

Kawartha **Farm Stewardship** *Collaborative*

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Farm Stewardship Workshop a Success Despite the Snow

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An overflow crowd attended the 3rd Annual Kawartha Farm Stewardship Workshop last Saturday. The event was designed to celebrate on-farm stewardship achievements, and to inform the farming community about the many resources available to support them.

This full-day workshop featured presentations by farmers and industry professionals on topics such as: practical strategies for reducing neonicotinoid use (Greg Stewart, OMAFRA); creative options and solutions for livestock watering; the benefits of wetlands and biofilters in farm drainage and the 4R's of nutrient stewardship. as well as the many sources of funding and technical support available to farmers across the region from KFSC partners. Farmers identified more than two dozen projects they would like to undertake over the next couple of years, through a voluntary project intake process and conversation with partners in the Collaborative who provide funding and technical assistance.

If you didn't make it to the workshop this year, visit the Collaborative's web page, to get an idea of the many resources available to you. You can complete an online form at any time, and a member of the Collaborative will contact you to obtain more details and talk about support available.

The KFSC consists of eleven local and provincial partner organizations: Ducks Unlimited Canada, Farms at Work, Ganaraska Region Conservation, Kawartha Conservation, Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority, Lower Trent Conservation and Bay of Quinte Remedial Action Plan, Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association, Otonabee Conservation, and the Peterborough County Stewardship Council. The Collaborative has worked together for the last 5 years on projects valued at close to \$1 million. For more information, visit www.kawarthafarmstewardship.org or call Jay Adam at 705-743-7671

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