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We would like to welcome Econse Water Purification as a platinum sponsor for the Holland Marsh Growers Association. Please take the time to follow [this link](#) and see what services they offer that might be able to help you.

WORKSHOPS

The Friends of the Greenbelt Foundation, in partnership with the Greater Golden Horseshoe Food and Farming Alliance, is hosting a one-day workshop on implementing the Agriculture System across the Greater Golden Horseshoe.

The workshop will be relevant to planners, economic developers, agri-food organizations, and other stakeholders interested in learning about the Agriculture System and its economic opportunities. View the agenda.

The workshop will provide delegates with:

- An introduction to implementing the Agricultural System
 - Successful examples and best practices
 - An opportunity to discuss successes as well as barriers with a cross-section of stakeholders

The workshop will take place on Wednesday, May 2nd, 2018 from 9:30am to 3:30pm at Canada Hall, East Gwillimbury (EG) Sports Complex in York Region.

Please feel free to pass this invitation along to any colleagues that may be interested. All are welcome.

RSVP to reserve your spot.
There is no cost to attend this event.

If you have any questions, please contact: Phaedra Maicantis
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*Simcoe Social Network Analysis (SNA) Workshop Invitation
Strengthening Stewardship Networks in the
Lake Simcoe Watershed*

Late last fall and into the winter we surveyed 49 agricultural and environmental stewardship organizations in the Lake Simcoe watershed. The response (83%) was impressive and the information that was gathered about key attributes and relationships represents a rich data set.

We are inviting respondents and anyone else interested in the results to a presentation, discussion and workshop in just over two weeks. Please join us to learn about how local organizations are connected to others in the basin, and how we can work together to improve water quality in Lake Simcoe.

*Date: Wednesday, May 2, 2018
Location: Multi-Purpose Room, 2nd Floor,
(BWG) Leisure Centre, 471 West Park Ave, Bradford
Time: 11:00am - 12:00pm - public presentation
12:00pm - 1:00pm - light lunch
1:00pm - 3:00pm - deeper dive (respondents only)*

The session and lunch are free but registration is required. Please RSVP to rsvp@sustainabilitynetwork.ca indicating if you will attend the presentation and lunch or, if you represent a survey respondent, would you also like to participate in the focused conversation that afternoon.



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CANADIAN AGRICULTURAL PARTNERSHIP (CAP)

The Canadian Agricultural Partnership (CAP) is the federal and provincial governments' primary mechanism to support the Canadian agriculture, agri-food, and agri-products sector.

Launched in April 2018, CAP will run for five years and provide \$3 billion to the sector. It replaces the growing forward 2 program, which had supported the sector for the previous five years with an identical investment.

There are possible funding opportunities for business improvements available to your farm under the Canadian Agricultural Partnership (CAP). CAP is a five-year program designed to increase economic development, enhance environmental stewardship and improve assurance systems. The program is available to agricultural producers, processors and organizations.

The Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association will deliver cost-share funding to producers in Ontario. Applications are accepted during intake windows, which are scheduled between April 3, 2018 and March 31, 2023. The first application window is from April 3, 2018 to May 8, 2018. Not all project categories will be open in every application intake window. A farm business may have two applications under consideration at any one time, and a separate application must be submitted for each project.

Applications will be assessed on merit. The program has no limit on cost-share projects that a farm business can complete. Projects cannot be started before the date of approval provided by the Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association.

The following table outlines the cost-share opportunities available in Ontario:

Area of Focus	Category	Category Description	Cost-Share %	Cost-Share Maximum
Environmental Stewardship	A	Adding organic amendments to soil for producers with fields that have low organic matter or nutrient level to purchase organic material, transport and custom application costs	40%	\$80 per acre up to \$5,000
	B	Cover crops (excludes alfalfa, winter wheat or other commodity crops)	50%	\$10,000
	C	Modifications to equipment for improved manure application in the field	40%	\$30,000
	D	Fragile land retirement	50%	\$10,000
	E	Manure storage improvements (to increase capacity to meet 240 day threshold)	30%	\$35,000
	F	Modifications to equipment to reduce soil compaction (e.g. inflation/deflation systems that reduce field tire pressure, new tires that have reduced operational tire pressure ratings compared to conventional bias or radial tires)	40%	\$15,000
	G	Riparian buffer strips	50%	\$10,000
	H	Livestock facilities runoff control (e.g. eaves troughs on livestock buildings, vegetative filter strip, construction of impermeable surface and curb walls)	30%	\$20,000
	I	Erosion control structures	50%	\$20,000
	J	Equipment for tillage and nutrient application (e.g. no-till units or components, equipment to enable variable or controlled applications)	40%	\$30,000
	K	Wind breaks and wind strips	50%	\$10,000
	L	Water wells (e.g. capping old wells, upgrades to existing wells)	30%	\$6,000
	M	Systems to recover nutrients from wastewater/wastewater (e.g. manure dewatering systems, treatment systems)	30%	\$30,000
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Plant Health	Education	Plant health education and training as well as completion of assessments and plans	50%	\$5,000
	Improvements	Tools and equipment for monitoring, management and treatment to prevent, identify and limit introduction and spread of pests	35%	\$25,000
		Installation of continuous rinse systems for producers who use pesticide application equipment	50%	\$2,500
		Modifications or additions to existing structures to prevent introduction and spread of pests (e.g. interiors, access points, wash bay, cleaning equipment)	35%	\$50,000
		Elimination of potentially contaminated plant or soil materials (e.g. containment areas, sanitation procedures)	35%	\$25,000
Modifications for greenhouse producers and propagators to prevent introduction and spread of diseases and pests (e.g. screening, pest control devices, first-time pest management program)	25%	\$50,000		

