Permaculture Commitments

BUILD SOIL HEALTH
Soil carbon sequestering practices such as vermicomposting (using worms to break down waste), sheet mulching, hugel mounds, and windrow composting convert all campus kitchen food scraps and leaves to rich compost.

ATTEND TO OUR WATER STORY
Creating berms and swales along with rain gardens and using rain collection barrels allows us to slow, spread, and retain water on the site. This naturally rehydrates the soil and passively filters storm water runoff. Even in the midst of intense droughts, our crops require little to no irrigation!

FOCUS ON PERENNIALS
Perennials are much more resilient to extreme weather than annuals and sequester carbon over their lifespan. Unlike annuals, perennials do not require regular tilling of the soil to be planted, so perennials allow the soil biology to thrive undisturbed.

INCREASE BIODIVERSITY & CONTEMPLATIVE SPACE
The site is home to a variety of Earth's creatures. Butterflies, native bees, birds and other pollinators are attracted to the newly installed pollinator garden. The gardens are deliberately built to attract Sisters, Co-workers, and college students who desire to tend the soil and nurture their souls, whatever their age or ability.