



## Natural Resource Development Network

# News Flash

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### Last Call for General Funding Applications

To date there has been \$19,000 available for funding general requests (e.g., attending prioritized conferences – CRRF, ICRPS 2016, Niskamoon). An additional \$6,000 is now available to support general requests.

The next group of applications for General Funding have been extended and are now due **April 27th, 2018**. Details regarding the application process for each category are provided in the [NRDN work plan](#). Questions and comments can be directed to NRDN team support [David Greaves](#).

### *Digital Lunch & Learn: New Researcher's Discussion Series*

#### **Connecting Research with Policy**

This Lunch & Learn takes place on **Wednesday, May 2nd, 2018, at 12:00 PM Central CST**

Your research is important, with many links to the agendas of local, provincial, and federal governments. But making the leap from research to policy isn't an easy one. It requires something other than business as usual - thinking about your research differently, different approaches to communication, and different ways to engage.

The Rural Policy Learning Commons is starting a new, digital lunch & learn series aimed to help you connect your research with policy and policy makers. Each session will be a small group, informal discussion facilitated by experienced researchers and practitioners.

If you are a student, new researcher, or a practitioner interested in connecting research and policy then these sessions are for you.

The first session will be led by the Natural Resource Development network, and will focus on research and policy related to the development and management of natural resources.

**Register soon – space is limited!**

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15 participants maximum

Questions: Sarah-Patricia Breen, 604-506-0809

**Facilitators:**

*Dr. Heather Hall* - Assistant Professor, University of Waterloo

*Ruth Mealy* - Economic Development Specialist at Manitoba Growth Enterprise and Trade



Lessons on Farmland Preservation Near Growing Urban Regions from Oregon, USA

This webinar takes place on Wednesday, April 11th, 2018, at 1:00 PM Central CST

High quality agricultural land is a valuable non-renewable natural resource; however, many regions struggle to protect this resource when it exists in close proximity to

growing urban areas. Oregon, USA is often held up as a model of successful land use planning in the North American context, having established a state-wide system in 1973 that both supports urban areas and protects rural areas. The Willamette Valley makes a particularly interesting case study region, as it contains a great deal of Oregon's best agricultural soils as well as the majority of Oregon's population. This research explores Oregon's land use policies and their outcomes in the Willamette Valley using a framework of planning for "agricultural systems" – an emerging, more holistic approach to agricultural land use planning. Using a reference frame of the author's home region of Ontario's Greater Golden Horseshoe, this presentation highlights lessons on land use planning and farmland conservation relevant to other regions with the combination of high quality farmland and growing urban areas.

### **Panelist**

*Laura Schreiner*, is a land use planner and researcher who has recently completed a Master's in Rural Planning & Development at the University of Guelph. Her research interests include agricultural land use policy, farmland preservation, planning for agricultural systems, and local and sustainable food systems. She has also worked in both vegetable farming and renewable energy project management and has a Bachelor of Engineering and Society from McMaster University. She is currently working as a Planner for the County of Huron.

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