



Policy Statement

The American Society of Landscape Architects believes that people should have adequate and affordable housing choices in livable communities. Housing should be sited and designed optimizing natural light, fresh air, and energy efficiency in communities that foster a sense of belonging and are integral to the overall public health, safety, and welfare.

Proximity to open space and vegetation is important for residents' mental and physical health. These can be provided in private yards, shared community gardens, public parks, and natural areas. A community's residential choices should be built and sited sustainably, incorporate universal design, and have access to transportation options. The Society further believes that residential developments should include a mix of land uses to support the residents; take advantage of infill and redevelopment opportunities; and minimize suburban sprawl and environmental impacts.

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