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GIS & Environmental Planning An Historical and Contemporary Perspective

Human society's relationship to the environment in North America has historically been both adversarial and nostalgic. Initially, fear led to conquest, which ultimately has led to regret. As a civilization, unspoiled nature currently exists mainly in our collective memory. Many individuals over time have attempted to quantify and understand natural processes so that land use decisions could be made to work with, not against nature. Tools and methodologies developed to facilitate this understanding - the discipline of environmental planning was born. As the science advances, and the tools become more capable, comparative studies can be made that raise some interesting questions. Is it possible that we can make / could have made equally informed decisions about the land based on intuition and human sensory experiences alone?

Date: Wednesday, December 3, 2003

Time: NOON - 1:30 pm

Place: Carolyn Hoff Lynch Auditorium

On the Penn campus: Chemistry Building

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