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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. This will help farmers to 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.

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