



The ALUS Norfolk 9th Annual Environmental Stewardship Tour "Nature's Benefits on the Farm"

Wednesday August 27, 2014
9:30 am - 3:30 pm

8:30 – 9:15 Welcome and Registration

The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 123, 223 Nichol St, Waterford, ON (Pavilion)

9:30 Departure (by bus)

Site 1: Woodhouse Hollow Boarding Stable – Riparian Restoration

Projects include riparian buffers, slope retirement, open-water marsh wetland creations and reforestation on the flood-plain of a tributary to Black Creek. (2012, 2013 & 2014)

Guest Speakers: Welcoming statements by Chris Van Paassen, (ALUS Norfolk PAC Chair), Paul & Kristine Stallman (Landowners), Ted Stockmans (Great Lakes Excavation) "Creating a Wetland"

Site 2: Renner Farm – Marginal Farmland Restoration

Three agricultural fields were taken out of production due to annual flooding conditions in the spring resulting in consistent yield reduction. Field size and location were also contributing factors for project establishment. The projects featured are two dug-out open water marsh wetlands, reforestation using native tree species and wet meadow habitat creation. (2011, 2012 & 2014)

Guest Speakers: David Renner (Landowner), Paul Gagnon (Long Point Region Conservation Authority - Lands & Waters Supervisor) "Restoring Natural Hydrology in the Black Creek Watershed"

11:30 LUNCH – Royal Canadian Legion, Waterford Branch 123 (Pavilion)

Lunch will be catered by The Belworth House. **Suggested \$10.00 donation**

Guest Speakers: Greetings from our local political representatives, Mary Gartshore (Zoologist) "What Can Plants Teach Us – Confessions of a Zoologist", Josh Sayers (Ontario Badger Project) "Badgers in Norfolk County"

Site 3: Bonnieheath Estate Lavender & Winery – Agricultural Operation Enhancement

Steve & Anita Buehner have been actively involved with ALUS since 2009. A wide range of projects have been established on site including riparian buffers, reforestation, tallgrass prairie, wetland creation and enhancement, and pollinator hedgerows. (2009, 2010, 2011 & 2013)

Guest Speakers: Steve Buehner (Landowner), Anita Buehner (Landowner & representative of the Ontario South Coast Wine Growers Association) "The ALUS-OSCWGA Partnership"

Site 4: VanTil Farm – Wetland Creations

In 2013, two large-scale open-water marsh wetlands were created with the installation of two control structures located in two steep hill valleys. Originally a sour cherry farm, the property was converted to cash-crop in 2011. Two fields were too steep for crop establishment and were taken out of production and returned to nature. Projects established include wetland creations, tallgrass prairie riparian buffer, wildlife corridor and a grassed waterway.

Guest Speakers: Marty & Leah VanTil (Landowners), Bryan Gilvesy (ALUS Canada) "ALUS Grows Across the Country"

3:30 Return to Waterford Legion Pavilion

Please RSVP by August 20, 2014 to ddegriek@deltawaterfowl.org

ALUS Norfolk gratefully acknowledges donations from Allan's Excavating, VanMeer Farms and Great Lakes Excavation to make this tour possible.

