

1. *When did you start working on your landscape?*

June 2021

2. *What inspired/motivated you to re-do your landscape? How long did it take to complete your landscape?*

I wanted to conserve water and have better curb appeal. It gets hot in Woodland and the lawn was really old and full of crabgrass and weeds. The planting was done in October 2021.

3. *Did you experience any set-backs or delays while working on your yard?*

Yes, initial design took a bit longer than expected.

4. *How would you describe your yard?*

Drought resistant landscape, park-like.

5. *Did you do it yourself, hire a professional, or a combination of both?*

Combination of both, I hired a designer and then another contractor to implement. I changed up the original design and edited the materials and plants' list.

6. *What type of plants did you use? Did you have a design plan in mind when choosing plants?*

Drought tolerant and added a couple of trees.

7. *Did you use any rebates that the city offers? Did you take a landscaping class?*

I used the tree rebate. I have not taken a landscaping class.

8. *Do you have background experience in landscaping?*

I do not but have always changed the landscaping at each of the homes I have owned.

9. *Does your landscape use any pesticides? If the answer is no, how do you fight against pests?*

No, my maintenance gardener only sprays the weeds.

10. *How often do you water your yard? What system of irrigation do you use?*

In the summer, the drip system turns on twice a day, three times a week.

11. *Does your landscape attract birds and/or beneficial insects? If so, what kind have you seen? What part of your landscape does wildlife seem the most attracted to?*

Yes, my plants attract hummingbirds, finches, bees, ladybugs and praying mantis.

12. *Did you have a budget set? Were you able to stay within that budget or did you go over/under?*

I did have a budget and had edited the number of plants to meet the budget.

*13. How much maintenance does your yard need now vs. before when it was a lawn?*  
It is low maintenance, mostly deadheading and trimming compared to bi-weekly lawn mowing.

*14. Have you experienced any unforeseen issues with your remodeled yard?*  
The walking bark needs to be refilled as it blows away in high wind.

*15. Where did you get your plants?*  
Wholesale nursery in Vacaville and Woodland Home Depot.

*16. Do you plan on expanding or making any more changes to your yard?*  
Filling in some blank spots.

*17. Why was the change from a green lawn worth it to you?*  
The green lawn was a never-ending cycle of a high water bill with low aesthetic return.

*18. Anything else you would like to share? This could include any advice or lessons learned from working on your yard.*

As I was new to Woodland, I appreciated working with a landscape designer who was very knowledgeable about the types of plants that do well in this climate. Be patient and don't be afraid to use small plants, they will fill in!