

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

Landscape architects plan and design land areas for parks, recreational facilities, highways, airports, and other properties. Projects may include subdivisions and commercial, industrial, and residential sites.

DUTIES

Landscape architects typically do the following:

- Confer with clients, engineers, and building architects to understand a project
- Prepare site plans, specifications, and cost estimates
- Coordinate the arrangement of existing and proposed land features and structures
- Prepare graphic representations and drawings of proposed plans and designs
- Analyze environmental reports and data on land conditions, such as drainage
- Inspect landscape work to ensure that it adheres to original plans
- Approve the quality of work that others do
- Seek new work through marketing or by giving presentations

People enjoy attractively designed gardens, public parks, playgrounds, residential areas, college campuses, and golf courses. Landscape architects design these areas so that they are not only functional but also beautiful and harmonious with the natural environment.

Landscape architects plan the locations of buildings, roads, and walkways. They also plan where to plant flowers, shrubs, and trees. Landscape architects design and plan the restoration of natural places disturbed by humans, such as wetlands, stream corridors, and mined areas.

Many landscape architects specialize in a particular area, such as beautifying or otherwise improving streets and highways, waterfronts, parks and playgrounds, or shopping centers.

Increasingly, landscape architects are working in environmental remediation, such as preserving and restoring wetlands or managing storm-water runoff in new developments. They are also increasingly playing a role in preserving and restoring historic landscapes.

Landscape architects who work for government agencies do design sites and landscapes for government buildings, parks, and other public lands, as well as plan for landscapes and recreation areas in national parks and forests.



SALARY INFORMATION

Location	2018				
	10%	25%	Median	75%	90%
California	\$50,900	\$66,080	\$87,790	\$109,080	\$136,140

*Pay period based on yearly amount.

EMPLOYMENT OUTLOOK

Stable growth rate is estimated to be **6%**

270 estimated annual job openings

In addition, they prepare environmental impact statements and studies on environmental issues, such as planning for use of public lands.

RELATED OCCUPATIONS

- Surveyors
- Materials Engineers
- Electrical Drafters
- Civil Engineering Technicians
- Art Directors
- Commercial and Industrial Designers
- Interior Designers
- Set and Exhibit Designers



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