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### **Sustainability lecture to highlight landscaping with a purpose**

OMAHA, Neb. — Nebraska horticulture expert Steve Rodie joins Metropolitan Community College May 1 for a lecture educating individuals how to apply green strategies to landscaping in their community. Rodie presents “Sustainable Water Use and Management in Urban and Rural Landscapes: Applications for Homeowners, Institutions and Communities,” 3:30-5 p.m. at MCC’s Fort Omaha Campus, 30<sup>th</sup> and Fort streets, Building 10, Room 110. The event is free and open to the public.

Rodie emphasizes that landscape water use and management is important regardless of the amount of rainfall. Effective stormwater management can help reduce flooding, enhance area water quality and protect water resources while benefiting landscapes.

The talk is part of a partnership between MCC and Central Community College to bring local and national sustainability experts to campus and the community. The Sustainability Leadership Presentation Series seeks to bring sustainability-minded perspectives to Nebraska and foster discussion on topics related to sustainability, energy, the environment and their application to our daily lives.

In addition to the lecture at the Fort Omaha Campus, a live stream of the lecture will be shown at the South Omaha Campus, 27<sup>th</sup> and Q streets, Mahoney Building, Room 204. The live stream will also be available online. For more information, visit [mccneb.edu/cps/green/slps.asp](http://mccneb.edu/cps/green/slps.asp).

Lectures will be offered monthly throughout the year.

#### **About Steve Rodie**

Involved in sustainability, landscaping and horticulture throughout the region, Steve Rodie applies his knowledge as a teacher at the University of Nebraska Omaha and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Rodie is also on the advisory board for Omaha by Design, an urban design

and environmental nonprofit that works for the betterment of Omaha.

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Metropolitan Community College, accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association, is a comprehensive, public community college that offers affordable and quality education to all residents of Dodge, Douglas, Sarpy and Washington counties. Founded in 1974, MCC has the largest enrollment out of six community colleges in Nebraska and is the second largest postsecondary institution in the state. MCC serves more than 40,000 students annually.