

WATERLOGS FEBRUARY 2017



Today, the Bay of Quinte is a healthy and vibrant ecosystem.
Now, we must focus on keeping it that way.
The RAP is developing long-term monitoring and management strategies
to ensure the Bay remains healthy in the future.

SECRETS IN THE SOIL LUNCH AND LEARN

The Bay of Quinte Remedial Action Plan (BQRAP) and Hastings Stewardship Council are presenting a lunch and learn for area farmers and rural landowners on the importance of soil health. Improving soil health helps to: increase yields, reduce fertilizer needs, prevents erosion and saves money.

There will be presentations by, Matt Porter, Fleming/Trent Sustainable Ag, who will discuss soil ecology and nutrient retention. He will outline the complexities of soil and how they all play a part in producing our food, cleaning the water and air, and enhancing biodiversity. Jeff Meyer, Lower Trent Conservation, will discuss applying GIS analysis to identify highly erodible areas in fields; helping farmers adopt Best Management Practices (BMPs) to keep soil on fields and out of local waterways. Adam Hayes, OMAFRA, will talk about how incorporating cover crops in to crop rotations can help farmers enhance their soil health. Peter Doris, OMAFRA, will present on using practical strategies to keep P where it belongs, on the fields, by using soil testing, tillage, and other farm management approaches.

Winter is a great time to reflect on the soil management practices used to sustain the soil on the farm. As well as, learn new and innovative ways to implement sustainable soil management practices that contribute to soil health.

The lunch and learn takes place, Tuesday, March 14, 2017 at the Thurlow Community Centre, 516 Harmony Rd, Corbyville from 10:30am – 3:00pm.

This is a free event. However, you do need to register so there are accurate numbers for lunch.

Secrets in the Soil Lunch and Learn

Tuesday, March 14, 2017
Thurlow Community Centre, 516 Harmony Rd, Corbyville
10:30am - 3:00pm

Learn how good soil health can increase yields, reduce fertilizer needs,
prevents erosion, and saves money.

Please RSVP as we need numbers for lunch
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Can't tell a Bullfrog's croak from a Spring Peeper's peep, or a Least Bittern from a Virginia Rail? Don't worry, Terry will explain all you need to know, he says, "These monitoring programs are all user friendly and even inexperienced volunteers will feel comfortable taking part."

Over the course of this evening, you will learn how to monitor a local wetland for frogs and/or birds whether it's in your backyard, at the cottage, or a selected monitoring site. There are two programs to choose from, the FrogWatch program is a family-friendly activity while the Marsh Monitoring Program is more structured. The Marsh Monitoring Program records wetland birds and frogs twice for 15 minutes each between May and July, and FrogWatch volunteers record the amphibians present once a week from April through June. There is no cost to attend the presentation.

Bay of Quinte Remedial Action Plan

Volunteer as a Citizen Scientist

Learn how you can be a citizen scientist for the Bay of Quinte by volunteering as a Marsh Monitor.



Pied-bill Grebe - (Podilymbus podiceps)

Monday, March 6, 2017 - 7:00 p.m.

Quinte Conservation, 2061 Highway #2

As a Marsh Monitor you will help us learn about the health of our wetlands by observing for birds and frogs.

Quinte area naturalist, Terry Sprague will explain, **FrogWatch Ontario**, which is great for the kids due to its simplicity and the more extensive **Marsh Monitoring Program** that includes both birds and frogs. You can monitor for one program or do both.

For more information contact Terry Sprague at
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