

Stone Associates

Landscape Design & Consulting

This analysis is designed to give Stone Associates an overall concept of your property, family lifestyle, and the design elements that need to be considered for the conceptual landscape plan. With the information provided here, and during follow-up conversations, we will tailor your landscape design to your specific needs.

Client name: _____

Address: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Work # _____ E-mail/ Fax _____

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. List **family members and hobbies** - interests that might influence property use.
2. Are there any **allergies** or other medical problems/conditions that should be considered?
3. Do you have any **pets** that might require a special area or run?
4. Do you want or need a fence? Height restrictions?
5. Do you live in a development where there are any covenants I should be aware of?
6. While we suggest the use of organic products in your garden; do you have a preference of organic versus the use of chemicals in the garden?
7. **Entryway**
 - Would you like it open, or more enclosed and private?
 - What type of walkway exists? Is it wide enough (welcoming)? Is shape pleasing?
 - Do you see the need for other major walkways or paths?
 - What paving material (stone, brick, gravel, pavers) do you prefer?

8. **Driveway** - vehicle access

- Is it adequate in size for the cars in the family?
- Is there adequate parking for guests?

9. **Utility**

- Where will you place your garbage cans?
- Do you need an outdoor storage shed?
- Woodpile? Compost?
- Future outbuildings (on rural properties)
- Greenhouse / barn?

10. **Children's area**

- Do you want a specific play surface?
- Do you need room for play equipment?

11. **Entertaining** - Outdoor living

- Do you entertain large crowds? Small? Informal? Formal?
- Would you like (more) decking or a large patio?
- Permanent outdoor seating?
- How much of this area do you want in the shade, sun?
- Outdoor cooking area?
- Swimming pool or hot tub?
- Special game area or sport court?
- Outdoor lighting?

12. **Edible Gardening-**

- Do you want specific areas for vegetables, flowers, herbs, and fruit trees?

13. **Maintenance:**

- How many hours a week are you willing to work on your property?
- Will you be hiring out the maintenance chores?
- Do you have or are you considering an irrigation (AKA sprinkler) system?

14. Do you have **specific plant preferences and colors**? (List separately if necessary)

- Plants or colors to avoid?
- **Circle the following** that you especially want to include: lawn areas (large or small)?/ground covers / perennial flowers / river rock / graveled areas /edible plants / rose bed / rock garden / ornamental grasses/ fragrant plants / Other (describe)

15. Do you want any of the following **decorative features / accessories**?

- Bird attractions / water features / large boulders / gazebo / pergola / arbor /garden sculpture / container plants (pots) / garden furniture/ other?

16. **Circulation:** In considering typical outdoor activities of your family, are there areas where you foresee a path, or traffic-tolerant surface needed?

II. SITE- Please provide a to-scale copy of your site map / plot plan? (Available from builder or county)

1. Approx. **size** of property _____
2. **Site character** (wooded, open meadow, steep, urban lot, rural...)
3. What areas on your property bother you the most?
4. Problem areas- steep **slopes**, poor **drainage**? Erosion? Shallow soil?
5. Considering your lifestyle, what feeling or mood do you want to establish? (Natural, formal, oriental English country...)
6. Does this tie in with **architectural style** of house?
7. What are the most frequently used rooms of your house?
8. What do you see from their windows?

9. Are there any **natural features** on the property that you would like to emphasize? Or change? Boulders, woods, stream, slope/ hillside (site contours), view...
10. If you do not have town water and sewer, where is drain field, or septic tank location? Can you locate the lines?
11. Are there easements or deeded restrictions that you know of?
12. Does the site pose energy problems or prevailing wind problems?
13. Are there areas of microclimates or trouble spots (total shade, protected or enclosed areas...)? Describe locations.
14. Are there streetlights, noises, or views outside the property that cause problems or need screening attention?
15. Drainage or traffic patterns that influence site?
16. Do any existing plants, trees or structures need to be removed or relocated?
17. Do you have a budget in mind?
18. What time frame do you have in mind for the project?

*Please add any other information that you feel would be helpful in planning your design. Include any photos or idea clippings if you have them. I will arrange to pick this material up, or to expedite the process, **you may mail this survey and your plot plan to:***

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