

INVASIVE SPECIES

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Policy Statement

The American Society of Landscape Architects believes invasive species adversely affect the integrity of ecosystems and cause both environmental degradation and economic harm. Invasive species, whether they are plants, animals, fungi, or insects may cause deterioration of native habitats and plant communities as well as damage to designed and managed ecosystems. Because invasives reduce biodiversity and disrupt the healthy structure and function of both native and human ecosystems, landscape architects should not introduce or support the use of known invasive species and, where already existing, should take steps to eradicate them.