

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY (B205, 206, R2001, R2007, R2021)

Policy Statement

The American Society of Landscape Architects believes environmental sustainability is the stable coexistence of natural and built ecosystems and human activity, and that environmental sustainability is a necessary component of the long-term viability of society's health, safety, and welfare. ASLA encourages design principles that support and enhance the prosperity of natural ecosystems. ASLA recommends that natural ecosystems and human activity be accounted for in the planning, design, construction, and maintenance phases of a project.

Therefore, ASLA encourages implementing sustainable design policies and practices that:

- Maximize quantifiable environmental benefits
- Maintain and enhance ecosystem processes
- Conserve resources