

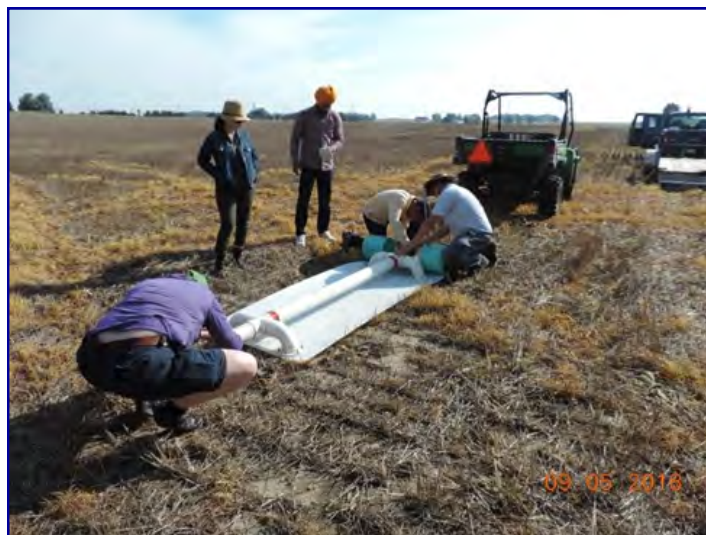
Main Bayfield Watershed Plan

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Huronview Demonstration Farm Hosts Studies

One study and possibly another are helping the Huron County Soil and Crop Improvement Association (HSCIA) demonstrate best agricultural practices at the Huronview demonstration farm south of Clinton.

The first study involves a collaboration between Ausable Bayfield Conservation, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, and the University of Guelph. Researchers will be investigating whether electrical conductivity can serve as a surrogate metric for site-specific measures for soil health. This will allow for a better understanding about



Researchers from the University of Guelph, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada and Ausable Bayfield Conservation using Electro-Magnetic Induction (EM) technology to measure soil metrics.

soil health and allow individual producers to compare their numbers to meaningful benchmarks.

If successful in obtaining funding, the HSCIA will investigate controlled drainage. Adding structures at tile headers can allow drainage systems to be 'turned off', which subsequently causes a

back up of water in the tile system and allows for subsurface irrigation. Although controlled drainage is not a new technology, the Huronview project aims to make it work on slopes.

For more information, contact **Doug Walker** (fairviewfarms01@gmail.com).

Bayfield Working Towards Beach Management Plan

Residents of Bayfield along with the Pioneer Park Association, Municipality of Bluewater and Ausable Bayfield Conservation came together on Saturday, September 20th to discuss a draft management plan for the Main/Pier Beach. The Pioneer Park Association and the Municipality of Bluewater co-own this beach, and are working to develop a plan that

ensures the health and protection of the beach while addressing community uses and needs.

The plan addresses things such as beach grooming, invasive species, sand management, signage, lighting and water quality. A few of the actions that address local water quality concerns include:

- Pick up and properly dispose of pet waste

- Continue to engage the community with information on storm water management (e.g., rain barrels, rain gardens, permeable pavement)

The draft plan is available at pioneerpark.ca and comments can be submitted to **Arlene Parker** at beachplan@municipalityofbluewater.ca or **519-236-4351 ext. 235**

Upcoming Events

Owl Prowl

Saturday, November 3rd
Morrison Dam, Exeter, ON
Sessions at 6pm and 7:30pm

Enviro. Farm Plan Workshop

November 20th and 27th
OMAFRA, Clinton, ON
519-482-3333

World Soil Day

Wednesday, December 5th

Funding Available



Grants are available to landowners interested in implementing best management practices. Contact **Hope** (hbrock@abca.on.ca) or **Kate** (kmonk@abca.on.ca) at ABCA to see how we can help get your project in the ground. Grants are limited so don't wait! **519-235-2610**

