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BQRAP offers Rural Stewardship Programs

The Bay of Quinte Remedial Action Plan (BQRAP) is a member of the Quinte Farm Research and Stewardship Collaborative, which is a collaborative network of farmers, university researchers and conservation authorities in Northumberland, Hastings, Prince Edward, and Lennox & Addington (QFRSC) counties. The Quinte Farm Research and Stewardship Collaborative (QFRSC) focus is on soil health and water quality assessment and planning) and the establishment of a network of farmers that will look at modern agriculture, best management practices and effects on water quality and soil health/conservation.

As a member of the Quinte Farm Research and Stewardship Collaborative (QFRSC), the Bay of Quinte Remedial Action Plan (BQRAP), delivered locally by Lower Trent Conservation and Quinte Conservation, offers area farmers free agronomic soil testing with analysis completed by an OMAFRA accredited soil lab. Participating farmers are also provided with detailed field maps showing contours (slopes) and areas within the field that are more prone to erosion.

As well, the BQRAP is looking for farmers around the Bay of Quinte willing to host demonstration sites, which highlight the benefits of a variety of best management practices. We are also testing cutting edge field scale mapping showing areas of soil erosion and deposition in limited areas of the Bay of Quinte where data is available. The mapping can be offered to farmers located in these areas who are interested in providing feedback on its potential as a management tool.

In addition, BQRAP provides grants for livestock fencing, waterway plantings, cover crops, erosion/water quality improvement projects and alternate watering systems.

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