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LIFESTYLE SURVEY

Date: _____

Client Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

A landscape design will provide a comprehensive plan, and is the best way to ensure a successful landscape installation that meets your expectations. A well designed landscape is an extension of the architecture, the site and its owner. Your design will help to determine good features of your property, identify problems, and add new ideas on paper. This will enable you to avoid costly changes later on, and also determine the estimated cost of your project. If desired, you can install the design in stages.

When designing and developing a landscape, thorough planning is well worth the time and effort, and will make the subsequent installation easier and more enjoyable. Please take the time to think about what features or plants you are especially drawn to. Look through magazines, drive through the neighborhood, or watch gardening shows to get an idea of what you are looking for. This will give you an idea of what you want and visualize for your landscape. Your landscape designer will assist you in making your vision fit your unique home and lifestyle. Please attach any pictures that you have found or taken to help us create your landscape to suit you and your family.

The following questions have been created to achieve a landscape design which fits your needs and expectations. A design transforms your vision for your landscape into a realistic, tangible format. While not all visions may be practical, as many of your desired elements as possible will be incorporated into your landscape design.

Your input is critical for a successful result. Not all questions may pertain to you, and you are free to leave out the ones which do not apply. Please feel free to contact us with any questions, and include any additional information that you feel will assist us in creating the landscape that you envision for your property.



What are your expectations for a design?

What attracted you to this property?

How long have you resided here? _____ How long do you intend to stay? _____

Do you have any future indoor remodeling plans? _____

If so, please generally describe:

How would you describe the style of your home? (circle all that apply)

Country / Contemporary / Traditional / Modern / Casual / Tidy (everything has a place) / "Homey" / "Lived In" / Keepsakes Displayed / Functional / Feng-Shui / Ethnic Themed: _____

Other: _____

Do you have children? _____ Ages? _____

Pets? _____

Is wheelchair accessibility important? _____

SITE ANALYSIS

Orientation: House faces: North / South / East / West Description: _____

Soil type: Clay / Sand / Loam Description: _____

Zoning issues: Are you aware of any unusual rules in your community? (HOA, local government, other)
Describe if so: _____

Utilities location: Buried / Overhead / Front / Back

Other (dog fence, septic tanks, etc.): _____

Do you have irrigation? Yes or No Would you like irrigation if no? _____

Do you have an irrigation plan? _____ Is there irrigation currently in the beds? _____

Are there any existing drainage problems? Yes or No

Describe if so: _____

Do you have a basement or crawl space? _____

Do you have a sump pump? Yes or No

Does your sump pump continuously run? Yes or No



Do you have a septic system? Yes or No

If yes, indicate location of tanks and field areas: _____

Pests: Deer / Rabbits / Insects / Neighbors / Other: _____

GOALS FOR LANDSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS (circle all that apply)

Entertainment / Aesthetics / Gardening / Birds / Wildlife / Investment / Privacy / Energy efficiency / Noise reduction / Wind reduction / Erosion control / Repairs (constr.) / Fragrance / Drainage / Create Shade / Play area / Enhance a view / Block a view / Other: _____

Do you have a favorite landscape style? Examples: English Cottage/ French Country/ Mediterranean/ Asian/ Naturalistic/ Formal/ Informal/ Other

HARDSCAPE

Which hardscape elements are most important to you in your future landscape? Examples: Patios or Decks/ Seating areas/ Structures such as a pergola or arbor. Where would you envision them?

What materials do you favor for your hardscape areas? Examples: Wood/ Composite decking/ Natural Stone/ Pavers/ Concrete/ Gravel. Also note what colors you tend to prefer?

How large do you envision your outdoor areas to be? Examples: You may want a large patio for entertaining, but a smaller, more private area for you to relax. Note the number of people you would like to seat in each area.

Are you interested in outdoor lighting as a part of your landscape design? Yes or No

Type: LED/Incandescent/ Path lights/ Up lighting/ House lighting/ Light Post/ Spot Light/ Deck Lighting/ Other



PLANT LIFE

Trees: Any tree health concerns? _____

Have you ever worked with an Arborist? Yes or No

If so, please share name: _____

Do you have any favorite trees?

Do you have any unfavorable trees?

Do you have any favorite plants or “must haves”?

Do you have any unfavorable plants?

Are there certain colors that you like?

Are there certain colors that you dislike?

TURF: Renovate existing / Replace / Repair only affected areas / Not sure / Not Applicable

MAINTENANCE

Currently, who maintains the following at your home?

Grass Mowing: _____

Irrigation (if present): _____

Fertilizer: _____

Landscape bed maintenance (weeding/mulching/flowers): _____

Snow Removal: _____

Are you interested in Twin Oaks maintaining any of these areas of your landscape?



INSTALLATION: All-At-Once / In-Stages

If in stages, what are your priorities? _____

Are there any deadlines, parties, vacations, etc. planned that could affect the schedule? _____

Please tell us anything else you think we ought to know. _____

BUDGET:

Consider the maximum amount you would like to invest on the entire project, and let us know your comfort zone, or a range in which to create a design within. Many times the scope of what you would like may exceed the budget you are able to invest, and we can work with you on creating a solution to meet your expectation as well as your budget, and communicate this with you prior to the design phase.

BUDGET IN STAGES:

If you plan to install your landscape in several phases, you may want to consider what you would like to invest during each phase, and the timing in which you anticipate installation to occur. We can help you determine the best way to phase your installation by planning the most cost effective and efficient order of progress for your landscape installation. Please comment if you plan to install in phases, and the budgets for each timeframe.

Thank you for taking the time to complete. Your assistance will greatly aid in developing a custom landscape design just right for you and your site. Please return it to us with your signed design contract, (If we don't already have it) and any site information available. This includes a Plat of Survey (with legal description), blue prints for the home, old landscape plans, and engineering/grading plans. We will assume everything is to be returned unless you tell us otherwise.

Again, thank you for your time. We look forward to partnering with you on the creation of your new outdoor living environment.



Lifestyle Survey

Additional Notes: