

*You are invited to attend the annual
ALUS Norfolk Environmental Stewardship Tour*



Wednesday August 23, 2017

8:30 – 9:15 Welcome and Registration

Courtland Community Centre; 272 Main Street, Courtland, Ontario

9:30 Departure (by bus)

Site 1: Boothby Farm – Tallgrass Prairie Buffer, Reforestation, & Wetland Creation

A tallgrass prairie buffer was established around a deep valley to prevent erosion and runoff from the adjacent agricultural field, while also providing sediment and nutrient filtration, wildlife habitat, and shading to lower water temperatures.

Speaker: Kathryn Boothby (landowner)

Site 2: Vermeersch Farm – Tallgrass Prairie with Forbs

A tallgrass prairie ecosystem was established to support broad ecosystem services including pollination, climate regulation and carbon sequestration, increased soil health, regeneration of important wildlife habitat and increased biological diversity.

12:00: LUNCH – Courtland Community Centre. Suggested \$10 donation.

Lunch will include a variety of wraps, salads, and dessert squares from local café Seraphina Good Food.

Guest Speaker: Dr. Andrew MacDougall, University of Guelph – Ecosystem Services

Site 3: Craig Property – Reforestation, Wetland Creation, & Tallgrass Prairie

This property features several project areas, including reforestation and wetland creation within a lower agricultural field along Big Creek, which contribute to a unique and valuable wildlife corridor on the property. *Speakers: Kristyn Richardson (Long Point Basin Land Trust) and Paul Gagnon (Long Point Region Conservation Authority).*

Site 4: Ruppert Farm – Reforestation

Trees were planted on a marginal sandy field to stabilize soils, converting an area of land which offered poor agricultural production into a healthy forest habitat.

3:00pm: We will return (by bus) to the Courtland Community Centre. Consider dropping by a local winery or produce stand to support local farmers and end your day with a treat!

**Register Early! Space is limited to 120 guests.
Please RSVP by August 16, 2017 to alusnorfolk@alus.ca**



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