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### Permaculture & Ecological Design for a Sustainable Community

LIBERTY, NY—The origins of permaculture lie in agriculture, ecological human habitats, and food systems. Going beyond gardening and farming, permaculture also applies to the physical world, including canning, composting, and even making wine. Homeowners, municipalities, farmers, gardeners, outdoor enthusiasts, and environmentally conscious community members can use permaculture and ecological design to live sustainably.

The public can learn about Permaculture and Ecological Design on Monday, March 5, 2018. Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County (CCESC) offers this workshop from 5:30 to 7:30 pm at its Extension Education Center on 64 Ferndale-Loomis Road in Liberty. In the event of inclement weather, the snowdate is March 6.

Erik Schellenberg of Cornell Cooperative Extension Orange County will present the basics of permaculture as it relates to backyards, farms, and gardens. He will discuss the larger scale benefits to communities aiming to become more sustainable and focus on some ecological design features that can help balance the needs of humans versus the planet.

Cost is \$ 15 per person or \$10 per CCESC enrollee. Anyone can enroll in CCESC for an annual contribution of \$25 and receive a monthly subscription to the Extension Connection magazine.

Registration can be completed by calling CCESC at 845-292-6180, emailing [sullivan@cornell.edu](mailto:sullivan@cornell.edu), or visiting [www.sullivancce.org](http://www.sullivancce.org). Payment can be made in advance by check, cash, or credit. Program fees support the cost of instructors, refreshments, materials, and facilities. Additional donations for CCESC programs are appreciated.

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