**Permaculture Design Questionnaire**

**“Permaculture is design science and philosophy focused on creating regenerative agricultural and social systems that mimic the patterns and relationships of natural ecosystems.”**

**Our motto: Your land working for you**

**Your Property**

**How would you classify your site? (i.e. residence, farm, vacation home etc.)**

**How many acres is your site?**

**How is your property zoned?**

**Do you have a copy of the tax map, plot plan, or survey map of the property?**

**Do you know where utilities are located on your property? (I.e. leech field, fiber optics, sewage, etc.)**

**Does your neighborhood or township have any special regulations on how you can use your property for gardening?**

**Describe the land uses around your neighborhood. (I.e. agriculture, businesses, suburban etc)**

**Describe the noise level in your neighborhood and where it comes from. (i.e. busy road, auto shop next door)**

**How has the land been used in the past? Detail as far back as you know**

**How long have you been on the property?**

**Do you have any preexisting gardens? If so, what size?**

**Are there any pre-existing plants (trees, shrubs, etc.) you want removed / to remain? Please describe.**

**What animals do you have that go / stay outside?**

**How many structures are on the property? List their functions.**

**Describe all drainage patterns on your property? (i.e. Standing water, etc.)**

**Describe elevation changes on the property. What is the highest and lowest spot and are there any major slopes on the land?**

**Are there any areas that are too hot or too dry in the summer?**

**Where does ice / snow tend to accumulate?**

**Where does ice / snow melt quicker?**

**What direction does the wind come in?**

**Are there any potential hazards?**

**What wildlife visit the property? At what frequency?**

**What views do you enjoy and want to keep?**

**What views would you like to improve or get rid of?**

**About You**

**How many people live on the property currently? How might that number change in the future?**

**If you do not live there full time, how much time do you spend there and during what time of year?**

**Does anyone living at the site have any major allergies (plants, bees) that you are aware of?**

**What kind of company do you host on your property? (i.e. children, parties, weddings, etc.)**

**Does your lifestyle incorporate any particular spiritual or religious practice that the design should take into consideration?**

**Do you currently require assistance to maintain the property?**

**How much time do you currently spend per week maintaining your yard or landscape?**

**How much time per week would you like to spend maintaining your yard or landscape?**

**What are some of your favorite outdoor activities that you currently enjoy on your property?**

**What are some activities that you wish you could enjoy on your property in the future?**

**What kind of animal systems, if any, would you like to incorporate into your site?**

**Do you see yourself implementing your permaculture plan fairly quickly or gradually over time?**

**How soon do you think you would implementing the plan?**

 **Your Home**

**How old is your home?**

**How is your home primarily heated?**

**How well is your house insulated?**

**How old are the windows?**

**How is your hot water heated?**

**Do you have a backup source of heat and energy in case of a power outage?**

**Are you interested in renewable sources of energy to power and heat your home?**

**Is it easy to get in and out of your home?**

**Do you foresee any additions or renovations in the future?**

**Garden Design Considerations**

**Do you have any specific plants that you really love?**

**Are you interested in edible landscaping? (scale of 1 to 10, 10 being very interested)**

**If so what fruits and vegetables would you like to grow?**

**Would you like to incorporate and herb garden?**

**Special features. Please indicate what you would like to see in the design. (i.e. deck, natural swimming pool, arbor, gazebo, garden paths, rain water collection, fire pit, play house, cooking area, quiet space, lighting, sculpture, etc.)**

**Are there any color schemes or moods you want to portray? (i.e. private, meditative, playful, etc.)**

**Are there any specific site challenges or problems that you really want to solve or minimize? (Noise, privacy, drainage, poor soil, erosion, etc.)**

**Design Relationships**

**Are there any utility features you would like to incorporate? (I.e. compost bins, clothesline)**

**Are there any parts to the property that you would consider special or sacred?**

**Goals and priorities (scale of 1 to 5, 5 being the most)**

1. **I am motivated to have a permaculture design for our property**
2. **I want to live more sustainably**
3. **I want to have a landscape requiring less maintenance**
4. **I want to have a more aesthetically pleasing property**
5. **I would like to grow more of my own food**
6. **I want to reduce the operating cost of my home**

**What is next?**

1. **Please send back this filled out questionnaire**
2. **Please send copies of tax map, survey, property map, soil sample paperwork you may have**
3. **Start thinking about what sort of aesthetics you want to incorporate, look in magazines, online etc. and try to collect them to give us an idea of what ideas are important to you.**
4. **We will schedule a site visit with you**