



CANADA BLOOMS 2018

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WHAT IS **FUSION** *Gardening & Landscaping?*



Fusion Gardening is a style of landscape design that combines stunning colours and textures to create your dream garden. Fusion works in harmony with the natural conditions of your property to create beautiful outdoor spaces while helping to reduce watering needs.

Fusion landscapes:

- Create a personal oasis that appeals to the senses
- Increase curb appeal and property value
- Help eliminate overly wet areas in the yard
- Support biodiversity which helps our local pollinator populations
- Reduce the impacts of flooding

Fusion landscapes are designed to thrive naturally with rainwater. Landscape elements, such as rain gardens, bioswales and permeable pavers enable rainwater to be utilized within the property and the landscape. To create your own Fusion Oasis, consider hiring a Fusion Landscape Professional. For more information please see page 3.



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Hiring a Fusion Landscape Professional

If you are interested in creating a Fusion Landscape or would like to include some Fusion elements into your current landscape, please contact a certified Fusion Landscape Professional (FLP). These professionals have been certified through Landscape Ontario, are knowledgeable and have extensive experience in Fusion design, installation and maintenance services.

DESIGN

A FLP designer will work closely with you to create a design for your space that enhances your lifestyle while adding beauty to your home. They can assist you in designing a unique, relaxing and enjoyable addition to your property.

INSTALLATION

You can hire a FLP to construct your design and transform your outdoor space into the landscape of your dreams. They will ensure your design is installed to specifications and turn your dream into a reality.

MAINTENANCE

A FLP can maintain your Fusion Landscape to ensure it retains its unique beauty and function through the years. Proper maintenance of Fusion Landscapes will help keep the elements of your landscape in ideal condition and working when it counts.



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WHAT IS A FUSION LANDSCAPE PROFESSIONAL

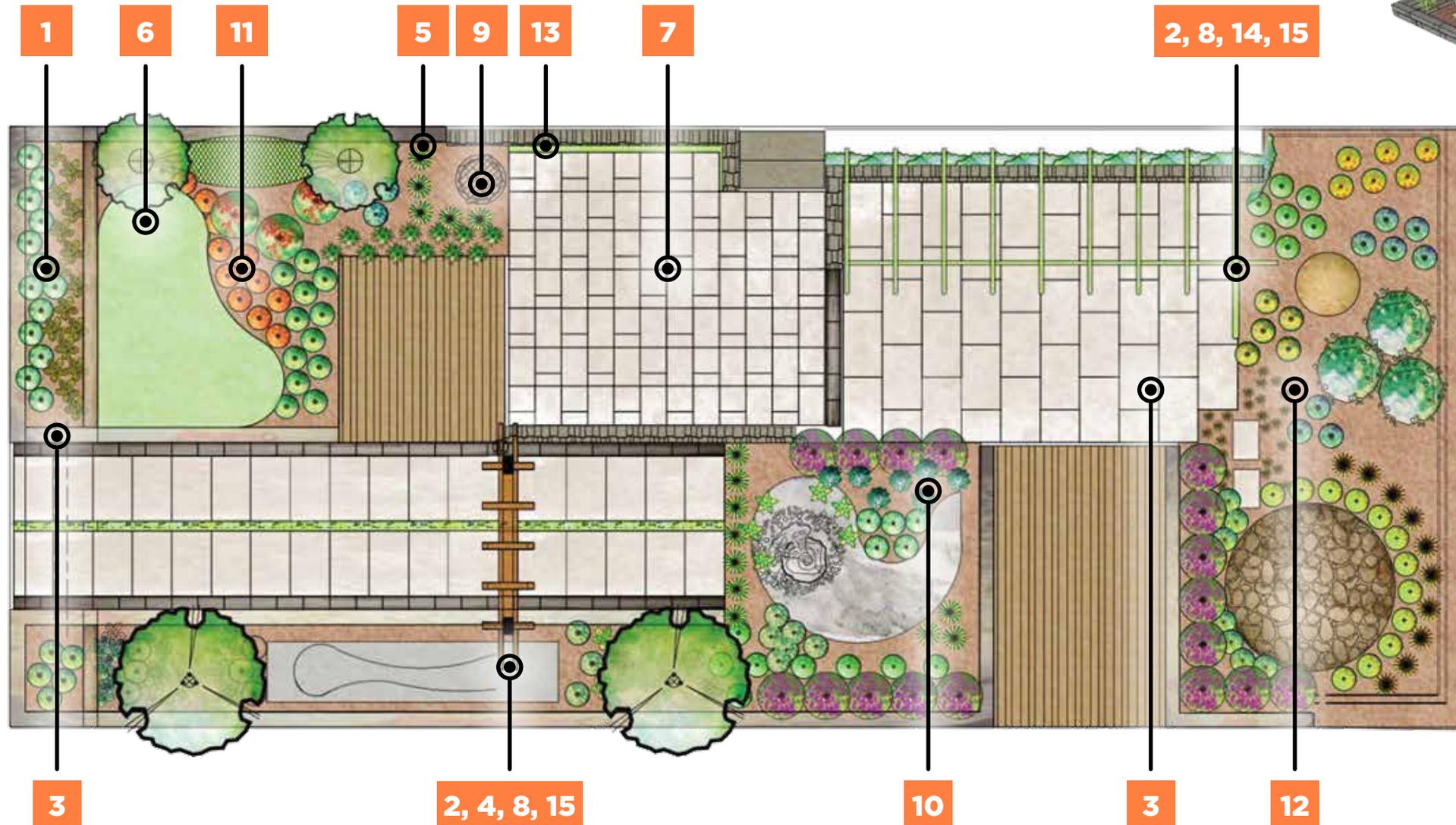
Fusion Landscape Professionals are select Landscape Ontario Members who are trained and entrusted to ensure highly qualified Fusion Landscaping services. These trained individuals have advanced industry knowledge and experience and offer a variety of services including landscape design, landscape installation and grounds management. They can help you create beautiful landscapes that may require less water and reduce the impacts of flooding.

The Fusion Landscape Professional (FLP) program was created by Landscape Ontario, in partnership with the Region of Peel and the Regional Municipality of York. The intent of the program is to make beautiful, visually appealing landscapes that don't need a lot of water, the new industry standard.



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FUSION *at Canada Blooms*



- 1** BIOSWALE
- 2** DOWNSPOUT DISCONNECTION
- 3** DRAINAGE CHANNEL
- 4** DRY CREEK
- 5** INFILTRATION PIT
- 6** LAWN AND LAWN ALTERNATIVES
- 7** PERMEABLE PAVEMENT
- 8** RAIN CHAIN
- 9** RAIN BARREL
- 10** RAIN GARDEN
- 11** RIGHT PLANT, RIGHT PLACE
- 12** SCREE GARDEN
- 13** SMART CONTROLLER
- 14** SOAKAWAY PIT
- 15** TREATMENT TRAIN

See next page for descriptions



FUSION LANDSCAPE

Elements

- 1 BIOSWALE** Bioswales are designed to mimic the water cycle by using plants to naturally filter rainwater as it slowly seeps into the ground.
- 2 DOWNSPOUT DISCONNECTION** Downspout disconnection is the process of separating a downspout from the stormwater sewer system and re-directing it to another location such as a lawn or garden. If a downspout goes straight into the ground, it is likely connected to the storm sewer.
- 3 DRAINAGE CHANNEL** A natural way to direct the flow of water on your property.
- 4 DRY CREEK** A dry creek imitates the look of a stream bed, without the water. They can be used as a functional landscape feature, to redirect water or help with drainage issues, or they can be added to the landscape for aesthetic reasons only.
- 5 INFILTRATION PIT** A landscape area filled with gravel, designed to allow water to quickly seep into the ground.
- 6 LAWN AND LAWN ALTERNATIVES** For a healthy lawn, grass seed that is high in fescue content and low in Kentucky Blue content is best. Alternatives to traditional grass lawns are also available that are drought tolerant and require less fertilizer than traditional lawns.
- 7 PERMEABLE PAVEMENT** Pavement made of porous materials that allows for rainwater and air to move freely through and into the soil, reducing the amount of runoff from your property.
- 8 RAIN CHAIN** Rain chains can be used in place of traditional downspouts to direct water where you need it while adding an artistic touch.

- 9 RAIN BARREL** Rain barrels are used to capture rainwater from downspouts that can be used later. There are many different varieties available to suit your style, ranging from simple to decorative.
- 10 RAIN GARDEN** Rain gardens and infiltration areas can be created to fit any style and are an attractive addition to your landscape. Rainwater from downspouts is directed to the rain garden and soaks into the ground slowly instead of being directed to the storm sewer.
- 11 RIGHT PLANT, RIGHT PLACE** Matching a plants needs to the conditions that it will be growing in will help plants thrive and look their best. Always check plant tags before you buy to be sure there is an appropriate spot in your garden for them.
- 12 SCREE GARDEN** A scree garden, also known as a rock, gravel or alpine garden, is a garden that uses a mass of loose stones and soil as the growing medium which allows alpine plants to grow.
- 13 SMART CONTROLLER** An irrigation controller that uses weather inputs to make automatic scheduling adjustments to an irrigation system. Contact a Water Smart Irrigation Professional to learn more. Visit watersmartirrigationprofessional.ca
- 14 SOAKAWAY PIT** Soakaway pits are small underground reservoirs below the surface and help to slow the flow of water on your property. This feature will not be visible on the surface of your property but will help to reduce the impacts of flooding.
- 15 TREATMENT TRAIN** A sequence of two or more Fusion elements designed to capture, move, clean, and re-use water.

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Things to consider before updating your landscape:

Your wants and needs:

Your landscape is an extension of your home; take some time to think about how you would like to use the space.

How to infuse your style:

Straight lines and square corners suit more formal tastes, while winding pathways and curved gardens and patios offer a casual atmosphere.

Adding focal features:

Focal features create interest and draw the eye through the landscape. Artistic touches can be functional as well. Rain chains that direct the flow of rainwater are a beautiful addition to any space.

Using colour to create an alluring space:

Colour choice in the garden is important as it can be used to evoke certain feelings. For example, the use of cool colours would help to create a peaceful, relaxing garden and the use of warm colours would create a more invigorating, vibrant space.

Fusion Landscape Professionals can help with any step of your project. If you need help or advice on how to design, install or maintain your landscape please call a certified Fusion Landscape Professional. For a list of professionals, visit fusionlandscapeprofessional.ca.



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