

The View...

From Huron County Farmers, Drainage and Conservation Experts

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Cover Crop Boost Back for Third Year

Grant program offers up to \$45 per acre for Clinton-area Producers



Overwinter cover crops at Huronview Demonstration Farm. Eight-species mix on the left which yielded on average 90% cover; oats test strip on the right which averaged 60% cover.

Clinton-area landowners 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. Application intake deadlines will be June 30, July 31 and August 31.

Contact Hope Brock (hbrock@abca.ca) or Nathan Schoelier (nschoelier@abca.ca) at Ausable Bayfield Conservation (ABCA), 519-235-2610 for more

information about the program.

Need help deciding what to plant? Try the Cover Crop Decision Tool at <http://decision-tool.incovercrops.ca/>



Please note that recent weather events have caused a slight delay, however, ABCA staff have now completed spring cover crop residue inspections for cover crops submitted through incentive programs. Over-wintering cover crops benefit soil and water across the watershed by keeping soil and nutrients in place during the non-growing season.

Happenings at Huronview - Farm Tour & Control Gates

Watch for a pop-up tour happening in the next few weeks during which you will have the opportunity to visit a few field sites where producers will be planting green this spring. Initial plans are to begin at Huronview Demonstration Farm to discuss considerations for planting soybeans into the eight-species cover crop mix. Only the cereal rye will need to be terminated this spring.

Following this, producers can continue on to several other sites. Bring your questions, thoughts, and maybe an umbrella. Watch social media (@LandWaterNews) for a date and time.

With recent storm events, producers have been checking the control gates at Huronview to see how they function to hold back water. The control

gates, which are underground, regulate the outflow from the tile and water levels in the soil.



Community Comes Together for Trees

Over 600 trees have been planted along Bayfield streets and closed road allowances by the Bayfield Tree Project. This has been achieved by donations, volunteer efforts and more recently with help from the Municipality of Bluewater. Recently the Bayfield Tree Project took on a different type of endeavour, one that brought people together, one knock at a time. Bayfield Tree Project volunteers have long known that one of the reasons people love Bayfield is for the trees.

They recognized a new opportunity to continue to add to Bayfield's tree cover by planting trees along a gully just south of the Fawn Creek Lane development. After going door-to-door, they came away with overwhelming support for adding these trees along the gully. Although there was no requirement for these trees to be planted by any municipal condition of development, these homeowners saw the value, and perhaps the beauty, in adding trees to their properties.

Hats off to the Bayfield Tree Project and the Fawn Creek Lane homeowners for striving to achieve a balance between our needs and the needs of our natural environment. Contact garnetmcbride@gmail.com for more information about the Bayfield Tree Project.

Want to plant trees or a windbreak on your property? Contact Ian Jean at Ausable Bayfield Conservation at 519-235-2610 or ijean@abca.ca

