

HOUSING (1964, R1992, R2000, R2001, R2011, R2022)



Policy Statement

The American Society of Landscape Architects believes housing is the foundation on which we live, grow, and thrive, and that everyone should have access to safe and equitable housing that optimizes energy efficiency and existing natural resources, including natural light and fresh air.

ASLA supports:

- Housing that is affordable, adaptable to climate change and constructed to be sensitive to its environment
- Housing developments that include trees, landscapes, and green infrastructure measures; address heat island mitigation and stormwater management; and enhance well-being and aesthetics
- Assessing climate change impacts on housing that serves vulnerable, marginalized, and low-income communities
- Housing developments that minimize impacts to agricultural lands, open spaces, and greenfields
- Prioritizing development on vacant and underutilized previously developed sites
- Housing that provides equitable access to public space, commercial facilities, and infrastructure
- Housing environments that preserve and encourage unique cultural and social traits of users
- Early and continued collaboration between designers, contractors, developers, and communities to achieve resilient and holistic solutions
- Actively developing, recommending, and promoting housing regulations and incentives that provide resilient, mixed-use development
- The inclusion of landscape architects on boards and commissions to advance equitable, affordable, and implementable housing projects