

PERMACULTURE DESIGN COURSE



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CALEDON, ONTARIO

ONE OF A KIND COURSE
"DON'T MISS IT"

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WHAT IS PERMACULTURE?

Permaculture or "permanent agriculture" was originally conceived over 30 years ago by Australian ecologist Bill Mollison. Observing aboriginal culture and forest ecosystems, he concluded that we could deliberately design agriculturally productive ecosystems, echoing the diversity, stability and resilience of natural ecosystems. Permaculture designs provide food, energy, and shelter for people and animal inhabitants while linking the needs and outputs of each element. The result is a dynamic yet stable system that sustains itself.

Permaculture is a holistic approach to land use, which works with nature's rhythm and patterns, weaving together the elements of microclimate, annual and perennial plants, animals, water and soil management, and human needs into intricately connected and productive communities.

Permaculture systems can be developed in any climate and on any scale. Designs have been developed for balconies, backyards and for entire villages and urban communities.

THE ETHICAL BASIS OF PERMACULTURE

CARE OF THE EARTH

Provision for all life systems to continue and multiply

CARE OF THE PEOPLE

Provision for people to access resources necessary for their existence

CARE OF COMMUNITY

Sharing surplus, whether it be ideas, skills, food or goods

PERMACULTURE COURSE DESCRIPTION

The Permaculture Design Course is a 13 day (72 hour minimum) intensive program combining theory and practical activities. Through lectures, discussions, slide shows, field trips, and hands-on learning, participants learn the basic permaculture design principles and develop the skills to design and implement sustainable systems.

TOPICS INCLUDE:

- ✓ Ecological Landscape Design
- ✓ Ecoforestry
- ✓ Organic Gardening
- ✓ Ecological Building
- ✓ Site Observation and Analysis
- ✓ Soil Fertility and Composting
- ✓ Edible Landscaping
- ✓ Fruit and Nut Production
- ✓ Poultry Care
- ✓ Water Harvesting and Uses
- ✓ Appropriate Technology
- ✓ Urban and Rural Permaculture
- ✓ Ecovillage Design
- ✓ Edible Forest Gardening

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COURSE TUITION

\$988 early registration by June 10 for the 13 days. This includes field trips, access to onsite facilities, and a course manual. (\$1088 after June 10)

Scholarships available for students and low income participants.

ADDITIONAL COSTS

\$390 for 3 delicious, organic, home-cooked meals per day

AND

\$140 for a campsite and outdoor facilities

OR

\$210 for trailer accommodation and outdoor facilities

OR

\$420 for a room in Greenhaven and indoor facilities

OR

Ask about commuter rates if living or staying nearby.

DEPOSIT

\$200 payable by cash or cheque to:
Whole Village Co-operative

For more information
or to register contact:

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INSTRUCTORS

Gregoire Lamoureux is a permaculture designer, consultant, and teacher, with over 20 years of experience. He has taught the permaculture design course at the University of Manitoba, Selkirk College, Ecology Retreat Centre in Ontario for 10 years, and on his permaculture farm in B.C. as well as lectured at conferences across Canada. Gregoire's work experience includes market gardening, greenhouse production, orcharding, ecological land restoration, nursery management, landscaping, aquaculture and forestry. He has also studied alternative building and worked on straw-bale and cob house structures.

Co-teacher and Host:

Brenda Dolling is a retired teacher who co-created Whole Village Ecovillage with a community of 10 members. She has gardened organically for forty years and has been applying permaculture principles to the development of the Whole Village project, in particular landscaping, poultry care, fruit and nut production and the creation of windbreaks and shelterbelts.

GUEST SPEAKERS

Richard Griffith

organized the first permaculture course in Ontario and has been teaching since 1999. He is a committed environmental activist experienced in community gardening, sustainable forestry and renewable energy issues. He lives in a straw-bale house, partly off the grid.

Shane Snell

is an ecovillage activist, social scientist, and eco-builder who helped build Greenhaven at Whole Village. He has travelled North America in his solar and veggie oil powered vehicle visiting and researching 100 eco-communities, which he shares in his fascinating slide shows. Shane guides transition town projects and practises simple living.



WHOLE VILLAGE FARM AND ECOVILLAGE

Our diverse 191 acre organic farm includes a large pond, forests, wetland, meadows, hills and trails. You will have access to our gardens, greenhouse, orchard, berry patches, edible forest garden, workshops, century barn, solar showers and composting toilets. Inside the community house, Greenhaven, we will give you a tour of the solar hot water, radiant in-floor heating and geothermal systems, skylights, natural building materials and an engineered wetland. Common areas include kitchen, living/dining, laundry, washroom, library and rec room. Social times around the fire by the pond complete the day, so bring an instrument.

The farm was designed with permaculture principles in mind. Practicum sessions will take place on the farm in real life situations where you will problem solve and create designs to complement the ecovillage plan and mimic nature's processes.

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15 minutes south of Orangeville,
40 minutes east of Guelph,
75 minutes north of Toronto