

A man with a full brown beard and a light-colored cap is leaning against a tree trunk. He is wearing a plaid shirt. The background is a lush green forest.

# *I am* The **ROCK**

## Thomas Reynolds

**Job:** I am the director of the Robert A. Macoskey Center for Sustainable Systems Education and Research, where I promote local and regional sustainability. This work includes diverse areas such as ecological design and construction, environmental education programming, operation of an organic farm and engaging SRU students in community sustainability projects.

**Joined University:** I came on board in 2000 as the first-ever full-time director.

**Background:** I studied architectural design at the University of Detroit and the Warsaw Polytechnic, as well as sustainable systems as a graduate student at SRU. I have practiced architecture and construction of sustainable buildings and landscapes with several firms across the country, most notably in Arizona with Italian architect and future society visionary Paolo Soleri.

**Interests:** Organic gardening, sustainable design and construction, teaching my one-year-old daughter to sing and play music.

**Last book read:** 'Animal Vegetable Miracle: A Year of Food Life' by Barbara Kingsolver.

**Why I work at The Rock:** On a daily basis, I get to work with intelligent, passionate and motivated students on projects that focus on creating a more positive relationship between humans and the environment; it doesn't get much better than that. Slippery Rock University is a uniquely supportive environment for the work we do.

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