

Section I: Social Context

“I had a strong taste for angling, and I would sit for any number of hours on the bank of a river or pond watching the float.”

– Charles Darwin

Establishing restoration goals and evaluating success requires an understanding of the historical, cultural, and economic trends that shape ecosystems. This is especially true in urban areas where landscapes have been severely altered and many people will be directly impacted by restoration projects. In this section, the authors explore the trends that have led to environmental degradation, the current social context, and the potential impacts of restoration on human communities.

