

garden consulting report

Private Residence

Fort Wayne, IN 46805

Site Observations & Suggestions

1) Some Morning Glory vine was found climbing on top of the Cotoneaster shrubs along driveway. The Morning Glory vine needs to be removed and monitored as it is an aggressive and invasive vine. To make sure it does not grow back, remove any additional regrowth.

2) I was asked to identify an unknown plant – photo taken 6/20/11 #5. The plant in question is Black Lace Elderberry (Sambucus nigra 'Eva'). The Black Lace Elderberry shrub grows from 6' to 8' tall and has the very distinctive purple black foliage. Which flower in early summer on old wood. The Elderberry needs Part Sun to Sun conditions and Normal to Wet soil conditions.

3) I was asked to identify unknown plant – photo taken 6/20/11 #6. I am still researching the mystery plant.

4) There are three Holly shrubs along driveway edge which are struggling and planted rather far apart. In my opinion this area need to be redesigned. With the client's approval I will prepare 3 designs and cost estimate for the selected one. The project should be scheduled for a Fall installation.

5) I noticed that several shrubs along left side of driveway (facing residence) have died. Remove stump and roots of the dead shrubs and replace with new plants. These new plants can be added to the Fall installation schedule.

6) The landscape at residence foundation on the left side does not match the right which it should due to the symmetrical nature of the residence. The area need to be designed to better match the right hand side of the residence. With the client's approval I will sketch out some ideas and prepare a cost estimate. The project should be scheduled for a Fall installation.

7) One of the rose bushes was dying possibly from a fungus and was removed. Be sure to remove all the dead leaves on the ground so as not to contaminate the remaining rose bushes.

8) The landscape planting on the right side of the passage way into the back yard seems cluttered. I suggest to simplify the planting by relocating extra plants to other landscape beds. Use as part of new Master Landscape design.

9) Two Arborvitae trees along the rear property line have died and very large weeds have grown in the empty space. I suggest leaving the weeds until it is time to replace with two new Arborvitae. I asked Nate to get costs for a proposal to plant the new Arborvitae this Fall.

10) A number of plants in the Reading Garden have died (and have been removed). The Reading Garden needs to be completely renovated. With the client's approval I will prepare a design based on original/current plantings and develop a cost estimate. This project should be budgeted for Spring 2012.

11) I noticed that there are no vines climbing on the Reading Garden's metal arbor. This seems like a missed opportunity. I suggest relocating two of the numerous Clematis over to the Reading Garden metal arbor. This can be done this Fall.

12. In my opinion the landscape adjacent to the Reading Garden is too far gone and needs to be replaced. With the client's approval I will prepare a design and cost estimate for the selected one. The project should be scheduled for a Spring 2012 installation.

13) The Azalea next to garage between garage and house is chlorotic (the leaves are yellowish green). The Azalea should be fertilized with a fertilizer high in nitrogen to get the leaves to "green up" and with phosphorus to encourage next year's flowering. A liquid nitrogen fertilizer such as Miracle-Gro can be applied right now and the fertilizer with the phosphorus can be applied this fall.

14) The Yew shrub next to patio needs to be reduced in size. I suggest pruning the Yew back 3 inches at most. Make sure that you do not remove too much growth and expose the shrub's "dead zone".

15) I noticed that several Clematis have a fungus, possibly Clematis Leaf and Stem Spot (or Clematis Wilt). All infected leaves need to be removed. Make sure to dispose of all infected leaves in the trash as any remaining fungus material can re-infect new growth.

16) Apparently the Lilac next to brick wall has not bloomed very much. (observation by client). The Lilac needs to be fertilized with a fertilizer high in phosphorus such as *Espoma Triple Super Phosphate* (0-45-0) or *Espoma Rock Phosphate* (0-3-0) which is organic to encourage flowering.

17) There is a Clematis climbing up the small Dogwood tree that needs to be removed as it shading the Dogwood tree, and if not removed can lead to the death of the Dogwood. Cut and remove Clematis from the Dogwood. Remove plant material from site due to possible fungal issues.

18) Several plants need to be deadheaded (the removal of the new seed pods).

- the perennial Salvia (*Salvia nemorosa*)
- the Roses (*Rose species*)
- the Iris (*Iris species*)
- the Siberian Pea Shrub (*Caragana arborescens*)
- the Oriental lily (*Lilium auratum*)

The task of deadheading should be done each week to prevent the plants from expending too much energy into growing the seeds only for them to be removed,

19) The front yard landscape still has some weeds. The task of weeding should be done each week to prevent the weeds from re-establishing themselves and setting seed.

20) A baby Daylily has sprouted in the middle front landscape bed. We can relocate the baby Daylily into one of the other landscape beds along with another grouping of Daylilies. This should be done this Fall once temperatures have fallen.

21) Several plants have dead and/or yellowing leaves which should be removed.

- the Iris (*Iris species*)
- the Daffodil (*Narcissus pseudonarcissus*)

22) The Blue Hydrangea is chlorotic (the leaves are yellowish green). The Hydrangea needs to be fertilized with a fertilizer high in nitrogen to increase chlorophyll production and green up the leaves.

23) I noticed there is some dead wood throughout the Weigela. The dead wood needs to be pruned out to prevent any opportunities for disease and/or insects from attacking the shrubs. This project can be done at anytime.

24) I noticed there are some signs of fungus on the Iris, most likely Iris Leaf Spot. I suggest spraying the Iris leaves every two weeks with a fungicide containing a contact fungicide (Daconil 2787 or Dithane, both containing chlorothalonil). Remove all dead foliage and flower stalks during the year. Remember, the fungus over winters on the dead foliage, the same case as with the roses. The foliage must be removed from the property because the fungus will remain in the debris ready to infect plants.

25) Some Potato Vine is growing is also growing on the Cotoneaster. Remove the Potato Vine growing on the Cotoneaster and monitor that it does not grow back.

26) There are a number of groupings of Iris & Ornamental Lily that are planted too close to each other. These groupings of Iris & Ornamental Lilies should be replanted in distinctive mass plantings. The relocation should be scheduled for sometime this Fall.

27) The Viburnum has some leaf damage possibly from the Viburnum Leaf Beetle (*Pyrrhalta viburni*). There does not seem to be any beetle on the shrub at the moment but I suggest monitoring the Viburnum weekly for new leaf damage. If the beetle returns, treat the shrubs with an organic pesticides called Spinosad which is used in "Captain Jack's Dead Bug Brew" or an insecticidal soap. The spray or soap must come in contact with the beetle for it to be effective.

28) A Clematis which is growing near the two dead shrubs (see item #5) on an inadequate structure. I would suggest relocating the Clematis over to the metal arbor located between the two residences on the left side of the property. I suggest moving this Clematis as a Fall project.

29) I noticed that the drip irrigation line is showing near the two dead shrubs (see item #5). The drip irrigation line needs to be reburied in order for it to be most effective. Currently a significant amount of water emitted out of the exposed drip irrigation line is lost to evaporation. I suggest burying the drip irrigation line as soon as possible.

30) There are two different shrubs – one Rose & one Clematis growing on the metal arbor located on the left side of the residence. I suggest removing the Climbing Rose and replacing it with one of the relocated Clematis vines. The Clematis vine is more suited for the metal arbor and does not have any thorns. I suggest moving the Clematis as a Fall project as well.

31) There are a number of different weeds growing in the Vinca bed in front of the patio fountain. The landscape bed needs to be weeded as soon as possible in order to get the weeds under control.

32) The area underneath the Arborvitae along the property line needs to be weeded, edged and mulched. I asked Nate to provide you with a cost estimate to weed, edge and mulch the area underneath the Arborvitae. This project can be done at anytime.

33) The Daylilies under the two small trees along the back property edge need to be re-spaced. I suggest digging up and re-spacing the Daylilies under the two small trees. Relocate other types of plants growing under the two small trees. This project should be done when the Reading Garden is renovated.

34) I would add mulch to the two small trees listed in item #33 to control the weeds, protect the tree from the mower and for aesthetics. I suggest mulching these areas at the same time the Arborvitae are mulched.

35) There is a wasp nest in the compost pile which needs to be removed as soon as possible. You can use Raid Wasp & Hornet Killer as an effective tool to kill the wasps. An organic alternative is the Safer Brand wasp and hornet killer which uses organic

Pyrethrin in an aerosol form. Pyrethrin is found in the seeds of the White Daisy (*Chrysanthemum cinerariaefolium*).

36) The weeds in the right side landscape bed are out of control and need to be weeded ASAP. Carefully weed this landscape bed taking note of existing plant materials for future use in the redesign of the landscape bed.

37) The fountain pump equipment needs to be screened from view with either a row of Arborvitae (might be too shady) or some type of wooden fence which can be covered with a vine such as a Wisteria vine.

38) The small Juniper tree in the patio bed needs to be removed. Wrong plant, wrong place. Relocate in the Fall after the perennials have died back. Possibly plant along brick wall towards the back of the property.

39) There are Roses and Honeysuckle growing together on the metal structures at the base of the residence in back. I suggest selecting the roses as they are in keeping with the architectural style. A larger climbing structure is needed.

40) I noticed that there is a white flowering Clematis vine growing on small structure next to the garage. I suggest relocating the white flowering Clematis vine to a spot in the backyard, location to be determined during the redesign.

41) There is a bare spot in front of the hedge along the right side of the driveway. Plant a small shrub or several perennials in front of the hedge along the right side of the driveway to hide the old stump. Mulch the area to match other side of the driveway.

42) The tree in the grass strip along the road is dead. I suggest planting two new 1.5 inch caliper trees in the grass strip which will help extend the landscape out to the road edge.

Notes

- Initial site visit on 6/20/11
- Nate – landscape helper
- Lawn & Landscape services provided by TruGreen.
 - lawn treatments – signed for 7, 2 have be applied already
 - grub control has been applied
 - Tree & Shrub spray applications for insect & disease – 4 total treatments
 - lawn is also being treated with a pest control for flea & ticks – 3 treatments
- Need to develop a month to month project schedule and maintenance plan.
- Second site visit on 6/29/11
- Client likes snap dragons, need to add seasonal color area to reading garden.
- Client likes garden lighting. Need to develop a master lighting plan based on using solar powered light fixtures.
- Ask client if they like the metal hoop edging and plastic root barrier surrounding the Reading Garden.
- Need to create inventory list of all metal structures such as shepherd hooks and trellises.
- September and October are the two best months for Fall plantings (Fall project).