

Client: Boston Natural Areas Network

Design Instructors: Maria von Brincken
Peter Hinrichs

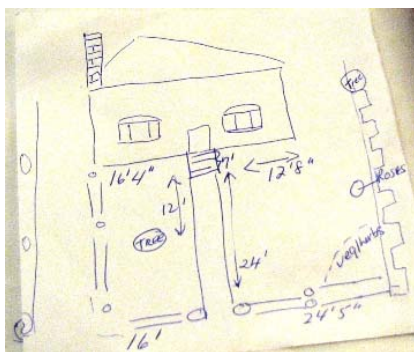
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Boston Natural Areas Network (BNAN) has offered a Master Gardener program for 13 years. This fall, BNAN implemented a pilot residential Master Urban Gardener course (MUG@Home) covering basic horticulture techniques, plant materials, soil testing, and cost estimating. COG's design instructors, Maria von Brincken and Peter Hinrichs, assisted by presenting landscape design and site planning principles to 28 students from diverse backgrounds.

Though some of the students were new to gardening and landscaping concepts, COGdesign's additional design coaches worked with small groups to guide them towards concrete ideas and problem solving. By the end of the course, each student had a design plan to follow to create and improve their home landscapes.



At the end of the eight-session course, Marlo Pedroso, BNAN Stewardship Manager, concluded, "COGdesign has brought great strength to the course. We hope to work with you again in the future."