

## VISUAL CHARACTER AND SCENIC RESOURCES (1965, R1991, R2001, R2007, R2019)



### **Policy Statement**

The American Society of Landscape Architects believes the quality of visual character and scenic resources is critical to our landscapes and communities at the local, regional, and national level. The visual environment significantly impacts individual and societal quality of life as well as our economy. From wild, to rural, to urban environments, our natural, historic, and cultural resources are affected by all elements that have a perceptible presence in the landscape. This includes, but is not limited to, natural features, agriculture, built environments, transportation, infrastructure, and signage. Landscape architects protect and enhance the quality of the visual environment through sound planning, design, policy, and management decisions in collaboration with other professionals, the public, and government agencies. To protect and enhance these irreplaceable assets, ASLA supports consideration of visual character and scenic resources for all projects and all users.