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# CAP Cheat Sheet

Quick Guide for the ASLA Climate Action Plan

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[www.ASLA.org/climate](http://www.ASLA.org/climate)

## Purpose of the Climate Action Plan

The climate crisis is escalating and landscape architects deliver climate solutions at scales that matter. The **Climate Action Plan** guides the development of policies and programs of the ASLA through 2040, while supporting members to achieve climate positive goals through practice, equity, and advocacy through the **Field Guide**.

### Background Documents

- 2018 **ASLA Smart Policies for a Changing Climate**
- 2021 **ASLA Climate Advocacy Guide**
- 2021 **IFLA Climate Action Commitment**

### ASLA Climate Action Plan Creators

- CAP Task Force** 5 Members  
<https://www.asla.org/CAPtaskforce.aspx>
- CAP Advisory Group** 17 Members  
<https://www.asla.org/CAPadvisorygroup.aspx>

# How the CAP is Organized >>> CLIMATE ACTION PLAN

## Three Documents

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



Overview of the CAP's overarching **Goals** and **Initiatives**

### CLIMATE ACTION PLAN 2022-2035



Path of action for ASLA specifically, organized by **Objectives**

### FIELD GUIDE



Toolkits for practicing landscape architects to achieve CAP Objectives through identified **Actions**

**3** GOALS + **6** INITIATIVES



**21** OBJECTIVES



**71** ACTIONS

Revisited and updated in 2025 and every 5 years until 2040

**Goal 1: Practice**

*Metrics for Success for Climate Positive Approaches* ..... p22-23

» **Initiative 1: Carbon Drawdown - Toolkit** ..... p25-35  
*Key Actions for Carbon Drawdown* ..... p25

- Objectives:*
- Climate positive landscapes ..... p28-31
  - Transit ..... p32-33
  - Energy ..... p34-35

» **Initiative 2: Climate Resilience - Toolkit** ..... p36-45  
*Key Actions for Climate Resilience* ..... p37

- Objectives:*
- Ecological Services ..... p40
  - Biodiversity ..... p41
  - Land Management ..... p42-43
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**Goal 2: Equity**

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- Objectives:*
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  - Climate Injustices ..... p44
  - Communication ..... p56-57
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» **Initiative 4: Cultural Empowerment - Toolkit** ..... p62-69  
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- Objectives:*
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**Goal 3: Advocacy**

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» **Initiative 5: Climate Leadership - Toolkit** ..... p72-85  
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  - Elected Officials and Public Servants ..... p79-80
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  - Climate Coalitions ..... p82-83
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- Objectives:*
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