

SPECIAL EVENT: Back to School with Go Native U
Westchester Community College in partnership with The Native Plant Center

Think Global, Act Local with Native Plants

Friday, September 30, 2022

Register for one, two, or all three courses. Call (914) 606-6830 to register.

Jump-start your certificate!

Classes held in Classroom Building, Room 100; park in Lot #4

Every day we hear dire news about the climate. Increased heatwaves, droughts, and floods are pushing plants and animals to the brink of existence. Severe storms are causing costly property damage. Biodiversity is at risk. We can crawl under a shell and direct responsibility elsewhere or we can act. Find out what you can do as a home gardener, land manager, and concerned citizen to effect change.

Schedule:

Gardening Strategies for the Climate Crisis	10 am–12 pm
Lunch (on your own)	12–12:45 pm
Rain Gardens and Biodiversity	12:45–2:45 pm
Break	2:45–3 pm
In the Field: Become a Community Scientist	3–5 pm

Gardening Strategies for the Climate Crisis **IN-PERSON**

The urgency of the climate crisis has never been greater—more severe and erratic weather, record losses of native species, and an increase of invasive species. Discover gardening strategies to reduce the impacts of climate change and improve your surrounding environment. CE-GRDN 2126, \$57. Kim Eierman. #90141

Kim Eierman is an environmental horticulturist and ecological landscape designer specializing in native plants. She is founder of EcoBeneficial, LLC, author of The Pollinator Victory Garden: Win the War on Pollinator Decline with Ecological Gardening, and serves on the Steering Committee of The Native Plant Center.

Rain Gardens and Biodiversity **IN-PERSON**

Increase biodiversity and help mitigate flooding by installing a rain garden in your yard. Learn how to design and create a site that will attract pollinators and collect and clean stormwater from your downspouts and other wet areas. CE-GRDN 2125, \$57. Carolle Huber. #90146

Carolle Huber has been designing landscapes—from residential properties to wetlands and habitat restoration—for 30 years. She studied landscape architecture at Rutgers University and is a certified rain garden installer, having created and monitored more than 20 rain gardens in New Jersey. She is a regular contributor on suburban ecology for Edible Jersey magazine.

NEW! In the Field: Become a Community Scientist **IN-PERSON**

Everyday people across the country are recording their observations of plants and animals in the name of science. You can, too. Learn about “Citizen” or “Community” Science and how to use reporting apps such as SEEK, iNaturalist, and Nature’s Notebook to help learn more about local flora and fauna, their habitats, seasonal changes, and to advance research. The class will spend time in the field for hands-on experience. A smartphone is required. CE-SCI 2062, \$57. Robert Finkelstein. #90270

Robert Finkelstein worked for 35 years as a scientist in the field of environmental and occupational health. Since then he has conducted citizen science projects as a volunteer on pollinator seasonality, ecoflora, and hemlock woolly adelgid. He is active in the Healthy Yards and Pollinator Pathway initiatives and serves on the Steering Committee of The Native Plant Center.