



Landscape Design Questionnaire

Client: _____

Site address: _____

PART 1: Site existing conditions/Sectors

USDA Zone: _____ Average annual high temperature: _____

Plants

What plants currently exist on site? Indicate ones you'd like to keep. (Attach separate sheet if needed.) _____

What types of 'weeds'? Any invasive species? _____

Soil

Indicate seasonally wet or dry areas on your base plan.

Describe the soil conditions: _____

Areas of erosion concern: _____

Information from County Soil Survey: _____

Shake test results _____

Water

Annual rainfall (inches): _____

Roof areas (sq. ft.): _____

Are there any water collections systems currently in place? _____

Water usage requirements: _____

Current drainage systems and possible drainage needs: _____

Light

Indicate sunniest and shadiest areas on your base map.

Any areas need more shade? _____

Energy efficiency potential from changes in sun/shade patterns _____

Air

Prevailing and storm winds in summer/winter _____

List any areas that may benefit from wind breaks: _____

Animals

Existing pets or animals on site: _____

Wildlife you would like to attract: _____

Wildlife you would like to discourage: _____

Sectors (External impacts on the site)

List any other known site conditions that should be taken into account, such as:

Noise

Pollution

Security

Privacy

Views

Traffic – vehicle or pedestrian

Fire

PART 2: Systems analysis

Sketch your home and property and indicate:

- Inputs coming in to the system/Needs and consumption of the household

- Outputs leaving the system/Products and waste of the household
- These could include: water (tap water, rain water, grey water, sewer water, etc.), energy (gas, electricity, solar, etc.), labor, cash, time, soil amendments, fertilizer, produce/staple foods/beverages, packaging, paper products, transportation time/energy/fuels, parts/hardware/tools, clothing, linens, etc.

Include the whole family/all stakeholders if possible and have fun with this! Start with a large sheet of paper or white board (remember to photograph it at the end). It's okay if it's messy or incomplete – it's just a way to start thinking of your property as a system and start identifying places where resources could be used more efficiently or conserved, what needs could be met on site and how nutrients could be cycled.

PART 3: Needs and Wishes

Circle any elements you would consider including in your landscape, and make notes about your ideas if you wish.

- Patio or Deck _____
- Compost bin or area _____
- Herbs _____
- Fruit Trees _____
- Berry bushes _____
- Raised beds _____
- Perennial vegetables _____
- Green/Living roof _____
- Green wall(s) _____
- Chicken coop/Hutch _____
- Pet amenities such as a dog run _____
- Native plants _____
- Bird bath/bird-feeding area _____
- Meadow/Pasture _____
- Fences or hedges _____

Hedgerow _____

Orchard _____

Bees (Honey bee hive or Mason bee house) _____

Parking area _____

Lawn/Eco-lawn _____

Lighting _____

Container plantings _____

Outbuildings: barn, studio, sauna, stuga, etc. _____

Greenhouse _____

Outdoor kitchen or work space _____

Tool shed _____

Utility area/Bin storage _____

Play area _____

Sports area _____

Pond or pool _____

Rain garden _____

Dry/seasonal creek bed _____

Water storage _____

Grey water system _____

Fire wood storage _____

Garden art _____

Other: _____

List plants you might want to include (attached separate sheet if necessary):

PART 3: Maintenance

What work do you like to do in the garden? What tasks would you be interested in hiring someone to do (or designing the landscape to minimize when possible)? _____

How much time do you have for gardening and land care? (weekly/monthly) _____

What is your estimated monthly yard maintenance budget _____

PART 4: Installation

Do you plan to hire an installer, or would you like to do some or all of the implementation of the design yourself (and if so, which parts)? _____

What is your estimated budget for installation? _____

What is your desired timeframe for installation? _____

PART 5: Inspiration

What are your favorite colors of flowers and foliage? _____

How would you describe the style/mood/feel of the landscape you desire? _____

What activities would you would like to spend time doing there? _____

Feel free to attach a list of your favorite plants, magazine clipping of gardens you find appealing, or sketches of your ideas. Or share a link to your thoughtfully curated Houzz or Pinterest page. Please note what about the image is appealing to you.

Thank you for your time completing this questionnaire! I look forward to working together with you to create a landscape that will bring you joy and abundance.

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