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Applying Permaculture Principles to Regional Design

A FREE one-day workshop to inspire resilient, regenerative and equitable systems. Come help shape the future of Central Vermont.



REGIONAL DESIGN WORKSHOP AGENDA

MONTPELIER HIGH SCHOOL AUGUST 18TH, 9am-5pm

9:00 – 9:45 Introduction - Design Context
(Jon Erickson, Sarah Waring, Andrew Faust, Vic Guadagno)

9:55 – 10:45 Research Overview – Sarah Shaw, Bright Blue EcoMedia
Goals Articulation – Sarah Waring, Center for an Agricultural Economy

BREAKOUT TRACKS: (1) Collaborative Business/New Economy
(2) Regional Food Systems
(3) Land Use

10:50 – 12:00 BREAKOUT SESSIONS, first set

Track (1) Bioregional Design: SARAH WARING, BONNIE WANINGER
Central Vermont systems analysis & material flow.
Identifying opportunities for a regenerative, locally based business network

Track (2) Regional Food System: JAKE CLARO, JOE BOSSEN, JOSEPH KIEFER
Current trends and obstacles in Vermont agriculture
(Farm to Plate Strategic Plan & Central VT Planning Commission Asset Map)
Community resilience & capacity building

Track (3) Diversified Forest Management: MELISSA HOFFMAN, SHAWN SMITH
New strategies public and private lands
Beyond timber & biomass to include nutrient dense food & medicine
Private investment & public lands

12:00 – 12:45 Lunch

10:50 – 12:00 BREAKOUT SESSION, second set

Track (1) New Economy: JON ERICKSON, WILL RAAP, MARTA CERONI
Localizing business clusters & economic opportunities
Rethinking production, processing, distribution & consumption
Social co-ops, worker ownership, new business models

Track (2) Feeding a Community: TOM SABO, ABBIE NELSON
Schools, Institutions and Public Policy
Particular focus on Montpelier High School and
the development of local food procurement

Track (3) Landscape Ecology/Land Use Patterns: WALT POLEMAN, ABE COLLINS
Designing protocol for land-use
“Farmscape Ecology”
Land trusts and Regional Planning
Basin-wide nutrient and water management

2:10 – 3:00 Recap of Breakout Sessions

3:10 – 4:00 Next Steps: Strategies, Action Plans, and Information Sharing/Communication

4:00 – 5:00 Conversation and Q & A

Our workshop is part of a 72-hour Permaculture Design Certificate Course
hosted by Bright Blue EcoMedia and Bear Roots Farm.
We are emphasizing how to apply Permaculture principles to regional design.