

CLIMATE CHANGE AND RESILIENCE (2019)



Policy Statement

The American Society of Landscape Architects believes climate change intensifies the negative impacts of development and puts ecosystems and communities at serious risk. Mitigation and adaptation require new paradigms that work with human and natural systems. Skillful, knowledge-based planning, design, and management contributes to addressing climate goals, including reduction of greenhouse gases, and significantly enhance resiliency in the face of extreme weather, sea-level rise, and shifting climatic patterns. Landscape architects have the responsibility to address these challenges in practice, advocacy, education, and research. As understanding of the effects and extent of these challenges grows, landscape architects should continue to respond with innovation and leadership. ASLA supports federal, state, and local policies that promote resilient and climate-smart design and planning; educate and empower communities; promote equity; promote active and multimodal transportation; protect natural systems; and support resilient agricultural practices.