

Questionnaire

Ecosystems Approach to the Design of Your Site

Permaculture design is the art and science of putting combinations of plants and animals together in patterns that forge mutually beneficial relationships, creating an ecosystem that is more than the sum of its parts. By using fruits, nuts, vegetables, herbs, mushroom and other useful plants, in a way that mimics natural ecosystems, we can create a beautiful, diverse, high-yield garden. We design with an understanding of ecosystem function, creating a largely self-maintaining site.

Permaculture Design Questionnaire

Primary Contact Person(s):

Street Address:

Best Phone # to Reach You _____

1. Size of property / lot:
2. Describe the site. (suburban, business, vacation, etc.)
3. Do you have a plot plan or tax map?
4. Can you locate your septic system including leach field?
5. Have you had a soil test?
6. How long have you lived here?
7. How many people live on the site? Adults, Kids
- 8 Do you do all the landscape maintenance in your yard yourself?
9. Does your property have any desirable or undesirable views? From which perspective?

10. Are there any special privacy or “screening” needs?
11. Does anyone living here have allergies (to plants, bee stings, etc.) that you’re aware of?
12. Are there any challenges or problems that you want to solve or minimize on your lot?
13. What are some favorite outdoor activities that you currently enjoy on your property?
14. Do you wish to include areas to entertain outside in your plan?
15. Does you neighborhood asso. or town have special regulations that we should be aware of?
16. Are there any pets that you allow outside?
17. To what degree are you interested in growing a portion of your own food?
18. Do you have an interest in animals as part of an integrated permaculture design (i.e.chickens, ducks, rabbits, etc.) ?
19. How would you describe your gardener experience (Experienced? Beginner?)
20. Are you familiar with permaculture design?
Very Knowledgeable ----- Not Very Knowledgeable
25. Are you interested in renewable energy for you home? (solar, hot water, etc.)

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27. Are you interested in harvesting and using the rainwater that falls on your property?
28. How much “lawn” do you want in your landscape; what activities will the lawn be used for?
29. Do you have a favorite style or type of gardens? (i.e. edibles (fruits, nuts, berries, etc.), vegetable gardens, medicinal plants, flower, culinary herbs, cottage gardens, pollinator gardens)
30. What are the specific edible plants you know you want to include? (apple, peach, berries, nuts, etc.)
31. Do you have favorite ornamental plants you want included in the design?
32. Where does the snow melt last in your yard? Where does the snow melt first? Other microclimates that you have noticed?
33. Do you have materials on site that you want to reuse or repurpose?
34. Are there specific landscape features would you like to incorporate into the design? (i.e. deck, patio, arbor, etc .)
35. Are there utility elements you would like incorporated into your design to support your lifestyle/ landscape? (i.e. compost bins, firewood, storage, clothesline, boat storage, etc.)
36. Are parts of the home “too exposed” to cold winds or hot sun?

Prioritize Goals & Motivations for Doing This Work

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Interested, but not a priority	No interest	Don't know
To create an overall permaculture design for our property.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
To live more sustainably or be more resilient.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
To have an edible landscape / grow more food.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
To create an aesthetically/visually pleasing environment.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
To more easily entertain in my home/ yard.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
To have a more energy-efficient or “greener” home.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
To increase the value of my property.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
To create a landscape and lifestyle the requires fewer inputs of time, money and natural resources.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Any final Comments?