

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE (2014)



Policy Statement

ASLA believes that all persons have the right to equitable access to environmental and community benefits in order to have a healthy environment in which to live, work, and learn. No group of people should bear a disproportionate share of the negative consequences resulting from public or private development, operations, or policies. Planning and design decision-making processes should provide for fair and meaningful public participation opportunities for all communities and interests. Environmental and community planning and design should equitably assess and balance the socioeconomic impacts of proposed environmental and land-use decisions. Moreover, ASLA encourages policies and practices that proactively recognize the presence and needs of vulnerable populations and works to ensure that their concerns and constraints are equitably addressed.