

NGBH Sustainable Landscape & Garden Management Program

in partnership with Kennebec Valley Community College

Summary

In its 4th year, NGBH's training program has graduated more than 30 participants who are using their skills to further careers and interests such as landscaping, garden management, homesteading, native plant propagation, entrepreneurship, and environmental agency work.

Course Topics

The combination of online and hands-on classes includes topics such as:

- Introduction to Sustainable Landscape
- Introduction to Botany & Horticulture
- Introduction to Garden Soil
- Native Plants & Garden Maintenance
- Pruning
- Stewardship
- Organic Practices & Lawn Maintenance
- Sustainable Site Management
- Work Readiness
- Field Training

Instructor Team

Marechal Brown, Lead Instructor: former Director of Horticulture, NYC Parks

Tom Barry: Grounds Manager, Greens Farms Academy; Horticulture Instructor, Naugatuck Valley Community College

Avy Claire: NGBH Co-founder; Co-Owner, Nature + Nurture Landscape Design; artist

Marjorie Peronto: retired professor, University of Maine Cooperative Extension

Cathy Rees: NGBH Co-founder; Co-Owner, Nature + Nurture Landscape Design; ecological consultant

Trevor Smith: Lead Designer, Land Escapes Design; former president, Ecological Landscape Alliance; industry writer and speaker

Testimonials

Here is what a few of our program participants have said about their experience:

"I came away from the program feeling more confident in how to promote and work with native plants in my own gardening ventures." —K.S.

"This class was a great opportunity to learn from experienced professionals passionate about sharing their knowledge and improving how landscapes are managed.... I was introduced to local industry professionals and programs."
—Marsha Bard

"Little did I realize how much this program would feed my already intense interest and passion for native plants. It provided the impetus to continue this newly fueled trajectory which led to starting my own business."
—Ivonne Vazquez, Bas Rouge Farm & Forge