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Professional Landscape Architect, Licensed Ontario Association of Landscape Architects

Education: Bachelor of Landscape Architecture, University of Guelph, Canada

Pennsylvania Landscape Architect/ Designer

2008-2012 Sole Proprietor

Berks County, PA.

- Expertise in design & artistic illustration & presented in a computer generated format (**AutoCad**).
- Character sketches & elevation drawings prepared.
- Project development initiated by clients ideas and requirements. Concepts are refined & finalized with multiple drawings provided including: grading, layout, planting plans, & design details. The projects complexity or clients requirements, dictates the level of project detailing.
- Tendering, contractor selection, contract administration, daily /& or weekly site supervision of construction, & maintenance evaluation are all services provided.
- Areas of specialization include Residential Site Master Planning, Design & Landscape Revitalization involving long term phasing in construction scheduling with concentration on project cost effectiveness & clients priorities.
- **Landscape Designer - Spayd's Nursery & Landscape Construction**, Fleetwood, Pennsylvania.
- Design /Build-Project involvement included meetings with clientele to establish immediate landscape needs & budgetary requirements.
- Formal presentations of hand rendered landscape drawings & sketches were provided with detailed quantity take offs & cost estimates for construction.
- Contract documentation & administration, assistance in the coordination of work crews, site supervision, and selection of specimen plant materials were all areas of expertise.
- The company website has incorporated many of my rendered projects in their photo gallery of landscaping.

Michigan & Iowa Landscape Architect

1994-2008 Sole proprietor

- A diverse knowledge has been gained of regional styles of landscape design, different climatic zones & differences of plant materials, as well as the variety & availability of building products.
- Active member in local service groups & local government agencies that promoted community improvement projects in the region. Volunteer participation as a design consultant & management of volunteer groups, suppliers & contractors.
- A sensitive approach to Landscape revitalization & reclamation & aspire for the most 'Green' alternative.
- Innovative yet highly functional design approaches for outdoor recreation & entertainment areas.
- Detailed survey & assessment of the site design & it's effect on the natural landscape.
- Detailed & comprehensive knowledge of specimen trees & perennials.
- Skilled & intuitive approach to difficult topography with grading plans.
- Provision of comprehensive detailing, specifications, tender documentation, supervision & construction management.
- Highly capable in multi-disciplinary participation w/ architects, engineers, contractors, suppliers and planning departments.
- Work in various states has afforded me a multifaceted expertise in design & very strong communication skills.

Senior Landscape Architect

**1981-1991 Landscape Planning Ltd.,
Concord, Ont., Canada**

- Joined consulting office as Junior Landscape Architect, becoming an Intermediate Landscape Architect after 1.5 yrs
- Quickly moved to a more senior position with the management responsibilities of 3-6 employees as Senior Landscape Architect. Decisive and devoted manager with personnel.
- Highly in tune with handicapped design requirements.
- Municipal planning regulations in this region required a high level of professionalism by all disciplines of site planning and all landscape drawings were subject to departmental approval & requiring the stamp of a professional Landscape Architect.
- Formal presentation of design proposals to governmental & public forums.
- Coordination & participation w/ architects & engineers on the development of site grading of parking lots & greenspaces.
- Complex Downtown streetscape corridor studies, recommendations, details, plans & reports conducted.
- Comprehensive Environmental Assessment feasibility reports for rural residential subdivisions conducted with detailed Inventory studies of existing site features with recommendations.
- Acted as expert witness for O.M.B. (Ontario Municipal Board- Acting government body for development of lands in Ont., Canada).

Other Design Specializations:

- . ***Municipal Park Planning***, (Community & Neighborhood Parks- Greater Toronto Area)
- . Institutional, Commercial & Estate Residential expertise.
- . ***Entrance Feature Design***- Signage, site features & plantings for subdivisions, commercial & retail complexes.
ie. Design Award – ‘Atlantis’ office complex signage, North York & Honorable Mention Award for Yonge St. Office Bldg.
Design Award for Business Commercial designs ‘Pine Seven’ Office Park, Richmond Hill
- . ***Experience w/ Interior landscaping & expertise in Water feature design.***