



# **NPS Park Cultural Landscapes Program Methodology**

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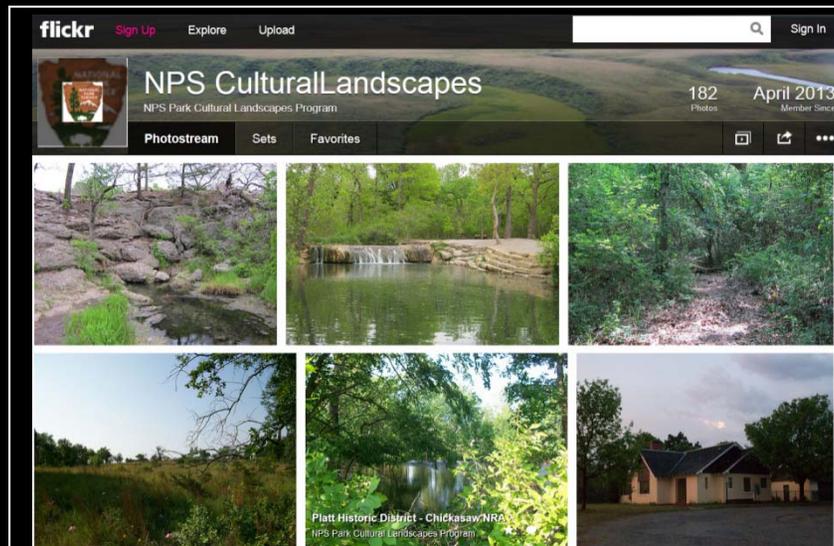


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# NPS Park Cultural Landscapes Program Current Initiatives



Sharing our work with the public and the preservation community:

NPS CL Documents Online:

<https://irma.nps.gov/App/Portal>

Park Cultural Landscapes Program Website:

[www.nps.gov/cultural\\_landscapes](http://www.nps.gov/cultural_landscapes)

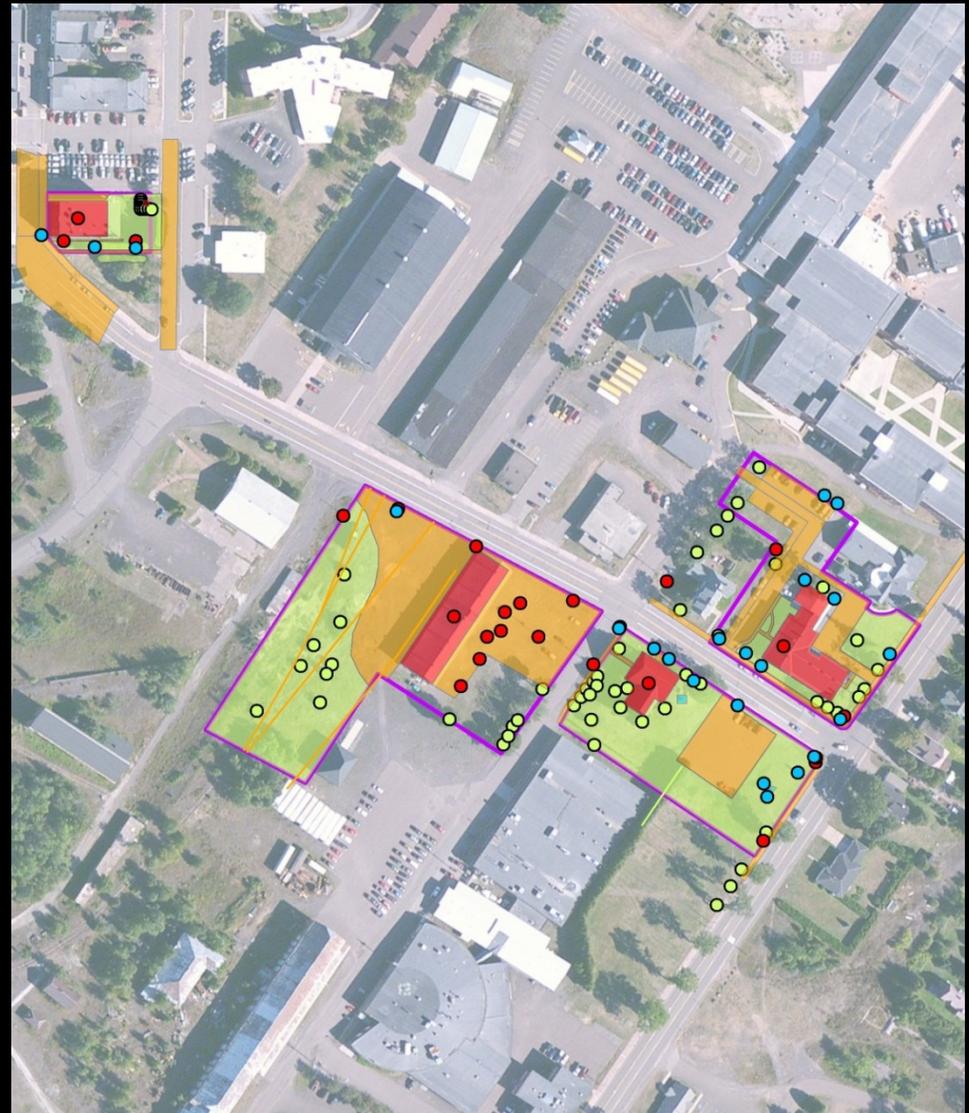
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# NPS Park Cultural Landscapes Program Current Initiatives

- Capturing GIS data for cultural landscape boundaries and features
- Capturing facility management data for stabilization needs (CLI)
- Integrating treatment data (CLR) with facility management data
- Monitoring cultural landscape condition and vulnerability to change
- Emphasizing sustainable practices in preservation maintenance and treatment





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**FUTURE VISION**



# Cultural Landscape Inventories (CLI):

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National Park Service  
Cultural Landscapes Inventory  
2010



White Grass Ranch  
Grand Teton National Park

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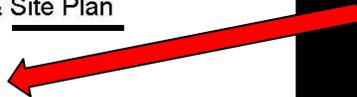
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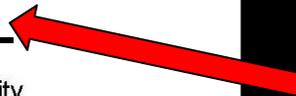
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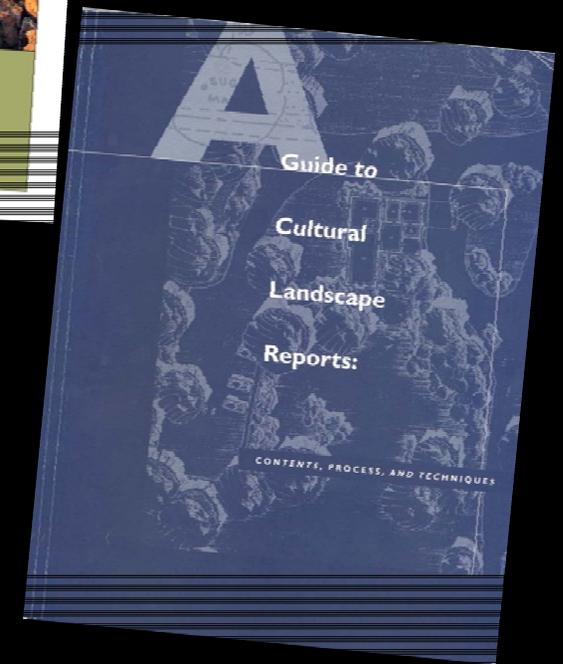
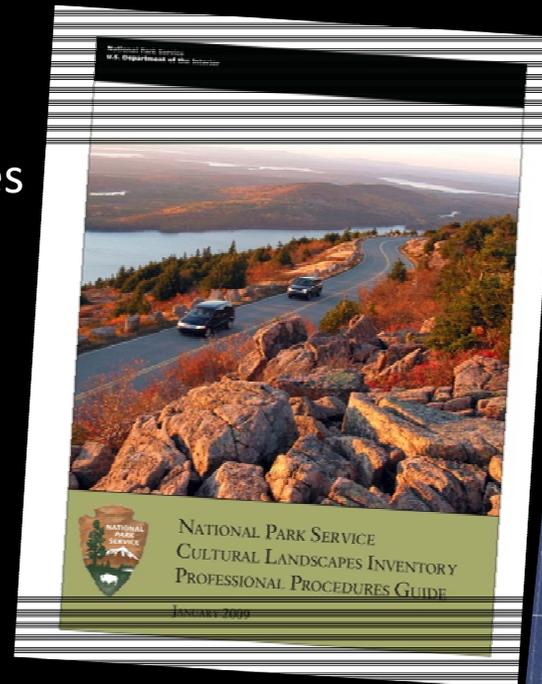
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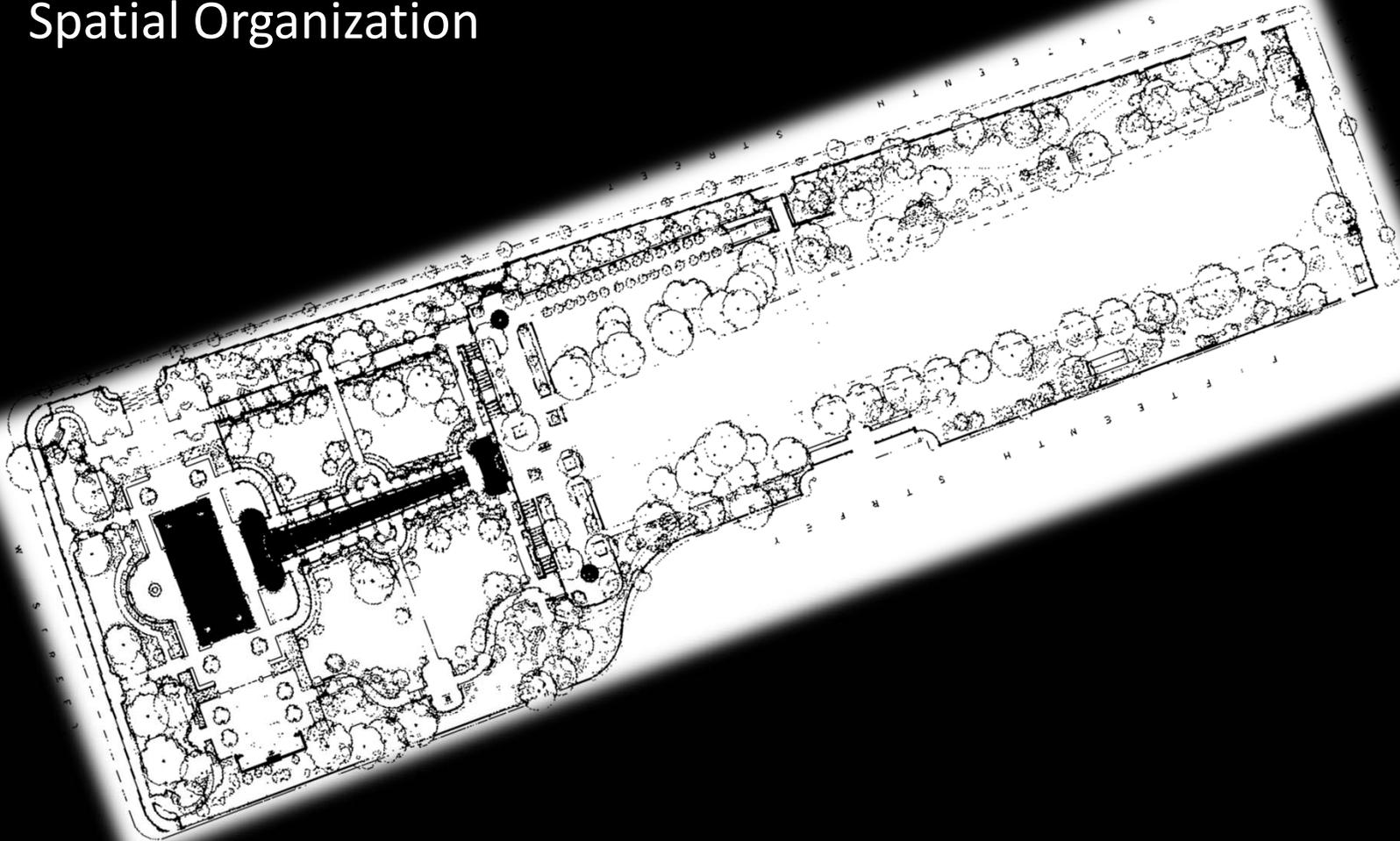
## Natural Systems and Features



Canyon De Chelly National Monument, Arizona



## Spatial Organization



Meridian Hill Park, Washington, DC

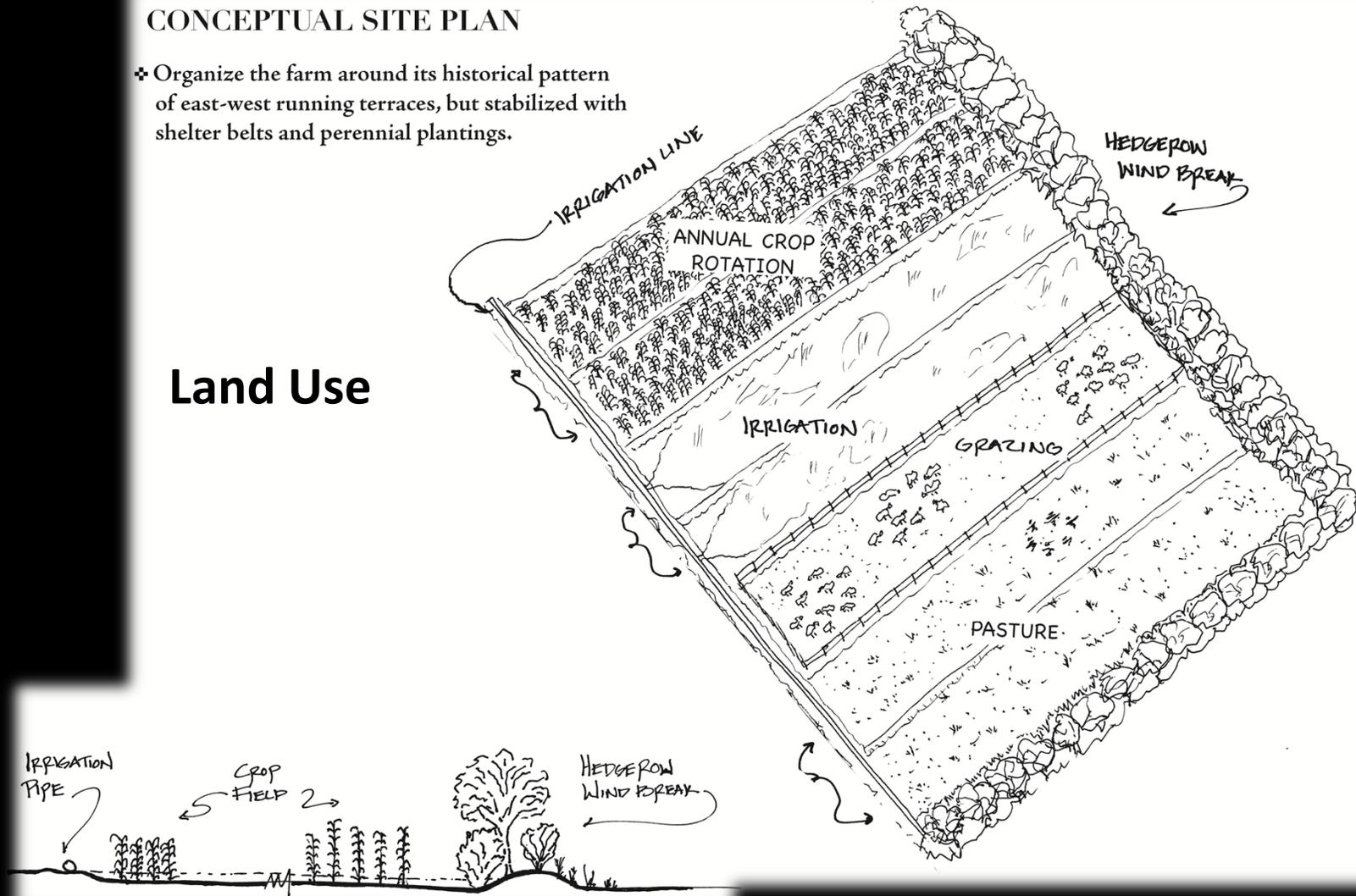
# Analysis and Evaluation of Integrity Using Landscape Characteristics



## CONCEPTUAL SITE PLAN

- ❖ Organize the farm around its historical pattern of east-west running terraces, but stabilized with shelter belts and perennial plantings.

## Land Use



Hubbell Trading Post National Historic Site, Arizona



## Circulation





## Cultural Traditions

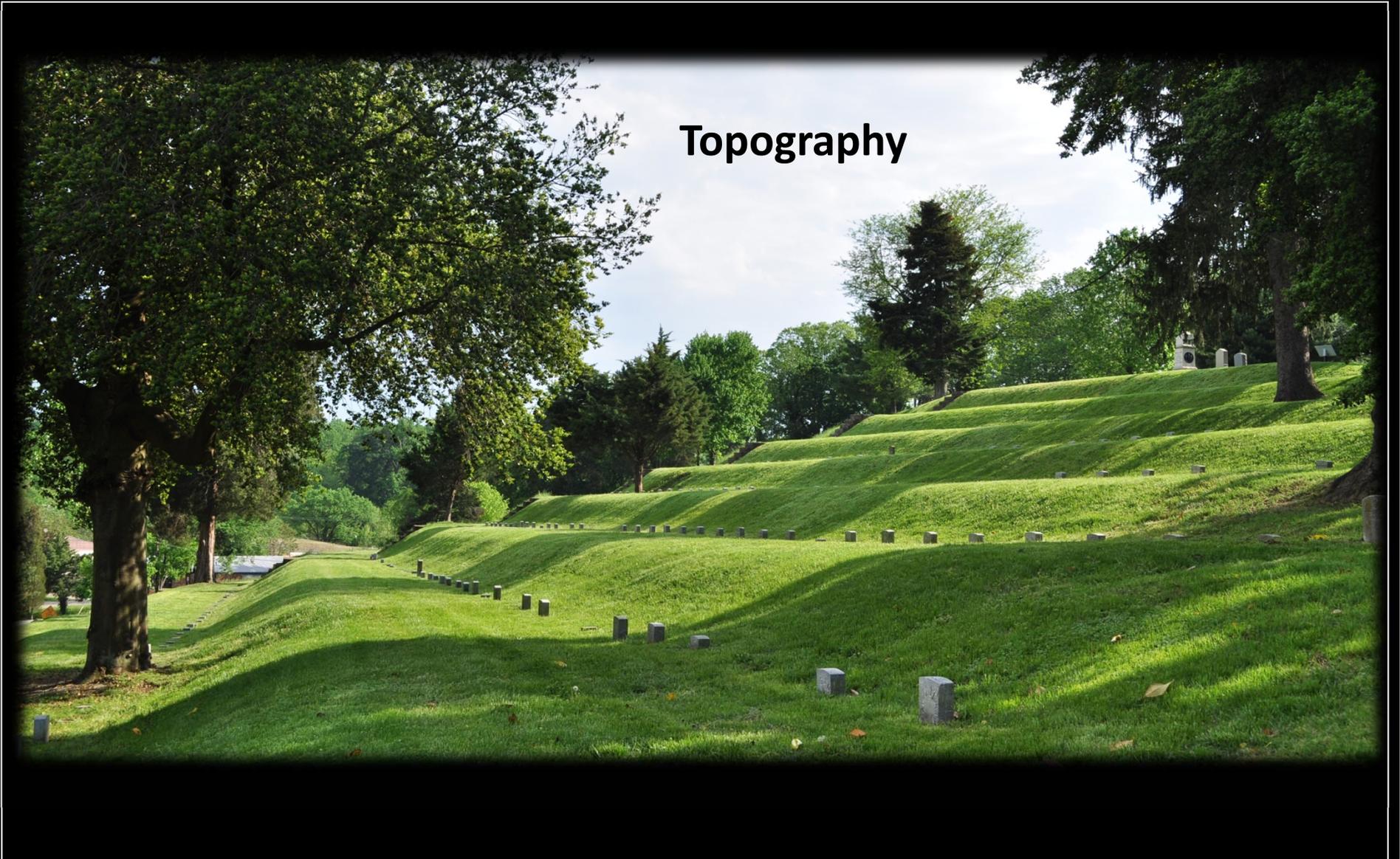


Manzanar National Historic Site, Owens Valley, California

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## Topography



Fredericksburg National Cemetery, Virginia

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## Vegetation



Mulford Apricot Orchard, Capitol Reef National Park, Utah



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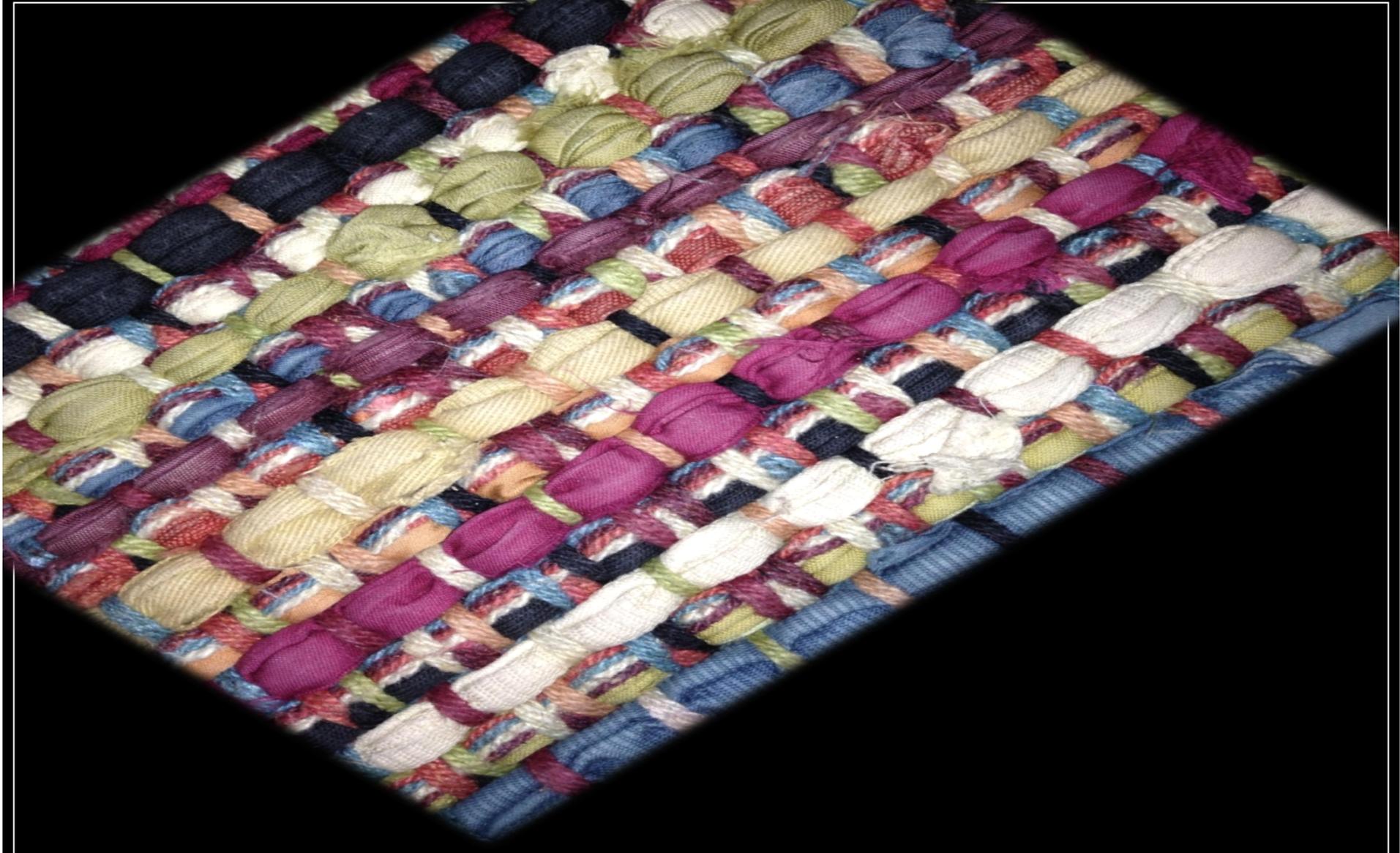
## Concept of “setting” not used



The “Blueberry Muffin” – muffin dough is the “setting” for the berries



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The “Rug” is a matrix of interwoven warp and weft



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The “Blueberry Muffin” and the “Rug”

# A cultural Landscape is a system of landscape characteristics



## BUCKNER HOMESTEAD HISTORIC DISTRICT

NORTH CASCADES NATIONAL PARK SERVICE COMPLEX

SITE PLAN OF EXISTING CONDITIONS



### KEY

- 1 North Outhouse
- 2 Fire Pit
- 3 Packing Shed Ruin
- 4 Sprayer Shed
- 5 Swimming Pool Ruin
- 6 Vegetable Garden
- 7 Ford Flatbed Truck
- 8 West Picker's Cabin
- 9 Pump House
- 10 Wagon Shed Ruin
- 11 Hitching Post
- 12 Ramp
- 13 Tractor Shed
- 14 Rock Rill and Wash Basin
- 15 Barn Ruin
- 16 Corral
- 17 Milk House
- 18 East Picker's Cabin
- 19 Main Residence
- 20 Main Outhouse
- 21 Wood Shed
- 22 Play House
- 23 Delco House
- 24 Wash Basin
- 25 Root Cellar
- 26 Buzzard Cabin
- 27 Sun Dial
- 28 Forest Service Truck
- 29 Work Shop
- 30 Chicken House
- 31 Brooder House

### NOTES

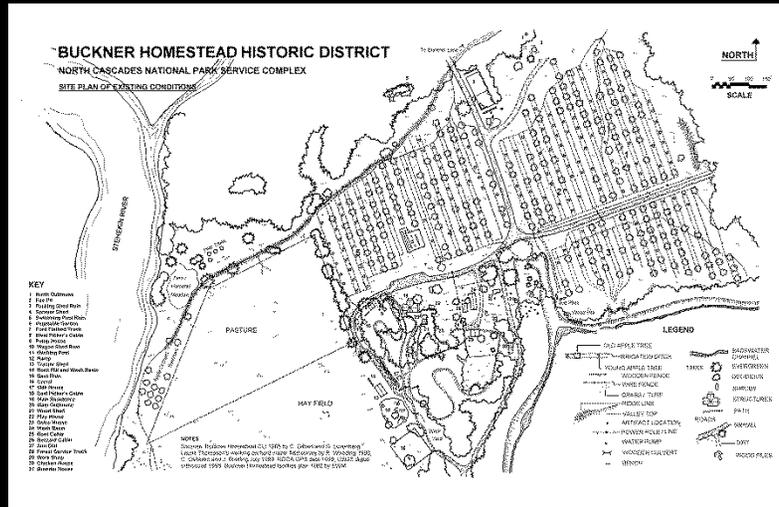
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### LEGEND

- |     |                   |   |                   |
|-----|-------------------|---|-------------------|
| —○— | OLD APPLE TREE    | — | BACKWATER CHANNEL |
| —○— | IRRIGATION DITCH  | — | EVERGREEN         |
| —○— | YOUNG APPLE TREE  | — | DECIDUOUS         |
| —   | WOODEN FENCE      | — | SHRUBS            |
| —   | WIRE FENCE        | — | STRUCTURES        |
| —   | GRASS / TURF      | — | PATH              |
| —   | RIDGE LINE        | — | GRAVEL            |
| —   | VALLEY TOP        | — | DIRT              |
| —   | ARTIFACT LOCATION | — | WOOD PILES        |
| —   | POWER POLE / LINE |   |                   |
| —   | WATER PUMP        |   |                   |
| —   | WOODEN CULVERT    |   |                   |
| —   | BENCH             |   |                   |

Buckner Homestead Historic District, Washington

# A cultural Landscape is a system of landscape characteristics



The landscape is a cultural resource in its own right, it is *not* just the setting for the Buckner Homestead historic buildings and structures

Buckner Homestead Historic District, Washington



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