



COASTAL ZONES **(1980, R1991, R2000, R2001, R2007)**

Policy Statement

The American Society of Landscape Architects believes that preservation, development and use of the coastal zone and its resources should be carefully planned, regulated and managed. Where significant natural, cultural, recreational and scenic coastal resources exist, both public and private efforts should be directed at protecting them and guaranteeing their integrity. Where commercial interests and economic potential exist, only that development or use that allows the primary ecosystems to remain fully functional, or otherwise provides proper mitigation, should be allowed. Such development or use should be consistent with sound wetland ecosystem management practices and should recognize the extremely dynamic biological and geomorphological processes that shape and influence the local and regional areas.

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