

URBAN GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT
(B204, 302, 303, 305, 306, 307; R2001; R2008; R2009; R2018)



Policy Statement

The American Society of Landscape Architects believes that responsible social, economic, and ecological practices are critical to the sustainable development of our urban environments. ASLA encourages orienting growth toward biophilic urban centers at a variety of scales; remediating urban sites; designing and promoting green infrastructure, parks, and open spaces; and developing safe transportation systems that provide mobility and access for all. ASLA urges public and private collaboration to create livable communities that protect historic, cultural, and environmental resources.

As communities plan for growth and change, ASLA encourages infill and redevelopment utilizing existing infrastructure that anticipates and responds to innovative technologies. ASLA believes that urban development should be guided by comprehensive planning; prioritize walking, biking, and transit; promote healthy, livable communities; embrace equity and environmental justice; and design for resilience responding to global climate change.