

WILDLIFE AND WILDLIFE HABITAT **(1988, R2000, R2001, R2007, R2021)**



Policy Statement

The American Society of Landscape Architects believes wildlife and wildlife habitat are essential to all life and that human knowledge, resilience, adaptability, and leadership are critical to develop new ideas, opportunities, and solutions to support wildlife habitat.

Furthermore, ASLA also believes:

- Wildlife, wildlife habitat, and related ecosystems need to be understood on a local, regional, and global scale to assure balance, biodiversity, and ecological function.
- Wildlife and wildlife habitat contribute to both the spiritual and economic well-being of society.
- Human activity is a major factor in the destruction of and disruption to wildlife and the fracturing of wildlife habitat.
- Maintaining and enhancing connectivity of habitat to assure forage and migration patterns can help mitigate the impacts of climate change on wildlife.

ASLA Supports:

- Identification and application of planning and design principles that promote the enhancement, protection, interconnection, and management of landscapes to support wildlife and wildlife habitat.
- Local, State, and Federal efforts that preserve, protect, connect, and expand public lands for sustainable wildlife habitat to reverse and mitigate wildlife population decline.
- Organizations and activities that enhance sustainable practices on private lands, including acquisition and conservation easements to protect wildlife.