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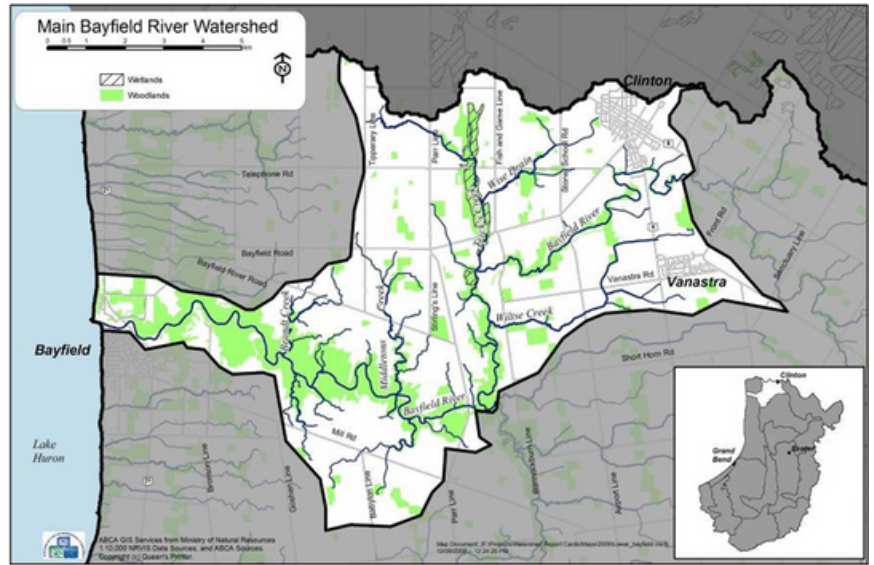
From Huron County Farmers, Drainage and Conservation Experts

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Cover Crop Incentive Program Back for 2025

For the 2025/2026 cropping year, producers in the Main Bayfield watershed (area depicted in map at right) will once again be eligible for an enhanced cost-share program offering \$30/acre up to 100 acres. This enhanced program can be combined with Huron Clean Water Project funding for a total of \$45/acre. Funding is limited and some restrictions apply. First-time adopters are encouraged to apply.

Cover crops offer many benefits such as improved soil health, reduced erosion, enhanced water infiltration, weed suppression, nutrient management and increased yields.



Need help deciding what to plant? Contact:

- certified crop advisor
- local seed dealer
- Huron Soil & Crop (huronsoilandcrop@gmail.com)
- or scan the QR code and try the **Cover Crop Decision Tool**



Please contact Brooklyn Rau (brau@abca.ca) at Ausable Bayfield Conservation (ABCA), 519-235-2610 for more information about the incentive program.

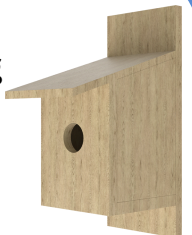
Applications will be accepted beginning in June 2025. Forms can be found at abca.ca

Volunteers Needed

We are looking for passionate, dedicated volunteers interested in helping to weed community gardens in Exeter, Hensall, Clinton and Bayfield.

We also need volunteers to periodically clean out duck boxes.

Please contact Hope at ABCA for more information on either of these opportunities (hbrock@abca.ca or 519-235-2610).



HSCIA encourages producers to join trial

Since 2022 the Huron Soil and Crop Improvement Association (HSCIA) has been investigating the impact of late-season cover crops on the subsequent cash crops. They initially started looking at rye planted after corn, and more recently expanded their on-going trial to include oats after soybeans. More specifically, HSCIA is trying to answer the following questions:



Participating trial producers inspect their rye last spring prior to planting (above); rye growth and root measurements gathered at Huronview Demonstration Farm (below).



1. Does a cover crop planted after corn or soybeans impact the yields of the next crop?
2. Does a cover crop planted after corn or soybeans provide sufficient cover to reduce erosion?
3. Which method of cover crop application and seeding rate provides the best establishment?

To help answer this last question, HSCIA has producers broadcasting, drilling and applying cover crops using a drone. This will be the first year

for the drone-applied cover crops, but the third year for the other methods. Preliminary data has shown some weak evidence that broadcast rye increased yields slightly. To gain more confidence in these results, more producers are needed to join the trial. Did you plant cereal rye after corn or oats after soybeans last fall? Would you be interested in planting these this coming fall?

If so, please contact HSCIA at huronsoilandcrop@gmail.com or Hope Brock (ABCA) at hbrock@abca.ca

Producers receive logistical support in carrying out the trial and drone application services are an eligible expense. HSCIA also provides peer-to-peer support for participating producers, or for producers starting out with cover crops.

U of G students win first prize for Huronview research

Graduate students from the University of Guelph studying groundwater at the Huronview Demonstration Farm were recently awarded first prize for their research at the 2025

Ontario Geological Society annual general meeting. These students investigated groundwater influences on tile water quantity and quality. To learn more about their research

and view their poster, please visit <https://www.huronview.net/blog> or scan the QR code.



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