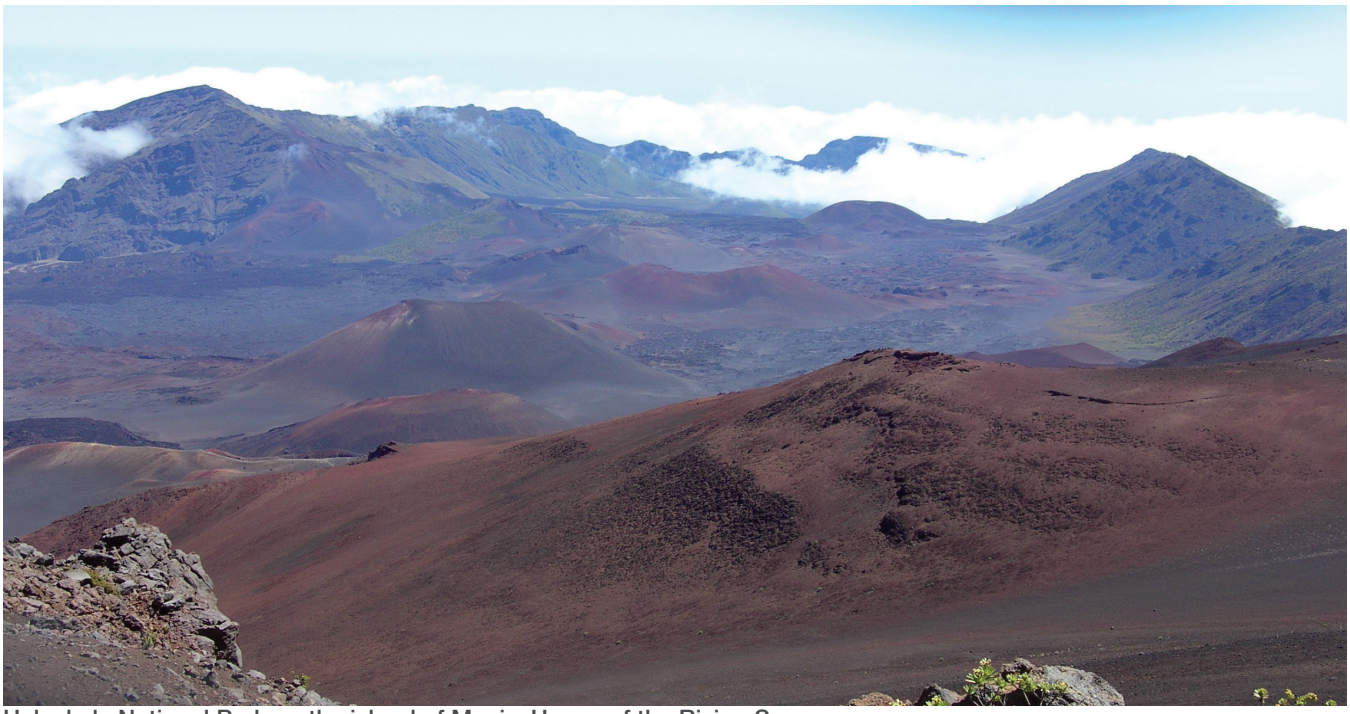
LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

Rediscovering Your Landscapes

Landscape architects preserve and protect iconic landscapes by actively shaping public places and influencing policy at the national, state, regional, and local levels. They are called upon to resolve ecological and social issues through design, and often create bold ideas with exceptional results while meeting the demands of the changing world that surround and infiltrate our communities.



Haleakala National Park on the island of Maui – House of the Rising Sun

Landscape architects work on lands designated and protected as National Monuments, Wild and Scenic Rivers, Wilderness and Conservation Areas, National Forests, National Parks, and National Scenic Byways. By designing creative and interactive ways to engage people with these valued places, landscape architects promote stewardship and develop conservation strategies so that future generations will enjoy America's national treasures as much as we do today.

View some examples of natural and cultural treasures that landscape architects help protect and restore. »

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NATIONAL PARKS

Landscape architects working for the National Park Service were highlighted in the Ken Burns film, "*The National Parks: America's Best Idea*." Their mission is mostly focused on recreation and providing detailed design solutions that give people aesthetic and functional ways to enjoy and connect with our iconic landscapes.

Yosemite National Park, CA

NATIONAL FORESTS

National Forests are "Lands of Many Uses" and landscape architects balance demands for increased access with conservation. They influence public policy through positive collaborations between communities, public agencies, and non-profit or private organizations.

Deschutes National Forest, OR

STATE AND CITY PARKS

State and city parks preserve scenery and protect open space from development by providing natural areas for wildlife habitat and recreation.

Asilomar State Park, CA

NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS

Neighborhood parks provide residents a place of respite, especially in highly urban areas. An urban oasis like this one provides a naturalistic setting for a community's social and recreational activities.

Paley Park, NYC

What Tools Do Landscape Architects Provide To Communities And Public Land Agencies To Accomplish Their Vision And Goals?

- Design Charrettes
- Community Visioning Processes
- Community Plans
- Open Space Conservation Plans
- Corridor Management Plans
- Scenery Management
- Park and Trail Designs

Join us and use your talents to preserve, protect, restore and enhance our iconic landscapes.

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