

Introduction to Permaculture

Offered by the Permaculture Research Institute Cold Climate in cooperation with the Land Stewardship Project and the Sustainable Farming Association of Minnesota, Western Chapter



Enjoy our combined evening film festival and day-long workshop designed to introduce you to the fundamentals of Permaculture as applied to our cold temperate climate bioregion.

Learn how to consciously design and maintain productive ecosystems that have the diversity, stability, and resilience of natural ecosystems. Practice using Permaculture design concepts on real site plans in our Small Group Design Activity.

Apply what you learn at home and in your neighborhood. Through the harmonious integration of landscape and people, we are better able to produce food, energy, shelter, and meet other needs—both material and non-material—in a sustainable way.

Begin your journey by taking this introductory workshop, which is a prerequisite for many more educational and volunteer events, such as PRI courses, and citizen science projects, and for participation in the Permaculture Collaborative's "Work & Learn" Workshare Weekends.

Friday, August 3

Film Festival: 6:30 to 9 p.m.
@Montevideo Community Center
in Southtown Plaza
550 South First Street

Saturday, August 4

Workshop: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
@ Montevideo Library
in Downtown Montevideo
224 South First Street

Engaging Topics

- Permaculture Ethics & Design Principles
- Permaculture Design Methods
- The Ecological Context: Biomes, Soils, Plant Communities, and Climate Change
- The Cultural Context & Change: Future Scenarios including Population Growth, Consumption, and the Peak Oil Challenge

Registration Fees

- \$65 per person: registration on a first come, first served basis
- Please make checks payable to the Permaculture Research Institute (PRI) Cold Climate

Professional Instructors

Dr. Guy M. Trombley and Paula Westmorland, M.A. are Certified Permaculture Designers who will share their extensive experience in Permaculture practices.

Pre-Workshop Preparation

Food & Refreshments: Participants should bring lunch or can visit the nearby Java River Café.

What to Bring: If you are currently planning or developing a site, bring a completed Site Profile (available online), site maps, photographs, and other information on your site such as soil types, etc.

Recommended Viewing: We recommend the following three compelling documentaries.

- *An Inconvenient Truth*, 2006
<http://climatecrisis.org/>
- *Minnesota: A History of the Land*, 2005
<http://www.historyoftheland.org/>
- *NOW: The Political Climate*, 2005
<http://www.pbs.org/now/science/climatechange.html#>
- *The End of Suburbia*, 2004
http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B0009231TG/qid=1126391091/sr=81/ref=pd_bbs_1/103-2991288-4383015?n=507846&s=dvd&v=glance

Recommended Reading: Books available at sessions or reserve copies. Sign up on our book reservations list or email us at resources@permacultureresearch.us. Active Members of the Permaculture Collaborative receive a 30% discount on books, T-shirts, and other materials.

- *Introduction to Permaculture*, 1999 (2nd edition 2004)
- *Permaculture: A Designer's Manual*, 1988 (2nd edition 2004)

To Register for the Film Festival & Workshop

call the Land Stewardship Project (320) 269-2105
or email lspwest@landstewardshipproject.org.

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