



Natural Resource Development Network

News Flash

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Responding to Policy Requests & Providing Policy Resources

We have received a request asking for information/resources from the Natural Resources RPLC Network on the following four points:

- Collaboration and PPP (Public/Private Partnership) models and examples between the natural resources sector and governments.
- Growth options and models for the fishing industry.
- Criteria and examples for an audit of natural resources of a region.
- Any other relevant thoughts or materials that pertain to developing a natural resource sector in the North.

This request came from Brandon University's Rural Development Institute, who has formed a relationship with the Policy Developers Network in the Manitoba Government. They are requesting RPLC's assistance in developing some resources for the PDN in regards to the Gov. of Manitoba's Look North project. They have recently released a report, which can be found [here](#).

If you have any information or resources to share, or know someone who would make a good point of contact, please send them to NRDN team support [David Greaves](#) by December 22nd, 2017.



Have a Webinar Topic Related to Farmland Preservation?

We are currently seeking an NRDN team member with a related topic to present during an upcoming webinar alongside Laura Schrein (M.Sc. Planning) from the University of Guelph. Laura will be sharing her research on **Farmland Preservation Near Growing Urban Regions.**

Here is a summary of her research:

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, as it frequently does. 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 noteworthy 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 from Oregon on land use planning and farmland conservation relevant to other regions with the

challenging combination of high quality farmland and growing urban areas.

If you are interested in joining Laura, please [contact](#) NRDN Support David Greaves

Call for Lunch & Learns

Have an interesting topic that you'd like to discuss with a broader audience? Are you interested in an informal discussion among team members related to that topic? We would be happy to set up a Digital Lunch & Learn for you, even linking you with those sharing similar interests. [Contact](#) NRDN Support David Greaves..



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