

Program Ideas

Goals

Some possible environmental goals

- Maintain existing drainage pathways, improve drainage or move drainage pathways
- Protect area from direct sun or increase summer shade
- Increase winter/summer sun exposure
- Provide winter wind protection
- Increase summer breezes
- Decrease/increase slope
- Decrease noise
- Conserve water and reduce fertilization/pesticide/herbicide use

Some possible functional goals

- Use only plants that are...(deer-resistant, pretty, use little water, smell nice)
- Keep landscape low maintenance
- Attract wildlife
- Add (moving) water
- Screen/enhance views
- Keep front door visible for security reasons
- Widen/ narrow/lengthen/shorten or create walkway
- Avoid plants that.. (are prickly, use a lot of water, produce pollen, are poisonous)
- Create outdoor “rooms” (for what purpose and where?)
- Create an open or cozy or exciting, serene (etc) feeling

Some possible aesthetic goals

- Create more inviting entrance, entertainment area, garden etc.
- Match house architecture with garden area by house
- Add focal point(s) (where?)
- Use primarily certain colors/textures/ forms
- Create a more formal or informal look
- Balance scale of house with that of landscape
- Create a more personalized look that reflects my personality

Landscape Elements

Some possible program elements

- Entertainment, eating and cooking areas
- Play, game and recreation areas
- Flower, vegetable and herb gardens
- Dog runs, bird feeders, birdbaths, wildlife viewing areas
- Decks, patios, courtyards, terraces
- Walks, paths, bridges and steps
- Fences, walls, gates and hedges
- Arbors, trellis' and gazebos
- Storage sheds, compost bins, greenhouses, service areas
- Ponds, swimming pools, fountains, waterfalls,

- Yard art, sundials, statues, benches, garden furniture

Products and Process

Some possible process notes and resulting products

- Develop overall plan then install each area one at a time as have time and money.
- Plan and install each area separately
- Develop a succession plan for trees
- After developing the master plan, amend the soil in each area before buying any plants.
- For each planting bed, do a planting plan first then buy and install the plants together
- For each planting bed, start by choosing and planting the trees and evergreen shrubs, then do the perennials, then move on to the annuals and groundcovers.
- Make a scaled drawing of each area then using trace paper, plan what goes where.
- Develop a general plan for the whole yard, then a list of plants want, then as see plants available or on sale buy and plant them.