

STATE, REGIONAL, AND LOCAL PARKS, AND TRAIL SYSTEMS
(1964, R1991, R2000, R2001, R2007, R2020)



Policy Statement

The American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) believes that parks, trail systems, and other recreational landscapes protect and advance human, environmental, and economic health. ASLA recognizes that state, regional, and local parks, greenways, blueways, and other public lands contribute to the sustainability of the community and region through recreation, education, social interaction, psychological renewal, and connection with nature.

ASLA promotes comprehensive planning and design grounded in an understanding of human and natural systems as crucial in the development and management of parks and recreational landscapes. ASLA supports strategies and policies that protect and enhance park resources, maintain and improve ecosystems services and connectivity, and create solutions that ensure equitable assets and programs to benefit all users.