

## ANNEX II, CODE OF ETHICS

- 1) The members of NELA adhere to the Universal Declaration on Archives adopted by the International Council on Archives in 2010, and by UNESCO on 10/11/2011.  
See [Annex I](#)
- 2) The members of NELA recognize and defend the cultural and fundamentally non-commercial nature of landscape architecture archives.
- 3) The members recognize the prior right of each country/region to collect and conserve their own archives as part of their cultural heritage.
  - a. To the extent possible, members should avoid acquiring archives related to other territories/countries/regions than their own, without prior consultation of the members concerned. A coordinated solution should be sought in any case.
  - b. Excluded from this principle are past acquisitions, including recent ones.
  - c. This principle can accommodate exceptions, e.g. when the integrity of an archive or the express wish of the donor takes precedence.
- 4) Members in possession of archives known or believed to be of interest to the country/region of other members will take all necessary steps to make documentation or copies available to members in the country/region of source.
- 5) Within a given country/region, member Archives strive to make contact and/or constructively collaborate with other Archives dedicated to landscape architecture.
- 6) In the interests of research in the realm of landscape architecture, members agree on the principle of the integrity of an archive.  
The acquisition of archival records related to landscape architecture should, as in the case of other types of records, respect the principle of the integrity of *fonds*: *fonds* should be acquired in their entirety rather than as a selection of the best drawings or documents.