



2019 Farmland Forum

A Natural Systems Approach to Farmland Protection



Thursday, March 28th, 2019

Glen Elgin Room, Balls Falls Centre for Conservation, Niagara Region

Forum Program

Master of Ceremonies: Sara Epp, *Sessional Lecturer & Post-Doctoral Researcher, University of Guelph*

8:30 am **Registration**
(Refreshments and light breakfast provided)

9:00 am **Welcome & Opening Remarks**
Kathryn Enders, *Executive Director, Ontario Farmland Trust*
Dean Allison, *MP, Niagara West*
Sandra Easton, *Mayor, Town of Lincoln*

9:30 am **Keynote Speaker – Watershed Agricultural Council – 25 Years of Improving Water Quality and Economic Viability in New York City’s Watershed**
Larry Hulle, *Agricultural Program Manager, Watershed Agricultural Council*

10:30 am **Panel – Integrated Systems Approaches to Farmland and Natural Heritage Features Protection**
Janet Horner, *Executive Director, Golden Horseshoe Food and Farming Alliance*
John Turvey, *MCIP, RPP, Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food, and Rural Affairs*
Mark Eastman, *Senior Coordinator of Agricultural Outreach, Credit Valley Conservation*

Facilitator:
Chris Fullerton, *Associate Professor, Department of Geography & Tourism Studies, Brock University*

11:30 am **Lunch and Networking**

12:30 pm **Plenary – Garvey-Glenn Watershed Project: Lessons on Managing Rural Stormwater**
Sarah Fleischhauer, *Stewardship Project Lead, Maitland Valley Conservation Authority*

- 1:30 pm** **Plenary – Farmland Success Stories from Niagara**
Erik Acs, MCIP, RPP, Manager of Community Planning, Regional Municipality of Niagara
Kelly Provost, Economic Development Officer, Regional Municipality of Niagara
- Facilitator:**
Sara Epp, Sessional Lecturer & Post-Doctoral Researcher, University of Guelph
- 2:30 pm** **Networking and Health Break**
- 3:00 pm** **Keynote Speaker – Agricultural Master Plan: Cultivating Change**
Diana Wahlstrom, Senior Advisor of Agriculture Initiatives, Strathcona County
- 4:00 pm** **Wrap up & Concluding Remarks**
Bernard Pope, Chair, Ontario Farmland Trust
Kathryn Enders, Executive Director, Ontario Farmland Trust
- 4:05 pm** **Adjournment**

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