

The View...

From Huron County Farmers, Drainage and Conservation Experts

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World Water Monitoring Day at Huronview

What better way to recognize World Water Monitoring Day (September 18th) than to visit the Huronview Demonstration Farm. On September 16th, students from F.E. Madill High School in Wingham, had the opportunity to learn about the water monitoring that takes place at the farm just outside of Clinton. Ausable Bayfield Conservation staff explained how they measure both surface water and tile water for flow and quality. In addition to water quality indicators, like nutrients and sediment, flow is important to measure as the amount of flow drives

the generation and delivery of pollutants to downstream waterbodies, which in this case is the Bayfield River and eventually Lake Huron. Ausable Bayfield

Conservation staff also provided demonstrations on measuring the slope of a field (see over) and various soil health activities.

Local producer and Huron County Soil and Crop Improvement Association

director, Rick Kootstra (above), was on hand to explain to the students about the benefits of the cover crop on the field, which helps to slow surface water runoff, and subsequently reduces soil and nutrient loss.

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World Soil Day is celebrated on December 5. Thank you to all the producers who steward the soil by:

- Limiting tillage
- Planting a variety of crops
- Avoiding compaction
- Using cover crops
- Adding organic amendments



Funding to support cover crops still available

Funding is still available to producers in the area from Clinton to Bayfield that have planted or are planning to plant late season cover crops. The Cover Crop Boost program offers an enhanced cost-share of **\$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.



Contact Hope Brock
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Bayfield Conservation (ABCA),
519-235-2610 for more

information about the program,
or to request a field-edge sign
(shown at left).

Applications are available at
[https://www.abca.ca/forestry/
cover-crops/](https://www.abca.ca/forestry/cover-crops/) or by scanning the
QR code below with your camera
app on your phone or table.



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Additionally, the cover crop helps to add organic matter and create favourable soil conditions for the subsequent crop.

Students also got a glimpse into the research of Rhiannon

James (at right), a graduate student at the University of Guelph, who studies groundwater interactions with surface water.

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