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Prologue

"The soft veil of nostalgia that hangs over our urbanized landscape is largely a vestige of the once dominant image of an undefiled green republic, a quiet land of forests, villages, and farms dedicated to the pursuit of happiness."

Leo Marx, *Machine in the Garden*

Response to the theme *American Landscape* was well received. A wide range of ideas emerged from a small, vernacular pavilion in the woods to a large, red apple in the city. Each idea provided opinions about the altering of our once virgin, untamed wilderness.

This issue addresses the *American Landscape* of today which is an untamed wilderness in its own right. The following articles present thoughts of authors from various backgrounds and regions of the United States. The diverse, perhaps perverse, contents of our landscape provide a stimulus to stir the imagination.

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