

Garden Restoration Services

- Is your yard overgrown?
- Do you get overwhelmed thinking how you might bring it back into shape?
- Has English Ivy swamped your Azaleas or spread throughout your beds?
- Do you have unwanted trees coming up in your beds?
- Do you have Wisteria or other vines climbing through your shrubs and trees?
- Do you have overgrown or dying plants that need to be completely removed?
- Do you need a design or plan drawn up for a neglected part of your garden?
- Do have Elaeagnus shoots snaking up into your trees?
- Do your treasured Camellias need to be pruned?
- Do you want to plant annuals and/or perennials for a summer butterfly garden?
- Would you like to propagate old treasured flower/shrub varieties?
- Do you have empty spaces in your beds that need filling by new plantings?

Well maybe I can help you.

My name is Joel Gillespie. I grew up in the Forest Lake area of Columbia and cut my gardening teeth in my grandmother's beautiful yard on McGregor Drive. I majored in Biology with a focus in Botany at Clemson and at South Carolina. During summers in the 1980's when I was teaching science at Brookland Cayce High School I discovered the garden restoration/reclamation niche, the proceeds of which helped sent me to seminary in Vancouver and on to pastoral ministry in Greensboro NC for 20+ years. I came back to Columbia to pursue further education at USC, and am now gardening and tutoring full time.

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I am also available for ongoing gardening work of all kinds. I use manual tools and shy away from herbicides and pesticides. I enjoy creating wildlife gardens, and am partial to water conservation.

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(For larger scale restoration jobs, especially those requiring coordination between multiple services such as landscape design, tree removal, earthscaping, laying sod, and so forth, I recommend to you Bill Kunze of Jungle Taming, www.jungletaming.com, info@jungletaming.com).