

# Hole Montes *Award Winning Design*

Landscape Architecture as a science deals with the technical manipulation of objects and people in outdoor spaces. As an art, it expresses applied intelligence and encompasses the entire spectrum of human emotion. The ultimate goal is to link people with the landscape. Beyond landscape design, it includes the creation of "outdoor rooms" with pool/spa areas, decks, walls, gazebos and any other recreational/athletic amenities. The same concepts apply to residential or commercial projects, large or small.

Land Planning as a science entails the layout of program elements and large-scale design solutions that concern extensive areas of land, anticipating situations that will be encountered with human use. It is a conscious and intuitive process. As an art, it is synonymous with land design where consideration of the necessary data allows creative, yet functional, imaginative solutions to follow as a logical sequence. Stewardship of the land is critical to sensitive development.

Once a conceptual design is presented and approved, construction documents are prepared consisting of details and specifications to properly convey the design intent. Typically, these documents allow the project to be put out to bid to obtain competitive pricing and cost effective implementation. Based on the results, the Landscape Architect can assist the Client in choosing successful contractors.



At the Client's direction, the Landscape Architect can also provide contract administration, and construction supervision. Prior to signing off on a project, the Landscape Architect does a final inspection, identifying any items that need attention and follows up to ensure a quality, completed product.

Whether a project is new construction or existing property, investing in a Land Planner/Landscape Architect early on is critical to ensure not only beautiful but ecologically sound and cost effective results. Successful land planning and landscape architecture is a carefully balanced union of science and art where we act as "interpreter for the Client and Companion to the land".

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