



Soergels

Best Neighborhood Landscaper

Kenneth Paul "K.P." Soergel Sr. grew up on the farm that is now Soergel Orchards. In 1936, he began maintaining a few large estates in Sewickley, Fox Chapel and Squirrel Hill. This was the beginning of one of the first tree and landscape pruning companies in Pittsburgh. In 1941, he moved the company to Pine Township. As he collected and shared rare plants, the company added a nursery and landscape installation services.

Son Kenneth P. Soergel II is a registered Landscape Architect. He started one of the early landscape architecture companies in Washington, DC while teaching landscape architecture at the University of Maryland. Ken II took over his father's company in 1976, and introduced design-build landscaping. He designs spaces favoring a soothing green palette. He also teaches Landscape Architecture at Chatham College and speaks about landscape architecture, tree preservation, planning and suburban sprawl.

Kevin adds garden design, floriculture, water gardening and stone masonry to the company's repertoire. Most of his jobs include intense flower beds using perennials, annuals, bulbs, and tender exotic plants. Many jobs also incorporate a serene water feature including streams and waterfalls, koi ponds, water lilies, wildlife and floral scenes.

Company services begin with a consultation that usually leads to a landscape architectural design. The design comprises a site survey with the client, preliminary drawings, final design, preliminary budget and finally a contract. Three generations of "green thumbs", they live for this stuff.

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