Is landscape gardening? The future of humanity will no doubt be an urban future. And gardening, as one of the themes discussed in debates about the sustainability of cities and the landscape, for example in the context of 'urban gardening', is once again becoming a focus of interest for landscape architecture in the 21st-century. Is this trend pointing the way or is it just a fad related to the romantic notion of withdrawing from our rationally designed cities to the safety of beautiful gardens? Is Olmsted's dictum outdated in today's world, and must the landscape architecture of the future truly devote itself more to gardening? In order to understand why gardening slipped out of the focus of landscape architecture, it is necessary to take a random look at the history of landscape architecture during the past century ...

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