

**MEMORIALS**  
(1964, R1984, R2000, R2001, R2008, R2009, R2018)



**Policy Statement**

The American Society of Landscape Architects believes that well-sited and designed memorials enrich our cultural heritage by recognizing significant events, places, and people within the public realm. ASLA supports a rigorous review and approval process for proposed memorials with sensitivity to design, content, and placement. The design of sculptures, structures, fountains, and other forms of commemoration should respect the physical and cultural environment while providing opportunity for education, celebration, or healing. Siting memorials in public spaces should be done with careful and deliberate review to help ensure the preservation of the public realm, respect of the significance of the proposed memorial, and its relationship to any existing memorials. ASLA also supports informed debate among members of the public, as facilitated by government agencies, to review and potentially alter memorials under evolving common understandings of equity, inclusion, and safety.