

One of our earliest clients died recently, bequeathing us a collection of land parcels that she had never developed. This came as a surprise. We decided to use them as a library of such parcels, a land library. For cases in which we have a project but no location, we use the library to visit and narrow down the sort of landscape where the project should go.

As of this writing our initial inventory of properties includes:

- Desert with sage bushes
- Desert with sage bushes and a few creosotes to the northwest
- High desert, the top of a small plateau
- A meadow in the mountains, shaded by sequoias
- A narrow valley between two mountains, a seasonal creek, boulders and sand
- An extensive pine forest, the trees distributed almost systematically
- A stretch of shore on a small northern lake. The pebbles on the beach large and dark blue
- A small, rocky island in the ocean covered by mangrove
- A grassy spit off the coast of a peninsula
- An mostly flat area of desert with sage, creosote, and scattered boulders
- A rectilinear plot of fairly average deciduous forest
- A small, rocky island in the ocean covered by mangrove
- A hillside lot, overlooking other hills