

HENDERSON COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS (HCMG)



TEXAS A&M
AGRI LIFE
EXTENSION

WEEKLY NEWS ARTICLE

April 8, 2019

Presentation: How a Good Site Analysis Leads to Beautiful Landscaping

By Lydia Holley

Henderson County Master Gardener (HCMGA) intern Delbert Hirst will present “How Site Analysis Shapes Your Design” on Tuesday, April 16, 5:30 p.m., Clint W. Murchison Memorial Library, 121 S. Prairieville, Athens, Texas. This presentation is part of HCMGA’s ‘Learn at the Library’ series and is free to the public.



Site analysis allows you to study your landscape before you begin planting. By doing this, you come to understand the features of your landscape and can plan to enhance or improve each feature. As each property is different, a site analysis for each landscape is needed.

A lot goes into a good site analysis. Topography is one element. Buildings, slope, and utilities are assessed. Simple things such as wind, circulation through the garden, parking, and sun patterns are also addressed. Access for drainage is considered, restrictions or covenants are noted, and any erosion or other problems are studied. Those are just a few of the features of a good site analysis. Even if you only plan to landscape one area, the entire property should be given a site analysis.

A site analysis can enhance your landscape design by allowing you to grow the proper plants in their proper place. For instance, wind breaks may be considered, water runoff should not be blocked, and soil conditions are taken into account before determining planting. Those are just a few examples of what a good site analysis will cover.

Hirst says, “This is usually one of the first steps in the process of coming up with a design. By doing a good site analysis, a lot of problems and mistakes can be avoided and a better design will result.” Hirst is a graduate of Texas A&M in Landscape Architecture and is certified in permaculture. Come join us as he takes you through the process of site analysis.

For more information, call 903-675-6130, email hendersonCMGA@gmail.com, or visit txmq.org/hendersonmq.