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Artisan Landscape Design and Installation

HOMEWORK

When thinking about a new landscape or a landscape remodel, there are some very important questions to ask yourself. For example: "What are my overall landscape and property goals and how will the property be used? Is it commercial, residential or a special events?"

Commercial Properties, Vacation Rentals and Businesses

1. What is the purpose of the commercial property?
2. How will the commercial property be used?
3. What types of services and products do you offer?
4. What type of clientele and guests are you trying to draw in?
5. What kind of outdoor use will the property serve?
6. Are you trying to draw in traffic from the street?
7. Are there any ingress and egress issues?
8. Are there any parking or access issues?
9. Will there be nighttime use, or evening use?
10. Are there any electrical issues or lighting concerns?
11. Are there any drainage issues or problems on the site?
12. What is the soil composition, are there any soil problems?
13. Is there available water for irrigation?
14. Are there any current vegetation problems?
15. Is there adequate access for labor and construction?

What types of landscapes appeal to you? (please take pictures or bookmark designs)

What is your budget?

Are you looking for a return on your landscape investment; revenue from rentals, revenue from special events, revenue from produce and vegetable sales?

Are there any outstanding permit issues?

- 1.Are there any governing covenants?
- 2.Will the project need to be permitted?
- 3.Is there a budget for landscape and grounds maintenance?
- 4.What level of maintenance is desired?

Are there any issues or problems which need to be addressed?

Any Residential Properties, Home Produce Production Or Permanent Rentals

How is the property used, lived in, and used?

- 1.Where do you drink your coffee?
- 2.What window, and what do you look at when doing the dishes?
- 3.How much time do you spend outside?
- 4.Do you like to garden?
- 5.Do you have any areas of the landscape or garden which are special to you?
7. Do you have a dream or a design you have wished for?
- 6.Do you want to produce your own food, or a portion of your own food?
- 7.Do you have any ingress or egress (*Pull in, pull out) problems or issues?
- 8.Do you have any parking or access problems?
- 9.Do you get along with your neighbors?
- 10.Is there a structure or view you would like to hide or obscure?
- 11.Is there a view, space or structure you would like to highlight?
- 12.Do you have pets, or pet containment issues?
- 13.Do you have fencing issues or need new fencing?
- 14.How do all the occupants use the house and property?
- 15.Are there any soil problems?
- 16.What is the soil composition?
- 17.What is the properties sun light exposure?
- 18.Are there any drainage or flooding issues?
- 21.Are there any pest problems?
- 22.Are there any easements or access grants on the property?

23. Are there any electrical issues or lighting concerns?

24. Is there available water for irrigation?

25. Do you entertain? Do you want to entertain?

26. Are there any current vegetation problems?

27. What have been your past landscape successes and failures?

28. Is there a budget for maintenance?

If you could have the landscape of your wildest dreams, what would it be?

Are you going to repaint your home in the future and has it been recently painted?

Start looking around at landscapes and their components and take pictures! Take notes of what you love or what you don't love? Start dreaming!