

CONSULTANCY

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A Consultancy is a relationship that commonly has a specific focus within a larger vision, with a single fee or fees paid on a specific schedule. It can be project or time specific. It can be a generalized consultancy to assist the client and/or team to create a sustainable or Permacultural design, project or site, or one with a specific component or focus within a larger vision/design. We can be a contributor to the creation of a design or project as a member of a team. We can develop specific sub designs or components of a larger vision. We can review and/or adapt an existing design. We can assess, report, and design for existing sites and projects that want to become more sustainable. All of these are possible in a consultancy agreement. This would have a single fee rate related to a span of time and a specific set of deliverables. Deliverables would likely include maps, reports and other documentation, though for a minimum rate discussion and notes may be the extent of it. .

The following are some of the consultancies that we can offer. These are by no means the only ones, and we are very open to discussing other ideas and possibilities.

RETAINER

For a monthly rate I will be available to you and any others working with you to answer questions, discuss possibilities, consider ideas, offer options and suggest doables whenever possible.

This would be a good way for us to function as part of a team where we do not do as much production of documents and maps, but rather interact with other team members (architect, engineer, agriculturalist, etc.) who are doing most of this production work. We would produce some writing and maps, but these would be to sketch out ideas, respond to dialogue with other team members, and to provide sub designs, specific system designs and other components to various team members. Within this framework we would not be responsible for the production of any final design documents or maps unless specifically agreed upon previously.

The fee charged will be on a monthly payment schedule and based upon the specifics of the consultancy, as well as any final documents or maps that are to be produced.

PLEASE NOTE: While this is a somewhat open-ended access agreement, there is a limit to how much of my time can be used within the retainer fee charge. In general, approximately 20 hrs per month would be allowed. If there is a higher demand for my

time the fee charge will need to be adjusted to reflect this. Be assured that I will not be exacting in this and will allow for variances from month to month. If I feel more is being asked of my time than allowed within the fee charge I will discuss this with the client prior to any increase in the fee charge.

REVIEW AND ADAPT

Within this framework you have others developing designs for this project which my team and I then review. This review can be as simple or involved as you need. We can simply give a critique where you receive a written report outlining our suggestions and points for making it more appropriate to site and client. Or at its most involved, we would do the above plus do some redesigning incorporating our suggestions as well as providing other sub-system designs to better integrate the overall design, individual structures and other infrastructure into the land and environment. These could include grey and blackwater systems, water harvesting, appropriate technologies, energy systems, landscape design, and animal systems. Deliverables may include mapping, drawings, diagrams, a written report, as well as some documentation about installation, use, and maintenance of these systems. An important aspect of this more involved approach would be dialoguing with the client throughout the whole process.

The fee charged can be done as under a retainer agreement, a one off arrangement, or as a series of consults with a set fee for each one. This framework will be less expensive than a retainer as we will not be available at anytime or be immersed in a team design process.

LAND RESTORATION

We provide information, designs and guidance for the process of bringing the land to a more healthy and sustainable level. While this framework is more about designing and process for us, with little hands-on or implementation, there are different possibilities that can be discussed. There can be the inclusion of initial worker training via installation of some land restoration structures, as well as, ongoing supervision of the restoration process.

The fee for this will be a one-time charge based upon agreement specifics and set within a specific timeframe.

IMPROVING EXISTING SITES

If the site, be it a residence, farm, community, or production facility, has already been developed we can assess and design for adapting and improving the site so it becomes more environmentally friendly, as well as sustainable. Deliverables can include maps, site designs, diagrams, systems designs, and/or a written reports.

Fee charged will be based on site specifics and the vision/needs of the client. It will likely be a one-time charge with a specific timeframe.

MODELING ORGANIZATIONS AND OTHER INVISIBLE STRUCTURES ON LIFE SYSTEMS

Invisible Structures are the social, cultural, political, and economic systems we create as humans. When these are modeled after how natural life systems work they become a lot more efficient and sustainable. I can assist you in creating or altering existing Invisible Structures into ones that are modeled on nature. This will be achieved through our analysis of your current structures and their functioning, redesigning of these, and as appropriate, trainings of personnel