



Value Map Project; Monitoring and Documenting the Underlying Values of Urban and Natural Environments “NOUH- Ministry of Culture, 2006”

The concept of Urban Harmony has emerged to support the civilized image of the urban contents, and maintains the aesthetic, architectural, cultural, and environmental values, protects and supports the physical and moral role within urbanism, especially after what happened recently from neglect and lack of adequate cultural appearance of the many areas of historical and archaeological value and frequent infringements of constructivism and behaviorism on heritage buildings and value, and the concomitant waste of historic gardens and museums or palaces gardens, and the uprooting of thousands of trees and hundreds of acres of farms, as well as violations of natural protected areas and pollution and waste of resources and environmental heritage.

Thus emerged the project of draw a "value map" of the physical and natural content as a work of the National Organization of Urban Harmony (NOUH) to solve problems of the current situation, the presence of physical evidence proving the reference value and rare elements of the built environment, natural and full spectrum of value, is the nucleus of the protection and preservation of its historical and aesthetic characteristics, and then emphasize the architectural and historical personality to different regions, and to highlight and strengthen their cultural formatting elements. The paper aims to :

1- Highlight the process of recording and documenting the underlying values of natural and physical contents in Egyptian cities as one of urban harmony mechanisms and approaches of urban harmony projects, urban conservation projects, and urban development in the twenty-first century.

2-Drafting method of mapping and classification of values depending on natural and physical values, styles, and include physical levels (paths – squares – districts – regions)

3-GIS application and implementation methodology applied and produce value maps

The paper concludes the importance of drafting and implementation of value map in all urban and natural contents in Egyptian cities, as a physical reference mechanism to meet the challenges of the current local and global situation in order to consolidate the objectives of cultural comprehensive development which is integrated culturally, environmentally and physically within the Egyptian contents.

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