Landscape Architecture*, Vol. 64:2, pp 113-120.
1998. Ahern, Jack and Fabos, Julius. "A Global Greenway Vision: The Role of GIS" *GisPlanet Conference, CD-ROM Proceedings "GIS PlaNET'98*.
1995. Machado, João Reis ; Andresen M. Teresa; Rico, Ana Toscano; Ahern Jack ; Fabos, Julius Gy. "Metropolitan Landscape Planning: A Greenway Vision for the

- Metropolitan Area of Lisbon". Landschap (The Netherlands Journal for Landscape Ecology). pp.111-121.
1995. Ahern, Jack. "Greenways as a Planning Strategy" Landscape and Urban Planning, Special Greenways Issue. 33:1-3, pp. 131-155.
1994. Ahern, Jack and Klaas Kerkstra. "Time Space, Ecology and Design: Landscape Aesthetics in an Ecological Framework in the Netherlands" In Proceedings : Ecology Aesthetics and Design, ASLA, Wash, DC, pp. 49-60.
1995. Machado, João Reis ; Andresen M. Teresa; Rico, Ana Toscano; Ahern Jack ; Fabos, Julius Gy. "Metropolitan Landscape Planning: A Greenway Vision for the Metropolitan Area of Lisbon". Landschap (The Netherlands Journal for Landscape Ecology). pp.111-121.
1995. Ahern, Jack. "Greenways as a Planning Strategy" Landscape and Urban Planning, 33:1-3, 131-155.
1990. Ahern, Jack. "Planning for an Extensive Open Space System: Linking Landscape Structure and Function". Landscape and Urban Planning, 21:131-145.

### C. Book Chapters

2007. Ahern, Jack. "Green Infrastructure for Cities: The Spatial Dimension". In Cities of the Future: Towards integrated sustainable water and landscape management. Novotny, Vladimir; Breckenridge, Lee; Brown, Paul, Editors. IWA Publishing, London.
2007. McGregor, Sharon and Ahern, Jack. "Biodiversity Conservation and Ecosystem Protection" in: Hamin, Elisabeth, Silka, Linda and Geigas, Priscilla, Editors. Preserving and Enhancing Communities. University of Massachusetts Press, Amherst.
2006. Ahern, Jack. "Theories, methods and strategies for sustainable landscape planning". In From Landscape Research to landscape Planning: Aspects of Integration, Education and Application". B. Tress, G. Tress, G. Fry, and P. Opdam, Editors. Springer. Pp. 119-131.
2005. Ahern, Jack. "Integration of landscape ecology and landscape architecture: an evolutionary and reciprocal process" in Wiens, John A, and Michael R. Moss, Editors. Issues and Perspectives in Landscape Ecology, Studies in landscape Ecology, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge. pp. 307-315.
2003. Wileden, Jack; Silva, Elisabete; Ahern, Jack. The CVCA Model: A Cellular Automation Model of Landscape Ecological Strategies. European Simulation and Modeling Society, ESM, 2003. ISBN: 90-77381-04-X.
2003. Ahern, Jack. "Greenways in the USA: theory, trends and prospects. In "Ecological Networks and Greenways: Concept, design, implementation" Rob Jongman and Gloria Pungetti, Editors. Cambridge University Press. Chapter 3.
2002. Ahern, Jack, France R., Hough, M, Burley, J, Turner, W. Schmidt, S, Hulse, D, Badenhope, J, Jones, G. "Integrating Ecology Across the Curriculum of Landscape Architecture". In Ecology and Design: Frameworks for Learning, Bart Johnson and Kristina Hill, Eds. Island Press, Washington. pp. 397-413.
1999. Ahern, Jack. "Spatial concepts, planning strategies and future scenarios: a framework method for integrating landscape ecology and landscape planning" in:

- Landscape Ecological Analysis: Issues and Applications, Jeffrey Klopatek and Robert Gardner, Editors, Springer-Verlag Inc. New York. 175-201.
1999. Ahern, Jack. "Integration of Landscape Ecology and Landscape Design: An Evolutionary Process." in Issues in Landscape Ecology. Editors, John A. Weins, and Michael R. Moss. International Association for Landscape Ecology, Guelph, Ontario, Canada. Pp. 119-123.
1997. Ahern Jack. "At the Crossroads, sustainable future or urban sprawl?" In Environmental Challenges in an Expanding Urban World and the Role of Information Technologies. João Reis Machado and Jack Ahern, editors, Centro Nacional Informacao Geografica, Lisbon, Portugal.
1994. Ahern, Jack. "Greenways as Ecological Networks in Rural Areas". in E.A. Cook and H.N van Lier, Editors: Landscape Planning for Ecological Networks. Elsevier, Amsterdam, pp. 159-178.
1994. Ahern, Jack and Jestena Boughton. "Wildflower Meadows as Sustainable Landscapes", in The Ecological City: Preserving and Restoring Urban Biodiversity, R.H. Platt, R. Rowntree, P. Muick editors, University of Massachusetts Press. pp. 172-187.
1990. Ahern, Jack. "Preparation and Establishment Techniques for Meadow Gardens" In Meadows and Meadow Gardening, New England Wildflower Society, pp. 14-20.

#### **D. Professional and Periodical Articles**

2008. Ahern, Jack. "7 Principles for Sustainable Design". American Nurseryman. August, 15: 36-43.
2002. Ahern, Jack. "Greenways as Strategic Landscape Planning". Urban Green Tech. 2002, 47: 22-27. (Japanese Organization for Landscape and Urban Greenery Technology Development).
2000. Ahern, Jack. "Eyes on the Future" Landscape Architecture Magazine, April, pp. 138-139.
1998. Ahern, Jack. Keynote address "Sustainable Open Space". Published in: Ample Opportunity: A Community Dialogue, Studio for Creative Inquiry, Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. pp. 206-213.
1995. Ahern, Jack. "New Era for New England" Landscape Design, April pp. 37-40.
1995. Ahern, Jack. "Plans Across the Watershed" Landscape Architecture, April.
1993. Ahern, Jack. and W. Gary Smith. "Learning from Wildflower Meadows" Landscape Architecture, October pp. 164-167.
1992. Ahern, Jack; Gross, Meir, Finn, John. "Wildlife Corridors and Greenways: Using GIS to Integrate Landscape Ecology and Open Space Planning". GIS World. 2:64-69.
1988. Ahern, Jack. "Achieving Vegetative Diversity on America's Roadsides", New Alchemy Quarterly, New Alchemy Institute, Falmouth, MA. No.32, pp. 7-8.
1981. Ahern, Jack. "Aquaculture in a Quarry," Landscape Architecture, July.

## **EDITORSHIPS, PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC SERVICE**

2008. Appointed to Editorial Board for book series “Future City” Springer Academic Press, Netherlands.
2008. Appointed to the Editorial Board, Landscape Architecture China, Graduate School of Landscape Architecture, Peking University, Beijing.
2007. Accreditation Team Chair, Bachelor’s of Landscape Architecture Program, University of Washington, Seattle.
2006. Appointed to Editorial Board, Landscape Ecology Journal.
2006. Accreditation Team Chair, Master’s of Landscape Architecture Program, University of Texas, Austin, and Bachelor’s of Landscape Architecture Program, University of California, Davis.
2005. Appointed to Editorial Advisory Board of Ecological Engineering Journal, Japan.
2005. Chair, External Review Team for Proposed Ph.D. Program in Landscape Architecture, University of Oregon.
- 2008, 2005, 2000, 1995, 1990 - Accreditation Team Member, Landscape Design Certificate Program, New York Botanical Garden, Bronx, NY
2004. Appointed to Editorial Board of Landscape and Urban Planning Journal.
2004. Accreditation Team Chair, Masters of Landscape Architecture Program, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC.
- 2003, Accreditation Team Member, Masters of Landscape Architecture program, Morgan State University, Baltimore, MD.
- 2000 - present, Board of Trustees, Conway School of Landscape Design, Conway, Massachusetts.
- 2000, Mass. Executive Office of Environmental Affairs, Community Preservation Initiative, Advisory Committee
- 1998 - 2000. National Chair of the U.S. Division of the International Association for Landscape Ecology (US-IALE)
1996. Peer Review of Annual Work Plan, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency - Pacific Northwest Environmental Research Consortium (PNW-ERC). Seattle, Washington, April 10-12.
- 1991 - 1993. Chair. Open Committee on Landscape and Land Use Planning, American Society of Landscape Architects. Washington, DC.
- 1991- 1992. Secretary. U.S. Division of the International Association for Landscape Ecology.

## **REGISTRATION AND PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

- Fellow, American Society of Landscape Architects (FASLA) 1996, member since 1985.
- Registered/Licensed Landscape Architect, State of Massachusetts, License Number 882
- Chair, United States Division of the International Association for Landscape Ecology (US-IALE) (term 1998-2000), Secretary 1991-92, member since 1987
- Member, American Association of Botanical Gardens and Arboreta (AABGA)