

TRANSGENIC PLANTS AND THE ENVIRONMENT

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Policy Statement

The American Society of Landscape Architects supports establishing and applying environmentally respectful criteria in the oversight, development, and use of genetically modified plants in the landscape. ASLA further endorses the overall regulation of transgenic plants through interagency governing cooperation of the various relevant regulatory agencies. ASLA endorses the use of long-term empirical studies to assess the potential environmental effects resulting from the development and use of genetically modified plants.

ASLA's concern regarding genetically modified plants does not lie with any one company, product, university, or government agency. Rather, ASLA is concerned about the larger issue of how genetically modified plants are approved for distribution and application by each of the three relevant regulatory agencies, USDA, EPA, FDA, and if the consequences of their introduction to the environment are being adequately explored and weighed against their short and long term benefits.