The View...

From Huron County Farmers, Drainage and **Conservation Experts**

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World Water Monitoring Day at Huronview

What better way 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 takes that place at the farm just of outside Clinton. Ausable **Bayfield** Conservation staff explained how thev both surface measure water and tile water for flow and quality. addition to water quality indicators, like nutrients and sediment, flow is important to measure as the amount of flow drives

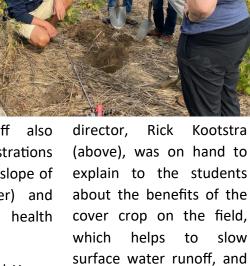
the generation and delivery of pollutants to downstream waterbodies, which in this case is the **Bayfield** River and eventually Lake Huron. Ausable **Bayfield**

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

Local producer and Huron County Soil and Crop Improvement Association

director, Rick which helps to 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 (hbrock@abca.ca) or Brooklyn Rau (brau@abca.ca) at Ausable 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/ 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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