



# Landscape Designer

Landscape Designers typically work for companies or groups that provide landscaping design and maintenance services for companies or individuals. These individuals plan, propose, and oversee the development of landscapes.



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# career profile

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Employer: The Green Way Landscape Company


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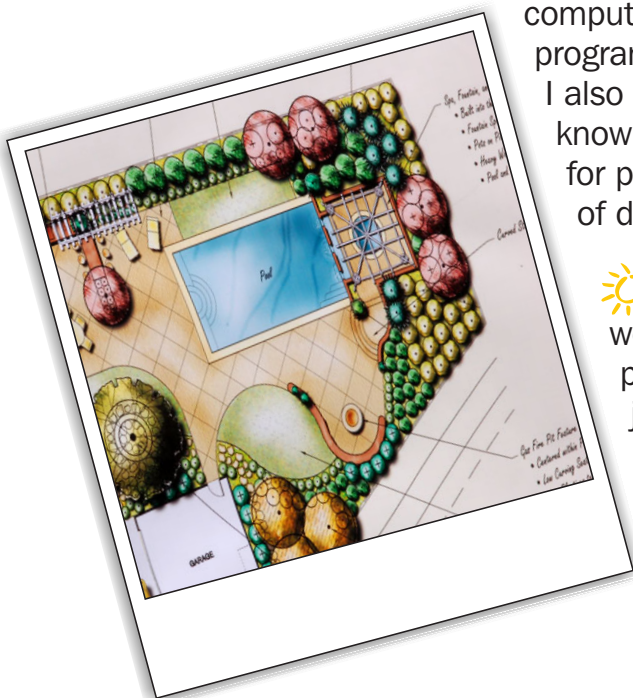
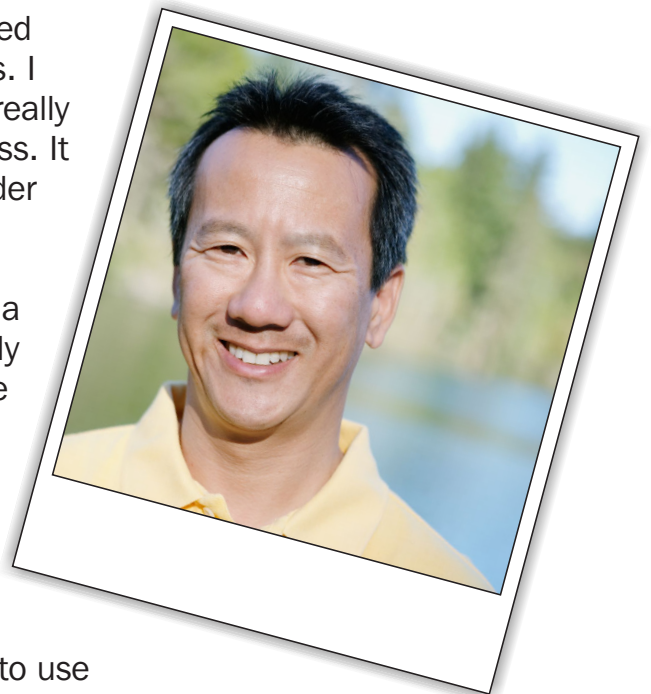
 As far back as I can remember I have enjoyed artwork and drawing. I also like nature and plants. I took horticulture in high school and found that I really liked the landscape design component of the class. It helped that my teacher encouraged me to consider landscape design as a career.

 I am employed as a landscape designer for a successful design-build landscaping company. My job is to create plans that result in both attractive and functional landscapes. I split my time in the office creating and pricing designs with time spent at sites. I interview the client and analyze the site before I begin a design. Most of my plans are hand drawn because it provides a personal touch that clients appreciate. However,

I am beginning to use computer assisted design programs more often in the design process.

I also observe and supervise construction. I have found knowledge of plant identification, cultural requirements for plants, construction practices, and the principles of design to be essential.

 My job doesn't feel like work because art and working with plants are two things I love. I like the problem-solving aspect involved in design. Each job has a unique set of challenges, so it is never boring. I also like the positive reaction of the clients as they see their property transformed into a beautiful landscape.



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## overview



A **landscape designer** creates plans for the beautification of outdoor terrain associated with residential and small commercial sites.

## suggested high school courses



[horticulture science](#), landscaping, plant science, art, chemistry, mathematics, and computer science

## experience needed



Gain work experience as a member of a landscape crew. Plan and implement a horticulture related Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) Program.

## degree(s) required



An associate's degree or bachelor's degree in landscape design is required.

## potential employers



landscaping firms, garden centers, self-employment

## salary range



\$44,888 to \$62,500

## employment outlook and trends



Depending on location, the job market for landscape designers is considered **good**.

## professional organizations



American Nursery and Landscape Association [www.anla.org](http://www.anla.org)  
Professional Landcare Network (PLANET) [www.landcarenetwork.org](http://www.landcarenetwork.org)



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