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English Agricultural Producers Wanted to Participate into a Cohort on Sustainable Water Management

Gatineau, May 5th 2022 – Last October, the Quebec Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (MAPAQ) unveiled its 2020-2024 Sustainable Agriculture Plan. Designed in consultation with stakeholders in the agricultural community, this Plan aims to increase the implementation of agri-environmental practices by farmers and professionals to enable them to significantly contribute to sustainable development in Quebec. It also encourages cohesion and the transfer of knowledge between various players in the agricultural world.

In order to facilitate the transfer of knowledge and to carry it out effectively, the MAPAQ encourages the formation of cohorts of farmers to bring businesses together in working and discussion group and to innovate on the implementation of agri-environmental actions.

It is in this context that the Agence de bassin versant des 7 (ABV des 7), a watershed organization, conduct a cohort of farmers for the English communities in Outaouais region, such as MRC Pontiac, MRC des Collines, and Aylmer. The aim is to promote sound water management and good agro-environmental practices for soil conservation and adaptation to climatic hazards.

Agricultural producers are being sought to start supporting this cohort. This support will consist of five face-to-face and virtual meetings. Three meetings will aim to promote networking and two meetings will focus on the transfer of knowledge in the form of training workshops adapted to the needs of members. All will take place during the year 2022 and the first will take place by the beginning of June.

To benefit from this free support, farmers who are members of the cohort must commit to implementing an agri-environmental practice of their choice favorable to water protection in 2022 and to share their experience and results with their peers. Participation in the cohort comes with a financial incentive of \$750 per farmer.

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Picture of a crop in L'Île-du-Grand-Calumet, Pontiac