



**SULLIVAN RENAISSANCE  
2018 BEAUTIFICATION GRANT PROGRAM  
GARDEN DESIGN PACKET INSTRUCTIONS**

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The Sullivan Renaissance community beautification program emphasizes not only the beauty of the garden and landscape but its sustainability as well. The **GARDEN DESIGN PACKET** is a guide to use in the garden design process and a tool to plan a garden that makes the best use of location, incorporates a variety of appropriate plant materials and uses sound design elements. A separate packet is needed for each proposed garden to the best of your ability.

**PART I: SITE ASSESSMENT** will help determine the quality and sustainability of the selected site and will guide the design process. There may be deficiencies (soil composition, low or high soil pH, drainage problems, etc.) identified on the assessment that need to be addressed before planting begins. Alternatively, site assessment results may indicate that the site is unsuitable for a garden, resulting in the need to identify an alternate location. A site visit from Sullivan Renaissance Horticulture Staff may help in determining if the site is appropriate.

**PART II: PLANT LIST** is for capturing all of the plants in the garden design, comparing colors, varied heights, a variety of color and year-round interest. Assign a number to each plant for identification purposes and list the type (tree, shrub, perennial, annual), color, deer resistance, number of plants, size of container or trunk diameter. The table below will assist in estimating pricing for budget purposes.

TREES		SHRUBS		PERENNIALS		ANNUALS	
Size	Range	Size	Range	Size	Range	Size	Range
5 gallon	\$29	1 gallon	\$8-\$9	1 gallon	\$8	4-pack	\$1.49 - \$2
7 gallon	\$39-\$49	3 gallon	\$24-\$26	2 gallon	\$11	6-pack	\$1.99 - \$2.33
10 gallon	\$69	5 gallon	\$29-\$35	3 gallon	\$13	4" pot	\$2.65 - \$3.18
1 ¼" caliper	\$89-\$99					Flat*	\$11.75
2" caliper	\$149-\$159					<i>*4 or 6 packs (up to 36 plants)</i>	

The **Renaissance Collection** brochure is an excellent resource to use when considering which plants to use in your design. Plants in the collection have been specifically selected for Sullivan County growing conditions and ease of maintenance. Companion plants can be found on the last page of the brochure. Other plant information can be found in the Resource Guide on the Sullivan Renaissance website.

**PART III: GARDEN DESIGN PLAN** Graph paper is provided to assist with design. Include a directional compass or north arrow, indicate the scale, the dimensions of the proposed garden, hardscape details, new plant placement, and any other relevant detail. New plant placement should be identified as a number that corresponds with the number on the plant list. A sample garden design, along with tips for designing your garden is enclosed.

For more information and to schedule a site visit before completing the Garden Design Packet contact:

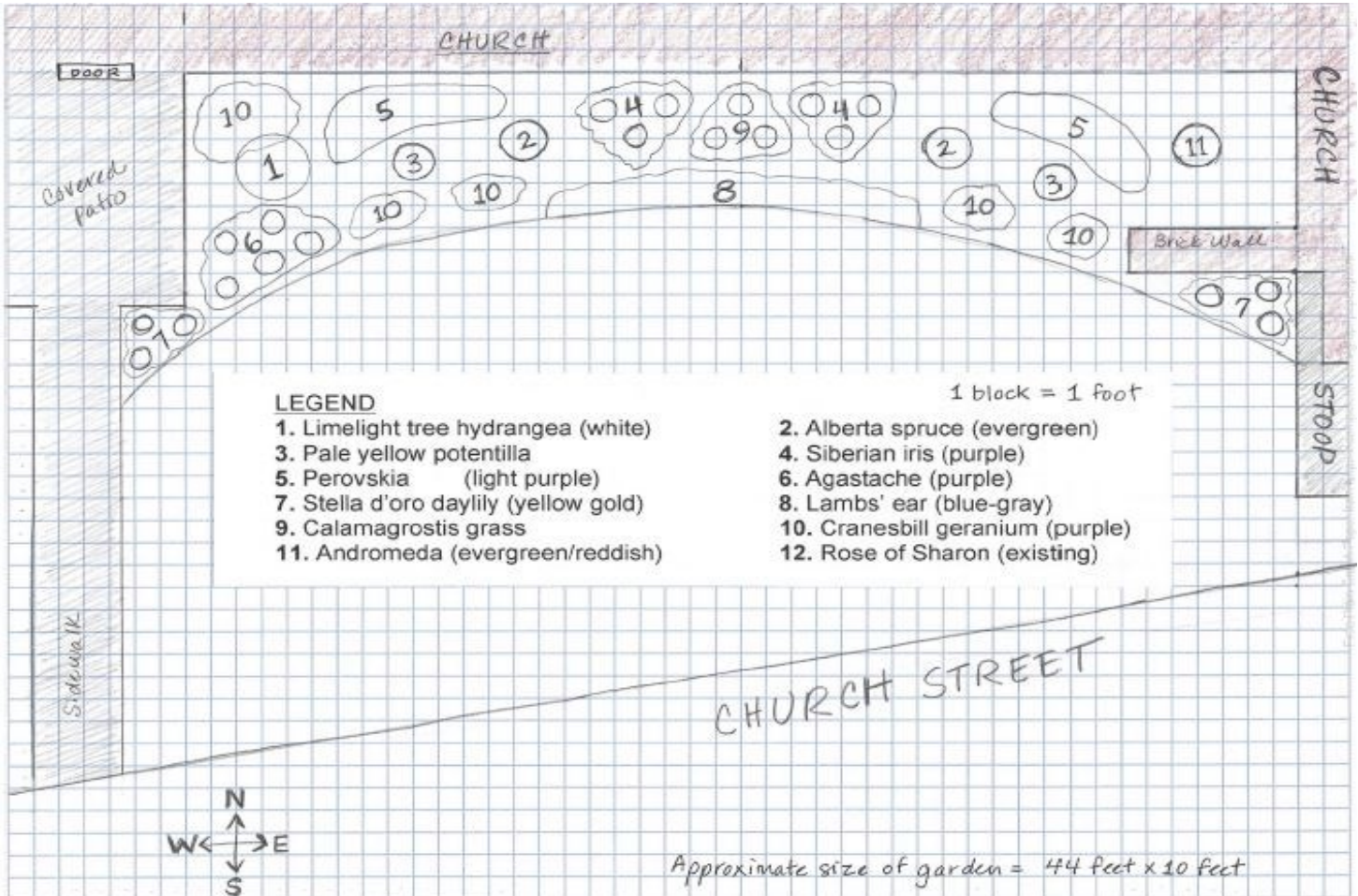
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# SAMPLE GARDEN DESIGN PLAN

Indicate the overall dimensions of the garden and if possible, the scale of your drawing. Draw and identify any existing plants that will remain, as well as any existing buildings/structures/objects. Indicate where each new plant will be located using the corresponding number on the plant list. Draw and identify any proposed hardscape elements (walkways, fences, arbors, stone walls, etc.). Include a directional compass or north arrow.



## TIPS FOR DESIGNING YOUR GARDEN

- Design a garden that offers year round interest (spring/fall showing, evergreens for winter, etc.)
- Select plants appropriate for the site (sun vs. shade, drought tolerance, deer resistance, etc.)
- Use a variety of plant material (combine trees and shrubs with perennials and annuals.)
- Avoid invasive species and use native plants wherever possible.
- Use creativity with design and layout.
- Design the garden with the ability for future low maintenance in mind.
- Make a showing all summer long with annual flowers: choose bright colors and long blooming varieties.
- Consult the Renaissance Collection brochure for ideas!

## ADDITIONAL PRICING ESTIMATES:

### Containers: Poly (Plastic) and Clay

12"-14"	Poly \$6 -7	Clay \$10-15
16" - 20"	Poly \$11-16	Clay \$19
22"-24"	Poly \$20	Clay \$50

### Potting Soil:

1.5 - 2.0 Cubic Foot Bag	\$9-11
2.5 Cubic Foot Bag	\$14+

### Mulch and Topsoil Pricing:

Mulch (Double Ground)	\$29-32 per yard
Topsoil (Garden Mix)	\$26 per yard

### Fertilizer Pricing Guidelines:

Smart Release 1.5 - 4.5 lb	\$5-30
Water Soluble 1.5 - 5 lb	\$4-11



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**PART I: SITE ASSESSMENT**

**Applicant:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Garden Name / Location:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Is this a new garden?**  Yes  No **If no, when was it last maintained?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Is the proposed garden in:**  Full sun (6 hours or more)  Shade  Partial sun or filtered light

**Is the garden near a:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Wall	<input type="checkbox"/> Under an Overhang	<input type="checkbox"/> Sidewalk
<input type="checkbox"/> Road	<input type="checkbox"/> Parking Lot	<input type="checkbox"/> Windy Area
<input type="checkbox"/> Wet Area	<input type="checkbox"/> Creek / / River	<input type="checkbox"/> Sign
<input type="checkbox"/> Overhead Wires	<input type="checkbox"/> Underground pipes or wires	
<input type="checkbox"/> Distance From Buildings / Structures	_____	

**Is water available on the site:**  Yes  No

**Water Source is:**  Faucet / Hose Bib  Metered Water  Well Water  
 Creek / Stream / River  Rain Barrel  Water Truck

**Are there any invasive plants present:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Japanese Knotweed	<input type="checkbox"/> Mugwort
<input type="checkbox"/> Garlic Mustard	<input type="checkbox"/> Japanese Stilt Grass
<input type="checkbox"/> Barberry	<input type="checkbox"/> Burning Bush
<input type="checkbox"/> Honeysuckle	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____

**SOIL CONDITIONS:** **pH Level \*\*** \_\_\_\_\_

*\*\* A basic soil test is recommended before beginning any garden project. if it appears that the soil is poor or plants are not performing well, you should consider having a complete soil analysis at Cornell Cooperative Extension, 64 Ferndale-Loomis Road, Liberty, New York 12754. For more information call (845) 292-6180.*

<b>Texture of Soil:</b>	<b>Soil Compaction:</b>	<b>Drainage:</b> after 1/2" or more of rain is the area:
<input type="checkbox"/> Clay	<input type="checkbox"/> Severe	<input type="checkbox"/> Wet
<input type="checkbox"/> Sand	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate	<input type="checkbox"/> Well Drained
<input type="checkbox"/> Loam (dark rich looking soil)	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Compacted	<input type="checkbox"/> Poorly Drained
		<input type="checkbox"/> Pooling

**Other Soil Considerations:**

Recent Construction  
 Erosion Evident  
 Presence of Construction Debris  
 Road Salt

**Will the site be impacted by mowing ?**  Yes  No

**Will the site be impacted by snow plowing?**  Yes  No

**Is there accessibility for utility vehicles such as trucks and backhoes if applicable?**  Yes  No

**IMPORTANT TIPS:**

- **Most areas of Sullivan County are USDA Hardiness Zone 5. Higher elevations may be Zone 4.**
- **Before you dig, call "Dig Safely New York" at 811**
- **Consider a raised garden bed 18" deep if the soil is unsuitable for planting.**

# PART II: PLANT LIST

APPLICANT: \_\_\_\_\_

GARDEN NAME/ Location: \_\_\_\_\_

PLANT NAME <small>Example: Hydrangea 'Annabelle'</small>	KEY	PLANT TYPE*	COLOR/ INTEREST	Time of Bloom	DEER RESIST? Yes/No	# OF PLANTS	Size Pot	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL COST
	1								
	2								
	3								
	4								
	5								
	6								
	7								
	8								
	9								
	10								
	11								
	12								
	13								
	14								

**TOTAL:**

\*PLANT TYPE: T = TREE; S = SHRUB; P = PERENNIAL; A = ANNUAL

**PART III: GARDEN DESIGN PLAN**

APPLICANT: \_\_\_\_\_

GARDEN NAME/Location: \_\_\_\_\_

A large grid area for drawing a garden design plan. The grid consists of 20 columns and 30 rows of small squares, providing a space for the applicant to sketch their garden layout.