



## **CONSULTING SERVICES**

EJB DESIGNS OFFERS CONSULTING SERVICES FOR WHEN A DESIGN IS NOT NEEDED, BUT SOLID ADVICE IS CRUCIAL. USUALLY ISSUES THAT WE CAN HELP YOU WITH ARE: SITE PLANNING FOR DEVELOPING LAND, GRADING & DRAINAGE, UTILIZATION OF SPACE, EFFICIENT IRRIGATION & LIGHTING, SUSTAINABLE & LOW IMPACT DESIGN (LID) PRACTICES.

### **GRADING AND DRAINAGE AWARENESS:**

1. GRADING AND DRAINAGE CAN BE TRICKY IN MANY SITUATIONS. MOST OF MY CLIENTS HAVE TRIED TO WORK WITH VARIOUS CONTRACTORS TO FIX WHAT APPEARS TO BE A SMALL ISSUE BUT IN MANY CASES THE WORK HAS BEEN EXECUTED INCORRECTLY. THE SMALL ISSUE HAS NOW BECOME A MUCH LARGER ISSUE.
2. IF YOU DECIDE TO WORK WITH A LANDSCAPE CONTRACTOR OR GENERAL CONTRACTOR, YOU WANT TO BE SURE THEY UNDERSTAND AND HAVE DEALT WITH SITUATIONS SIMILAR IN THE PAST. ASK TO SEE THEIR WORK AND DESCRIBE IN DETAIL ALONG WITH GETTING REFERENCES FOR SIMILAR WORK EXECUTED. YOU SIMPLY SHOULD GET A STRAIGHT ANSWER: 'NO PROBLEM' OR IF THEY DO NOT HAVE A REFERENCE. DO NOT USE THIS CONTRACTOR.
3. ALTHOUGH GRADING AND DRAINAGE CAN BE THOUGHT OF AS A NON-DESIGN ORIENTED SUBJECT, IT IS IMPORTANT TO THINK OF HOW THE DRAINAGE SYSTEM CAN WORK WITH YOUR EXISTING LANDSCAPE AESTHETICALLY AND FUNCTIONALLY OF COURSE.
4. IF THE SYSTEM FAILS THEN YOU ARE STUCK WITH USUALLY A HIGH COST REPAIR NOT ONLY TO YOUR YARD, BUT ALSO ANY POTENTIAL DAMAGE TO STRUCTURES RESULTING FROM THE FAILURE. SO, IT'S IMPORTANT THAT IT IS DONE CORRECTLY THE FIRST TIME AND LOOKS GOOD.

### **EJB DESIGNS ASSISTANCE:**

- ✓ EJB DESIGNS OFFERS CONSULTING ON AN HOURLY BASIS TO HELP GUIDE CLIENTS IN SITUATIONS WHERE A FULL DESIGN IS NOT NEEDED, BUT GUIDANCE IS CRUCIAL.
- ✓ EJB DESIGNS CAN SKETCH UP QUICK IDEAS OR WRITE UP A MEMO AS TO WHAT ARE THE APPROPRIATE STEPS FOR THE APPROPRIATE SOLUTION.
- ✓ WE CAN ALSO HELP TO OFFER BIDDING & NEGOTIATING ASSISTANCE WITH OBTAINING QUALIFIED CONTRACTORS. THIS GUIDANCE CAN HELP TREMENDOUSLY REGARDING THE AMOUNT OF TIME AND MONEY IN THE END.
- ✓ WE BECOME A NEUTRAL PARTY TO HELP PROTECT YOU TO BE SURE A SMALLER PROJECT DOES NOT GROW INTO A MUCH LARGER ONE, UNLESS WE SUGGEST THAT IT MAY HAVE TO BECOME A LARGER PROJECT.

### **FEES:**

- RATHER THAN SPENDING SEVERAL THOUSAND DOLLARS ON DESIGN FEES, EJB DESIGNS CHARGES \$85 PER HOUR FOR A QUICK, BUT EFFECTIVE CONSULTATION AND FOLLOW UP FOR APPROXIMATELY \$100-\$300.

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