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LANDSCAPE DESIGN CLIENT QUESTIONNAIRE:

Name(s): _____

Property Address: _____

Phones: Home: _____ Work: _____ Cell: _____

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What is your preferred way to be contacted? _____

 **The following questions are designed to give me an overall idea of the kinds of features and styles you might like to see in your new landscaping.**

I. General Information:

- 1.) Please list **family members** and **hobbies** that might influence property use.
- 2.) Are there any **allergies** or other **medical conditions** to be considered? Limited mobility or wheelchair access needs?
- 3.) Do you have any **pets** that might require a special area or run?
- 4.) Do you want or need a **fence**? Are there any specific height restrictions or covenants that you know of?
- 5.) **Entryway:**
 - Would you like it open, or more enclosed and private?
 - What type of walkway? Is it wide enough (welcoming)? Does it need resurfacing?
- 6.) **Driveway:**
 - Is it wide enough/too wide for your needs?
 - Do you need additional parking for family or guests?
- 7.) **Utility Area:**
 - Where will you place your garbage, yard waste, and recycling cans?
 - Do you need room for a compost pile? Woodpile? Storage shed?
 - Any future outbuildings?
- 8.) **Children's Play Area:** needed? If so, how big?

9.) **Entertaining/ Outdoor Living:**

- Do you entertain large groups? Small? Informal? Formal?
- Would you like (more) decking or a large patio?
- Is barbecuing a big part of your outdoor activity? Do you need room for a barbecue and/or smoker?
- Do you want a built-in outdoor kitchen? Covered? If so, what appliances would you like?
- Do you want any other special areas such as a swimming pool, hot tub, or sauna? Fire pit or fire table, either built-in or freestanding? Tennis court, sport court, or basketball hoop?
- Outdoor lighting? Is there any existing?
- Do you have existing patio furniture, or will you be purchasing new lounging or dining sets? Do you want any permanent built-in seating? Do you want seating in sun or shade?
- Do you want outdoor heating, such as natural gas or electric heaters?
- Do you want media features outside, such as television or sound systems?
- Do you want or need an outdoor security or alarm system?
- Are you interested in any unusual features, such as an outdoor shower? Pet washing area?

10.) Do you want any of the following **decorative features or accessories**?

- Large boulders/ garden sculpture/ bird attractors/ gazebo/ arbor/ pergola/ pond/ waterfall/ other water feature/ garden art or sculpture?

11.) **Maintenance:** Do you enjoy working on your property? Do you want:

- Especially low maintenance? An irrigation system? A “smart” irrigation controller?
- Large lawn? No lawn? Graveled or paved areas?
- High maintenance areas such as perennial flowerbeds, roses, cut flower beds, vegetable raised beds, or berry growing areas?
- A home orchard? Areas for chickens or other animals?

12.) Do you have **specific plant preferences and colors**? Plants/colors to **avoid**? Will deer be a problem?

12.) **Circulation:** Are there areas where paths might be needed? Traffic-tolerant surfaces?

II. Site Information—(provide site map and plans if available)

1.) Approximate **size** of property?

2.) Site **character**: Wooded? Open meadow? Urban lot? Small suburban lot? Steep?

3.) Considering your lifestyle, what **feeling or mood** do you want to establish in your outdoor environment? (casual, formal, contemplative, restful, active?)

4.) What type of **style** appeals to you and your family? Do you prefer a formal look? Informal? Asian? English Country? Pacific Northwest Natural? Does this tie in with the **architectural style** of the house?

5.) Are there any natural features on the property that you would like to **emphasize**, such as views, woods, streams, boulders, etc.?

6.) Are there any **privacy** concerns or features you would like to de-emphasize, such as unwanted views, noise problems, streetlights, oncoming headlights? Do you need screening from outside views or neighboring yards?

- 7.) Are there any problems related to **elevation**, such as drainage, prevailing winds, etc.? Doors significantly higher than the yard? Egress windows?
- 8.) Do you have any **hidden or out-of-sight problems**, such as underground storage tanks, septic systems, tree roots, utilities, or buried refuse?
- 9.) Are there any overhead power lines to the residence? Do you know approximately where underground utilities are located?
- 10.) In your opinion, do any existing trees or plants need to be **removed or relocated**?
- 11.) Are there any areas of **micro-climate** that should be addressed, such as total shade, hot sun, windy, boggy areas, etc.?
- 12.) Are there any CC&R's or HOA rules that affect your property and its landscaping? Easements? Does your property need to conform to any city, county, or state regulations regarding wetlands or other environmental or historical zones?
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A few other ideas to think about:

- What areas on your property do you like the best? The least?
- What time frame do you have in mind for the project?
- Do you have a **budget** in mind?
- Do you plan on doing the work yourself or hiring outside help?
- Do you have a copy of a plot map from your builder, realtor, or county that gives specific property dimensions and the house footprint?

Thank you for your input! Please feel free to add any other information that you think would be helpful in planning your design, such as digital idea books or pin boards, magazine clippings, or other photographs of gardens or features that you have seen and liked.



When completed, you may send your questionnaire to me at:

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Other questions/comments? Please feel free to contact me by phone or text at 503-320-8427.