

**WETLANDS**  
**(1992, R2000, R2001, R2007, R2019)**



**Policy Statement**

The American Society of Landscape Architects believes that wetlands are essential to earth's ecological systems, and it supports the protection, conservation, restoration, and creation of wetland resources. Wetlands are diverse and complex ecosystems that remove pollutants, reduce flood hazards, provide critical habitat, provide open space, mitigate climate change impacts, and provide recreational opportunities. ASLA advocates for viable policies and strategies that ensure the health and function of wetland ecosystems.

As pressures continue to increase in wetlands and surrounding land uses, ASLA encourages site-specific solutions that preserve and enhance the functions of wetlands, whether mitigated, created or preserved. ASLA promotes comprehensive consideration of direct and indirect impacts on wetlands in all policies, designs, development endeavors, and management practices.