Permaculture Design Certification – The Sustainable Landscape

Permaculture draws from several disciplines including organic farming, agroforestry, integrated farming, sustainable community development, alternative/natural building and applied ecology.

This course will teach participants techniques to reduce dependence on fossil fuels and increase the long term sustainability of their homes and communities. Integrating organic food production into urban landscapes is a major focus of the course. Students will learn techniques for managing urban landscapes and food systems sustainably throughout a growing season and will receive a Permaculture Design Certificate upon successful completion of the course and a design project.

The class involves some reading and home study to prepare for class. Classes will include a combination of discussions, lecture, hands-on experience and field trips.

The class meets 9:00 am -3:00 pm, one Saturday a month, beginning in June and ending in November at Gateway Technical College, 3520-30th Ave., Kenosha, WI. The dates are June 8, July 13, August 10, September 14, October 12 and November 16. Kenosha is the last stop on the Metra train from Chicago and arrangements can be made to pick participants up at the station.

Please register for this 3 credit course online through the Gateway Technical College website www.gtc.edu. Go to the webadvisor link and find the course listed under ‘Summer 2013’ and ‘Horticulture’. The course number is 001-103-1KMA and the cost is $416.25.

The textbook for this course is The Earth User’s Guide to Permaculture by Rosemary Morrow, second edition, Chelsea Green Publishing at www.chelseagreen.com

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