News Release



For Immediate Release

Six locations in Lake Erie and Lake Huron watersheds Soil health road show coming in March

(February 2, 2016) - In March 2016, Farm & Food Care Ontario will take an important soil health message to farmers across the Lake Erie and southern Lake Huron watersheds with its Soil Health Road Show.

Funded by the Great Lakes Agricultural Stewardship Initiative (GLASI), each of the six workshops will include presentations and demonstrations from members of OMAFRA's soil team. Topics include soil fertility, organic matter and erosion control with a focus on cover crops and conservation tillage. In each location, a panel of local farmers and crop advisors will also discuss their experiences and offer practical solutions to improving both soil health and water quality in their areas.

Farmer participants will also learn more about cost-share opportunities for on-farm environmental projects through the GLASI program. They are also encouraged to bring recent soil test results to the workshop in order to take a deeper look with OMAFRA Soil Team members.

These workshops run from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. They are free to the farming community and include lunch.

Space is limited to the first 50 people to register for the following locations:

- Elmwood March 1
- Brodhagen March 2
- Delhi March 3
- Parkhill March 8
- Thamesville March 9
- Leamington March 10

To register, visit <u>www.farmfoodcare.org/events</u>

-30-

For more information, contact:

Melisa Luymes, Farm & Food Care Ontario Environmental Coordinator <u>mel@farmfoodcare.org</u> (519) 837-1326 x291