**Site Assessment Activity**

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*60 minutes*

**Learning Objective(s):** Participants will…

* Apply basic site assessment criteria to a familiar landscape.

**Supplies:**

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| Handouts:   * Monocots and Dicots graphic |  |
| Materials:   * Paper, pencil and clipboard. * Optional: Camera |

**Instructions:**

Using your property or another familiar landscape such as a nearby park, walk through the site assessment checklist to learn more about the site. Make notes, draw a basic sketch or take photos to represent each bullet.



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**Site Assessment Checklist**

Name of Property:

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| * USDA Hardiness Zone: | * Aspect, Include North Arrow |
| Last Spring Frost:  Last Fall Frost: | North South  East  West |
| * Sunlight | * Slopes |
| Full sun (6 hours or more)  Partial sun  Shade | Steep  Moderate  Gradual or flat |
| * Microclimate factors: | Soil texture |
| Reflected heat  Frost pocket | Clayey  Loamy  Sandy  Silty |
| * Wind: | * Soil compaction |
| Windy site  Windy in isolated sections  Calm site | Compacted  Partially compacted  No compaction |
| * Obstructions | * Soil drainage characteristics |
| Below ground (e.g. utilities or irrigation system)  Above ground (e.g. overhead wires) | Wet  Well-drained  Dry |
| * Wildlife interference |
| Serious and obvious concerns  Marginal concerns  Not a problem |
| * Unusual conditions: | * Soil pH: * Existing Plants: |

Notes: