



# Rocking Your Garden

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Using rock to create unique features, natural interest and lush beauty

It's not this... (zeroscape)





Gianetti Residence





## What We'll Learn

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- Rock Materials
- Rock Walls & Retaining
- Mulched Beds
- Dry River Beds
- Unique Features & DIY
- Plants



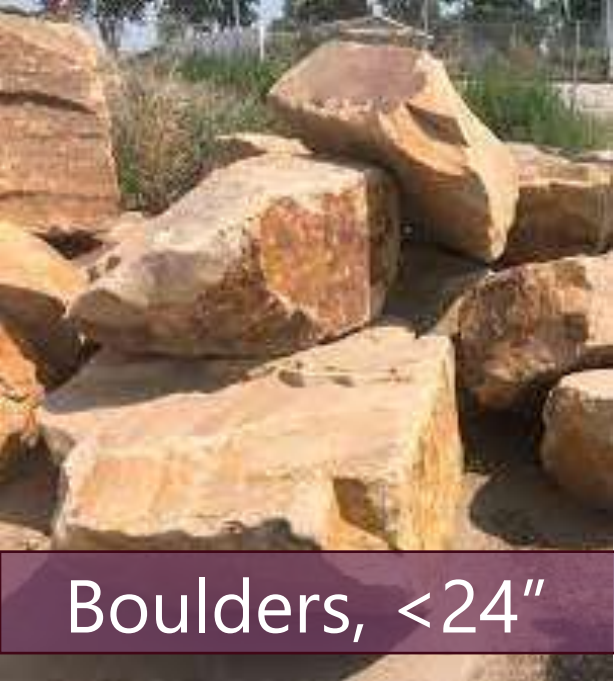


# Basic Materials

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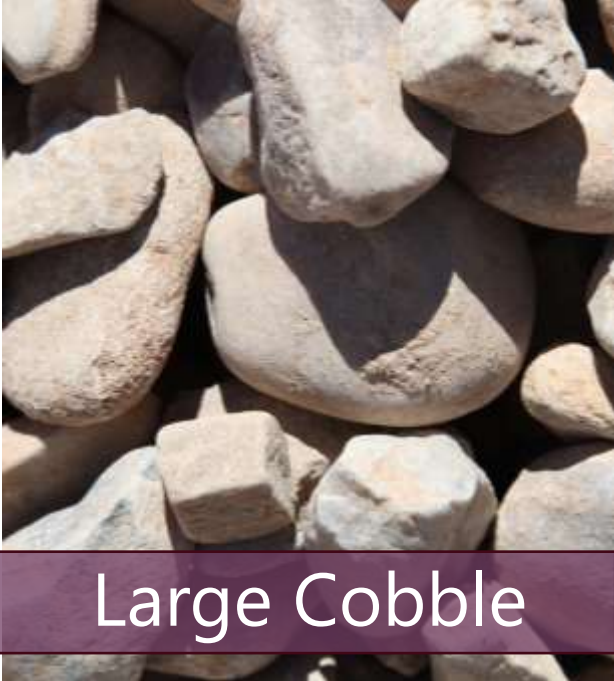
# Sizes



Boulders, <24"



2-Fers, 24"



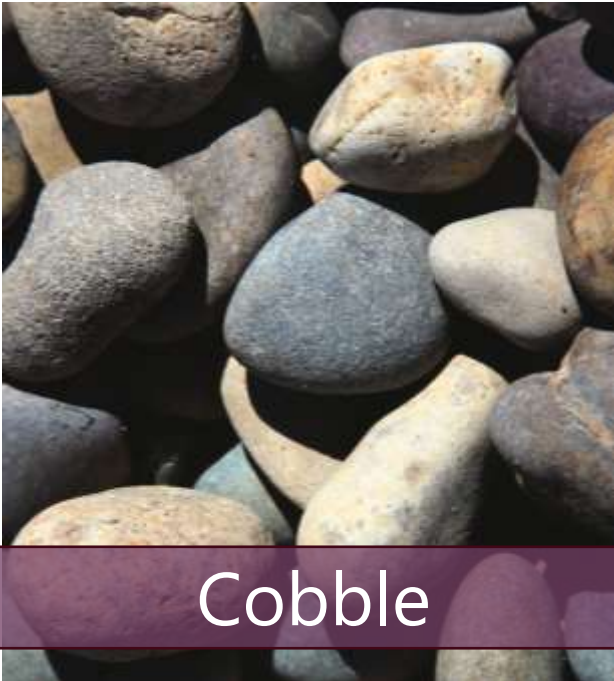
Large Cobble



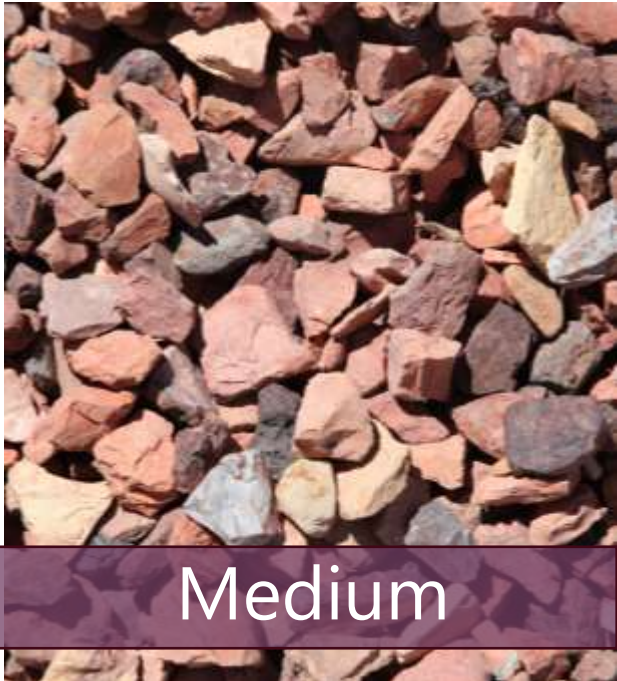
Medium



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Cobble



Medium



# Tones & Shades







Flagstone Chip (sm)



Flagstone Chip  
(med)



Decomposed Granite

# Paving



Pea Gravel



Chat- Apache Brown



Chat- Firerock



Chat- Wasatch Gray

# Budget-Stretching Tips

- Use road base under more expensive chat/ flagstone chip
- Use less expensive, generic rock then top dress with the more colorful stone



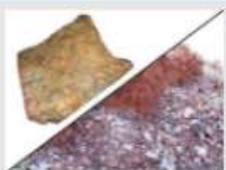


Boulders

Flat Rocks

Volcanic

Other



1 Antelope Mountain & Antelope Point



2 Basin Creek



3 The Honeycombs



4 Lava Ridge



5 Red Canyon/Red Wash



6 Topaz Pit



7 Red Canyon



8 Shinarump Pit



9 Willow Springs



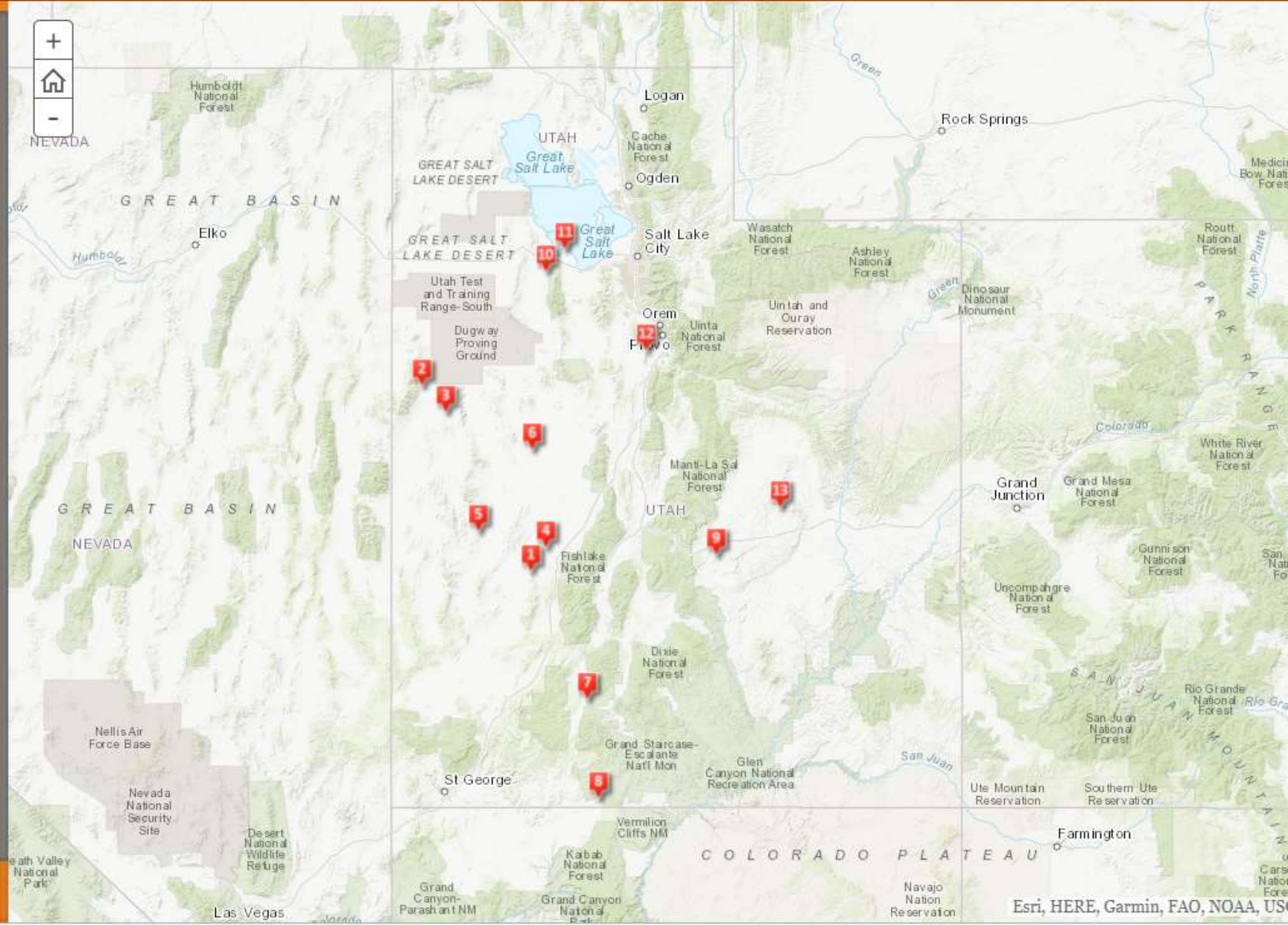
10 Muskrat Station



11 Stansbury Island 28



12 West Mountain





# Open Spaces

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# Filled Space vs. Open Space



# Hardscape Central Open Shape



# Crisp Edges



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# Crisp Design, Blurred Edges





# Filled Spaces with Rock Mulch

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# Locations

- Park strips, stone may be required in some cities
- Low-density planting beds
- Discourage or endure traffic



West Jordan, Utah, Flip Your Strip

# Sizing



# Plant Density



# No Weed Barrier Fabric



# Rock Mulch Microclimate



# Reduce Heat on (some) Plant Leaves





# Mulch Depth

- Mulch works by shading the soil surface
- Larger rock may need to be deeper, 4"
- Larger rock can use smaller rock as filler, 3"
- Smaller rock may require less depth, 2"



# Block Sunlight from Soil



# Contrasting Materials



# Maintenance



Photo: LandLock



# Rock Walls & Retaining

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# Legalities

- Retaining walls more than 4 feet tall **MUST** be engineered
- Licensed contractor to build if over 4 feet tall
- Liability
- Limited DIY
- Plan for drainage



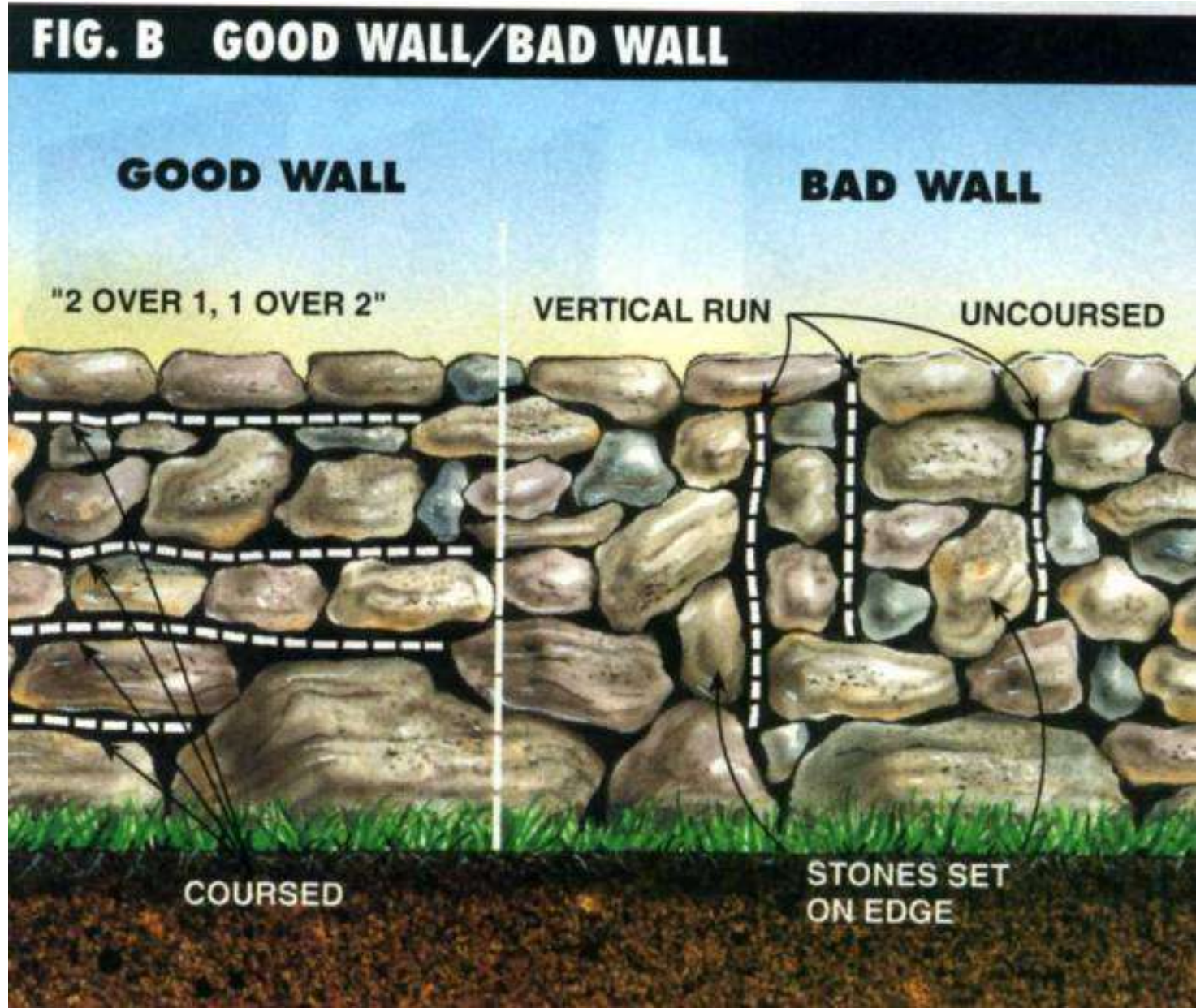
# DIY- Terracing

- Terraced walls less than 4' can be DIY
- Plan for drainage, it's not supposed to be just stacked rocks!
- Your city may have specifications and required inspections, consult building department



# Wall Basics

- Stable retaining walls will have coursed stone
- Watch for aligned vertical gaps— make them fix it!
- Courses, not randomness
- Courses create gaps for plants





# DIY-Friendly Styles



# Lawn Spacing



# Safety Planting





# Paths & Park Strips

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# Paths Construction



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# Path Widths



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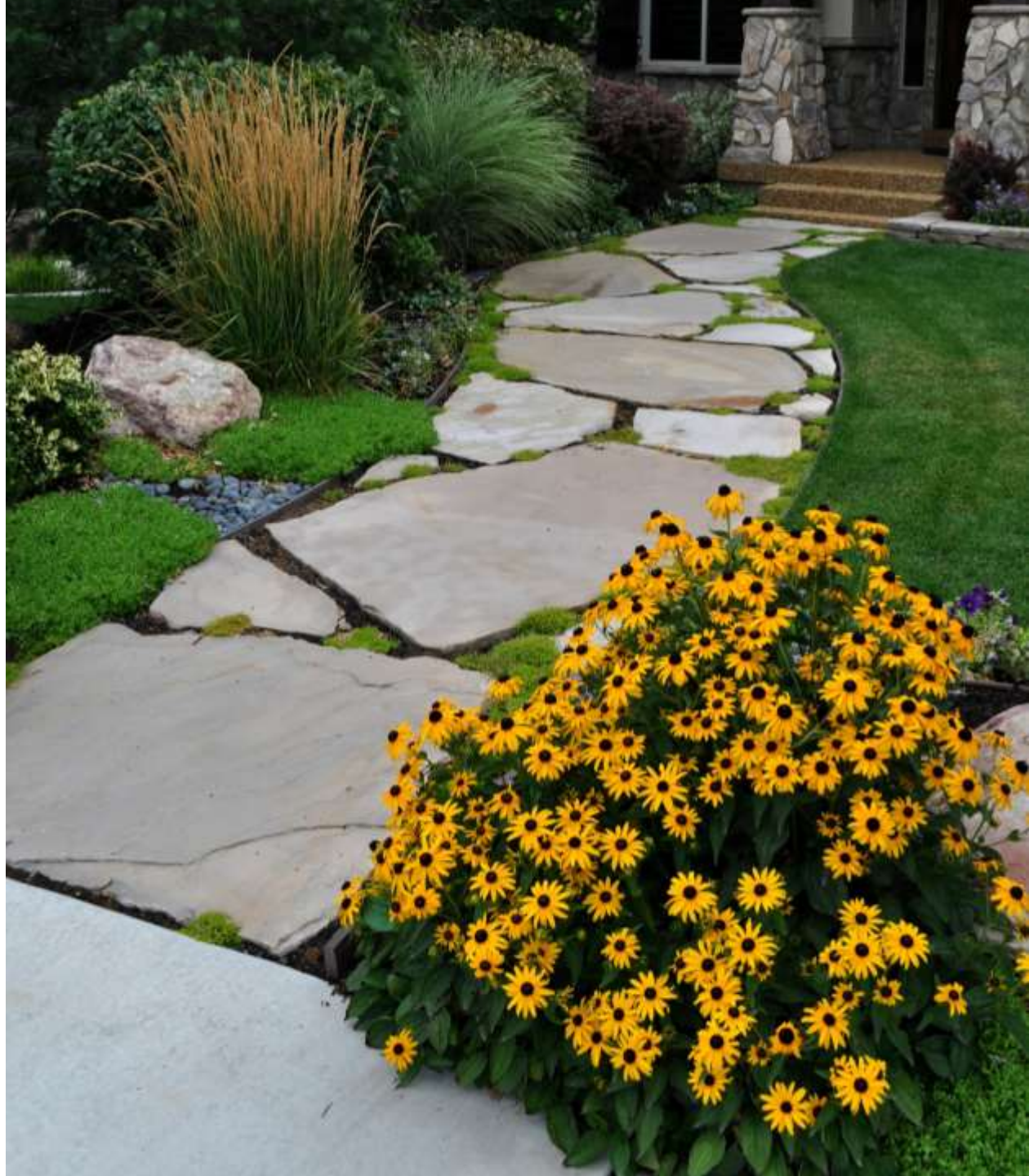


# Path Filler



# Between Stone Plants

- Use largest stones you can afford
- Limit plant locations to edges only
- Leave at least 12" of steppable surface area
- Run in-line drip irrigation between stones



# Common Outcome

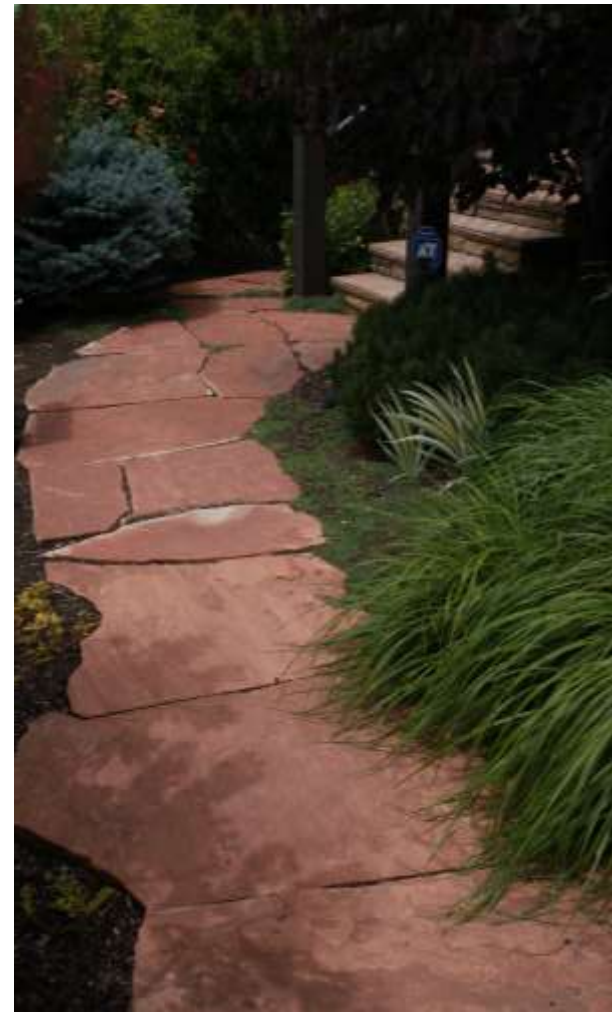
- Plants overtake the stones
- What was once beautiful is messy
- And dangerous



# Path & Patio Stone Plants



Ideas



# Ideas





# Dry River Beds

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# Wrong Way





Better Way

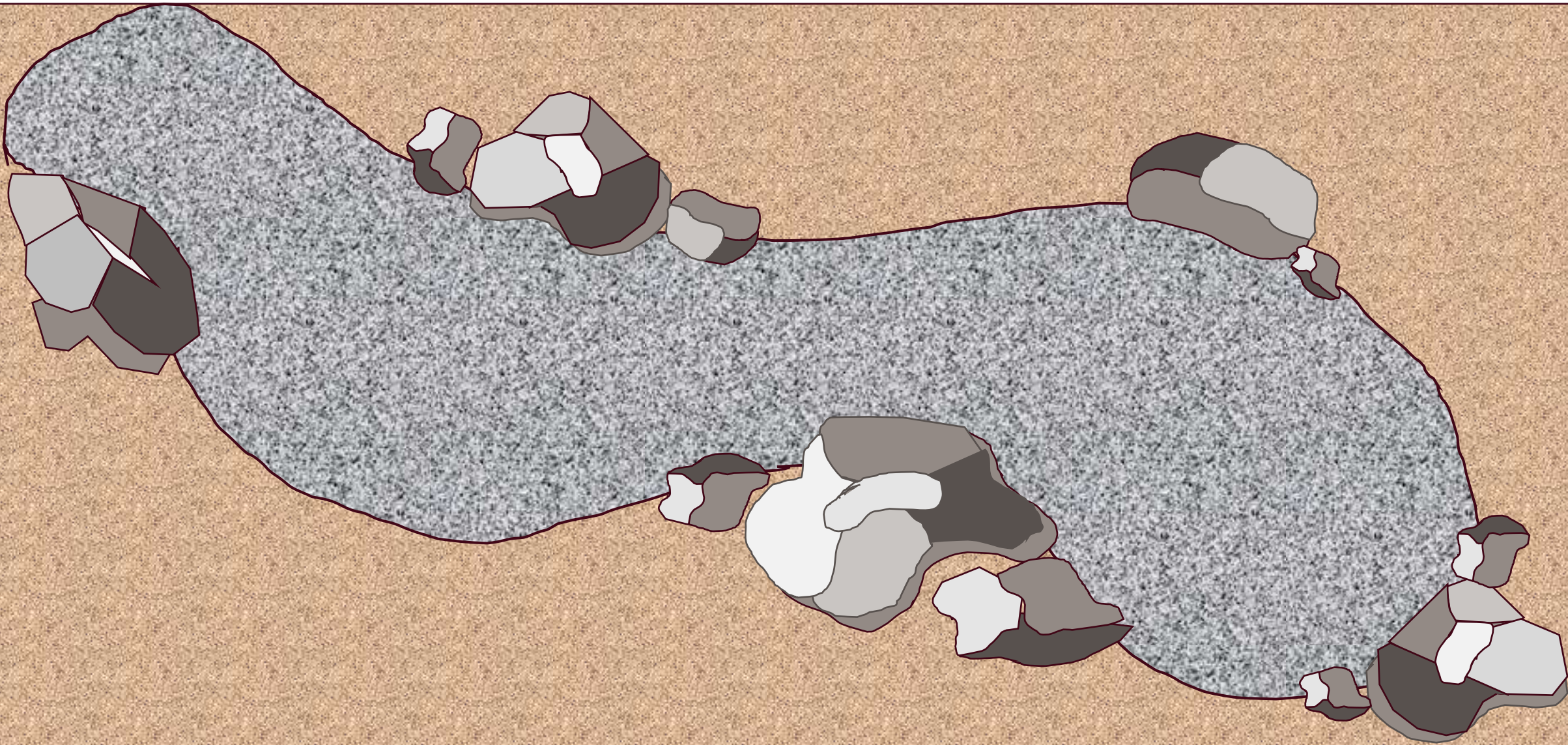


# Best Way



Herlocker, Sandy, Utah

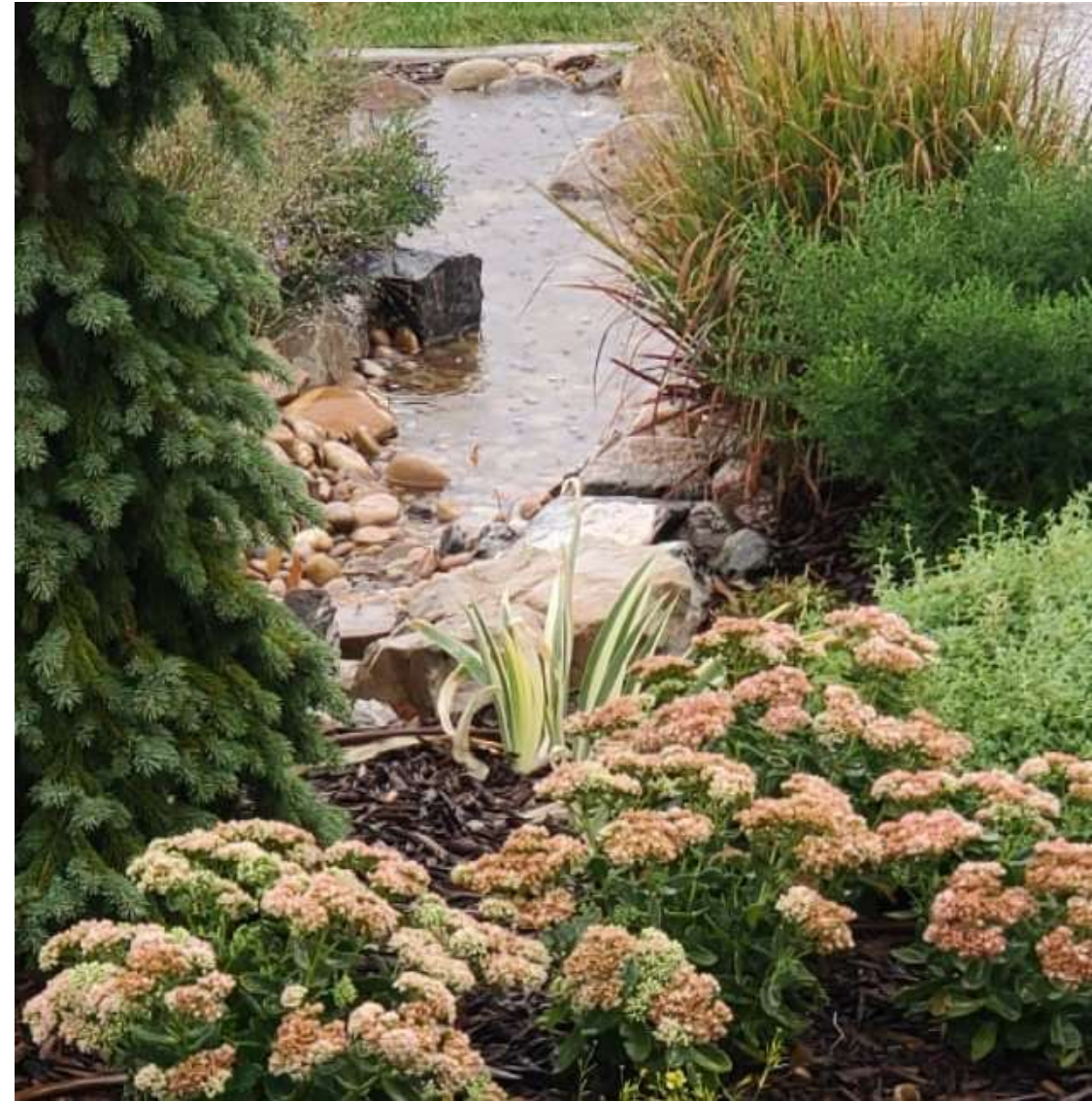
# Rock Placement



# Soften Edges



# Inspiration



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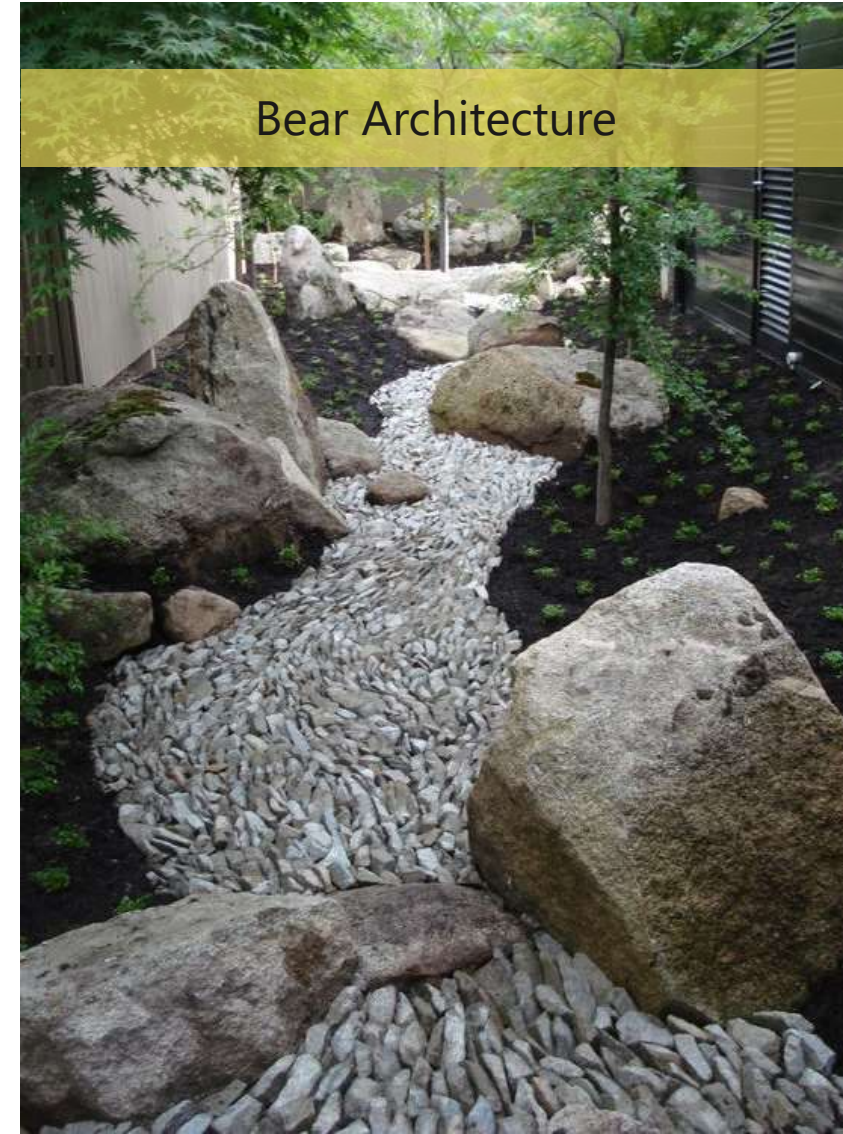
Goodman Landscape Design



Rob Whitlow Design



Bear Architecture



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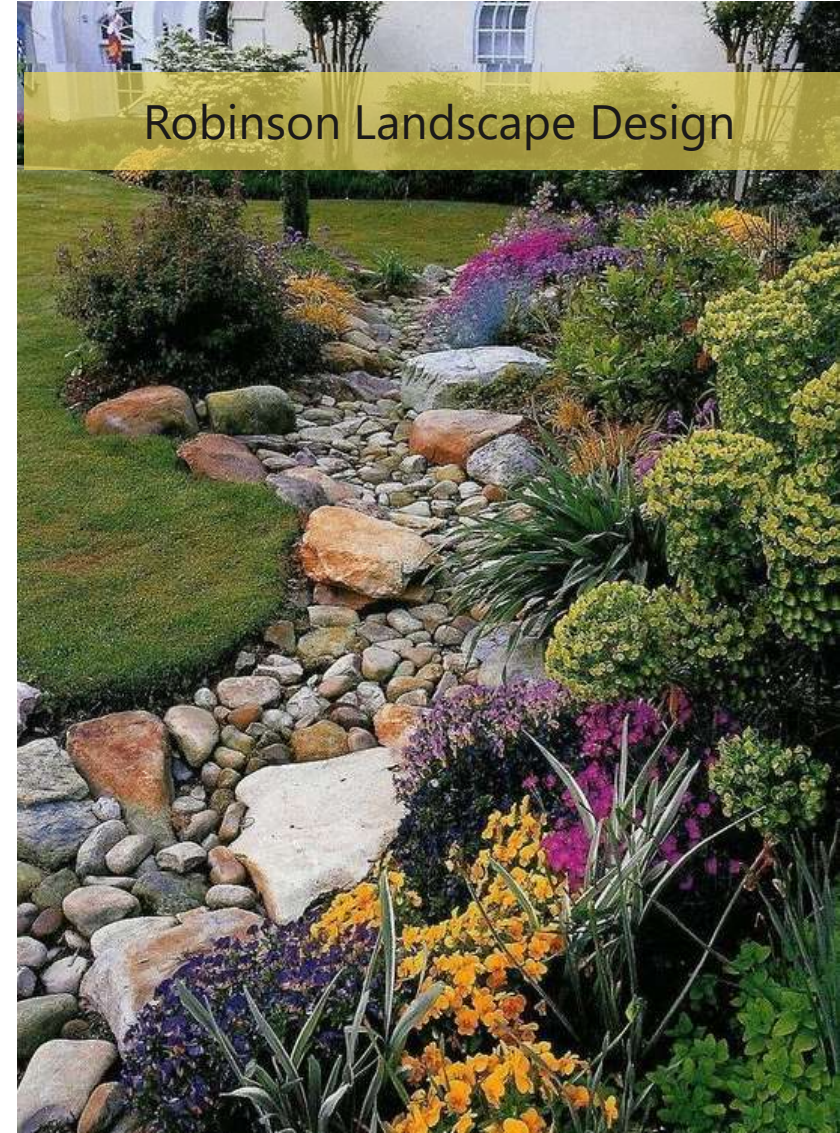
Johnsen Landscape & Pools



Robinson Landscape Design



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# Unique Features & DIY

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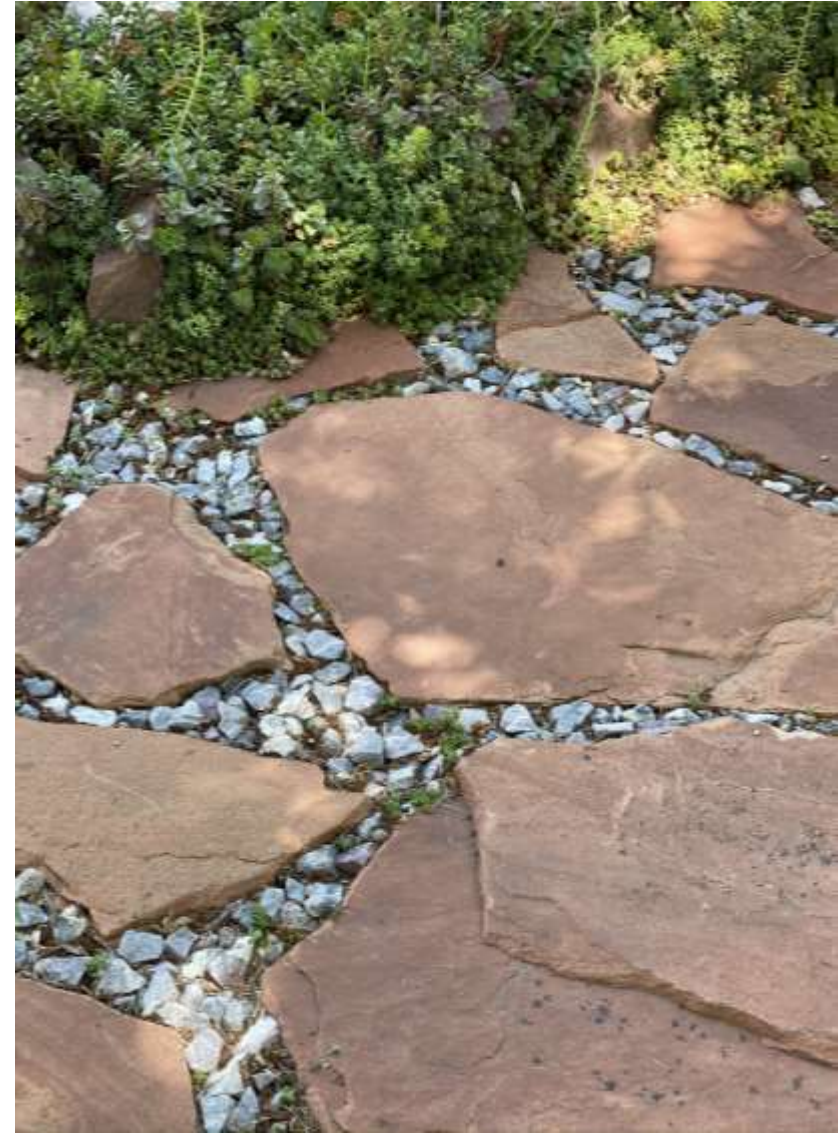
# Stabilized Slope



# Park Strip Pass Through



# Lott Park Strip



# Children's Play Area



# Budget-Friendly Gathering Area





# Plants

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# Sedum, Ice Plant, Pink Pussytoes





'Angelina'



'Blue Spruce'



'VooDoo'



'Old Man's Bones'



'Coral Carpet'



Tri-color



'Ogon' (shade)



'Little Missy'



'Firecracker'



'Lime Zinger'



'Dream Dazzler'



All together!



'Blue Elf'



'Plum Dazzled'



'Lime Twister'



'Red Canyon'

# Hens & Chicks





'Berry Bomb'



'Butterscotch Baby'



'Sugar Shimmer'



'Pineapple Paradise'



'Mint Marvel'



'Silver Suede'



'Gold Nugget'



'Cosmic Candy'

# 'Table Mountain' Ice Plant





'Peridot'



'Alan's Apricot'



'White Nugget'



'Firespinner'



'Orange Bush'



'Granita Raspberry'



Cooperi



'Lavender Ice'

# Soapwort @ Conservation Garden Park







'Pink Pussytoes' (N)



'Creeping Phlox'



'Sunrose'



'Creeping Thyme'



'Buckwheat' (N)



'Candytuft'



Turkish Veronica



Monardella



