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"Our most important responsibility to the future is not to coerce it but to attend to it." Kevin Lynch

This idea is not complicated, but it is important. Planning and design offer a way to attend to the future, a future that depends upon the integrity of our cultural and natural communities.

Practice is more complicated. Because problems are complex and constantly changing, solutions are elusive. Plans and designs are principled responses that require teamwork, predictions that require attention to results. Practice becomes commitment to continuous learning.

In this context, education is not delivered, but stimulated and shared. Knowledge and skills are important, especially as they contribute to understanding or responding to a given problem. But if appropriate and creative responses are to be found, it is necessary to recognize what we need to know and be prepared to learn.

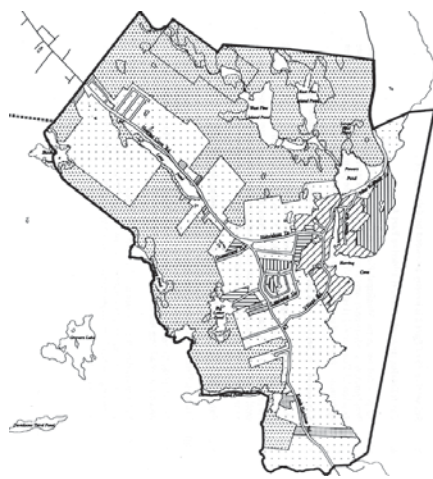
These ideas inform **John Zuck's** academic and professional interests in education, environmental planning, landscape design, and heritage conservation. John pursues his interests through course offerings, consulting practice, and community involvement. John regards the achievements

of his students as his most important work.

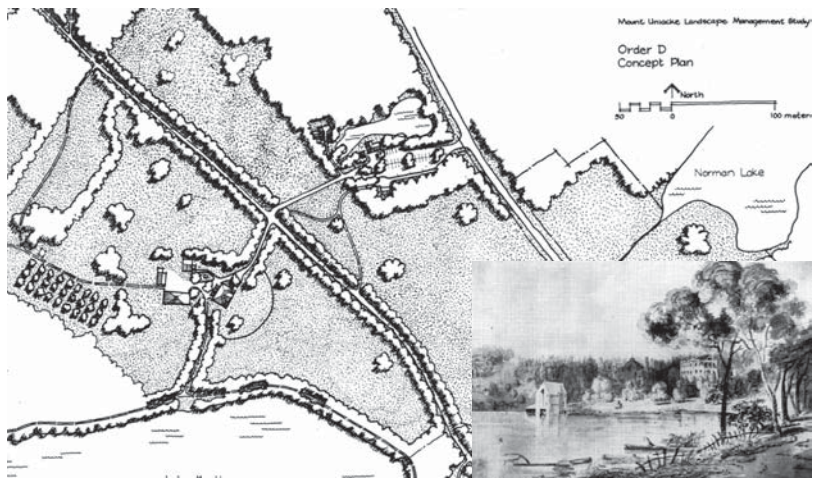
John studied political science and history at Hiram College before undertaking professional studies in environmental planning at the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design. After several years working as a planning consultant in the Maritimes, John returned to university, studying landscape architecture with Ian McHarg at the University of Pennsylvania. Since his return to Nova Scotia, John has been an instructor of planning and design at the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design, and since 2001, at Dalhousie University.

As a member of an interdisciplinary team that worked closely with the client and the community, John has contributed to projects like the Herring Cove Settlement and Servicing Strategy and the Uniacke Estate Landscape Management Plan. The Herring Cove project anticipated changes that would be introduced by central services, devised a community plan, and proposed implementation through amendments to the Municipal Planning Strategy. The Uniacke project represented a new idea: extending the interpretation program into the landscape.

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