

PRINCIPLES OF DIVERSE AND INCLUSIVE PERMACULTURE

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Why Value Diversity

Just like diversity is important in regards to growing food and medicine, diversity of skill set and cultural background in human interactions is of equal importance. In order to ensure that the permaculture movement progresses, it is important to incorporate new skills sets and backgrounds.

Why Does the Permaculture Movement Need Diverse Voices

As it stands, the permaculture movement is a movement primarily promoted and participated by white identifying folks.

How to Incorporate this Presentation

These solutions to lack-of diversity are not 'one size fits all' its important to take what information you feel is valuable to you and your project, and leave what does not serve you. Keep channels of conversation open, ask the community what they need, and work within that framework.

Sources to Consider

- In the Shadow of Slavery: Africa's Botanical Legacy in the Atlantic World, by Judith Carney and Richard Nicholas Rosomoff
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- Freedom Farmers: Agricultural Resistance and the Black Freedom Movement, by Monica White
- Farming While Black: Soul Fire Farm's Practical Guide to Liberation on the Land, by Leah Penniman

Organizations to Consider

- National Black Farmers Association

National Black Farmers Association (NBFA).

Community-based group involved in advocacy, land retention and rural development for black and other small farmers throughout the country.

- Soul Fire Farm
- Black Urban Growers Conference (BUGS)
- Urban Sprouts Farm, Atlanta Georgia
- Black Permaculture Network —Namaste Foundation
- Permaculture Action Network

12 principles of permaculture design

- Observe and interact
- Catch and store energy
- Obtain a yield
- Apply self regulation and accept feedback
- Use and value renewable resources and services
- Produce no waste
- Design from patterns to details
- Integrate rather than segregate
- Use small and slow solutions
- Use and value diversity
- Use edges and value the marginal spaces
- Creatively use and respond to change

Privilege Exercise

