

VEGETATION IN THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

(R2001*, R2007, R2020)



Policy Statement

The American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) believes skillful use of vegetation in built environments is integral to quality of life, sustainability, and resiliency. Health, safety, and welfare is protected and enhanced by effective planning, design, management and use of vegetation. ASLA believes that contact with nature and vegetation in the built environment is essential to physical and mental wellbeing, and that vegetation creates a sense of place and identity in our communities. ASLA supports federal, state, and local standards and ordinances that require appropriately selected and located vegetation. ASLA encourages applied research and best practices in which vegetation significantly improves environmental conditions, economic stability, ecosystem services, and human health and culture. From regional planning to site design, ASLA promotes creative uses of vegetation that are multifunctional, evidence-based, engaging, and attractive.

* Replaces Urban Forestry Policy (1991, R2001) and Atmospheric Pollution Policy (R2000, R2001)