



PARTIALLY ANNOTATED RESOURCE LIST

General Permaculture and Ecology Books

Gaia's Garden: A Guide to Home Scale Permaculture. Toby Hemingway. Chelsea Green, 2001. Easy to use and understand tour through permaculture gardening.

Permaculture: A Designer's Manual. Bill Mollison. Island Press Covelo, CA, 1990. The bible of permaculture.

Ecological Design. Sim Van der Ryn and Stuart Cowan. Island, 1996. The essential concepts of ecological design.

A Pattern Language. Christopher Alexander. Oxford NY, 1977. Design for human building and settlements using patterns derived from nature.

Water, Ponds, Catchment, Greywater

Rainwater Harvesting. Arnold Pacey and Adrian Cullis. Intermediate Technology, 1996. Many techniques for using rainwater.

Create an Oasis with Greywater. Art Ludwig. Oasis Design, 2000. Your Complete Guide to Choosing, Building and Using Greywater Systems.

The Toilet Papers. Sim Van der Ryn. Capra Press, 1978. Excellent book on composting human manure.

Gardening, Farming, and Plant Guides

Designing and Maintaining your Edible Landscape. Robert Kourik. Metamorphic Press. Wonderful! (Out of Print)

The Complete Book of Edible Landscaping. Rosalind Creasy. Sierra Club Books, 1982. This comprehensive book shows how you can create more beauty around your home, grow delicious healthful produce, and save money and natural resources all at the same time by landscaping with edible plants. It includes a 160-page "Encyclopedia of Edibles".

Four Season Harvest. Eliot Coleman. Chelsea Green, 1999. How to extend the growing season to a whole year, even in northern climates.

How to Grow More Vegetables. John Jeavons. Ten Speed, 1991. Bio-intensive techniques that boost production of food. Very useful guide to growing more food.

Square Foot Gardening. Mel Bartholomew. Rodale Press, 1981. Lay-out, planting, maintaining intensive gardening. Great methods to use with kids!

Weeds and What they Tell. Ehrenfried Pfeiffer. Biodynamic Farming and Garden Association, 1981. A slightly advanced guide to reading weeds to assess the type and fertility of the soil.

The Gardener's A-Z Guide to Growing Organic Food. Tanya L.K. Denckla. Story Publishing, 2003. Easy to use, alphabetical, guide to growing food with all necessary information including planting depth, storage requirements, pests, and selected varieties.

The Herb Book. John Lust. Benedict Lust Publications, 1974. A complete catalog of herbs and usages. Not a 'how to grow herbs' book.

The New Organic Grower. Eliot Coleman. Chelsea Green, 1995. A master guide to tools and technique for the home and market gardener.

Trees

Edible Forest Gardening Volumes 1 and 2. Dave Jacke. Chelsea Green, VT, 2005. A Dense book on theory and practice of forest gardening. One of the only growing food guides that concentrates on the Northeast United States.

How to Make A Forest Garden. Patrick Whitefield. Chelsea Green, 1997.

The Backyard Orchardist. Stella Otto. Otto Graphics, 1993. A complete guide to growing fruit trees in a small scale home garden.

The City of Trees. Melanie Choukas-Bradley and Polly Alexander. 1987, A complete field guide to tree of Washington, DC.

Community Gardens/Greening (Examples for Inspiration)

The Earth Knows my Name. Patricia Klindienst. Beacon Press, 2006. Stories from around the US of urban, suburban and rural gardens created by people rarely represented in gardening books: Native Americans, immigrants, and people from Asia and Europe.

Gaviotas. Alan Weisman. Chelsea Green, 1995. The story of a village in Columbia that sought to reinvent the world.

A Patch of Eden: Americas Inner City Gardens. H. Patricia Hynes. Institute on Women and Technology, 1996. Stories about urban gardeners who are transforming rubble-strewn lots in more than 200 cities across the nation into wonderful neighborhood sanctuaries.

A Handbook of Community Gardening. Susan Naimark, ed. Charles Scribner's Sons, 1982. The perfect guide to the history, practice, site needs, resources and expected yields from community gardens.

Online and Other Free and Cheap Resources

American Community Gardening Association. <http://www.communitygarden.org/>

National Gardening Association. <http://www.garden.org/home>

DC Urban Gardeners. <http://www.dc-urban-gardener-news.com/>

Your Neighborhood Horticulture Groups

Permaculture Activist. <http://www.permacultureactivist.net/>

The USDA Plant Hardiness Zone Map.

<http://www.usna.usda.gov/Hardzone/ushzmap.html>

The map shows 10 different zones, each of which represents an area of winter hardiness for the plants of agriculture and our natural landscape.

Soil Testing for Heavy Metals. <http://www.umass.edu/plsoils/soiltest/>

DC School Gardens Resource. <http://www.dcschoolyardgreening.org/>

The 7th Street Garden Resource Page.

<http://the7thstreetgarden.squarespace.com/1resources/>

Craigslist Washington, DC. <http://washingtondc.craigslist.org/>

Great resource for free or cheap items.

Freecycle. <http://www.freecycle.org/>

It's a grassroots and entirely nonprofit movement of people who are giving (and getting) stuff for free in their own towns. Membership is free, and everything posted must be FREE, legal and appropriate for all ages.

Community Forklift. communityforklift.com. 301-985-5180

Salvaged materials, surplus materials, green materials.

America the Beautiful Fund. http://www.america-the-beautiful.org/free_seeds/index.php

Free Seeds! Vegetable, herbs, flowers.

Write to seed companies and catalogues for donations of last years seeds.

Other Great Community Greening Projects

City Repair. Portland, Oregon. <http://www.cityrepair.org>

The City Repair Project is an organized group action that educates and inspires communities and individuals to creatively transform the places where they live.

The 7th Street Garden. Washington, DC. www.the7thStreetGarden.Squarespace.com

The Food Project. <http://www.thefoodproject.org/>.

Growing a thoughtful and productive community of youth and adults from diverse backgrounds who work together to build a sustainable food system.

Philadelphia Green. <http://www.pennsylvaniahorticulturalsociety.org/phlgreen/index.html>

Since 1974, Philadelphia Green has supported the development and ongoing care of community gardens, neighborhood parks and high-profile public green spaces in Philadelphia.

The Village of Arts and Humanities. <http://www.villagearts.org/>

The Village has transformed a 260 square block area of North Philadelphia, one block at a time through a neighborhood revitalization program that has evolved into a major provider of arts-inspired programs including education, land transformation, construction, and economic development.

Washington Parks & People. <http://www.washingtonparks.net/resources.html>