Landscape architects create healthy, safe, and beautiful outdoor places for everyone. As members of a STEM profession, they bring science and design together to make our communities better places to live, work, and play.

Being a landscape architect requires years of education and experience and passing a national exam. They are licensed—just like doctors and engineers—to keep people safe and secure.

Landscape architects create public spaces like parks, plazas, and campuses that connect people. Within these spaces, they design ways to prevent dangerous flooding and keep communities cooler. They devise strategies to protect native plants and wildlife.

Landscape architects also create transportation systems that get people to where they need to go, safely. And they come up with ways to help remedy unfair designs of the past, like spaces that reconnect neighborhoods divided by highways.

Good design doesn’t happen by accident. Landscape architects listen to the needs of each community and use science and technology to create spaces that everybody can enjoy. From small towns to the largest cities, landscape architects create the outdoor places we cherish.
Landscape Architects Keep People

SAFE
Many communities face hazardous flooding when it rains. Other places suffer from droughts. Landscape architects use state-of-the-art technology like pavements that absorb rainfall to keep water off streets. And they deploy time-tested solutions, like rain gardens, that conserve and manage water.

HEALTHY
Landscape architects design networks of bike trails and pathways that encourage people to get moving. They create street plans that make it safer for bikes and pedestrians. They create open spaces, from town squares to massive parks, that help people get fresh air and exercise.

COOL
Parks and tree-lined streets that landscape architects design are more than just pretty places. Studies show they keep temperatures down, even on the hottest days. This makes our communities healthier places to live and helps us fight climate change.

CONNECTED
Communities are stronger when everyone has the chance to connect with one another. Landscape architects design public spaces, like parks and playgrounds, that bring people together and build a greater sense of community. They understand that people have different needs and design spaces that are accessible and open to everyone.