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BRISTOL COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO OFFER NEW PERMACULTURE COURSE, TO DEVELOP SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURAL ECOSYSTEMS

Bristol Community College will offer a new course, Permaculture: Design for Regeneration, Designing your Backyard Homestead, which will cover the principles of developing agricultural ecosystems intended to be sustainable and self-sufficient.

Participants will learn how to create a backyard homestead design plan utilizing permaculture design principles, develop ways to assess your family's food needs, build community food resilience, and discover nutrient dense, low-maintenance perennial food crops that return year after year.

The course is designed for farmers, urban & rural gardeners, community groups, school gardens, landscapers, homesteaders, and more.

The offering is available as a 3-credit course or can be audited as a non-credit course. The course will run from September 6 to December 20, 2017, on Wednesdays, from 6-8:50 p.m., on the BCC Fall River campus, 777 Elsbree St.

To register online, please visit <http://www.bristolcc.edu>, and enter "Sustainable Agriculture" in the course search.

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