

## RURAL LANDSCAPES (1985, R1990, R2001, R2007)

## **Policy Statement**

The American Society of Landscape Architects urges that the unique qualities of rural landscapes and communities be protected, even as competing needs of a growing population and vibrant economies are met. The rural landscape, whether forest, field, farm, or village contains vital ecological, economic and cultural qualities that are a finite and dwindling resource. Their protection, conservation, and preservation are important to the well being of the nation. Saving these assets for the benefit of future generations can only be achieved through the application of the sound principles, policies and practices including wise land use planning, design and management.

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