

# **DUFFERIN COUNTY AGRICULTURE VIRTUAL ROUND TABLE**

"Getting to know Dufferin Rural Water Quality Program"

# **RESOURCE ROUNDUP**

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**Grand River Rural Water Quality Program** 

This program offers grants ranging from 50 per cent to 100 per cent of the cost of selected Best Management Practices (BMPs). Money is available for projects including stream fencing, tree planting, manure storage, well decommissioning and more.

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#### **Landowner Grants & Programs**

NVCA coordinates a number of programs that offer funding and technical support to landowners looking to undertake stewardship initiatives.

Landowners who want to do an environmental project that's not already listed are encouraged to contact Shannon Stephens, Healthy Waters Program Coordinator at <a href="mailto:stephens@nvca.on.ca">sstephens@nvca.on.ca</a>

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## Saugeen Agricultural Outreach Program

The Agricultural Outreach Program delivers farmer to farmer workshops talking about and sharing experiences about cover crop demonstrations and more. These sessions (unless otherwise posted) are free of charge and provide an excellent opportunity to learn and explore.

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### Saugeen Well Water Improvement Program

SVCA and the Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO) are now partnering to offer a Water Well Improvement Program that will financially support landowners in their efforts to protect groundwater within the Saugeen Valley jurisdiction. Managed and delivered by SVCA, the Water Well Improvement Program will provide funding to properly looking down a well decommission and upgrade water wells, which can be a direct conduit of contaminants to groundwater.

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## **TRCA Rural Clean Water Programs & Grants**

Since 1997, the Rural Clean Water Program has been improving water quality by partnering with agricultural and rural communities to reduce water contamination on agricultural lands.

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#### **TRCA Private Land Planting Program**

The Toronto and Region Conservation Authority's (TRCA) Private Land Planting Program helps landowners to restore and improve their properties through the planting of native trees and shrubs.

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## **Important Initiatives**

#### Stress, Survival & Showing Up

From Sept-Nov, inDufferin is running <u>Stress, Survival & Showing Up</u>, an **expert-led** mental health series of events, workshops and resources designed to support agriculture professionals.

The series includes a <u>panel event</u> with non-profit organization <u>Do More Ag</u>, psychotherapist-led <u>interactive</u> talks, and an <u>agriculture-specific</u> workshop led by the Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety. **These events are free to all agriculture professionals.** 

## **Meat Processing Facility Producer Information Night**

The Meat Processing Steering Committee would like to welcome livestock producers from in and surrounding Dufferin County to join Phase 2 of the Meat Processing Feasibility and Business Plan Project. Financial commitment to the project is not required at this time, and will be discussed in detail at the Producer Information Night.

Email <u>kdowney@dufferincounty.ca</u> for more information about this event.