



August 6, 2019

The Honorable Jared Huffman  
Chairman, Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife  
Committee on Natural Resources  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Huffman:

The American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) strongly supports H.R. 3115, the Living Shorelines Act of 2019. This legislation will help to protect and create more resilient coastlines by using green and natural infrastructure.

ASLA worked on the language and introduction of the Living Shorelines Act for several years, and appreciates your support and highlighting of this measure during your recent Water, Oceans, and Wildlife Subcommittee hearing. ASLA is pleased this bill is one step closer to creating a Living Shorelines Grant Program to assist states, localities, and nongovernmental organizations in developing and constructing infrastructure projects that mitigate the effects of shoreline erosion, flooding, and sea-level rise by incorporating natural and organic materials.

Landscape architects are leaders in using site planning and design to incorporate natural materials and nature-based systems on our shorelines. These techniques protect coastal communities from the rising threats of increased storm intensity and frequency, severe flooding, and sea-level rise associated with climate change. The Living Shorelines Act will help to further the work of landscape architects in the protection of property, businesses, and ecosystems in our coastal communities and along our shorelines.

ASLA greatly appreciates your subcommittee's work on the Living Shorelines Act, and thanks you for taking the first step to move this bill through the legislative process. We look forward to working with you and the subcommittee on this measure. If you need additional information about the work of landscape architects on our nation's shorelines, please do not hesitate to contact me or ASLA's Federal Government Affairs Manager Daniel Hart at [dhart@asla.org](mailto:dhart@asla.org) or 202-216-2372.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Roxanne Blackwell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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