

# Farmland Forever

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**2016 Farmland Forum**



**Friday, April 8, 2016**

*Bingemans Conference Centre, Kitchener*

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## **PROGRAM**

**10:00 Registration**

**10:30 Welcome & Opening Remarks**

*Bernard Pope, Vice Chair, Ontario Farmland Trust  
Ken Seiling, Regional Chair, Region of Waterloo  
Kathryn McGarry, MPP, Cambridge*

**10:45 Improving Farmland Protection via the Co-ordinated Land Use Planning Review**

**Insights from the Crombie Panel, Recommendations for Agriculture**

*Keith Currie, Vice President, Ontario Federation of Agriculture; Member, Advisory Panel,  
Co-ordinated Land Use Planning Review*

**Farmland at Risk: How Planning can Support a Healthy Future for Golden Horseshoe Agriculture**

*Susan Swail, Smart Growth Program Manager, Environmental Defence*

**Progressive Municipal Council Leadership on Farmland Preservation**

*Bill French, Mayor, Township of Springwater, Simcoe County*

**Facilitator:** *Kevin Eby, Former Director, Community Planning, Waterloo Region*

**11:45 Local Profile: Toward a Regional Land Trust in Waterloo**

*Stephanie Sobek-Swant, Executive Director, rare Charitable Research Reserve*

**12:15 Lunch**

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- 1:30 Concurrent Session: Case Studies of Leading Farmland Protection Initiatives in Ontario**
- Municipal Interest in New and Emerging Models for Farmland Conservation**  
*Barb Davies, Regional Greening Coordinator, York Region*
  - Experience Owning and Managing Farmlands for Conservation**  
*David Hawke, Stewardship Program Manager, Couchiching Conservancy*
  - Learnings from Ontario's First Farmland Easement Agreements**  
*Matt Setzkorn, Acting Executive Director, Ontario Farmland Trust*
- 1:30 Concurrent Session: Edge Planning: Buffering Agriculture from the Impacts of Urban Expansion**
- Mark Head and Brooke Marshall, Integrated Planning Division, Region of Peel*
  - Jim Dymont, Partner, MHBC Planning, Urban Design & Landscape Architecture*
- 2:30 Coffee/Tea Break**
- 3:00 Concurrent Session: Understanding Farmland Agreements: New Resources for Public and Conservation Landowners, Farmers and Other Farm Owners**
- Collaborating to Support Farming on Public and Conservation Lands**  
*Pat Learmonth, Director, Farms at Work*
  - Improving Stewardship of Rented Land: Strengthening Dialogue and Relationships between Farmers and Landlords**  
*Melisa Luymes, Environmental Coordinator, Farm & Food Care Ontario*
  - Protecting Farmland Forever: Diving in Deeper to Farmland Easement Agreements**  
*Matt Setzkorn, Acting Executive Director, Ontario Farmland Trust*
- 3:00 Concurrent Sessions: New Leadership, Research and Policy: Mitigating Impacts of Aggregate Extraction on Agriculture and Restoring Farmland**
- Piloting a New Certification Standard for Ontario Aggregate**  
*Nicholas Schulz, Executive Director, Cornerstone Standards Council*
  - Status of Aggregate Site Rehabilitation to Agriculture in Ontario**  
*Caroline Dykstra, Field Analyst, The Ontario Aggregate Resources Corporation*
  - Understanding Provincial Aggregate Policy Development and its Consideration of Agriculture**  
*Amanda Eddington, Program Advisor (Planning Aggregates), Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry*
- 4:00 Social Time** *cash bar*
- 4:30 Dinner and Feature Speaker**
- Inspiring Land Protection Stories from the U.S.**
- Reggie Hall, Director, Land Conservation Loans, The Conservation Fund*
- 6:00 Wrap up & Concluding Remarks**