



Introduction to Localscapes®

Learn the 5-step Localscapes method to create a yard that works for you and thrives in Utah







What you will learn

- The 5 steps of the Localscapes process—created especially for Utah
- Common design errors that cause our landscapes to fail
- How the layout of the landscape directly affects function, maintenance and irrigation efficiency



What you won't learn

- How to create a landscape design
- What specific plants to grow in your yard
- How to modify your personal irrigation system
- Details needed to create a Localscape





Utah is unique

SUMMER



WINTER





Utah needs its own style





Simple shift = huge benefit

ENGLISH
STYLE



UTAH
LOCALSCAPE





Easy to understand





Increases curb appeal

Localscapes graduate, front yard progression



BEFORE



Reduces maintenance

Localscapes graduate, new home landscape installation



Simplifies irrigation

Localscapes graduate, new home landscape installation



Improves function

Localscapes graduate, complete yard renovation





The Localscapes House







STEP 1

CENTRAL
OPEN SHAPE



Central Open Shape





Lack of Central Open Shape





Lack of Central Open Shape



Increase curb appeal





Reduce maintenance



Simplify irrigation



Improve function

Central
Open
Shape



UTAH
LOCALSCAPE





Improve function

TYPICAL
YARD



UTAH
LOCALSCAPE





Alternative Materials



GRAVEL

Best practices for Central Open Shape

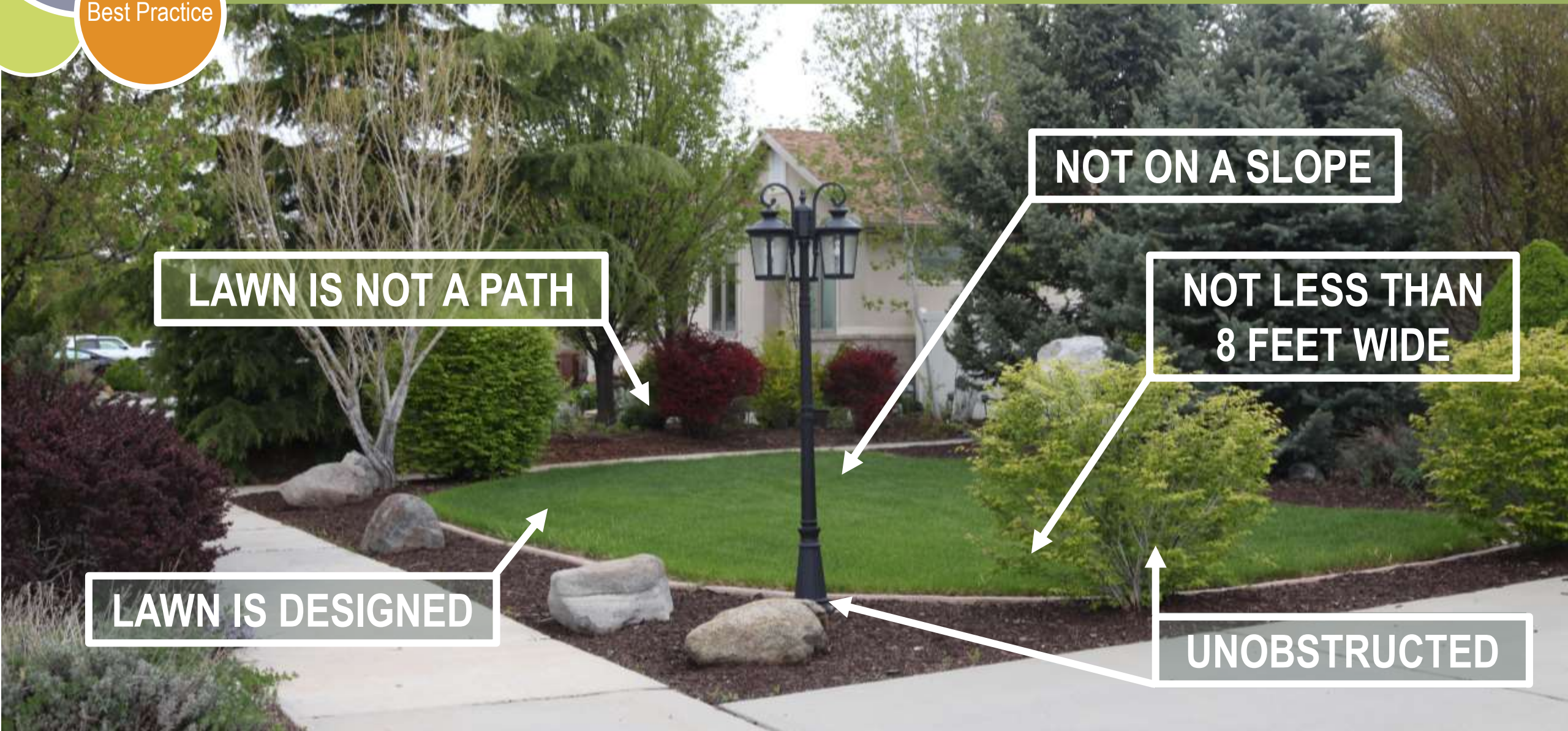
LAWN IS NOT A PATH

NOT ON A SLOPE

NOT LESS THAN
8 FEET WIDE

LAWN IS DESIGNED

UNOBSTRUCTED





STEP 2

GATHERING AREAS



Gathering Areas

Private
Seating
Area



Patio





Add curb appeal



Reduce maintenance



BEFORE

Improve landscape function

FRONT
YARD



BACK
YARD



Customize to your interests



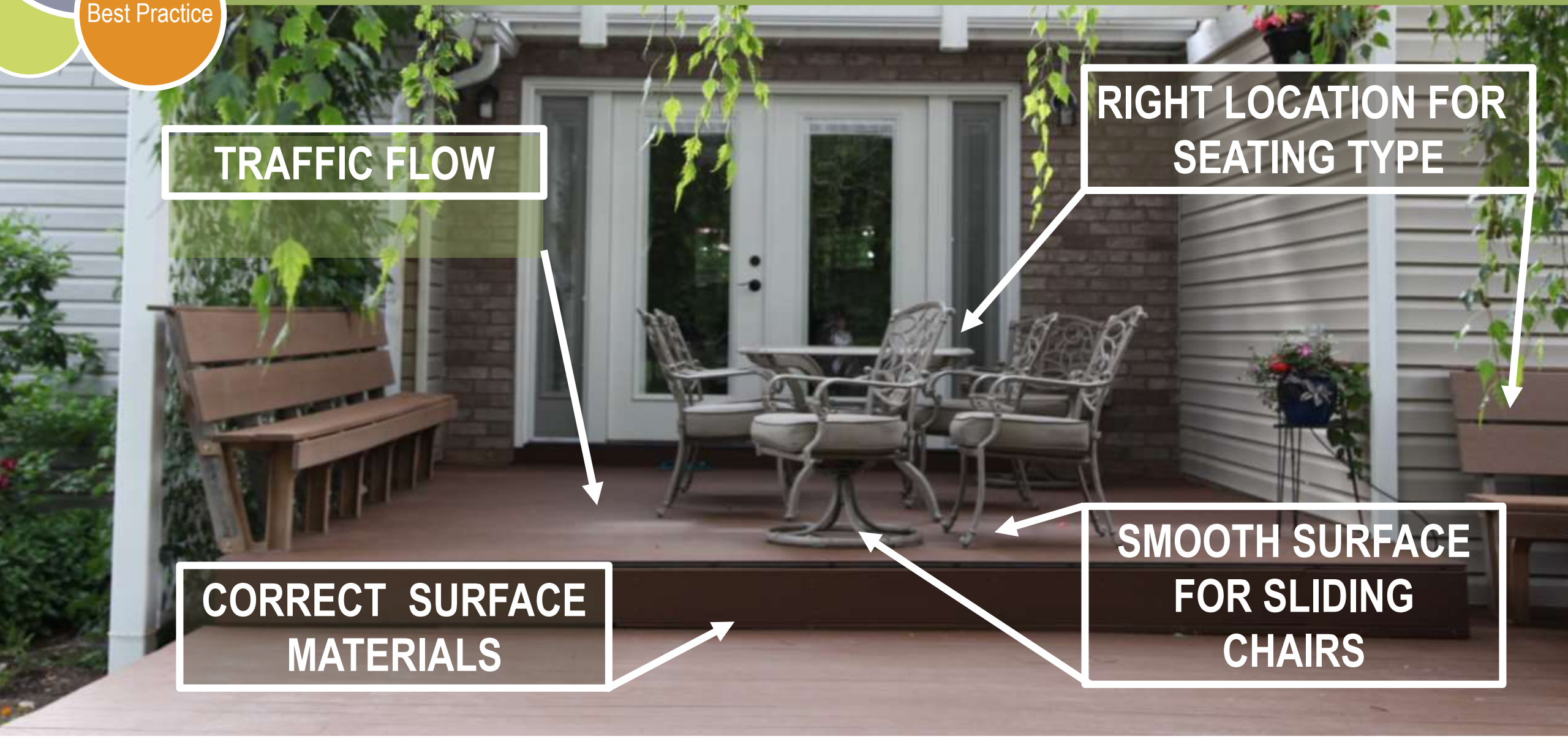
Best practices for Gathering Areas

TRAFFIC FLOW

**RIGHT LOCATION FOR
SEATING TYPE**

**CORRECT SURFACE
MATERIALS**

**SMOOTH SURFACE
FOR SLIDING
CHAIRS**





STEP 3

ACTIVITY ZONES





Activity Zones



Children's Play Area
Playground Bark
Surfacing

Vegetable Garden
Raised Beds on Bark
Mulch





ADULTS
ONLY
PLAY



Reduce maintenance



Simplify irrigation



Improve function



Best practices for Activity Zones



RIGHT SIZE FOR ACTIVITY

**CONSIDER
EXPOSURE**

**CORRECT SURFACE
MATERIALS**

**OUTSIDE THE
LAWN AREA**



STEP 4

PATHS



Paths









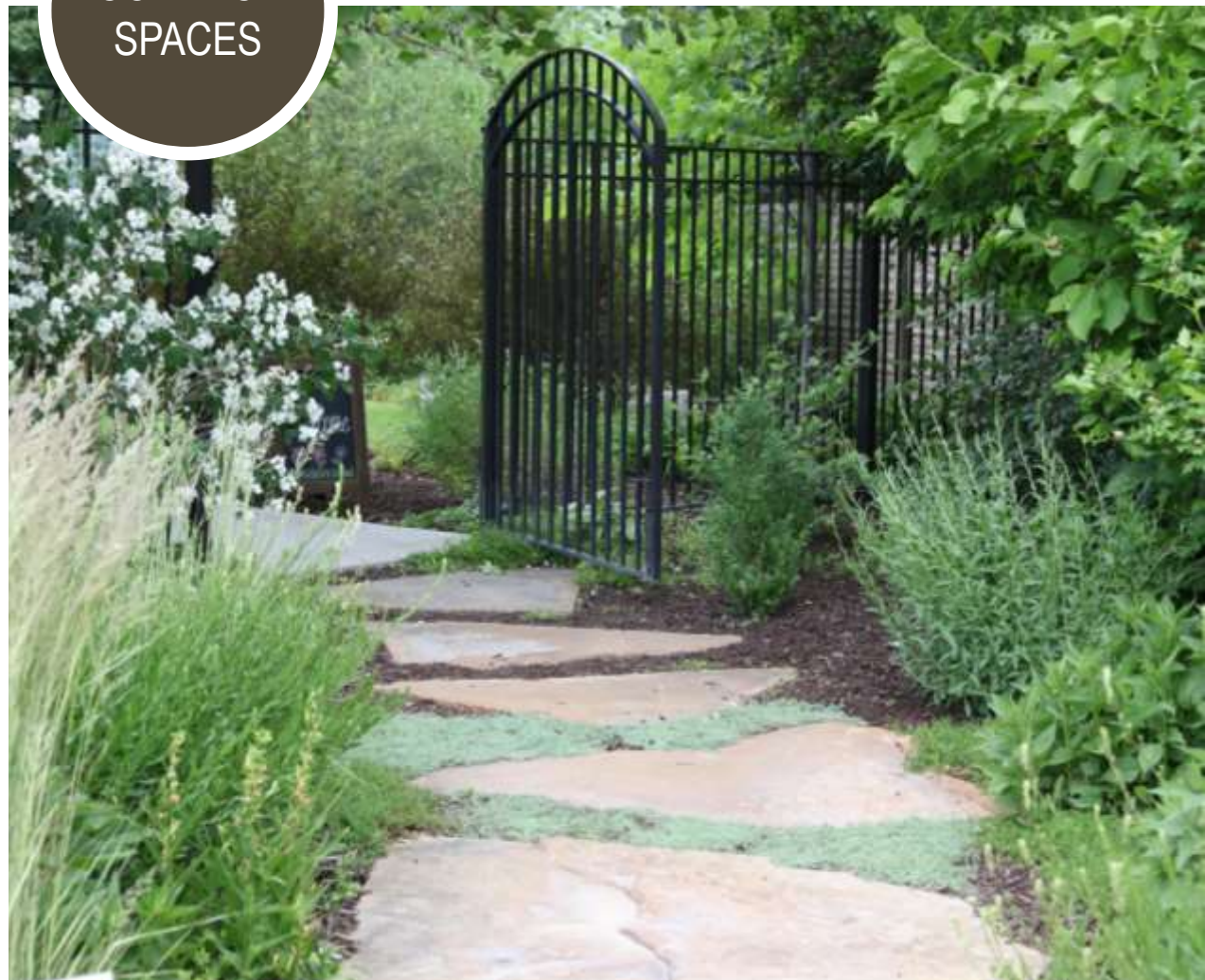
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Increase curb appeal

CREATE
SHORT
CUTS



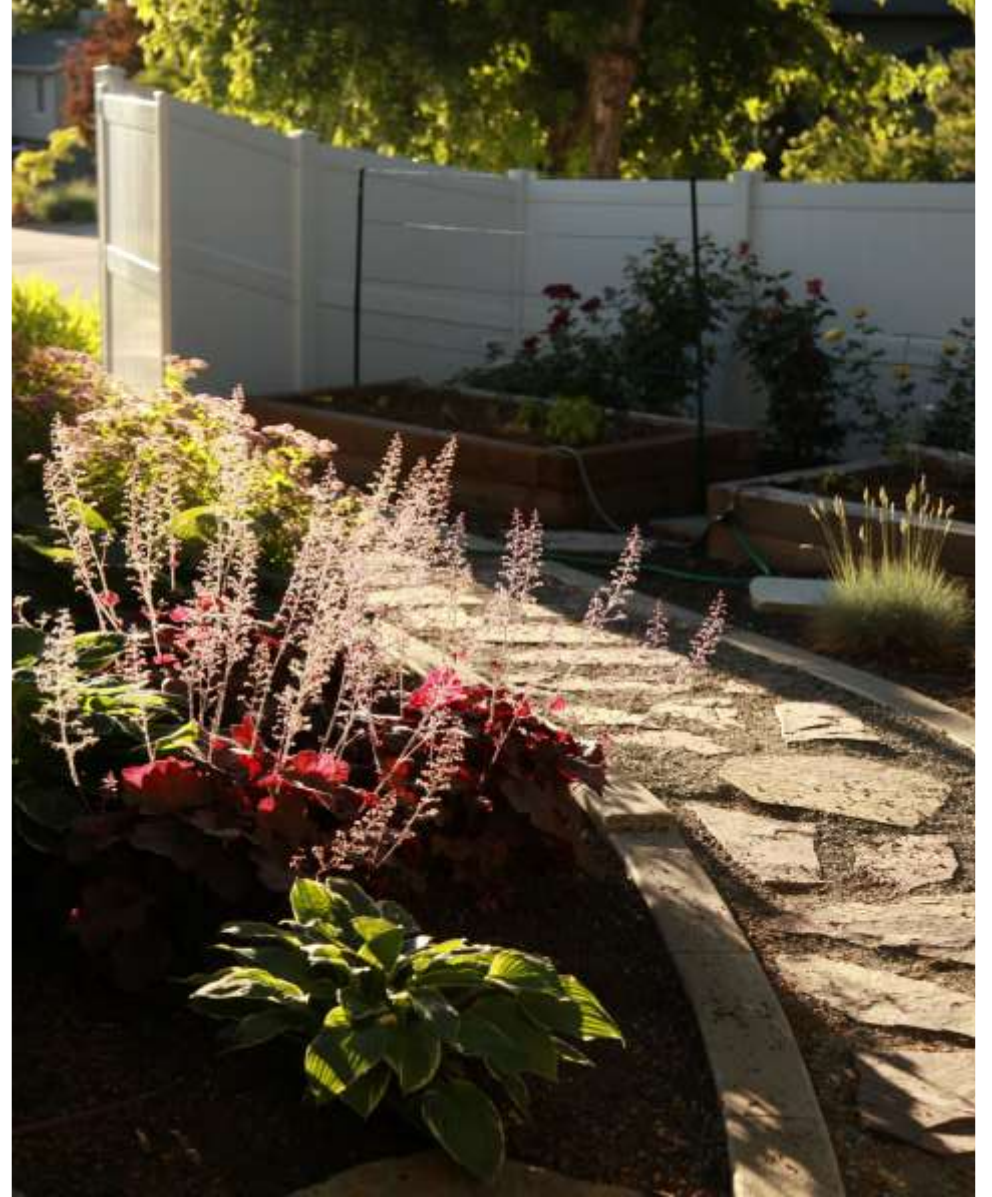
CONNECT
SPACES



Reduce maintenance



Improve function



Best practices for Paths

**OPTIONAL PATHS MAY BE
LOOSE MATERIALS**

**USE PATHS TO
CONNECT SPACES**

**MAIN PATHS ARE EVEN,
HARDSCAPE SURFACES**





STEP 5

PLANTING BEDS



Planting Beds









Increase curb appeal



Reduce maintenance



Simplify irrigation



Best practices for Planting Beds

USE UTAH-FRIENDLY PLANTS

ANNUALS IN CONTAINERS ONLY

DRIP IRRIGATION AND 3"- 4" MULCH

NO LAWN PARK STRIP



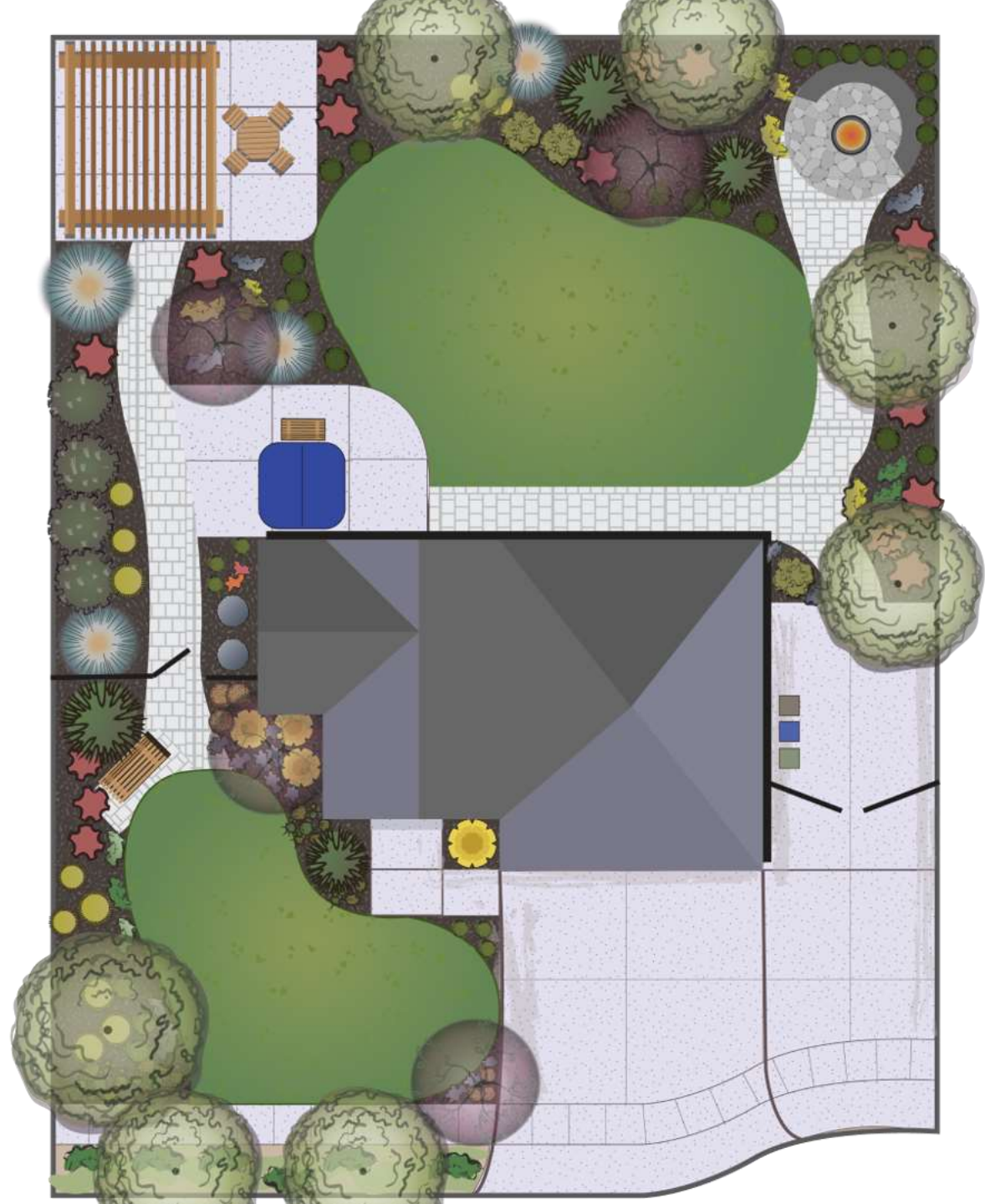


PUTTING
IT ALL
TOGETHER





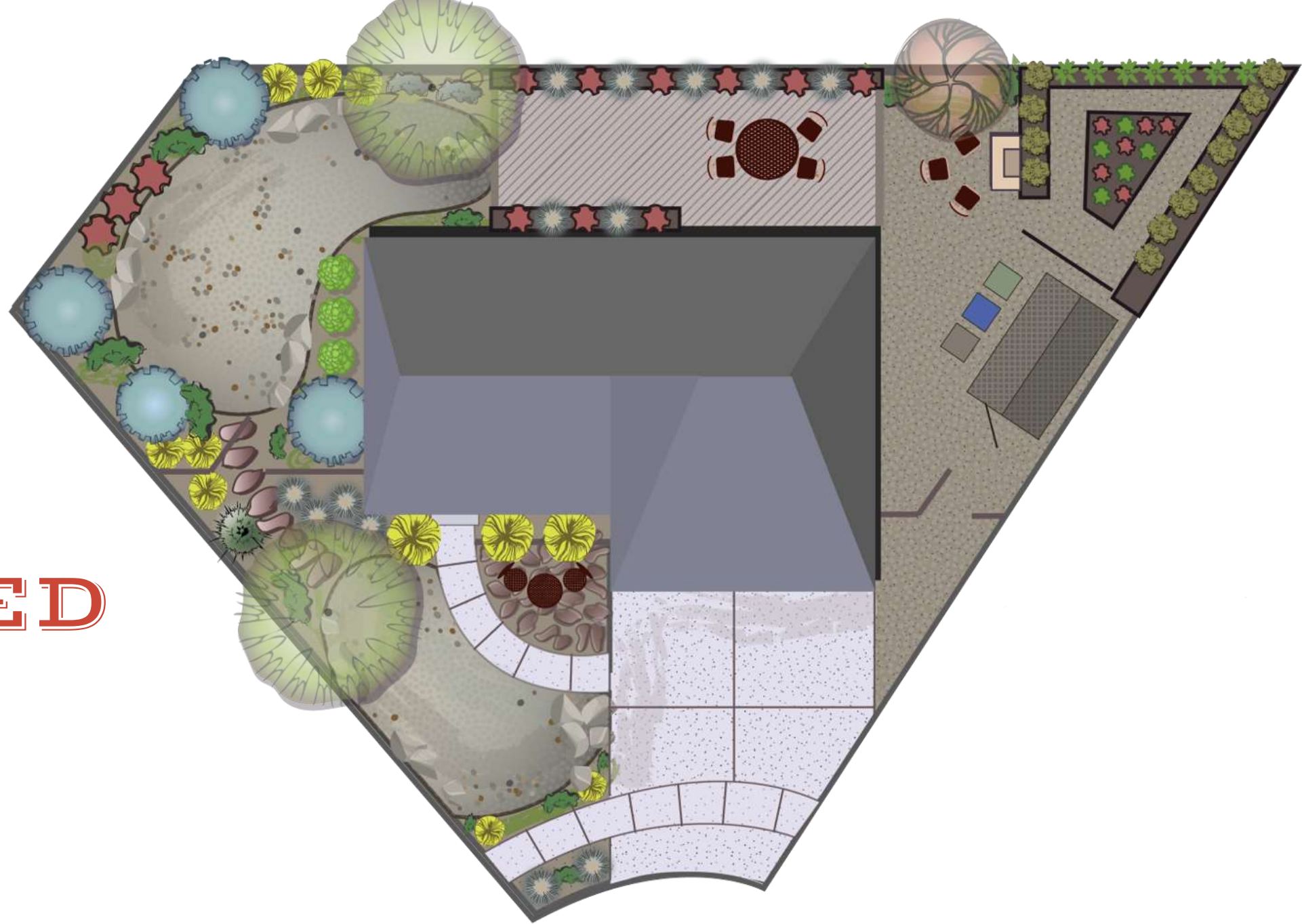
RECTANGULAR LOT





CORNER LOT



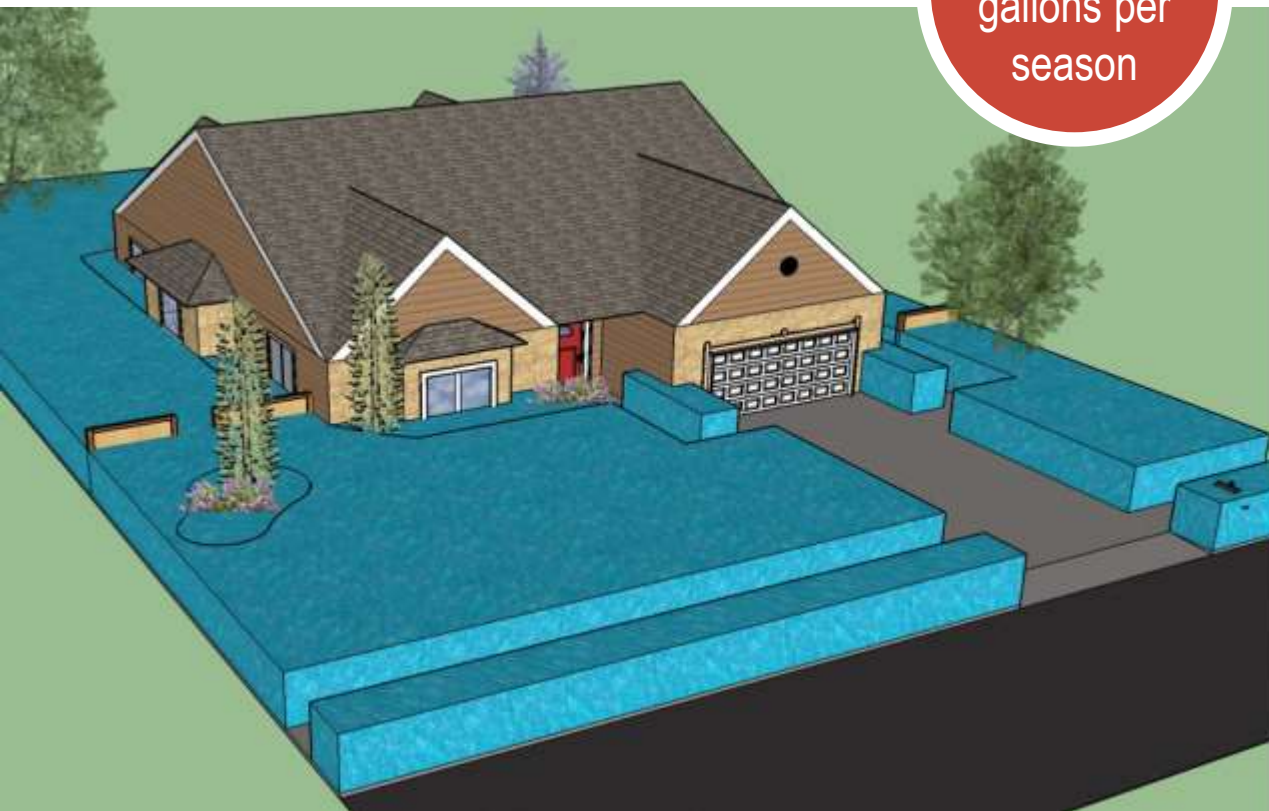


ODD-SHAPED LOT



Save 130,000 gallons per year

196,250*
gallons per
season



64,766
gallons per
season



* Typical use of 40" of water per season on a quarter acre lot, applied with automatic sprinklers



NEXT STEPS



DO-IT-YOURSELF



- Attend Locascapes University
- Complete the Design Workshop
- Complete the Irrigation Workshop

HIRE A PRO



- Locascapes Professional Partners
- Make sure to ask for a Locascape!
- Verify plan with Locascapes Homeowner Checklist

HYBRID APPROACH



- Attend other classes as needed.
- Locascapes Professional Partners
- Verify plan with Locascapes Homeowner Checklist



Do-it-yourself installation



AFTER



Professional installation





Hybrid approach





Where to begin

A lawn park strip uses up to 10,000 gallons per season





Medium Tree

Part Shade
Perennial Mix

Vegetable Garden
(Activity Zone)

Large
Ornamental Grass

Large Tree

Central Open Shape

Children's Playset
(Activity Zone)

Path

Gazebo
(Gathering Space)

Backyard Patio
(Gathering Space)

Focal Point Tree

Columnar Shrub

Small Shrub

Path

Shade Shrub

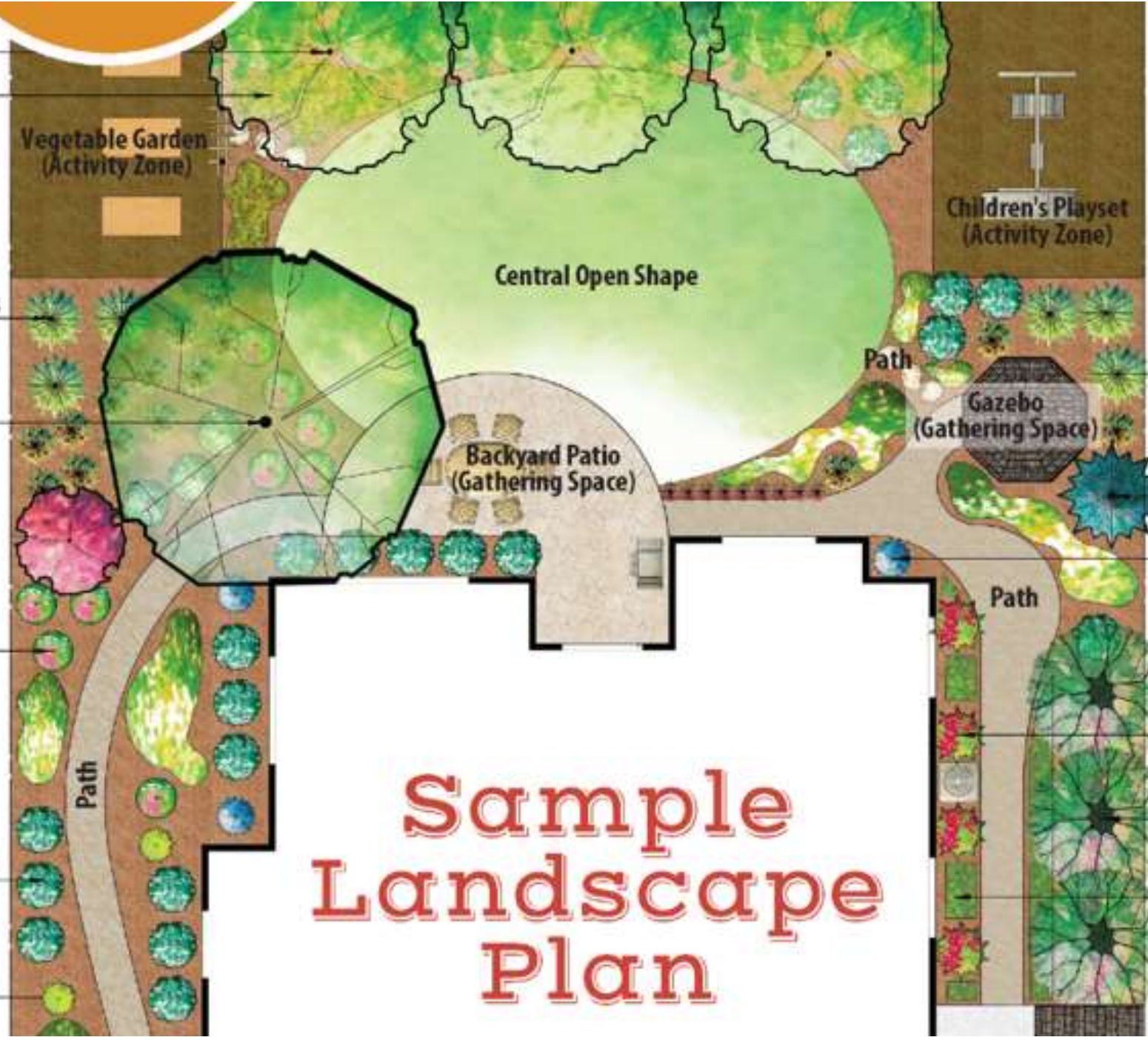
Small Tree

Flowering Shrub

Evergreen Shrub

Shade
Perennial Mix

Sample Landscape Plan





Weber Basin's Learning Garden

WeberBasin.com





QUIZ



What's wrong?



**Awkward bits
of lawn are
not useful**

**Lawn is
not designed**



What is wrong?

**DISORGANIZED
& MESSY**

**NO REASON TO
USE THE SPACE**

**DIFFICULT TO
WATER & MAINTAIN**



What's wrong?



**PLANTING BEDS
WATERED WITH
OVERHEAD SPRAY**

SIMPLIFY LAWN SHAPE

What's wrong?

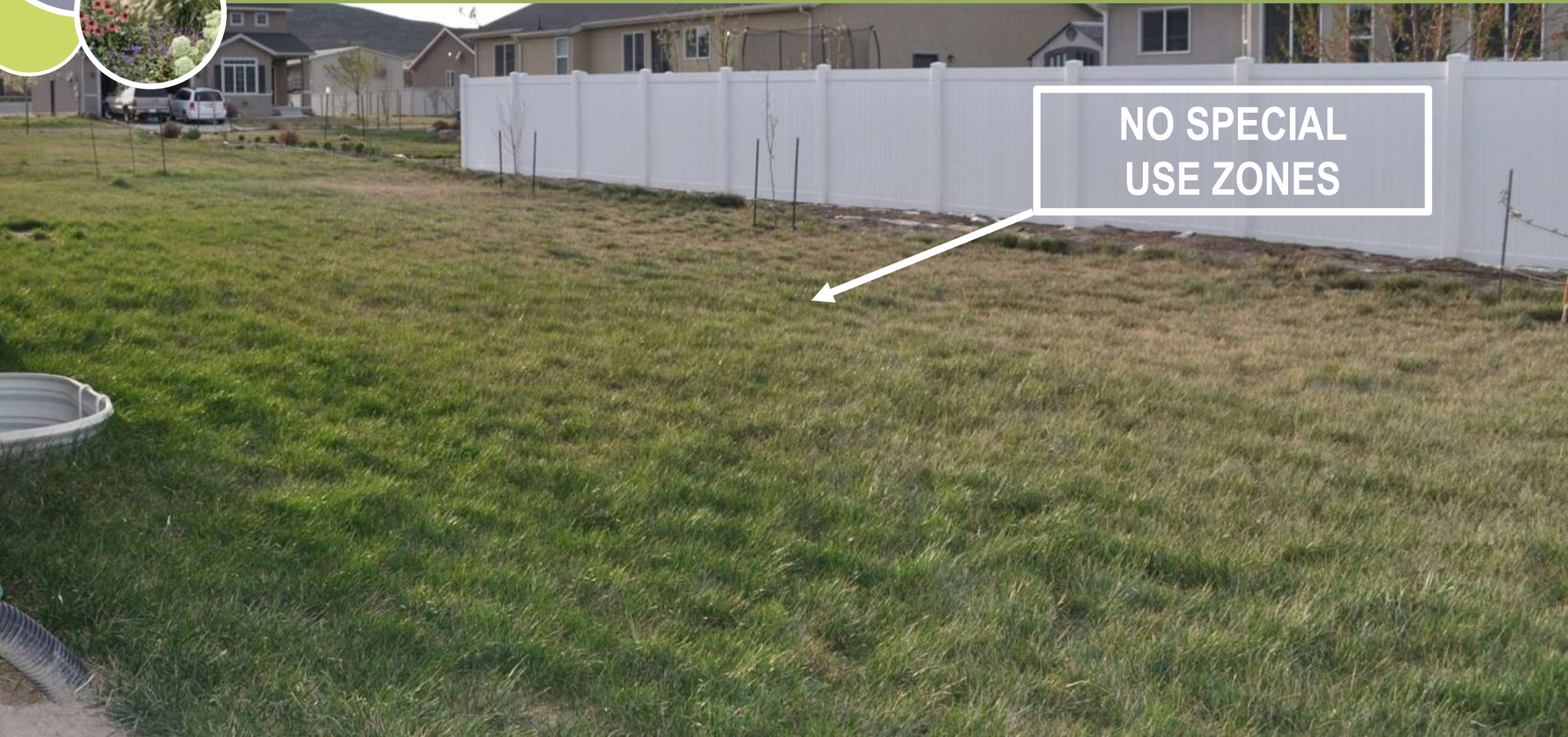


**OBSTACLE
IN LAWN**

**LAWN IN
PARK STRIP**



What's wrong?



**NO SPECIAL
USE ZONES**

What's wrong?



**PLANTING BED SHAPE IS
DESIGNED INSTEAD OF
LAWN SHAPE**





Localscapes®

Landscape for where you live.

