



Permaculture Certificate from Finger Lakes Permaculture Institute (FLPCI)

Individuals who completed all coursework to a satisfactory level for the following distance learning courses are eligible to apply for the Finger Lakes Permaculture Design Certificate.

- [Permaculture Design: Fundamentals of Ecological Design](#)
- [Permaculture Design: Ecosystem Mimicry](#)
- [Permaculture Design: Design Practicum](#)

Note that in addition to distance learning course fees collected by Department of Horticulture, the Finger Lakes Permaculture Institute collects directly from eligible applicants a \$75 processing fee. Also you must apply for your permaculture certificate by the end of the calendar year in which you completed all three courses.

Candidate's application process:

Step 1: Complete coursework.

Confirm your completion of all coursework to a satisfactory level for the above distance learning courses by contacting Lori Brewer (ljb7@cornell.edu) and stating your intentions to apply for FLPCI certificate. She will confirm your successful completion and notify Finger Lakes Permaculture Institute of your success and intention.

Step 2: Assembled a design portfolio.

Through your distance learning coursework assignments you developed numerous documents related to a specific site. Gather your final site design as well as documents from throughout the three courses that have been particularly valuable in your learning. Please include goal articulation, site assessment, polyculture designs, maps (sector/zone), and schematic maps. Put these items together in a **single** PowerPoint, pdf or other visual format as a portfolio. Add a written or voice recorded narration to present the elements of your portfolio.

Step 3: Write an essay.

Written a two-page essay describing your permaculture experience. Provide details on the experiences in all aspects of your life that have contributed to you learning the necessary concepts, skills and attitudes for permaculture design certification. Include your review of the permaculture design courses curriculum that focuses on your most significant insights and their impact on how you will garden/farm in the future yourself and when you engage others.

Step 4: Submit portfolio, essay and processing fee by end of calendar year.

Mail, email or dropbox your portfolio and essay; plus send your \$75 processing fee via PayPal or domestic check payable to Finger Lakes Permaculture Institute.

Email: board@fingerlakespermaculture.org

Mail: Finger Lakes Permaculture Institute
PO Box 64
Mecklenburg NY 14863 USA

Step 5: Schedule a phone discussion.

Within two weeks of receiving your documents and \$75 processing fee a FLPCI representative will contact you to set up a 30-minute phone discussion about your permaculture design portfolio, essay, experiences, current and future interests, and questions. It is meant to be a positive conversation as you are becoming a permaculture colleague.

Direct **QUESTIONS** about the candidate's application process can to board@fingerlakespermaculture.org