



Defining Long Term Maintenance



3 Phases of a Landscape

Design → ***Build*** → ***Maintain***

Maintenance is the longest
phase.....decades!!!



Long Term Landscape Maintenance

- What is it?
- How do we achieve it?

What is it?

Asset Management

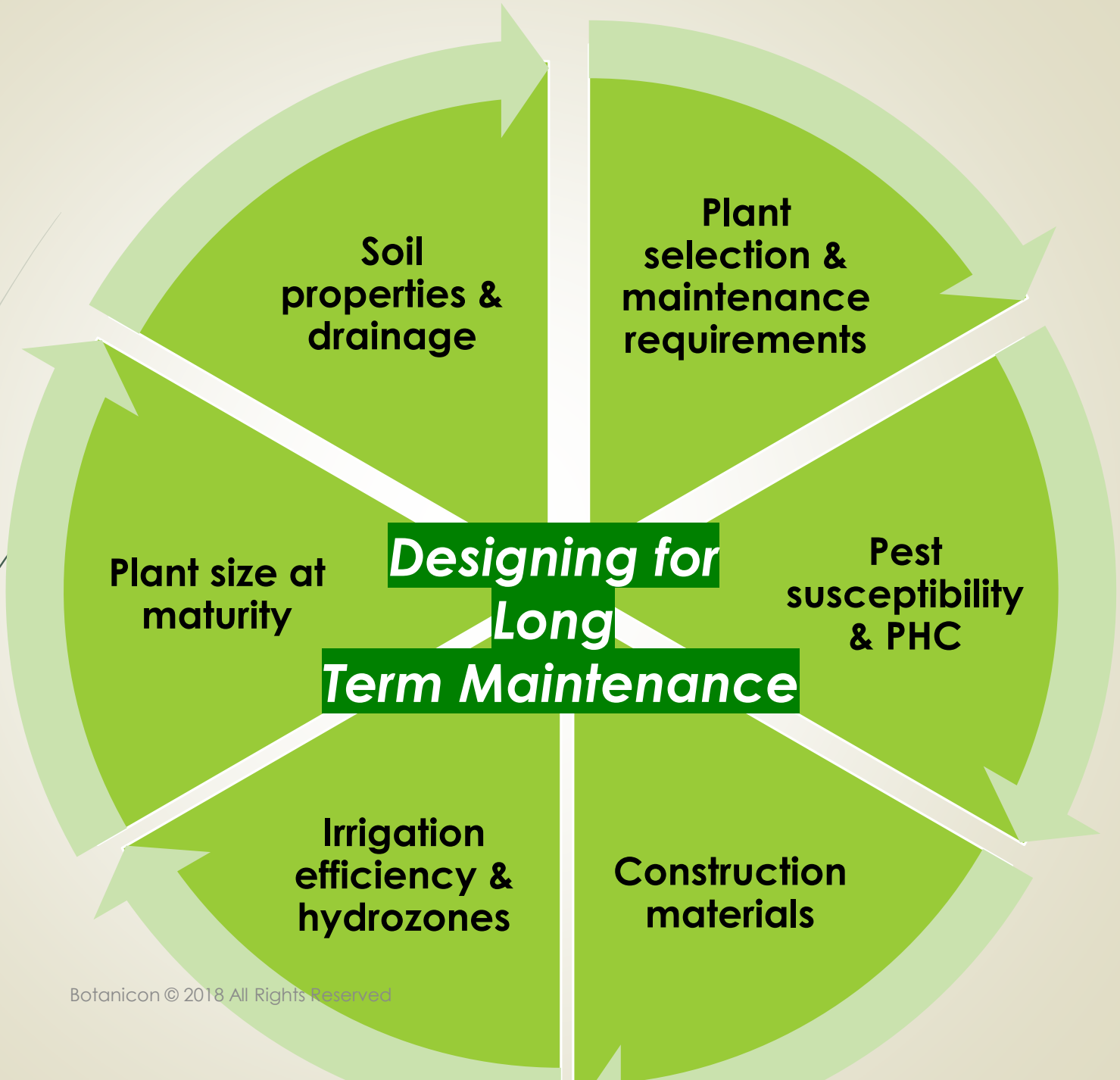
- **Protecting investments** made in the landscaped site
- Landscape maintenance to **sustain or increase the value** of a landscaped site for a client



A Sustainable Approach

For the long term benefit of the site.....

- How is the site designed and built?
- Are the materials appropriate for the site and durable?
- Does the design or project lend itself to being maintained easily?
- Is a Landscape Management Plan part of the project?



How Do We Achieve it?

- **Collaboration** between all parties involved working together
- **Planning** for the long term benefit of the site
- **Training** in proper horticultural techniques
- **Implementation** of sound maintenance practices
- **Quality control** in all 3 phases of the landscape
- **Follow up**-Is what we are doing working?



Planning

**What is the
clients annual
budget to
maintain?**



**Landscape
Management
Plan**



**Written
Specifications
for Landscape
Maintenance**



**Annual
Maintenance
Estimate**



Training

Landscape Managers responsible for

- ▶ Good training programs for maintenance professionals
- ▶ Training to implement sound horticultural practices in the field
- ▶ Training to support goals of project, enhance long term value & appearance
- ▶ Gives crews knowledge, techniques & standards to maintain site assets



Implementation

- ***Landscape managers*** implement tasks on the job site
- Follow a written Landscape Management Plan
- Document hours and tasks
- See the benefits of their training on long term health and appearance of site
- Working smarter, not harder



Quality Control

➤ ***Designers & builders***

- Checkpoints in build phase
- Is the intent of design being carried out?

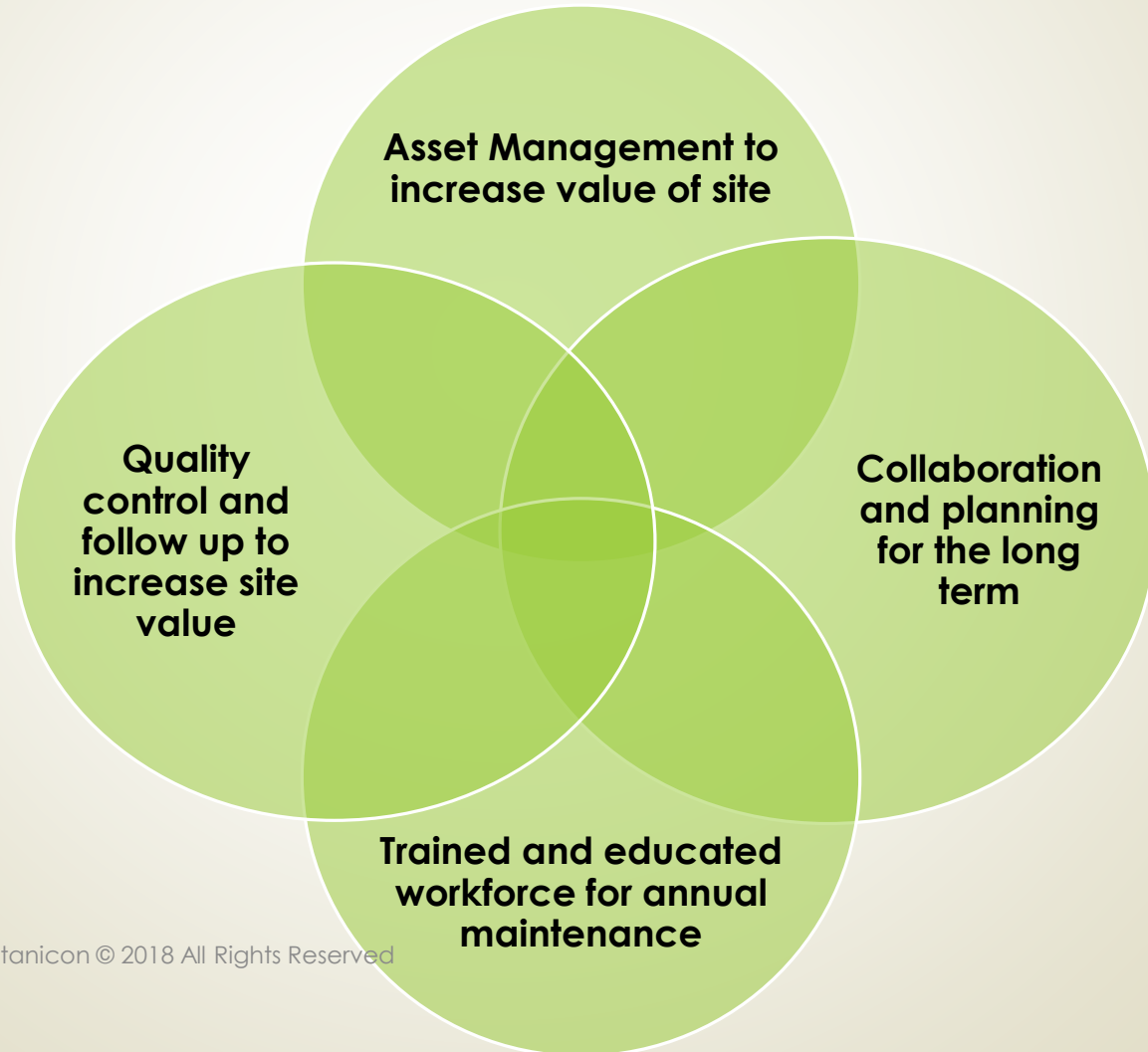
➤ ***Landscape managers***

- Sites inspected regularly for maintenance checks
- What is the expected appearance?
- Are standards being followed and results acceptable?
- Are crews implementing techniques learned in training?

Follow Up

- **Designers & builders** re-visit the site 1, 3, 5
....years down the road
 - What can be learned from the aging of the landscape?
 - What would we do the same? Different?
- **Landscape managers**
 - Future employee training? Renovation projects to enhance value and maintainability?
 - Keep client updated and educated
 - Adjust annual maintenance calendar for next year

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Thank You!