

Judging Criteria – MNLA Landscape Awards

1. **Client goals:** Does the project meet the stated goals and objectives of the client?
 Yes No
2. **Overall visual appeal:** Does the design hold together as a unit? Do the parts hold together to create a unified design?
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3. **Functionality:** Does the design work?
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4. **Contextual relationship:** Does the project fit with its surroundings, or is it clearly separated if it is not supposed to fit?
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5. **Relationship to the existing architecture:** Are the materials compatible or do they complement the existing architecture?
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6. **Soil:** Was knowledge of the soil type on site demonstrated?
 Yes No
7. **Plant choices:** Does the plant material work horticulturally and aesthetically? Does the installation of plants impact the success of the design?
 - a. Proper selection, with appropriate plant palette
 - b. Appropriate locations chosen
 - c. Drought-tolerant where needed
 - d. Inclusion of natives where appropriate
 - e. Inclusion of edibles where appropriate*[Comment Box]*
8. **Difficulty:** What is the degree of difficulty and how was it addressed?
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9. **Installation:** Were installation BMPs followed (for pavers, plantings, mulch, walls, stormwater management)?
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10. **Hardscapes:**
 - a. How is the finish work on the hardscape sections of the project; high-quality workmanship on pavers, stonework, and woodwork?
 - b. Are the elevations dealt with and managed well?
 - c. Does the hardscape look out of place or scale?*[Comment Box]*
11. **Irrigation:** Addressed irrigation needs, and installed according to irrigation BMPs?
 Yes No
12. **Site Grading:** Was it completed as required to make the site functional?
 Yes No
13. **Maintenance:** Designed with client's maintenance needs and expectations in mind?
 Yes No
14. **Overall effect:** How is the overall appearance and quality of workmanship on the full project?
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15. **Overall comments:** What makes this project an award winner, or what prevents this project from being an award winner?
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