

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE (2014, R2022)



Policy Statement

The American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) believes that all persons have the right to healthy environmental and community assets so that no group of people bears a disproportionate share of the negative consequences resulting from public or private development, operations, or policies. Moreover, ASLA recognizes the presence and needs of vulnerable populations and works to ensure that all people's concerns and challenges are equitably addressed.

ASLA supports:

- Community and stakeholder engagement that provides fair and meaningful public participation opportunities for all communities.
- Environmental and community planning and design that equitably assesses and balances the socioeconomic impacts of proposed environmental and land-use decisions.
- Planning and design decision-making processes that not only acknowledge past inequitable and harmful policies and practices, but also provide a road map to equitable decisions.
- Scholarships and initiatives that support and empower minority and Black and Indigenous People of Color (BIPOC) communities within landscape architecture and affiliated fields.^{1,2}

¹ ASLA DEI Initiatives

² LAF DEI Initiatives