

The View...

From Huron County Farmers, Drainage and Conservation Experts

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Planting Cover Crops? Apply for Funding

For the 2026/2027 cropping year, producers in the Main Bayfield watershed (area southwest of Clinton and Vanastra) will once again be eligible for an enhanced cost-share program offering \$40/acre or \$50/acre for new applicants, up to 100 acres. Existing applicants can refer a new applicant and also receive \$50/acre. Funding is limited and some restrictions apply. First-time adopters are encouraged to apply. Please contact Brooklyn Rau (brau@abca.ca or 519-235-2610) at Ausable



Bayfield Conservation for more information about the incentive program.

Applying is simple, and we can help. Forms can be found at abca.ca or simply

scan QR code below with mobile device.

Apply Now



OSCIA Summer Farm Day and Tour - Aug. 14/15

Join Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association (OSCIA) on their summer farm day and tour on August 14th and 15th.

Friday, August 14th - Huronview Demonstration Farm. This full-day event will feature field-scale demonstrations and expert presentations on innovative agricultural practices, including surface

and subsurface drainage (see over), controlled drainage systems, and best management practices for soil health. Participants will also explore cutting-edge research on cover cropping, reduced tillage, crop rotations, and environmental monitoring, while connecting with farmers, researchers, and industry professionals from across the sector.

Saturday, August 15th - Bus Tour. Guided tour with stops at the Ontario Crops Research Centre, dedicated to advancing field crop production, weed management, and dry bean and soybean agronomy. Participants will hear from researchers about current projects and emerging agronomic insights.

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The tour will then continue to working farms across Huron County, where attendees will see innovative practices being implemented on commercial operations and engage directly with other farmers to discuss real-world challenges, successes, and opportunities in modern agriculture.

To purchase tickets, scan QR code with mobile device or visit:

<https://membership.ontariosoilcrop.org/event/oscia-summer-farm-day-bus-tour-2/>



Huronview Happenings



Construction of the subsurface irrigation project at Huronview Demonstration Farm started on June 22. As of June 26, the following work has been completed:

- A well has been installed in the retired lagoon
- A connection established from one wetland to the lagoon
- A 4" irrigation line from the lagoon to gates
- A new outlet from the lagoon to the Bayfield River

Sloman Park Rain Garden Receives Makeover

Thanks to many hours of planning and hard work undertaken by numerous volunteers, including the Clinton Horticultural Society, the rain garden at Sloman Park in Clinton was recently transformed. Special recognition goes to Krystal Brideau, who after learning about rain gardens and installing one on her own property, initiated *Huron County Backyard Ecosystems* (find her on Facebook and

Instagram). Krystal is an inspiration to all and proof that small changes, like native plant gardening, can have a positive impact. Thanks for all your amazing work, Krystal!

The rain garden, which was installed in 2017, was designed to capture stormwater runoff from Victoria Terrace and the surrounding area. Native plants attract birds, butterflies and other pollinators, while the roots take up nutrients



Visit the rain garden at Sloman Memorial Park (76 Victoria Terrace) - a perfect spot for a summer picnic.

and pollutants and help keep the Bayfield River and Lake Huron clean. Learn more at www.abca.ca/community/raingardens

Let's connect!

