

OPEN SPACE
(1962, R1992, R2000, R2001, R2007, R2016)



Policy Statement

The American Society of Landscape Architects believes that growth and development, whether in urban, suburban, or rural landscapes, create increased pressures on remaining open space. It is imperative that the leadership at the national, state and local level develop appropriate policy, strategies, and criteria for the preservation and protection of land and water for use as open space systems, creating a shared community value in perpetuity. Each community should contain equitable access to ample and ecologically diverse open spaces to meet the range of human and environmental needs and to sustain the integrity of natural systems. Dedicated open space should be a component of all public and private development from small site-specific projects to regional land use plans.