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CLIENT INFORMATION & SITE ANALYSIS

Get the most out of a CONSULTATION by asking yourself beforehand:

- What areas on your property bother you the most?
- Are there safety/maintenance issues that need to be addressed?
- Do you have a budget in mind?
- What timeframe do you have in mind for the project?
- Do you plan on working in your garden yourself, or hiring outside help?
- Do you have a copy of a plot map from your builder, or county that gives specific dimensions and house footprint?

Client name: _____

Address: _____ zip Phone: _____
work # _____ E-mail/ Fax _____

How did you hear about us?

This analysis is designed to give us an overall understanding 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 tailor the design to your specific needs.

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. List **family members and hobbies**/interests which might influence property use
2. Are there any **allergies** or other medical conditions/accessibility which 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?
5. Do you live in a development where there are any covenants or restrictions we should be aware of?

6. 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?

7. Driveway - vehicle access

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

8. Utility

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

9. Children's area

- Do you want a specific play surface? Do you need room for play equipment?
- Do you want to see play area from a certain place in the house?

10. 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?

11. Edible Gardening-

- Do you want specific areas for vegetables, flowers, herbs, fruit trees?
- Are you opposed to the use of pesticides and chemicals in the garden?

12. Maintenance: How many hours per week are you willing to work on your property?

- Will you be hiring out the maintenance chores?
- Do you need or want an irrigation system?

13. 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/ evergreens/ edible plants/ rock garden/ ornamental grasses/ deer resistant

14. Are you interested in any of the following **decorative features**?

- bird attractors/ water features/ large boulders/ pergola/ arbor/garden sculpture/ container garden/ garden furniture/ other?

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

II. SITE- do you have a site map / plot plan? (available from builder or county)

1. Approx. **size** of property _____(provide specific dimensions of property lines if available)
2. **Site character** (wooded, open meadow, steep, urban lot, rural.....)
3. **Problem areas-** steep **slopes**, poor **drainage**? erosion? shallow soil? Deer/rabbits, etc?
4. Considering your **lifestyle**, what feeling or mood do you want to establish? (natural, formal, exotic, artistic, eclectic, country, sea-side, mountain)
 - Does this tie in with **architectural style** of house?
5. What are the most frequently used rooms of your house?
 - What do you see from the windows?
6. Are there any **natural features** on the property that you would like to emphasize? or change?
 - boulders, woods, stream, slope/ hillside (site contours), view...
7. Where is the drain field, or septic tank location? Can you locate the lines?
8. Are there easements or deeded restrictions that you know of?
9. Does the site pose energy problems? (elevation, solar orientation, prevailing **wind** direction)
10. Are there areas of **micro-climates** (total shade, protected or enclosed areas...)? (describe locations)
11. Are there street lights, noises, or views outside the property that cause problems or need screening attention? drainage or traffic patterns that influence site?
- 12 . Do any **existing plants, trees or structures need to be removed or relocated?**

III. Overall—after considering the items above what would you consider to be your overall goals:

13. Functional/ Curb appeal/ Outdoor entertaining-living/ Play area/ Pets/ Energy Savings/ etc.