

# Landscape Design

Landscape Design and Softscape

# What is Softscape?

- Softscape is the 'living' portion of the landscape
  - Plants, flowers, trees and turf



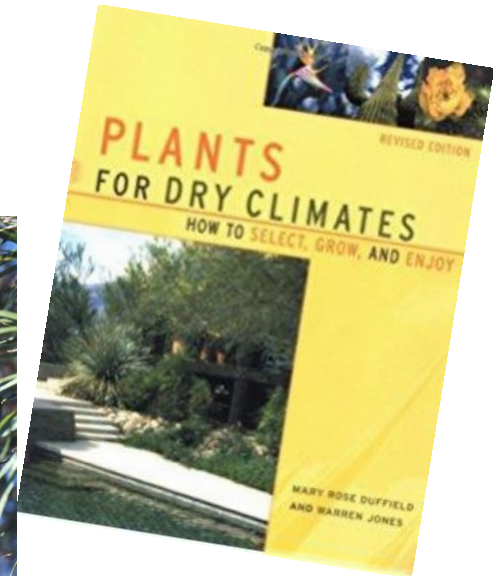
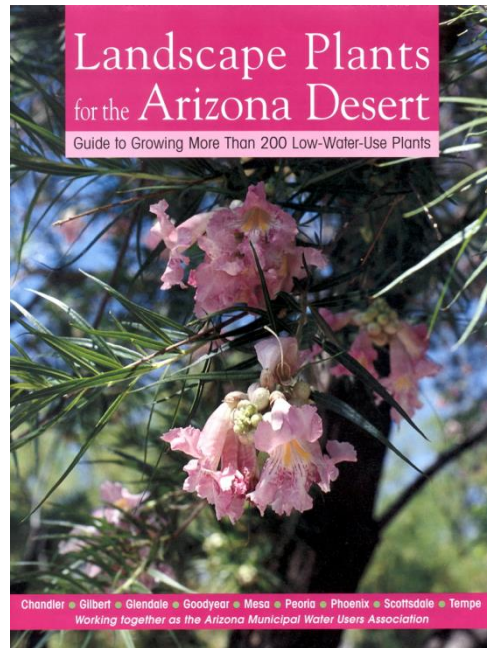
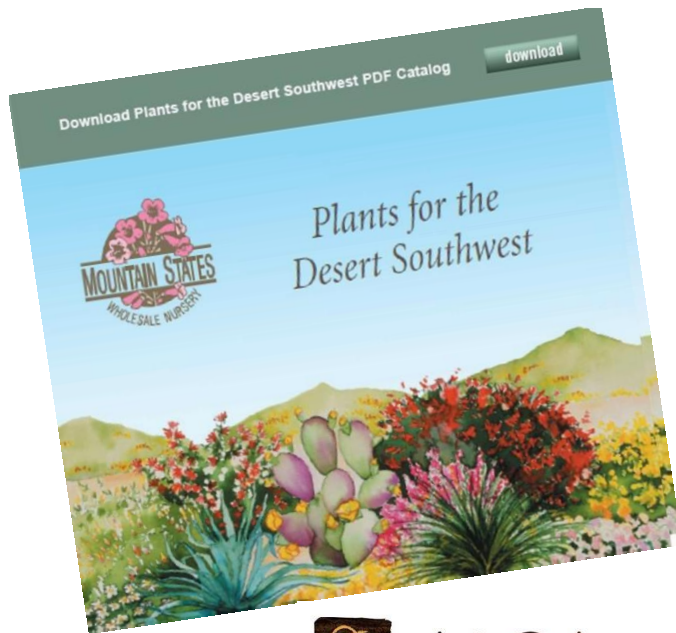
# Right Plant- Right Place

- Does it belong in the space?
- Know plant characteristics
  - Size
  - Color
  - Texture
  - Exposure threshold
  - **Creating** microclimate





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# Landscape Functionality

- Circulation through the landscape
- Scale
- Creating focal points





# Landscape Compliments the Functionality



- Entertaining
- Relaxation
- Kitchen garden
- Pool

# Landscape Functionality

- Dog run
- Recreational space
- Play area





# Design Considerations: Safety

- Spines or terminal spikes on agave
- Poisonous plants
- Pool, fountain and pond safety





# Design Considerations: Emphasizing your Softscape

- Berms
- Basins for collection of rain water runoff
- Boulder work for retention



# Aesthetics

- Focal points in a landscape
  - Trees with under plantings
  - Color
  - Shape, using accent plants to give exclamation points in the landscape
  - Special vignette
  - Patios softened with plant material



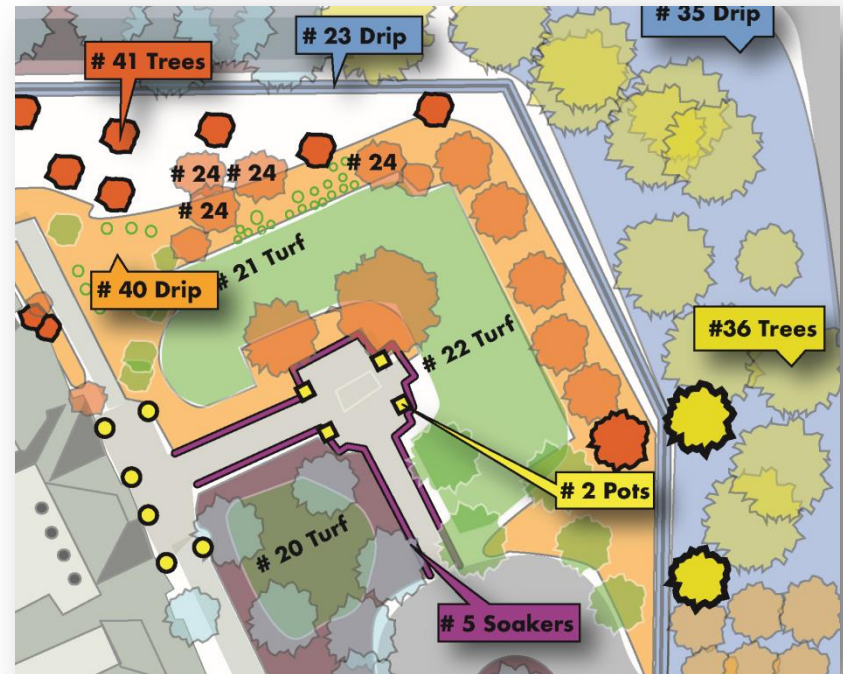
# Color



- Take advantage of seasonal color to add interest in the landscape

# Irrigation Design

- Placing like-plants on valves together
  - Trees
  - Shrubs & perennials
  - Succulents
  - Pots and containers
  - Turfgrass
- Zones based on exposure or microclimates





# Compliment Your Landscape with Topdressing

- Boulders
- Rip rap
- Top dressing
  - Rock vs decomposed granite
  - Wood chips
    - Dries and blows away (short lived)
    - Pest issues
    - Best for non-desert plantings



# Know the Function of the Space

- Select plant material appropriate for space according to
  - Size
  - Color
  - Texture
  - Existing or future microclimate