

SUMMER TOUR

AUGUST 11, 2016

Tour Schedule

1:00 pm — **Strong Arm Forge Tour**

Tour a metal working and glass blowing shop.

11555 Lawrence Road, Iona Station

2:00 pm — **Strip Tillage Demonstration**

Demonstration: Peter Johnson, RealAgriculture Agronomist
Peter will walk you through various strip till units. Thanks to
Russtanda Livestock, Delta Power, Advantage, Salford, and
Kuceras for providing their units.

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3:45 pm — **Cover Crop Equipment Demonstration**

See the cover crops, seeder units, and the results.

32695 Chalmers Line, Iona Station

5:30 pm — **Intensive N Mgmt, DIY Tiling, and More**

Intensive N Corn Plot, Corn Variety Trials, #GLASI Farmland
Health Check-Up, and DIY Tiling Demonstration.

31220 Chalmers Line, Iona Station

6:30 pm — **Dinner and Featured Speaker**

Dinner catered by Appin BBQ and Catering - \$20/person.

Featured Speaker: Andrew Campbell (@FreshAirFarmer)

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GREAT LAKES AGRICULTURAL STEWARDSHIP INITIATIVE



The Great Lakes Agricultural Stewardship Initiative (GLASI) aims to make measurable improvements to soil health, water quality, and pollinator health by supporting and accelerating the adoption of Best Management Practices (BMPs) on agricultural lands within the area of Lake Erie and Lake St. Clair watersheds and the southeast shores of Lake Huron watershed.

Please complete a short 10 minute survey that aims to explore the barriers to Best Management Practice (BMP) implementation, which will help tailor upcoming outreach and education efforts within Elgin County.

SURVEY LINK: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9XT3BPD>

This project was funded in part through Growing Forward 2 (GF2) a federal-provincial-territorial initiative.

FARMLAND HEALTH CHECK-UP

The Farmland Health Check-Up provides farmers with a unique opportunity to work with a Certified Crop Advisor (CCA), free of charge, to develop Best Management Practices (BMPs) tailored to the specific needs of their operation.



The Farmland Health Check-Up is focused on soil and pollinator health. Using the Farmland Health Check-Up workbook, a farmer and a participating CCA work together to select fields from the farm operation for an in-depth review that includes soil type, nutrient levels, risk of soil erosion, land management practices, and more. The Farmland Health Check-Up identifies farmland health challenges and suggests BMPs that aim to improve overall farm health.

For more information, email glasi@ontariosoilcrop.org or visit www.ontariosoilcrop.org.

ELGIN CLEAN WATER PROGRAM: FUNDING AVAILABLE!

50%
FUNDING
UP TO
\$4,000

The Elgin Clean Water Program (ECWP) provides technical assistance and financial incentives to help landowners undertake stewardship projects on their properties. The program was established in 2012 by the four Elgin County Conservation Authorities (Catfish Creek, Kettle Creek, Long Point Region, and Lower Thames Valley). The ultimate goal of the program is to protect and improve the quality of our drinking water sources and enhance habitat.

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PROJECTS
COMPLETED
SINCE 2012

Successful applicants will receive up to 50% of the cost of the approved project undertaken on their property. Eligible project categories include erosion control, wetland and riparian habitat restoration, wellhead protection and decommissioning, livestock access restriction, and clean water diversion. There is also funding available for other innovative projects which lead directly to improved water quality or overall watershed health.

OVER
\$900,000
IN TOTAL
PROJECT
COSTS

For more information on how to apply for funding to undertake your next project, please visit: www.elgincleanwater.ca or contact Betsy McClure by phone at 519-631-1270 ext. 229 or by email at betsy@kettlecreekconservation.on.ca.