



URBAN GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT **(B204, 302, 303, 305, 306, 307; R2001; R2008; R2009)**

Policy Statement

The American Society of Landscape Architects advocates the sustainable development of our urban environments through responsible social, economic, and ecological practices. Development should be guided by a comprehensive planning and management vision for interconnected green space, a multi-modal transportation system, and mixed-use development. ASLA urges public and private collaboration to create livable communities that protect historic, cultural, and environmental resources. ASLA supports sustainable site planning and construction techniques that reduce pollution and enhance balance between built and natural systems.

Development patterns that result in sprawl are not in the long-term interest of our cities, small towns, rural communities, and agricultural lands. As communities plan for growth and change, ASLA encourages in-fill and redevelopment utilizing existing infrastructure. Public agencies should promote and facilitate processes for remediation of urban sites to relieve pressure to develop at the urban fringe. ASLA believes that plans should identify open lands that can be sustainably developed if the need for growth cannot be met by in-fill and redevelopment.

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