



Alternative Land Use Services
Growing a healthier environment

Celebrate the 2010 International Year of Biodiversity with the Norfolk ALUS Pilot Project

Agriculture is a central theme in discussions involving the protection and conservation of biodiversity in Southern Ontario. The ALUS Pilot Project has been working in partnership with Norfolk's agricultural community to increase the sustainability of the working landscape through on farm projects that provide ecosystem services such as wildlife habitat, water purification, soil retention, and carbon sequestration since the Pilots official launch in September 2007. In celebration of the **2010 International Year of Biodiversity** and three successful years of operation, the ALUS Pilot Project invites you to join us on a guided tour of Norfolk's agricultural diversity, biological diversity, and Demonstration Farm Project sites.

The tour will be held on **Thursday, August. 19th, 2010** and will feature three ALUS Demonstration Farms; an interpretative guide to Norfolk County's diverse agricultural landscape; and a lunch stop at the Springview Farm Golf Course, a former tobacco farm that has transitioned into a family owned and operated golf course designed in harmony with the natural features and contours of the landscape. The lunch will feature a local food menu, including beef from VG Meats, a family owned beef cattle operation and ALUS Demonstration Farm.

Where: We will meet at the **Delhi Community Arena**, 144 Western Ave., Delhi, Ontario
(Please see attached map location details)

When: Thursday, August. 19, 2010; Bus transportation will be provided for the day. **Buses will leave at 10:00 am sharp**, so please arrive no later than 9:45 am. The bus will return to the Delhi Community Arena building at 3:00 pm.

Cost: Food and transportation will be covered by the Norfolk ALUS Pilot Project.

Please R.S.V.P (include any dietary restrictions) by August 13, 2010

If you have any questions or to R.S.V.P please contact:

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