

## To the Sheridan Wyoming City Council,

As members of the Land-o Rebrand-o Landscaping Company, we propose to develop the open 2.5 acres of the Sheridan Library property on the North, East, and West sides of the site. We will enhance and uphold the values of the Sheridan community, prioritizing the complementary experiences that both community members and travelers can have when seeking information at the library or when visiting the surrounding outdoor area. Please review the enclosed document for information about our project development plans.

Sincerely,

Land-o Rebrand-o Landscaping Company Executives

Brandon Evans, Owner

Rachael Rasmussen, Project Manager

Miles Russon, Landscape Maintenance Supervisor

## Executive Summary

Community libraries offer resources of information, learning, and knowledge. The 2.5 acres surrounding the Sheridan Library to the North, East, and West will reflect that same resourcefulness in its landscaping. The park will draw more citizens to the library as they seek a quiet, relaxing, and natural place to be outdoors, picnic, exercise, or get a breath of fresh air.

## Project Description

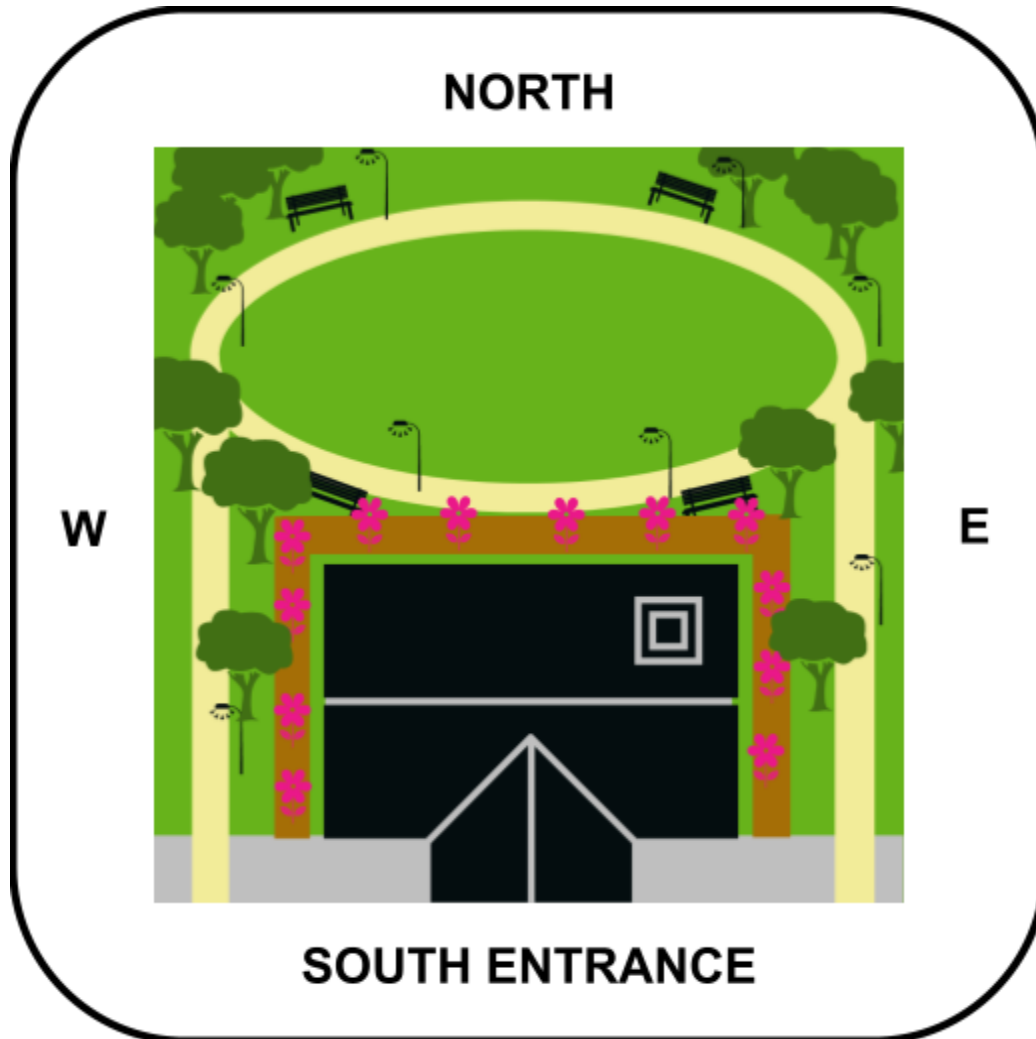
The 2.5 acres surrounding the Sheridan Library, along with the library itself, share a theme of exploration. The trees, plants, flower beds, and pathways throughout the area's reformed land, in addition to the books, magazines, and technology available inside the library, will provide visitors with the chance to explore nature and information. Minds can wander through books at the library, and visitors can wander the grounds around it. The landscaping will be a beautiful and complementary addition to Sheridan, creating a space for locals and visitors to relax and wander. The white stucco exterior of the library building provides the perfect backdrop for local plants and trees, which will add to the peaceful atmosphere that the landscaping will cultivate. The trees' shade and the various plants and pathways will create an enclosed area that acts as a quiet buffer zone that visitors to the library can enjoy.

Together, the landscaping and library create experiences of growth. Throughout the year, visitors can observe the seasonal changes of the site's plant life. Likewise, library visitors can access a wide variety of information through the library's resources, with new books and featured content changed regularly. With the library entrance on the south side of the building, away from the landscape, people won't be bothered by the public entrance or nearby off-site parking as they enjoy the surrounding area.

We will implement xeriscaping techniques to cut costs on water and irrigation. This includes the installment of water-conserving sprinkler systems and using local plant, tree, and flower life, which can thrive in the Sheridan climate without the need for much water. It also reduces the area's carbon footprint, and can be a safe space for local birds and other beautiful wildlife that can continue to help inspire visitors with their imagination and curiosity. All of the outdoor light fixtures will be powered by their own solar cells located on the top of the post, powering a long lasting energy efficient LED.

The chart and diagram below outline and represent the main features of the Sheridan Library Landscaping plans:

<b>FEATURE</b>	<b>BENEFIT</b>
Water conservation technology wherever feasible or appropriate (and other xeriscape technologies)	Greatly reduces maintenance, environmental footprint, and utility costs. We are about going green and helping the earth.
Maximize the shade value	Plant trees to provide comfortable areas for picnics, particularly during the warmer months
ADA-compliant paths and benches	Offers community members accessible spaces to sit and/or walk outdoors
Complementary landscape design	Beautifies the town and highlights the library without distracting from the area's primary purpose as a resource for information
Local plant, tree, and flower species	Reduces maintenance costs, increases viability of plant life, and supports the local wildlife ecosystem.
Landscape maintenance	Costs will be equivalent
Street and path lighting	Deters crime and theft on the premises
Open grass area	Provides space for small sporting events and Incentivizes community events



## Plant Life

We will use Kentucky Bluegrass as sod because of its wide range of tolerability in northern-hemisphere climates and its ability to withstand considerable foot traffic. We will plant Aspen and Douglas-Fir trees, which are both abundantly common to the state of Wyoming. The flowers and shrubs to be planted in the flower beds surrounding the library to the North, East and West are Beargrass, Western Meadowrue, Twin Flower, Arnica, Woods Rose, and Thimble Berry. We are open to modifying our selection as the project moves forward, according to local availability and cost and maintenance viability.

## Landscaping Schedule

Other projects of similar cost and scope and size completed by Land-o Rebrand-o Landscaping Co. have taken the company at minimum 14 months to complete, with the project duration being around 20 months. The anticipated breakdown of our milestone goals are as follows:

- Land preparation: 2 months
- Irrigation: 2 month
- Concrete pathways and sidewalks: 2 months
- Landscape lighting and other outdoor light fixtures: 2 months
- Grass: 2 months
- Trees, plants, and flower beds: 2 months
- Miscellaneous: 2 months

## Safety

Safety takes priority when creating a public space. To promote safety and deter night crime, our solar powered lamps will illuminate the area until the sun breaks in the morning. For families, we have carefully considered the location of benches so that parents and adults have a wide field of vision making supervision of the park easy. We strongly encourage the library to install a few security cameras to survey the area.

## Inclusivity

We will make the area completely accessible to all visitors, creating an ADA-compliant space. We will create walkways of 50% recycled rubber chips and 50 & kiln-dried aggregate, which are common in most parks. Our benches will be made from locally-sourced pine, and their placement along pathways has been carefully plotted to accommodate a wide range of ages and abilities. The careful planting of trees will maximize shade value around the park, which will serve guests well during the warmer summer months. The space will offer a versatile experience, be it a place for adults to stroll and contemplate, an open grassy area for children to play, a nice shaded area for a couple on a picnic, or as a reading space for an individual that has just found a new book.

## Company History & Qualifications

We founded Land-o Rebrand-o Landscaping Co. in 2005 as a group of friends seeking ways to help pay for college. After a successful first year, we decided to develop the company enough to support us as our full time professions. We started out as a small, close-knit company, but have grown substantially in the past 10 years. Today, we are a fully-functioning company with 30 employees making up 6 teams of 5 landscapers. We have made a name for ourselves here in Sheridan through dozens of residential projects and through the recently completed landscaping at the new town hall building. We feel that our skillset more than qualifies us for this potential job with the new library. We are excited about the prospect of landscaping at the Sheridan Library property.

## Key Personnel & Subcontracting

### Brandon Evans, Owner

Brandon has owned the company for over 10 years, having successfully developed it into a community-oriented and far-reaching organization. Brandon is well-acquainted with the Sheridan community and therefore particularly excited about making this project a success. Brandon is skilled in developing productive teams that care about their work.

### Rachael Rasmussen, Project Manager

Rachael has worked as a manager for Land-o Rebrand-o for 3 years, and is our go-to manager for large projects. She oversaw the aforementioned town hall project, and works best in multi-person environments. Rachael can be contacted with any questions at any point of the project; she will troubleshoot issues as soon as they arise and will ensure that everything stays on track.

### Miles Russon, Landscape Maintenance Supervisor

With extensive experience in horticulture, Miles oversees the careful planting of trees, plants, and flower beds for every project. He leads the team on plant selection and works to reduce maintenance costs. At the project's completion, he creates maintenance plans and ensures the proper upkeep of the area.

While Land-o Rebrand-o Landscaping Co. will be using its own landscaping equipment for the Sheridan Library project, we will source local companies for plants, trees, concrete, outdoor light fixtures, and other commodities. We hope to strengthen the Sheridan community by supporting its local economy. We plan to commission our own employees throughout the project, but, in the case of specialized or large projects such as this, Rachael may contract work out to local businesses.

## Cost

The upfront cost for labor, irrigation, plant life, pathway, benches, and sidewalk lamps with our current plan will be \$55,000. Water costs, as previously discussed, will be minimal. It is important to remember the change in season and the effect that it can have on the landscape, which is why we are sourcing local plant life that is low-maintenance and easily maintainable through the lifespan of the land. Through careful planning, the selection of local plants and supplies, and possible local subcontracting, costs for the project will be kept at a minimum.