

Site Inventory & Analysis

Developing a good understanding of your garden through a detailed inventory and analysis of the site.

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| Name | |
| Location | Location |
| Describe the history of the property. | |
| What is the architectural style of home? | |
| Describe the surrounding location. | |
| What is the style and vibe of the surrounding area? | |
| Base Map | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Draw property lines• Draw home and major structures• Draw major hardscapes like driveways, parking areas, patios, decks• Note location of large trees | |

Site Inventory

Review the list below: mark the location on a copy of the base map and make notes on the condition and status of site characteristics.

| Feature | Details | Notes |
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| Structures | | |
| Home | doors | |
| | windows | |
| | layout | |
| | porch | |
| | garage | |
| Outbuildings | shed | |
| | storage area | |
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| | | |
| Hardscape | driveway | |
| | paths | |
| | patio | |
| | deck | |
| | | |
| Planting beds | | |
| | edging | |
| Landscape structures | arbors | |
| | pergolas | |

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| Fences | type | |
| Play areas | | |
| Pet areas | | |
| Utilities | sewer/septic | |
| | power | |
| | gas | |
| Other Features | | |
| Topography & Natural Features | | |
| Slopes | | |
| Retaining walls | | |
| Drainage paths | | |
| Water features | natural | |
| | artificial | |
| Wet areas | | |
| Erosion | | |
| Drainage channels | | |
| Traffic | | |
| Vehicle traffic | | |
| Parking | | |
| Sidewalks | | |
| Pathways | | |
| Desire paths | | |

| Plants & Natural Features | |
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| Weeds | |
| Trees | |
| Shrubs | |
| Flowers | |
| Lawn | |
| Other plants | |
| Wildlife | |
| Soil | |
| Texture | |
| Topsoil depth | |
| Drainage | |
| Organic matter | |
| pH | |
| Fertility | |
| Salinity | |
| Other notes | |
| Irrigation | |
| Source | |
| Type of system | |
| Status | |

| Climate | | |
|-------------------------------|-------------|--|
| Climate type | | |
| Sun orientation | | |
| Light exposure | sunny areas | |
| | shady areas | |
| Wind | patterns | |
| | prevailing | |
| Microclimate | sheltered | |
| | exposed | |
| Natural hazards | flood | |
| | fire | |
| | storms | |
| USDA hardiness zone | | |
| Annual rainfall | | |
| High/low/average temperatures | | |
| Last spring frost | | |
| First fall frost | | |
| Growing season | | |

Analysis

Observations

Requirements

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| HOA requirements | |
| City landscape requirements | |
| Setbacks | |
| Right-of-ways, easements | |
| Neighbor desires | |



| Issues | |
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| Nuisances | |
| Safety concerns | |
| Natural disasters | |
| Bad views/screening: privacy, eyesores | |
| Pets/diseases | |
| Neighboring vegetation/weed source | |
| Other | |
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| Highlights | |
| Good views | |
| Favorite areas | |
| Beloved features | |
| Other | |
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| Before Pictures | |
| Take photographs or videos of the area, including wide views looking toward the house and looking out from the house, and closer shots of things of interest. | |