

A PRACTICAL HANDBOOK
FOR READING THE LAND &
GUIDING REGENERATION



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References to well-known designers reflect paraphrased interpretations of commonly taught permaculture design principles.

Being a permaculture consultant is both an art and a science.

It is the art of listening — to people, to landscapes, to patterns that are older than we are — and the science of applying tested frameworks to guide decisions that will ripple out for decades.

When you arrive at a new site, you are stepping into a story already in progress. The land has been shaped by climate, geology, water, fire, wind, animals, and human choices. The people who call it home carry dreams, constraints, and histories that must be honored. Your role is to weave these threads into a coherent design process.

This guide is not about handing clients a “perfect plan” — because landscapes and lives are never static. Instead, it equips you with a repeatable process rooted in permaculture’s core ethics: Earth Care, People Care, and Fair Share. Each step in the consultation builds on the last, ensuring you don’t skip essentials or get lost in details too early.



As you read, you’ll notice two recurring frameworks that consultants rely on:

- Scale of Permanence (Keyline-informed): Climate → Landform → Water → Access → Vegetation → Structures → Fencing/Divisions → Soils → Microclimate. This order keeps design anchored in what changes slowly to what changes quickly.
- OBREDIM (classic design loop): Observe → Boundaries → Resources → Evaluation → Design → Implement → Maintain. This cycle ensures observation and reflection are built into the process.

Permaculture consulting is not about quick fixes or cookie-cutter templates. It’s about cultivating a way of seeing — asking the right questions, reading the patterns, and leaving clients not just with a plan, but with renewed confidence in their land and in themselves.

The following ten steps will walk you through the consultation journey — from first intake to final deliverables. Follow them, adapt them, and refine them with experience. Like the landscapes we serve, this process is alive and evolving.

Consultation Flow Overview

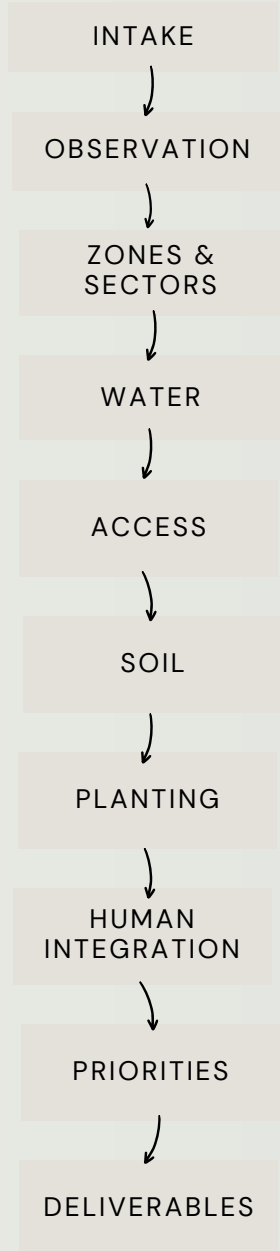
Think of the consultation like a map through uncertainty. Each step ensures you don't skip ahead or miss essentials.

Geoff Lawton often emphasizes that permaculture design is an ongoing process rather than a finished product.

Larry Santoyo frames it as relationship-building – between people and land, but also between designer and client.

The framework here is sequential but also cyclical: after Deliverables, you circle back to Observation and Intake as the design evolves.

Expect overlap, but trust the order – it prevents shiny-object syndrome and grounds you in what matters most.



Intake



The first meeting is often the most overlooked — yet it sets the tone for everything. Intake is where you learn what the client really wants (and sometimes, what they think they want but don't need). Ask about top goals, pain points, and success criteria.

Ben Falk often emphasizes matching ambition to available energy. For example, if a client only has a few hours per week to garden, the design needs to reflect that reality. Larry Santoyo often uses storytelling to help clients uncover hidden values — like the memory of a grandmother's fig tree that might shape a planting plan more than a yield chart ever could.

Your job is to listen and translate. Sometimes a client says they want a "food forest," but what they mean is "a place that feels abundant, shaded, and provides a few fruits and herbs." Intake is where you surface those nuances and prevent expensive mistakes later.

Purpose: Understand people before places. Clarify goals, constraints, and success criteria; then arrive prepared.

What to collect (before you arrive):

- Client goals (top 3), non-negotiables, timeline, budget bands (this quarter / 12 months / 5 years).
- Maintenance capacity (hours/week), skill comfort, and available tools.
- Property basics: address, parcel size, legal access, easements, water rights, HOA/permits.
- Climate & context: annual rainfall, wet/dry seasonality, prevailing winds, frost dates, chill hours, fire/flood history.
- Base map & assets: parcel map, contours (if available), existing structures/utilities (if possible).

Desktop prep (1–2 hours):

- Pull basic contours or slope shading if available; note ridges/valleys and likely flow lines.
- Sun path estimation (seasonal angles), likely wind exposures.
- Aerial review for erosion scars, compaction, or previous earthworks.

Deliverable prep: Start a working map layer list (Base, Contours, Water, Access, Structures, Vegetation, Soils, Zones, Sectors, Proposed)

Observation

Observation is the heart of permaculture.

Geoff Lawton is well known for teaching the importance of long-term observation prior to design, even if that ideal must be adapted in professional practice.

That may not always be practical in a consulting context, but the principle holds — don't rush design until you've really seen the site.

Field stories abound. Ben Falk will walk a property during a thunderstorm, taking note of rivulets carving the soil. Erik Ohlsen often encourages nighttime observation, noting that sounds, smells, and surrounding activity reveal information that daylight observation can miss.

This is detective work. You're piecing together clues — the orientation of moss on trees, the debris caught in fences, the social patterns of neighbors. It's also relational: your calm, curious presence invites the client to see their land anew. Many clients later say, "I never noticed that before," and that's a breakthrough moment.

Site Walk & Whole-Site Observation

Purpose: See how energy moves—water, wind, sun, people, wildlife—and where it stalls.

Procedure (90–120 minutes):

1. Perimeter & high points first (Keyline habit): scan ridges, saddles, and drainage lines to understand water behavior.
2. Storm detective work: identify rills, sediment fans, bare/eroded patches, algae staining, debris lines on fences. (Falk: be out there in the rain.)
3. Sun & wind: note shade lines, frost pockets, wind tunnels/eddies, summer heat traps.
4. Human patterns: doors used daily, mailbox to kitchen path, vehicle → house corridor, trash/compost traffic, livestock routes.
5. Listen: pumps, road noise, neighbors, wildlife. Smell: anaerobic zones, barn runoff.

Quick metrics to note:

- Representative slopes (gentle 0–5%, moderate 5–12%, steep 12%+).
- Infiltration test (simple percolation hole; time to drain 1").
- Rough soil feel (sandy/gritty vs. sticky/clayey; obvious compaction).



Zones and Sectors

Zones and sectors are the twin lenses of spatial design. Zones are about human energy efficiency; sectors are about uncontrollable forces that must be designed with.

Falk emphasizes that the zone 1 of zone 1 — the 10–20 feet around the kitchen door — is where you make or break a client’s success. If herbs and salad greens are too far away, they’ll wither.

Geoff Lawton points to the importance of correctly placing compost and greywater outlets in easy, daily reach. Sectors, meanwhile, are where disasters are avoided.

Larry Santoyo frequently stresses that neglecting fire sector design can have irreversible consequences.

Whether it’s cold winds, flood paths, or wildlife corridors, sectors are how we honor energies bigger than ourselves. Good consultants can map these intuitively, but teaching clients to notice them builds resilience long after you’re gone.

Purpose: Put daily-use elements within easy reach; map external energies you must design with.

Zones (people first):

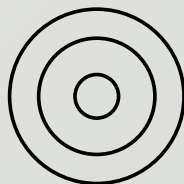
- Zone 1: Kitchen door radius—salad greens, herbs, tool hooks, compost access, hose bib, clothesline, small nursery bench. (Falk: this is your zone 1 of zone 1.)
- Zone 2: Chickens, berries, greenhouse; tasks 3–4 times/week.

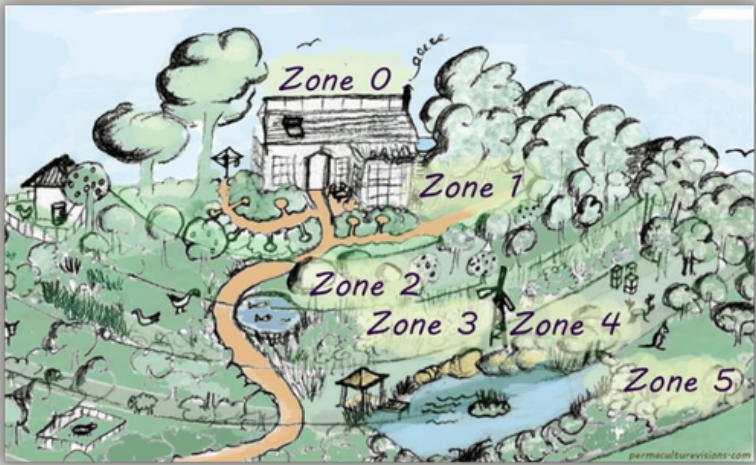
- Zone 3: Staple crops/orchard (weekly).
- Zone 4: Managed woodlot/pasture (seasonal).
- Zone 5: Wild zone, education, observation.

Sectors (energies in/out):

- Sun (seasonal arcs), wind (storms vs. summer breeze), wildfire exposure, flood paths, wildlife corridors, views/noise.

Red flags to fix early: Salad beds >50–75 ft from kitchen; compost hidden in Zone 3; impulse orchard on compacted slope with no water plan.





Water Systems



Geoff Lawton consistently teaches that water should be the first priority in any design process. Whether you're in arid California, tropical Hawai'i, or Vermont hills, water is always the priority.

Stories from the field highlight this truth. In Australia, one farm was transformed by simply re-diverting roof water into tanks and mulch basins, extending crop survival through drought. Erik Ohlsen notes that one badly placed road can undo years of rehydration work, so water and access must be designed together.

As a consultant, map catchments, gutters, tanks, swales, and safe overflow routes. Ben Falk teaches that overflow pathways should be designed before breaking ground, to prevent washouts and system failure. This prevents catastrophic washouts. Teach clients to track water during storms. Many realize for the first time that they live in a flowing watershed, not just on a static "property." That reframing is priceless.

Purpose: Slow, spread, sink, store. Protect soil and harvest abundance.

Field work:

- Map catchments from highest points. Sketch likely overland flows.
- Identify roof areas → gutters → tanks (first flush, screen, overflow).
- Note infiltration opportunities (mulched basins, swales on contour, keyline rips).
- Observe existing gullies, scours, and soggy spots.

Interventions (match to slope/soils):

- Roofs & tanks: cheapest clean water; aim for first 2–4 weeks of garden storage.
- Earthworks: swales on contour for infiltration (stable where slopes are gentle and soils suit); keyline pattern ripping for broadacre structure; diversion drains to safe spillways.
- Greywater: kitchen and laundry to mulched basins (local code dependent).
- Overflow ethics: every store must have a safe overflow path.

Rule of thumb: Fix upstream problems first and ensure every system has a clearly defined overflow path before excavation begins.

Access & Circulation

Access is often underestimated but becomes the most costly error if ignored.

Roads, paths, and gates dictate how energy flows long after your consultation. Poorly designed access is a lasting injury to the landscape, one that accelerates erosion with every rain.

Good access is subtle: it follows contour, provides dry footing year-round, and serves both people and deliveries.

It is a godd idea to design for the largest vehicle that may ever need to enter (fire trucks, compost trucks, trailers), not just the family car.

Access isn't glamorous, but when clients later marvel at how easy their gardens are to reach and maintain, they'll thank you.

Poorly designed access, on the other hand, guarantees frustration — and possibly failure.

Purpose: If you can't reach it easily, you won't manage it

Access design notes:

- Roads/Drives: align with contour where possible; avoid straight fall-line tracks. Crown or cross-fall ~2–4% to shed water.
- Paths: define desire lines; harden only where needed; keep main service path near the house dry year-round.
- Gates & turning radii: sloped sites need generous staging areas; think deliveries, trailers, compost pickups.
- Utilities: water/electric runs under paths when possible to avoid future trenching through gardens.

Common trap: A beautiful garden trapped behind a muddy pinch-point. Fix the pinch-point first.



Soil

Soil is your bank account.

Every decision either deposits into it or withdraws from it. Leading practitioners such as Ben Falk and Rosemary Morrow stress that soil health depends on protection from exposure and consistent organic cover.

Soil consultation is part science, part art. Simple tools — a shovel, your hands, your nose — reveal texture, compaction, smell, and life.

Erik Ohlsen suggests starting with a percolation hole: how long does water take to drain? That single test can shape irrigation and planting choices.

Clients love simple metaphors: “Would you rather build a house on a sponge or on a brick?”

Framing soil as a living, breathing foundation helps them value cover crops, mulch, and compost systems.

A consultant who can turn “dirt” into “life” wins client trust quickly.

Purpose: Soil is your bank account. Bare soil = trauma

Rapid assessment:

- Texture & structure (ribbon test, aggregation, worm count).
- Compaction layers (shovel feel; roots turning sideways).
- Organic matter proxy (darkness, smell, friability).
- Infiltration (minutes per inch).
- Optional lab test: pH, OS, CEC, macros/micros.

Kick-start protocol (typical backyard):

1. Sheet-mulch beds (cardboard + compost + woodchip/leaf).
2. Living cover crops (clovers, vetch, buckwheat per season).
3. Compost + urine/animal rotations (poultry tractors, deep-litter).
4. Edges & windbreaks planted early to protect soil creation efforts.

Targets: Keep soil covered, moist, and rooted. Build fungal-dominant mulch in perennial zones; bacterial-leaning compost for annuals.


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Planting Strategy & Succession

Planting is where dreams meet reality. It's also where consultants must restrain enthusiasm. Many experienced designers stress that restraint at the planting stage prevents long-term failure. Too many projects fail because the first orchard was 50 trees instead of six.

Teach clients about succession. Geoff Lawton shows that pioneer species — fast-growing, nitrogen-fixing trees — prepare the way for long-lived fruit trees. This story resonates: the idea that landscapes, like communities, thrive through succession and cooperation.

Layering is another revelation: canopy, understory, shrubs, herbs, groundcovers, roots, and vines. A consultant who explains this in simple terms (and shows a diagram) often triggers that “aha” moment. Planting is not about filling space; it's about orchestrating time and relationships.

Purpose: Plant with time, not just space. Start small; make it unmissable to maintain.

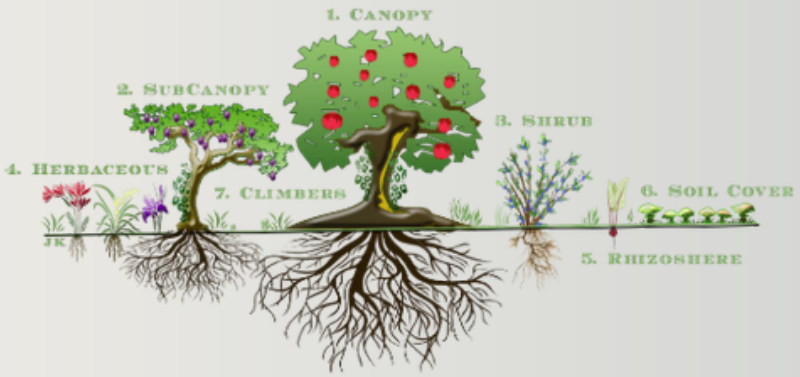
Right plant, right place:

- Match to moisture, sun hours, and wind exposure first.
- Use guilds (nurse shrubs, N-fixers, dynamic accumulators, pollinator strips).
- Layering plan: canopy, sub-canopy, shrub, herbaceous, groundcover, root, vine.

Succession roadmap (example):

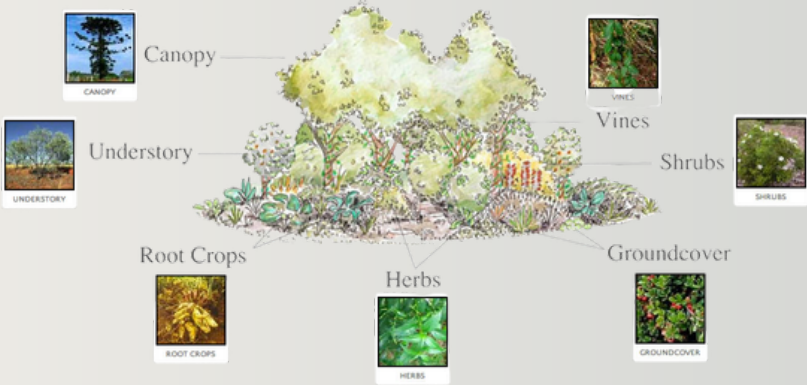
- Year 0–1: Zone 1 beds + kitchen herbs; windbreaks; mulch basins; nursery bench.
- Year 1–2: Berries, support species, drip grid; small orchard on swale berms.
- Year 2–5: Fill canopy gaps, retire annuals from perennials area; add forage/pasture lanes.

Spacing sanity: Overplant with temporary nurse species you're willing to thin; plan removal in calendar.



Source: <https://cjni.net/journal/?p=3823>

OPEN SOURCE FOOD FOREST CREATION HUB



Source: <https://onecommunityglobal.org/food-forest/>



Source: <https://www.portlandplacemaking.org/food-forests>

Human Integration

Permaculture is not just about plants and water; it's about people. Larry Santoyo emphasizes that design is ultimately about relationships, including daily routines, joy, and safety.

Ben Falk frequently stresses the importance of regular human presence. Placing herbs by the door, benches in morning sun, and tools where hands naturally reach makes engagement effortless.

Erik Ohlsen encourages designers to create functional outdoor spaces that support gathering, rest, and celebration. When people have places they enjoy using, the land is naturally cared for.

This step is where a design becomes truly livable. A thriving homestead is not only productive; it's a place people want to be. When that happens, the system sustains itself through human attention and care.

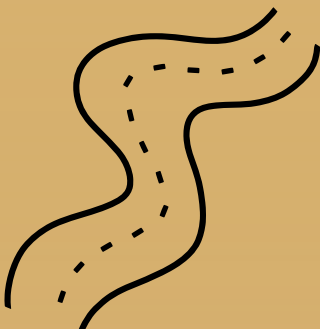
Purpose: Designs succeed when they fit human rhythms.

Workflow wins:

- Kitchen door loop: herbs → salad bed → compost inlet → hose bib → tool hooks—all within 10–30 paces.
- Vehicle corridor: staging pad for soil/woodchip deliveries; wheelbarrow-friendly grades.
- Outdoor room: small paved/mulched sitting space in a sunny winter spot (becomes your observation post).

Behavior change prompts:

- Make “the right thing” the easy thing: a hook at the door, a bucket by the compost, a hose already attached.
- Celebrate micro-harvests; invite friends to see progress (accountability + joy).



Priorities, Phasing & Budget

Clients often want everything at once.

Your role is triage: focus energy on the smallest interventions with the biggest benefits. Focus first on the key limiting factors that constrain a system's success.

For example, installing two kitchen garden beds with a hose bib may deliver more real-world value than planting 20 fruit trees in Zone 3.

Geoff Lawton teaches that water should be addressed before any other design element.

Teach clients to see progress in phases: Now (90 days), Next (12 months), Later (5 years). This prevents overwhelm and helps budgets align with reality.

Priorities are about momentum: build wins early, so energy and confidence grow.

Purpose: Do the smallest thing that unlocks the biggest benefit

Triage matrix (rate 1–5):

- Impact (food/water/safety gain)
- Ease (time, money, skill)
- Risk (rework or failure if delayed)

Typical first-phase hits:

- Fix roof/gutter → tank + safe overflow.
- Define one dry all-weather path to Zone 1 action area.
- Build two immaculate, high-yield kitchen beds.
- Plant a simple windbreak (fast nurse + long-lived core).
- Start compost that actually fits the user (tumbler vs. bays).

Budgeting bands (example):

- Now (0–90 days): \$500–\$2,000 (paths, hoses, mulch, beds).
- Soon (3–12 mo): \$2,000–\$10,000 (tanks, pumps, first earthworks).
- Later (1–5 yrs): \$10,000–\$50,000+ (ponds, large access upgrades, structures).



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Deliverables

Finally, the handoff. Clients need clarity, not overwhelm. Erik Ohlsen often emphasizes that a design only works if it is actively used, not tucked away.

Deliverables should include a 1-page summary of top goals, risks, and next steps. Then add annotated maps, phasing diagrams, and care guides. Keep the fridge map simple; save detailed appendices for those who want them.

Geoff Lawton often stresses storytelling: make the design narrative clear so clients can share it with family and neighbors. A good consultant doesn't just leave a plan — they leave confidence.

And remember: follow-up matters...A 30-day check-in can catch small issues before they snowball. Consultation is not a one-time transaction; it's the start of a longer relationship.

Purpose: Clear next steps, not a coffee-table fantasy.

Suggested deliverables:

- 1-page Executive Summary (goals, top risks, 90-day plan).
- Prioritized Action Plan (Now / Next / Later with rough costs).
- Annotated Map Set (Existing Conditions, Water, Access, Planting/Phasing, Zones/Sectors).
- Care Guides (How to water beds, mulch schedule, compost setup, pruning windows).
- Follow-up cadence (30-day check-in, 90-day tune-up, annual review).

Client experience tip: Keep the first map simple—one page they'll put on the fridge. Put the detail in appendices.



Getting Started as a Permaculture Consultant

Launching a practice as a permaculture consultant is both exciting and daunting. You've likely spent years learning design principles, but now comes the work of connecting that knowledge with people who need it. Here are some practical steps to help you begin.

1. Start with your network.

Your first clients are often already in your community — neighbors, fellow gardeners, small farms, local schools, or nonprofits. Offer a free or low-cost “site walk” for a friend or local group. Take photos, write a short recap, and (with permission) use that as a case study in your portfolio. Real-world examples, even small ones, quickly build credibility.

2. Package your services.

Clients like clarity. Instead of charging only by the hour, create simple packages:

- Site Walkthrough (2–3 hrs): Verbal consult + short email recap.
- Consult + Action Map: Site walk + 1–3 annotated maps + 90-day action plan.
- Design Lite: Phased concept design + budget ranges.
- Ongoing Coaching: Monthly or seasonal visits.

This structure helps clients self-select what level of help they want — and prevents scope creep. Always check local laws for what you can and cannot sell with or without licenses aka designs, implementation, etc.

3. Set pricing with confidence.

Rates vary widely by region, but a good starting point is to charge similar to local landscape designers or skilled trades. Many consultants start around \$60–100/hour or \$300–600 for a half-day consult, then scale up as experience and demand grow. Always include travel time and mileage in your fee. Value-based pricing works best: highlight the money saved by fixing water issues, reducing inputs, or avoiding costly mistakes.

4. Build visibility.

Share useful tips on social media, offer talks at garden clubs or farmers' markets, and write short articles for local newsletters. Position yourself as the "go-to" person for regenerative design in your area. Clients want to see your passion and track record, not just your credentials.

5. Protect your boundaries.

Use simple contracts (Scope of Work) that clarify what's included and what isn't, how many revisions you provide, and payment terms. This saves misunderstandings and makes you look professional.

6. Keep learning.

Even seasoned consultants return to mentors, workshops, and site tours for fresh insight. Join networks like PINA (Permaculture Institute of North America) or regional guilds to share referrals and learn from peers.

Getting started is less about being perfect and more about showing up. Every consultation teaches you as much as it helps the client. With time, referrals and word-of-mouth will become your strongest marketing tool.



Sample Permaculture Consulting Services & Pricing Page

Our consulting services are designed to meet you where you are — whether you're just starting with a small garden or stewarding acres of land. Each package helps you make clear, actionable progress toward a more resilient, abundant site.

1. Site Walkthrough (2–3 hrs)

- Guided tour of your property with a permaculture lens.
- On-the-spot recommendations for water, soil, planting, and layout.
- Short email recap (1–2 pages).
- \$300–\$450 (depending on travel distance).

2. Consult + Action Map

- Site walkthrough plus base map review.
- Annotated map highlighting water, access, and planting priorities.
- 90-day Action Plan with “Now, Next, Later” priorities.
- \$600–\$900.

3. Design Lite Package

- All of the above plus a phased concept plan.
- Budget ranges for first-year and long-term projects.
- 1–2 revision rounds.
- \$1,500–\$3,000 (scaled to site size and complexity).

4. Ongoing Coaching / Seasonal Support

- Monthly or quarterly visits (in-person or virtual).
- Hands-on mentoring for soil building, planting, and system management.
- Perfect for clients who want accountability and skill-building.
- \$150–\$300 per session or bundled packages.

Notes on Pricing

- Rates vary by site size, distance, and scope.
- Travel fees apply for sites more than 30 miles from [Your Location].
- Custom proposals available for schools, nonprofits, or community projects.

Why Work With Us?

- Save money by avoiding costly mistakes (e.g., misplaced roads, under-sized tanks).
- Gain confidence with a clear, phased plan you can act on right away.
- Learn skills that empower you to steward your site long after the consultation ends.

Field Tools

- **Measuring & Mapping**

- 100' tape measure / laser distance measurer
- Clinometer or phone app for slope reading
- Compass or smartphone compass app
- Flagging tape or stakes for marking contours/paths

- **Soil & Water Testing**

- Soil probe / auger
- Infiltration ring (coffee can with both ends cut works fine)
- pH strips or portable soil test kit
- Mason jars for simple soil texture tests

- **Observation Tools**

- Waterproof notebook & pencils (Rite in the Rain)
- Binoculars for wildlife patterns & tree canopy
- Camera or smartphone for photo documentation

- **Comfort & Presence**

- Sturdy boots, hat, and rain gear (clients will respect your preparedness)
- Folding stool or mat for long site walks
- Thermos of tea/coffee to make consultations conversational

Professional Documents & Templates

- Client Intake Form (goals, budget, time availability, risks)
- Scope of Work / Contract Template (clear deliverables, revision rounds, disclaimers)
- Pricing Menu (like the one we just built — helps clients self-select)
- Observation Checklist (soil, water, access, hazards, existing vegetation, human flows)
- Base Map Templates (printable overlays for water, access, vegetation, zones/sectors)
- Triage Table (impact × ease × risk) to prioritize interventions
- Care Guides (1-pagers on watering new trees, mulching, compost setup, pruning windows)

Digital Toolkit

- **Mapping & Design Software**
 - Google Earth Pro (free, contour overlays with add-ons)
 - QGIS (open-source GIS for advanced mapping)
 - SketchUp / Inkscape for drawing maps and plans
- **Cloud Storage & Sharing**
 - Google Drive or Dropbox folder for each client (maps, photos, reports)
- **Invoicing & Contracts**
 - Simple system like Wave, QuickBooks, Stripe or even Canva invoice templates
- **Communication**
 - Canva / InDesign for polished client-ready PDFs
 - Zoom/Meet for remote check-ins

Reference & Inspiration

- Bill Mollison — Permaculture: A Designer's Manual
- Geoff Lawton — Online videos & design notes
- Ben Falk — The Resilient Farm & Homestead
- Rosemary Morrow — Earth User's Guide to Permaculture
- Toby Hemenway — Gaia's Garden (especially for suburban clients)
- Peter Bane — The Permaculture Handbook
- Larry Santoyo — The Permaculture Academy

Bonus Value-Adds

- Plant Guild Cards / Cheat Sheets: quick-reference lists of nitrogen fixers, dynamic accumulators, pollinator plants.
- Seasonal Calendar: when to plant, mulch, prune, or expect floods/fires (regionalized).
- Photo Portfolio: before-and-after shots from past clients or your own homestead to inspire confidence.
- Story Kit: short anecdotes from teachers (Falk in Vermont storms, Lawton in Jordan desert) to help clients feel the wisdom behind your advice.

Walking the Path of a Consultant

Being a permaculture consultant is not about arriving with all the answers — it's about arriving with the right questions, the patience to listen, and the confidence to guide. Every site is a new story, every client a new relationship, every landscape a new teacher.

The steps outlined in this guide — from intake to deliverables — are not rigid rules but a living process. They give you structure so you don't get lost, but they leave room for intuition, creativity, and adaptation. Geoff Lawton frequently teaches that design is something you do repeatedly over time, not a static outcome.

Your greatest asset as a consultant is not a perfect plan — it's your ability to help people see their land differently. When clients realize their driveway is also a water catchment, that bare soil is an opportunity for life, or that a compost bin near the kitchen changes daily rhythms, you've already succeeded.

Stay grounded in permaculture's ethics — Earth Care, People Care, and Fair Share. Use them as your compass when decisions feel unclear. Keep learning from peers, mentors, and the land itself. And remember: this work is long-term. You may not see all the fruits of your designs, but you are planting seeds of resilience for generations.

As you step out with this field guide in hand, know that you're joining a lineage of designers, farmers, teachers, and healers who believe that human presence can be regenerative. The path is demanding, but it is also deeply rewarding.

May your consultations be rooted in care, your maps lead to abundance, and your presence bring renewal to the places and people you serve.

Suggested Next Actions

1. Offer your first consult — even if it's for a friend or local nonprofit. Document the process and use it to refine your flow.
2. Build a portfolio — start small, but capture before-and-after photos and client testimonials.
3. Join a guild or network — don't consult in isolation; the permaculture movement thrives on collaboration.
4. Keep learning — take workshops, shadow experienced consultants, and learn from every site.

Your next client is out there waiting. With the ethics as your compass, this toolkit in your hands, and a supportive network around you, you're ready to step into the rewarding path of professional permaculture consulting.

Learn Directly From Experts

If you are ready to take your permaculture practice and business to the next level, where you can make right-livelihood for yourself and your family forever — then consider joining the Permaculture Business Builder Course today.

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