

The View...

From Huron County Farmers, Drainage and Conservation Experts

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New year, new look...

Happy 2020! The new year brings a new look and new perspectives to the Main Bayfield Watershed Plan newsletter. Late last year we asked for your input regarding the newsletter. We listened and have made some changes to reflect your feedback. You will still

be able to read about watershed news and local events, but we will also bring you varying views or perspectives from Huron County, as well as updates on the Huronview Demonstration Farm. This allows all stakeholders to come together to talk about

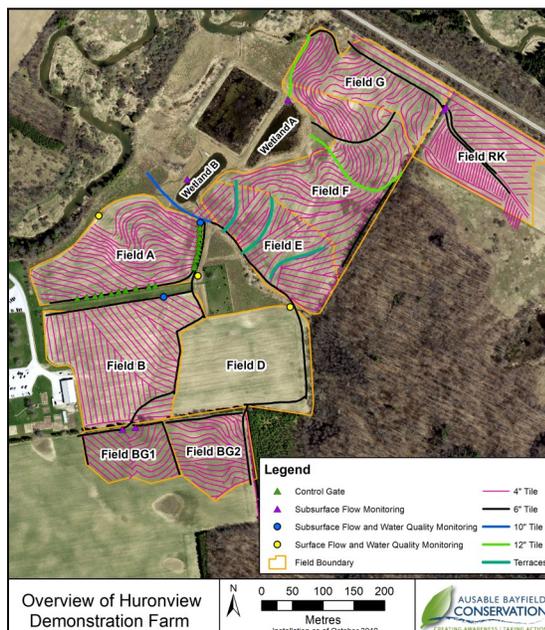
agriculture and water.

First up is Jim Ginn, County of Huron Warden, Mayor of Central Huron. Jim sat down with Ausable Bayfield Conservation staff to provide his perspective as a municipal official on soil health and water quality.

When it comes to agriculture and water quality, we need to promote the long game — soil health. Soil health is a win-win for both agriculture and the environment. It is very important to recognize all aspects of agriculture, be it economic or environmental. Agriculture is a huge industry in Huron County, and as such, it is poised to be a leader for the environment. We are so fortunate to have the Huronview Demonstration Farm in Clinton (see below). This is a great collaboration across many sectors, and I look forward to showcasing new innovations and fostering long-term partnerships for a productive and prosperous Huron County.

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Huronview Demonstration Day Officials (l to r): Alex Ripley, Cody Joudry, Meighan Wark, Huron County; Ernie Hardeman, Ontario Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, Lisa Thompson, MPP Huron-Bruce, Jim Ginn, Warden, Huron County; Doug Walker, Huron Soil and Crop Improvement Association.

Register Now for Cover Crop Workshop

Ausable Bayfield Conservation is pleased to announce that the fifth annual Cover Crop Workshop is now open for registration. This popular event will take place on **Friday, January 24th** at the OMAFRA office in Clinton (100 Don Street).

Farmers are given the opportunity to share their successes and challenges in using cover crops in their operations. Confirmed speakers include Derek Van Dieten, Thomas Farrell, Mike Funk and Nathan Schoelier. A discussion period



Fall colours: A mix of oats, sunflower and phacelia (Gerard Cornelis Farms)

will be included, as will a hot lunch. Don't miss out!

Abbie Gutteridge at 519-235-2610 or agutteridge@abca.ca by **Monday, January 20th.**

Please pre-register by contacting



Visit Huronview.net for more information on the Huronview Demonstration Farm.

Congratulations to October Survey Winners

Many thanks to all who took the time to complete the survey in our October issue. Your feedback helps us develop and deliver relevant programs and services.

Congratulations to the three winners of the gift certificates:

\$50 Tim Horton's Gift Certificate — Rick Kaptein

\$50 Bartliff's Gift Certificate — Marg Kroes

\$50 The Dock's Gift Certificate — Hauke Claussen

Tree Order Time!

Thinking about a buffer, windbreak, or retiring some marginal land? Trees offer multiple benefits to both the landowner and the larger watershed. Contact **Ian Jean** at **519-235-2610** or ijean@abca.ca to inquire about where trees could be planted on your land, and the grant programs that exist. Mail in orders due by **January 31, 2020** and orders accompanied by payment taken until February 29, 2020.

