SELECTING THE RIGHT PLANT FOR THE RIGHT SPACE

UNDERSTAND YOUR SITE

full sun = 6+ hours

part sun = 3-6 hours

shade = less than 3 hours

soil type/density

high spot/low spot

seasonality of exposure (winter sun coming in from south)

irrigation, automated/pre-existing, manual

CONSIDER MATURE SIZE OF PLANTS

 Perennials 3-5 years for maturity

 Shrubs and trees quite variable, depending on how big they can get

 Evergreens never truly stop (ID tags have a “landscape size” listed, usually reflecting 10-15 years down the road)

 Use mature sizes when visualizing/plotting in the landscape, RATHER than their current size at time of purchase/selection

CONSIDER SEASONAL INTEREST

 What does it look like in the winter?

 When does it bloom?

 Does it have fall color?

MAINTENANCE

 Pruning, spraying, harvesting, winter care

**DOES IT BRING ME JOY??**

 At the end of the day, this is one of the most important questions