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ABSTRACT

Hillside community planning is defined as high-challenging development of the human settlement. The hillside itself is categorized as an environmentally sensitive area due to prone to the environmental hazards. Thus, urban dwellers nowadays have met with the population pressure in an urban sprawl, which has increased the demand for hillside development. Taman Hillview has the potential to be develop as hillside community landscape planning towards hill slope conservation, improving community safety and regulating guidelines of hillside development through sustainable landscape design. Since it was abandoned due to landslide event that has led towards degradation of land and inadequate subsurface natural water flow and water runoff. The study describes detail in which development of hillside park can be considered as landscape buffer or transition zones to prevent the sensitive of hillside area from excessive land development. As a result, this research design provides preservation and conservation of natural forest responds to the community safety and belongingness.

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CHAPTER 1: INTRODUCTION TO TOPIC

1.1 Introduction

Hillside community planning is defined as high-challenging development of the human settlement. The hillside itself is categorized as an environmentally sensitive area due to prone to environmental hazards. Olshansky (1998) mention that hillside area has the potential of geological hazards occurring that able to cause environmental degradation. Thus, urban dwellers nowadays have met with the population pressure in an urban sprawl which has increased the demand for hillside property. However, these hillsides developments were still be calling out as luxury and prestige living standards which reflects the level of wealth, by serving the high-income earners to fulfil their needs of pleasing and feasible (Salleh, N. A. & Mahayuddin, S. A. 2014). As stated by Samah (2007), the niche of hillside living environment was portrayed as attractive places to live, have plenty of good views, resembles the natural beauty of a place, quality of fresh air and exclusiveness. Therefore, the idea of hillsides developments, as stated by Chan (1998) is that this particular area is assumed as fragile and sensitive, which any slight changes made can affect the surrounding.

Provision of green space and community facilities in the neighbourhood area is also highlighted as well planned zoning of land use and would generate a positive benefit on living environment of the people (Yakob et al., 2012). Hence, the establishment of social space would be an ideal perception to be incorporated in the hillside community planning. According to Department of Planning and Economic Opportunity of Florida, it is best to bear in mind that existence of community park would serve a great purpose of recreational needs as the distribution of active and passive space will contribute to the increment of property value of hillside area, increase community safety and enhancing the sense of belonging.