DELTA COLLEGE
LifeLong Learning

THE URBAN FARMER
A Campus & Community Partnership
Campus Snapshot

Delta College
- Annually enrolls 15,500 students
- Confers 1,500 graduates
- Offers 105 academic programs
- Employs 1,000 dedicated staff & faculty

Sustainable Highlights
- 1st Community college nationally to earn FSC-COC
- 1st Community college recognized nationally for green cleaning
- SEED Genome Inaugural Award
- CHEF Pilot Participant
- ACUPCC Charter Signatory
- STARS Silver Rating
- Second Nature Climate Leadership Award
- LEED Platinum building (pending certification)
Sustainability @Delta College

Expand, promote, and codify sustainability across the curriculum.

Identify avenues to promote sustainable learning to the faculty and students.

Introduce faculty centric outreach opportunities to create a culture that engages students to adopt and maintain a socially, environmentally, and economically responsible lifestyle.

Expand cross-discipline sections that incorporate sustainability into the curriculum.

Utilize the campus and community to leverage interest in and create sustainability-related projects.
Wildroot Food Collective

Mission – To build a local food system for the Great Lakes Bay that celebrates and supports organic and all natural farmers while nourishing our community, environment and economy.

Vision – To transform the Great Lakes Bay into a premier hub where local farmers, impassioned chefs and creative entrepreneurs collaborate to build a vibrant food culture. We believe this local food movement is best achieved by the successful execution of the following:

1 - Establishing deep-rooted connections between local farmers and their consumers by providing transportation, logistics, order fulfillment, marketing and online marketplace.

2 - Promoting healthy lifestyles by educating consumers of the benefits of local fresh and organic foods and via the delivery of fresh food boxes to business and residential locations.

3 - Alleviate hunger through sustained contribution to local charities and partnerships with local food banks.
Goss Farms

Small-scale, family owned farm, committed to community relationship building.

Poultry is certified organic grain and veggie fed, with access to green pastures.

Healthy meat birds are managed with intensive grazing, moving to a new pasture each morning.

Flowers and produce are non-gmo, heirloom variety.
Dancing Rabbit, LLC

Maintains a productive garden of fresh culinary herbs, the highest quality artisan bakery products, and artistic garden goods.

A strong affinity for simple, healthy, delicious food.

Grown naturally, without pesticides or herbicides.

Committed to sourcing all baked good ingredients as locally as possible.
Monroe Farms

Third season of locally-sourced, certified organic farming.
Fruits, vegetables, pastured pigs, and chickens.
Sell to local markets and CSA customers.
Appreciates the enthusiasm and support from the community.
The Urban Farmer

- Winter 2015
- LifeLong Learning Program
  - Non-credit, professional and personal enrichment
- 3 hours each
- Evenings & weekends
- Hands-on, interactive, & presentation

- Soil Health & Amendments
- Seeds & Companion Plants
- Farming in Small Spaces
- Backyard Poultry
- Building Your Own Farm Equipment
- Taking it to Market

AACC/SEED Green Genome Award – Community Engagement
The Urban Farmer

Urban agriculture embraces small-scale farms, garden growers, backyard chicken cultivators, and small-yard/no-yard persons interested in growing their own healthy, local foods. Sustainable, locally-grown foods lend positive impact on individuals and their growing communities. Be part of the movement to build our communities and to encourage strong local food systems.

The Urban Farmer series is geared toward the fledgling farmer, the backyard gardener, the chicken enthusiast, and for those who have never grown a vegetable but who understand value of cultivating awareness of good, clean local foods. Sessions are presented in a casual learning and sharing environment by individuals with hands-on involvement in local farming, sustainability, and food collectives.

Participants will learn about innovative, practical, economical, easy-on-the-earth methods and critical social, economic, and environmental dimensions of modern day urban agriculture.
Soil Health & Amendments
- Soil Biology & Testing
- Soil Structure
- Improving the Soil
- Grass/Pasture Management
- Composting
- Vermiculture

Farming in Small Spaces
- Raised Bed Gardening
- Selecting a Site
- Soil Preparation
- Irrigation
- Extending the Grow Season
- Layer & Square Foot Gardening

Seeds & Companion Plants
- Advantages to Starting Indoors
- Supplies
- Planting Seeds
- Growing & Nurturing Seeds
- Saving seeds
Backyard Poultry

- Guidelines & Ordinances
- Flock Care & Management
- Butchering
- Equipment
- Processing
- Parting & Bagging
Building Your Own Equipment

- Poultry Plucker
- Laydown Weeder
- Adapting to Problems
- Using What’s Available

Taking it to Market

- Advantages to Starting Indoors
- Supplies
- Planting Seeds
- Growing & Nurturing Seeds
- Saving Seeds
Growing the Program

- Hugelkultur
- Canning & Fermenting
- Container Gardens & Herb Walls
- Flock Care & Management
- Bee Keeping
- Risk Management for the Small Farmer
More Info

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