



Sustainability Perspectives

How Can We Partner with the Rest of Nature?

Kristin Ohlson, author of *“The Soil Will Save Us”*, will explain that most people think plants are rooted in the soil mainly for stability and to siphon up water. Instead, plant roots are surrounded by microorganisms – fungi, bacteria, and many others – all furiously engaged in a dynamic partnership with plants and each other in which they trade carbon, nutrients, water, protective chemicals, and more. Without those partnerships, plants weaken and falter. Partnerships like these are at the heart of nature. They go on inside us humans—our microbiome is like an orchestra of trillions, constantly working together to fine tune our health and function—and everywhere in the landscapes around us. How can we better appreciate those partnerships—and especially, work with them and not disrupt them—as we farm and garden?



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The series explores the concept of ‘sustainability’ from a variety of viewpoints.

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