



PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE: DEFINITION OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURAL PRACTICE (2002)

Policy Statement

The American Society of Landscape Architects believes that the practice of landscape architecture, for purposes of the licensing statute, should be defined as any service where landscape architectural education, training, experience and the application of mathematical, physical and social science principles are applied in consultation, evaluation, planning, design (including, but not limited to, the preparation and filing of plans, drawings, specifications and other contract documents) and administration of contracts relative to projects principally directed at the functional and aesthetic use and preservation of land.

The ASLA further believes that the services that require a landscape architect shall include, but are not limited to the following:

- Investigation, selection and allocation of land and water resources for appropriate uses;
- Formulation of feasibility studies, and graphic and written criteria to govern the planning, design and management of land and water resources.
- Preparation, review and analysis of land use master plans, subdivision plans and preliminary plats;
- Determining the location and siting of improvements, including buildings and other features, as well as the access and environs for those improvements;
- Design of land forms, stormwater drainage, soil conservation and erosion control methods, site lighting, water features, irrigation systems, plantings, pedestrian and vehicular circulation systems and related construction details.

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Note

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