

Residential Design Services

Our Residential Design Service may be better described as private garden design. The spaces around your home are each as unique as the rooms in your home. These “rooms” include the sense of arrival both by car and on foot, private and public space and spaces for passive and active recreation. Their relationship to one another, the surroundings and the architecture can each be analyzed and assessed to maximize their full potential. This process is one of the fundamental segments of a practice known as Landscape Architecture. Landscape Architects are trained to manipulate the physical environment. While “design” is often a far reaching term used to describe a plan by which to follow, the knowledge required for a quality project can only be known with the marriage of good design theory and construction principles. Our company prides itself on using these two guiding principles to create beautiful, long lasting solutions to your outdoor environments.



Working closely with you, each design develops from a synthesis of the unique site conditions, your personal objectives and our design skills. A typical Master Plan process might include; initial site consultation, site analysis/assessment, conceptual design, design development, construction documents and implementation. While not all design work requires this level of detail it is the underlying program we use to develop all solutions to your particular interests. We would be glad to meet with you to discuss a program that is appropriate to your specific project.

Site Consultation; visiting the site allows us to open dialogue about what you desire and what opportunities or constraints the site may have. Walking the property together will allow us to give you insight to what is possible. At the conclusion of this meeting we should both have an understanding of what the project parameters might be and a design proposal can be written and agreed upon.

A thorough Site Analysis may begin using documents you already have. Property or topographical surveys, septic plans, floor plans, sections/elevations, can all assist in our data collection. Developing a Landscape or Master Plan merges this information together and gives you a document as a reference tool for all future plans. Studying, photographing and measuring your property is an important step to developing an accurate, buildable drawing. A base map locating the building(s) and the relevant doors, windows, etc., as well as pavement, land forms, drainage characteristics, vegetation, solar orientation, wind direction and other important existing conditions is the first drawing to be developed.





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The Conceptual Design phase explores the possibilities of the property. This is also the peak of the creative process where many options are explored and considered. The end result is presented and additional discussion about the various elements, their size, shape and overall character are explained and further evaluated. Your reactions to the design at this point become increasingly important as we further refine the development that leads us to an end that accomplishes the original program. Further refinement makes adjustments to the overall look of the property, material selections are considered and we can move toward construction documents.



Construction Documents detail the specific dimensions for the layout, grading, planting, lighting and irrigation. These various components can often be incorporated on one drawing but can also require additional drawings depending on the complexity. Additional notes about specific requirements, construction details, plant schedules and materials are also presented here for a clear and concise program.

The execution or implementation portion of the project, one of our favorites, can now be discussed. With an accurate game plan an estimate, a proposal and a strategy can be agreed upon. Depending on the complexity of your project we may need to discuss phases based on budget, priorities, resources, etc. Construction can have its surprises but at this point, with this approach, most have been minimized. Our team works hard to minimize inconveniences to you routines. We look forward to taking you through this process. Please let us know if you have any additional questions or concerns about your particular project.

