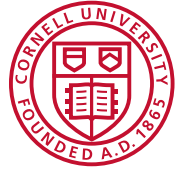


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Site Assessment Activity



60 minutes

Learning Objective(s): Participants will...

- Apply basic site assessment criteria to a familiar landscape.

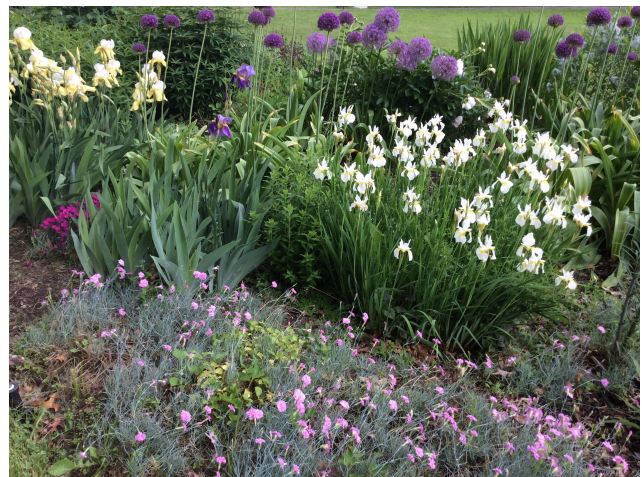
Supplies:

Handouts:

- Monocots and Dicots graphic

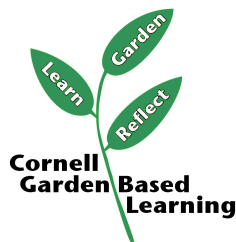
Materials:

- Paper, pencil and clipboard.
- Optional: Camera



Instructions:

Using your property or another familiar landscape such as a nearby park, walk through the site assessment checklist to learn more about the site. Make notes, draw a basic sketch or take photos to represent each bullet.



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Site Assessment Checklist

Name of Property:

☐ USDA Hardiness Zone:

Last Spring Frost:

Last Fall Frost:

☐ Aspect, Include North Arrow

North

South

East

West

☐ Sunlight

Full sun (6 hours or more)

Partial sun

Shade

☐ Slopes

Steep

Moderate

Gradual or flat

☐ Microclimate factors:

Reflected heat

Frost pocket

☐ Soil texture

Clayey

Loamy

Sandy

Silty

☐ Wind:

Windy site

Windy in isolated sections

Calm site

☐ Soil compaction

Compacted

Partially compacted

No compaction

☐ Obstructions

Below ground (e.g. utilities or irrigation system)

Above ground (e.g. overhead wires)

☐ Soil drainage characteristics

Wet

Well-drained

Dry

☐ Wildlife interference

Serious and obvious concerns

Marginal concerns

Not a problem

☐ Unusual conditions:

☐ Soil pH:

☐ Existing Plants:

Notes: