

Planning, Design and Construction Services Description

Sustainable Life Designs (SLD) provides planning, design and build services for every aspect of a project - from initial conception and project feasibility to inspection and delivery of completed work. Our areas of expertise include; urban and environmental planning; sustainable development and property management; architectural and landscape design; and construction administration. We are available to assist you in any of the following ways:

Phase I:

Normally comprised of two parts, Phase I includes a feasibility study and conceptual – or schematic – design work. The feasibility study clarifies what you want and provides a cost projection. Research is then conducted to identify technical issues pertinent to the project and potential obstacles & solutions. A report with maps, analysis and/or measured drawings can be provided at the end of this step depending on what the client requests. This conceptual / schematic design phase explores different design options for your consideration. At the end of this stage, you choose one or more of the designs to develop further.

Phase II:

Phase II has two parts; design development and a final report - or - construction documentation. During the design development phase, we explore and develop your chosen schematic design and produce additional scaled drawings - and models if desired. Construction documentation provides a final set of drawings with specifications suitable for obtaining construction / fabrication bids and securing any permits that may be required. A final report is delivered in the case of planning projects, with specific goals and targets for implementation.

Phase III:

Phase III is the actual implementation or construction process. SLD provides project management and construction administration services to ensure your project is delivered on time and budget. We can also provide property management or build services.

Contract Rates:

We bill our services at the following hourly rates: \$110 for Landscape Architect; \$85 for Designer / Project Manager; \$65.00 per hour for design work, drafting and client/vendor meetings; \$40.00 per hour for administrative services. We can also bid your project as a percentage of the construction cost or as a fixed price. Engineering, consultant fees and expenses - such as printing, phone calls, and shipping - are billed at cost plus 10%.

We look forward to the possibility of assisting you!

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