

5 Reasons Why Your Project Needs A **LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT**

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ARTS & SCIENCES

Landscape architects draw upon knowledge from the arts and sciences to create new environments or to repair existing natural features.

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THE LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT'S CONCEPTS OFTEN INSPIRE THE SITE'S ULTIMATE IDENTITY

To effectively communicate ideas with various groups of people, the landscape architect must be skilled in written, verbal, and graphic communication. It is during this step in the process that the vision for the project is solidified and the inspirational concept diagrams and illustrations developed during this stage of the project often become useful tools later to communicate the site's identity through project branding or marketing materials.

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Alaska's landscape architects must deal with extreme environmental conditions. Involving landscape architects in construction projects ensures that the project will be approached in a manner that prioritizes human and environmental health. Alaska's unique environment requires that the designer understands how extreme environmental conditions might have an impact on the project goals and vision. Alaska's landscape architects are trained to consider low sun angles, wind-driven snow and rain, melting permafrost, fire danger, and various other conditions unique to our environment in the design for every project.

Alaska landscape architects are fortunate in that they have a beautiful state to practice in. One famous example of landscape architecture work that was carefully and strategically crafted to highlight fantastic panoramic views is the work completed in 1938 by National Park Service landscape architects: the Denali Park Road.