

CLIMATE CHANGE AND RESILIENCE (2019, R2023)



Policy Statement

The American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) recognizes the serious risks that climate change poses to ecosystems and public health, safety, and welfare. ASLA believes landscape architects are the most qualified professionals to lead and develop innovative and sustainable solutions. ASLA believes design and planning can reduce and mitigate ecological harms, improve resilience, and adapt our communities to the effects of climate change.

ASLA supports:

- Broad collaboration to address the complexities of a changing climate, including active engagement of government, public and private sectors, communities, and others
- Data-driven and science-based research to produce knowledge that may be used to address climate change
- Nature-based solutions to enhance climate resilience in all built environments
- Ecosystem restoration and biodiversity protection to reduce the impacts of climate change
- Equitable and just planning and design for all communities, realizing the need to address past harms on underserved communities, which often have greater exposure to climate impacts
- Creative incentives for solutions that lower emissions, reduce resource use, and increase climate resilience