Rating the 'scapes

Ever wonder how your projects might hold up under someone else's rating system? Give this one a try to see how you're doing.

he accompanying tally sheet allows you to "grade" your landscape projects.

It may give you a good idea of what is missing or what needs to be enhanced in a particular plan.

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"There is a great deal of value to a landscape," says Campbell. "We put together a model and scale that makes sense, based on our experience."

Evaluate elements (based on your own feelings and the definition of each term) on a scale of 1 to 10. Take that number multiplied by the ranking (provided) and you have your score for that criterion. Then, add the scores together:

0-260 = poor
261-440 = fair
441-540 = good
541-620 = very good
621-660 = excellent □
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Visual flow		×	8	=	100		
Context		×	7	=			
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Context to site		x	6	=	1		
Balance		×	5	=			
Depth		x	4	=			
Color		×	3	=			
Framing	15 15 16	x	2	=	118		
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