

**COASTAL ZONES**  
(1980, R1991, R2000, R2001, R2007, R2017)



**Policy Statement**

The American Society of Landscape Architects believes that preservation, development, and use of the coastal zone and its resources should be carefully planned, regulated, and managed, enabling them to function as ecological systems and provide benefits to the surrounding region. Coastal zone planning and development should reflect site-specific conditions caused by human activity, climate change, or other nonnatural conditions. Public and private efforts should be directed at protecting and guaranteeing long-term integrity of significant natural, cultural, recreational, and scenic coastal resources. Development in the coastal zone should protect, restore, or otherwise provide mitigation that enhances ecosystem functionality. Such development or use should be consistent with sound coastal ecosystem management practices and should recognize the changing biological, geomorphological, and other natural processes that shape and influence coastal locales and regions.