

Empowering Landowners in Conservation

Thursday March 23, 2017

9:30 am – 3:30 pm

Delhi Hungarian Hall

71 King Street
Delhi, ON N4B 1X7

ATTENTION FARMERS & LANDOWNERS!

You are invited to attend and participate in our free workshop tailored specifically to Norfolk County farmers and landowners interested in learning more about conservation-based tools and techniques that can be applied to their privately owned agricultural and/or non-agricultural lands.

- Learn about “ecosystem services”: what they are, what the benefit is to you and your land, and how they can improve the quality and productivity of your land and the surrounding ecosystems.

- Learn more about how you can increase the provisioning services of your property (practices that increase agricultural yield and enhance land/yield quality), while also enhancing other aspects of ecosystem services such as pollination, biological pest control, soil fertility and structure, water regulation, and support for local biodiversity.

- Learn more from the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs about how using nutrients sustainably can improve the quality of your land, agricultural production, and potentially reduce land management costs.

- Learn more about how organizations like the Nature Conservancy of Canada are stepping up to help address invasive *Phragmites australis* (European Common Reed) on a landscape scale with their pilot project. Also learn about what management tools are available for you to do the same, and how the management of this invasive species benefits you as a landowner.

- Establishing, restoring and incorporating habitat on your property (agricultural or not) has a wide range of benefits for wildlife and property owners/users. Learn more about what these benefits are, and the programs available to landowners through organizations like ALUS and the Long Point Region Conservation Authority, including large- and small-scale habitat restoration, tree planting, and wetland creation.

- Learn more about educational and cost share opportunities presented by the Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association that can help you manage invasive species, improve land production and quality, provide a balance of productive land and beneficial habitat and improve your business management skills.

FREE refreshments and hot catered lunch will be provided.

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Event Schedule & Details:

9:30 am – 10:00 am	Doors Open: Join us for coffee and conversation
10:00 am – 10:30 am	Welcome and Overview
10:30 am – 11:00am	Presentation 1 – Ecosystem Services and the Landowner
11:00 am – 11:30am	Presentation 2 – Using Nutrients Sustainably Gabrielle Ferguson, Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
11:30 am – 12:00 am	Presentation 3 – Pilot Project: Landscape Scale Control of Invasive <i>Phragmites australis</i> Kristen Bernard / Wendy Cridland, Nature Conservancy of Canada
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	FREE Lunch: Catered by Delhi Hungarian Hall (Ladies' Society)
1:00 pm – 1:30 pm	Presentation 4 – Landowners and Habitat Restoration Casey Whitelock, ALUS – Norfolk Paul Gagnon, Long Point Region Conservation Authority
1:30 pm – 2:00 pm	Presentation 5 – Funding Opportunities for You! Margaret May, Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association
2:00 pm – 2:30 pm	Conversation Session 1 Experts will be available for further discussion on all presentation topics.
2:30 pm – 3:00 pm	Conversation Session 2 Experts will be available for further discussion on all presentation topics.
3:00pm - 3:30 pm	Thank you and Closing

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