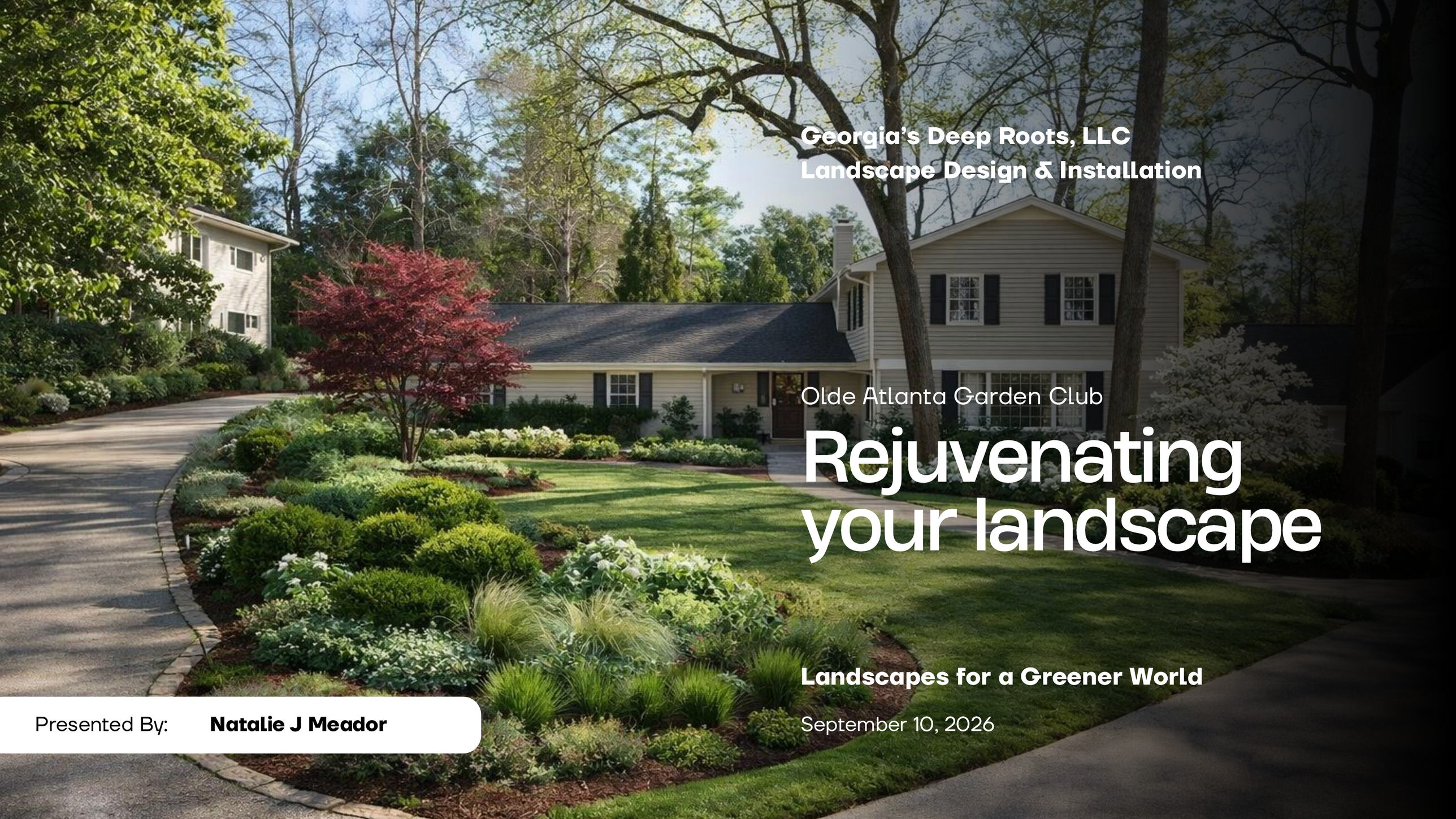


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Rejuvenating your landscape

Landscapes for a Greener World

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Why Landscapes Decline

Practical Steps for Looking with Fresh Eyes

Trees & Shrubs Mature
Shade increases, may become too large for their space, reach their end of life

Turf Struggles under more shade
Soil also becomes depleted and compacted

Irrigation no longer serving need
Is irrigation directed to where it is needed?

Hardscape may shift
Due to tree roots, alteration of neighboring properties, Georgia clay soil

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Aging Landscapes require a Top to Bottom Review

Develop a Strategy
Removing overgrown plant material, updating landscaping, reducing pine straw and mulch requirements

Fix the Fundamentals
Address severely compacted soil, adding organic material, resolving drainage issues

Remember to Look Up not just Down
Aging trees often benefit from structural pruning. Not only does it improve their appearance it preserves their health.

Update Irrigation & Masonry
Completed an assessment of all hardscaping and the irrigation System

Your Landscape Requirements May Change

Practical Steps for Looking with Fresh Eyes



People Age too!
Need to be more conscious of fall risks

Plant material gets dated
Some landscape plants used 30 years ago are found to be invasive now - Bradford pear, Burning Bush, vinca, English Ivy

Lower routine maintenance
Replace high maintenance plants with plant that fit the space

Lifestyle changes
Need an area for a pet to explore, want more seasonal interest, want to ‘garden’

Define your goals





Homeowner wanted more opportunities to enjoy nature in their yard.

Wildlife needs herbaceous layers, a place to hibernate, raise their young, have protection from the elements, and may require specific host plants.

This Homeowner wanted to improve curb appeal





Create layers rather than rows of shrubs, add seasonal interest, reduce turf – add understory trees and a herbaceous layer.

Complete an Assessment

These Leyland Cypress aged out, and the homeowner wanted more privacy and to enjoy birds from their kitchen window. We no longer recommend mass plantings or monoculture designs because they are more susceptible to pests and disease. Instead introduce more biodiversity with plant communities.

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Conducting an Assessment

What is healthy and worth keeping?

What has outgrown its location?
Soil also becomes depleted and compacted

What is blocking windows, walks, or architectural features?

Where has sun become shade?



Does the lawn have bare areas failing turf?

Where does water collect or cause erosion





Convert Brown Areas to Green

Over time light conditions change and plants that require more sun no longer thrive. Instead of adding acres of pine straw, replace those plants with shade love plants.

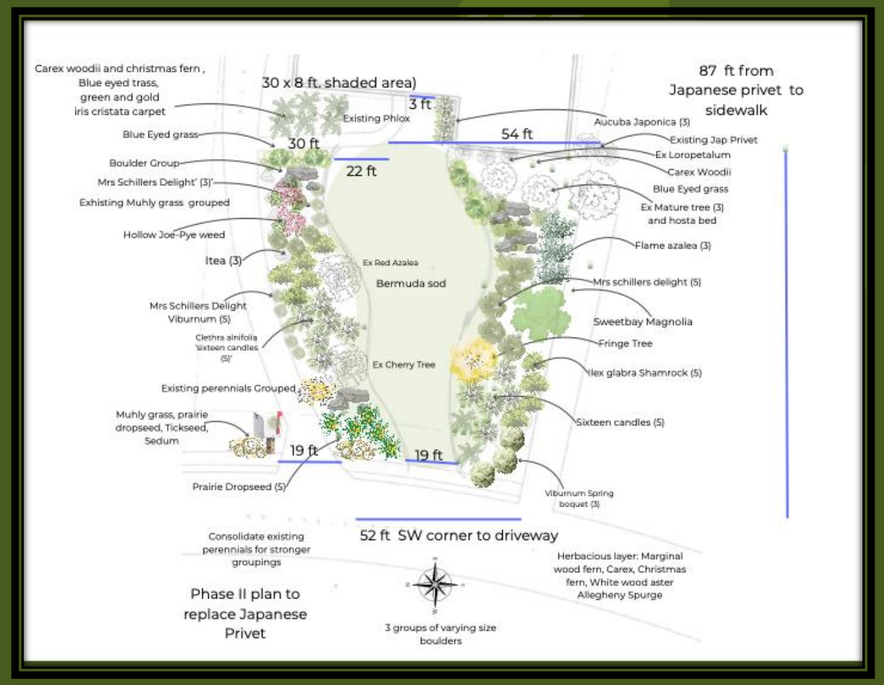




This area became treacherous as both the homeowner and the property aged

3. Create a Plan

- **Not just a collection of plants you love, but a Cohesive Design**
- **Considers your site conditions**
- **Consider plants that work with your maintenance requirements**
- **Avoid expensive mistakes, a certified Landscape Designer can prevent wasting time and money.**





Preserve valuable elements



These valuable trees were reenvisioned to contribute to a mature landscape



Replace high maintenance plants



Loropetulum too large for the site was replaced with plants to scale.



Update the plant palette



Creating layers in the foundation planting added structure and interest.





Consider the view from inside your house





- Create a focal point
- Use repetition to create flow

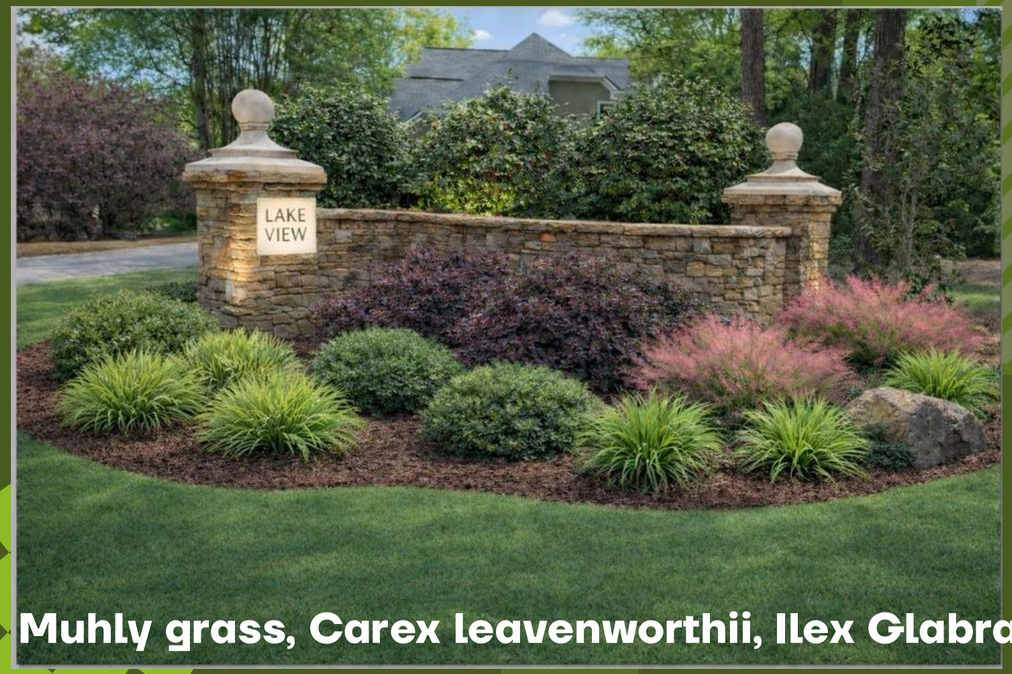


Carex woodii

Add plants to support wildlife



Blue eyed grass



Muhly grass, Carex leavenworthii, Ilex Glabra

Use Resilient Plants

Plan for deer pressure, more erratic weather, more shade tolerant plants



Carex cherokeensis and Carex pensylvanica



Direct water away from house

Address issues don’t just decorate



Choose turf that will work in shade



Replace overgrown plants

Evaluate current landscape conditions

Select plants at mature size that will work

Consider maintenance requirements

Think about ecological benefit - wildlife supported, managing storm water, improving water filtration

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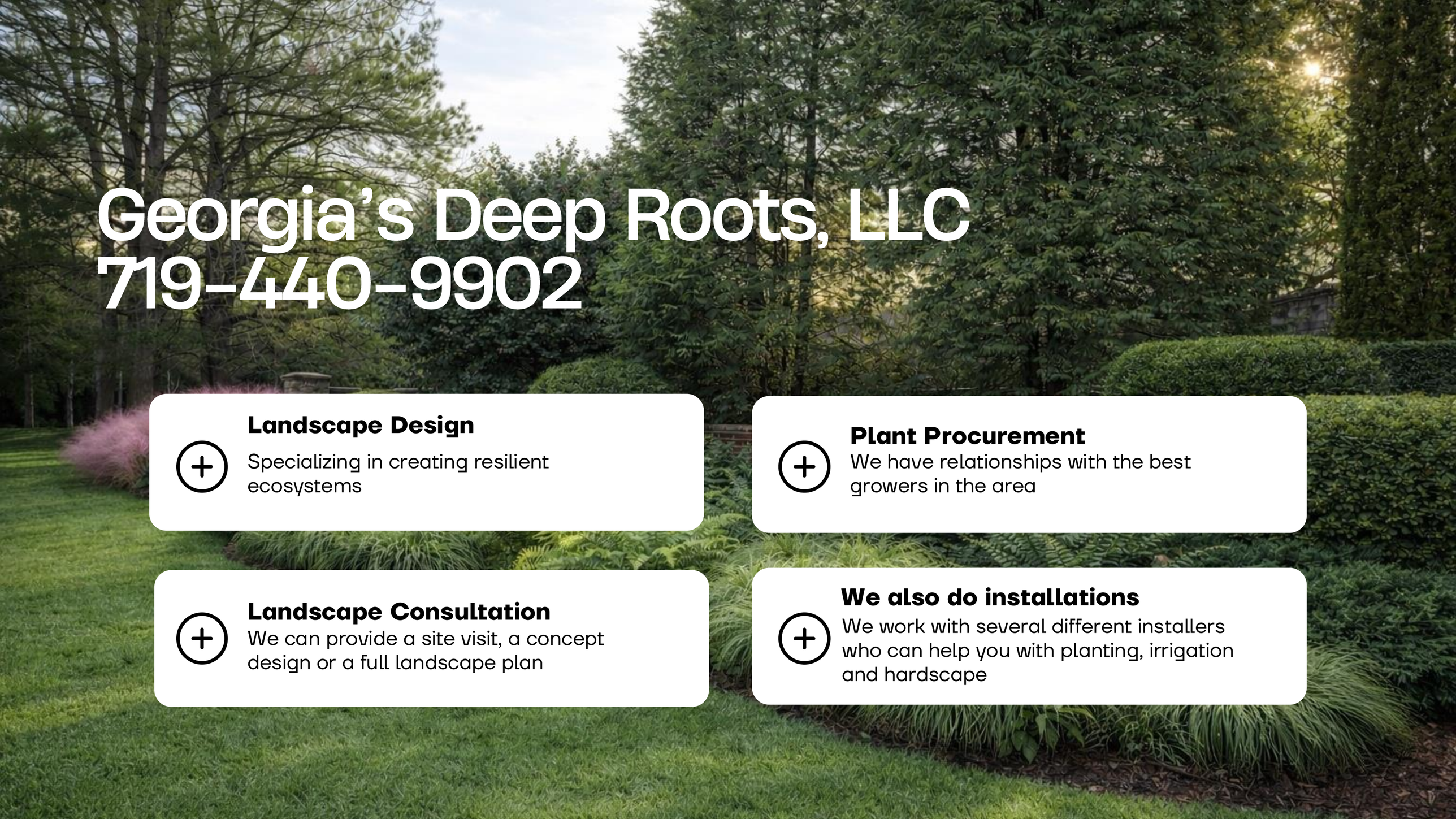
Have a plan, prioritize, preserve what is valuable, don't just replace

Keep what is valuable
Remove overgrown or declining plant material, maintain mature trees & shrubs

Address problems at the source
Severely compacted soil, deprived of organic material and nutrients, drainage issues

Adapt to today's conditions
Reduce large areas of turf, design for wildlife pressure and erratic weather

Start Small: Introduce a new layer
Supports wildlife, retains moisture, provides structure, creates visual depth



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