

Guidelines for Evaluating Design

I. Why is important to evaluate a landscape design?

- A. To better understand your personal goals and objectives to facilitate communication with design professionals and contractors.
- B. To facilitate your selection process for choosing the right designers and contractors to your landscape project.

II. What is a successful project?

- A. To build your personal inspiration board for your project
- B. To understand the opportunities and constraints of your personal property
- C. To better facilitate the process to achieving your goals.

III. How to define your criteria?

- A. Standards, guidelines, and design/construction process
- B. Meets destined design objectives
- C. Adheres to the process
- D. Is the design suitable to the site?
- E. Is the design sustainable to the region?

IV. Design Theory

- A. Scale of the projects
- B. Diversity of materials
- C. Seasonal dynamics

V. Design Principals

- A. Geomorphic, Architectonic, Naturalistic
- B. Elements: line, texture, color, and lighting
- C. Composition of the landscape

VI. Design Process

- A. Site analysis
- B. User analysis
- C. Presentation to client
- D. Construction process:

Contracts

Hiring a contractor

Bids

Punch lists

VII. Design Implementation and Evaluation

- A. Creating a sense of place: opportunity, order, unity, complexity, mystery
- B. Determining criteria from the scale of the design project: Urban, residential.
- C. Health, wellness, and safety.