

URI Cooperative Extension Healthy Landscapes Program

Demonstration Site Participant Exit Questionnaire

Having served as a demonstration site with the URI Cooperative Extension Healthy Landscapes Program (September 2002 – September 2005), please answer the following questionnaire so that we may assess and evaluate the process and overall success of this component. Your comments will help to provide important information to refine and improve the use and management of future demonstration sites throughout the state, region and country. Thank you for your time and assistance.

Name: _____

Date: _____

I. Best Management Practices (BMPs), knowledge gained and extended: The following questions involve the technical aspects of this Project including the planning, installation, and maintenance/management of the best management practices installed/implemented at your home.

The following new practices were installed/implemented as part of this project: **(This is an example from one site.)**

- Two linked rain barrels and soaker hose for front bed – maintained for three years
- Crushed stone walkway / permeable paving materials and reducing lawn area – maintained for three years
- Lawn renovation, includes reseed and fertility management (including soil testing) – maintained for three years
- Alternative White Grub Control (Mass trapping and mating disruption) – maintained for three seasons
- Compost bin – delivered at end of project

Existing practices that the project highlighted: **(This is an example from one site.)**

- Border beds/crushed stone around house to control roof runoff
- Beds of sustainable plants that reduce inputs of fertilizer, pesticides, and water
- Low maintenance, sustainable lawn care
- Water conservation – proper watering methods, reduction in overall watering needs

Please provide comments on the following questions and statements about the new practices installed/implemented and information gained and extended:

a) Identify the new practice(s) installed/implemented as part of this project that you plan to continue/maintain and the reasons why. If you plan to alter them, please indicate how and why.

b) Do you plan to enlist the help of a landscape professional, friend, family member, etc. to continue the practices listed in a) above? If so, list which practices and why (lack of time, too labor intensive, too difficult, etc.)

c) Identify the practice(s) that you do not plan to continue/maintain and the reasons why.

d) Identify additional practices (or expansions of the practices installed during the Project) that you plan to install/implement in the near future as a result of your participation in this Project.

e) Do you plan to enlist the help of a landscape professional, friend, family member, etc. If yes, please list who will help, what they will do, and why (lack of time, too labor intensive, too difficult, etc).

f) How frequently did your participation in this project become a topic of interest or conversation with friends, neighbors, family, co-workers, landscape professionals, other groups or projects that you were involved with outside of this Project? Identify the number of people or projects that learned about your involvement.

g) Can you identify instances where friends, neighbors, family, co-workers, landscape professionals or others installed/implemented a practice as a direct result of your participation in this Project? Please list the number of people, the practice installed/implemented, and whether they enlisted the help of a landscape professional.

h) As a direct result of your participation in this Project, did you recently join or do you plan to join another related organization or group? If so, please list.

i) Identify which landscaping and water resource topics (if any) you learned more about as a result of this Project. Examples include: the source of my drinking water, that phosphorus is a water pollutant, proper nutrient management on lawns, etc.

j) Did you conduct any other outreach/educational activities such as talks, events, or projects that were related to your participation in the Healthy Landscapes Program?

k) Other comments: Please provide any other comments regarding the practices and information gained and extended:

II. Assessment of process, methods and outreach: Your response to the following statements will help assess URI Cooperative Extension’s overall use and management of your site in this education and outreach program. The establishment and use of privately owned demonstration sites was a new component being piloted as part of this Project.

a) Please place a check mark in the column that best matches your response to each of the following statements.

URI CE Management	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Comments
Project staff and volunteers provided me with adequate technical assistance.						
Project staff did an adequate job of explaining my roles and responsibilities at the beginning of the project.						
Project staff responded to my questions and concerns about practices or Project activities on my site in a timely manner.						
Project staff handled site visits, questions, concerns or unforeseen and incidental situations adequately and appropriately.						
Project staff provided me with ample notice before scheduling site visits, tours, media events, and other activities.						
Project staff interacted with me and managed Master Gardeners, landscape professionals and other volunteers working at my site appropriately.						
The method of outreaching to Master Gardener and other volunteers to assist with the installation and implementation of practices on my site was appropriate and successful. (If you feel that a privately owned demonstration site should be managed differently, provide some suggestions for improved management in comments.)						
My three years as a demonstration site with the Healthy Landscapes Program was positive and enjoyable.						

b) Please identify the ways in which you feel your site was best used, i.e., for TV filming, tours, website, slideshows, news articles, all of these ways, none of these ways. Are there any other ways a privately owned demonstration site should be used for education and outreach?

Other comments: Please provide any other comments regarding URI Cooperative Extension's use and management of your demonstration site:



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