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Abstract:
Urban parks are essential places to build a sense of community pertinence. Ag-friendly parks encourage safety, a sense of belonging, and increasing social participation. The study targets to achieve inclusive and senior-friendly parks. Also, the researcher’s direct observation and the focused interviews were conducted with 80 park visitors. The checklist was prepared to fulfill the study’s goal. The study’s outcomes referred that the results of the evaluation of both the researcher and visitors were fairly close. Finally, Age-friendly parks achieve human diversity, well-being, and social inclusion. Further, an age-friendly community is welcoming to all people, not merely 'elders friendly'.

Statement of the problem: The research issue lies in the actuality that societal exclusion of classes of people, such as older people, which leads to their hardship in dealing with the urban environment and parks as well. Thus, designing societies and parks with the standards of age-friendliness enables all society members integrating and engaged considerably.: Importance of the research: The importance of this study exemplifies in an “age-friendly” community can benefit all people of different ages and abilities. Also, by designing parks and communities in light of age-friendly guidelines that encourage older persons to socialize, thus achieving social sustainability. Age-friendly parks improve quality of life by providing healthy environments as well. Finally, Age-friendly parks achieve human diversity, well-being, and social inclusion. Further, an age-friendly community is welcoming to all people, not merely 'elders friendly'. Objectives of the research: The study aims at examining the existence of Age-friendly parks’ guidelines and design characteristics at Aswan Botanical Park “ABP” as a case study. Hence, determining the requirements and preferences of the elderly concerning the park under study as an open space for all in Aswan city. The research’s goals are to spotlight the effective role of Age-Friendly Park in achieving social sustainability and supporting societal inclusion. This study also targeted to provide accessibility and achieve comfortable, inclusive, and age-friendly parks in Aswan city, also generalize the Age-friendly parks “AFP” concept in the whole of Egypt’s parks. The study's scope centers on Aswan Botanical Park (ABP) in Aswan city, Egypt as a case study. Research methodology: This study centralizes on Aswan Botanical Park (ABP) as a case study to be explored and assessed through Age-Friendly Parks’ guidelines. Aswan Park was chosen according to its unique historical significance. In addition, it is a prime tourist destination at Aswan city for Arab and foreign tourists. In addition, the great visitors’ influx to the park.

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