

**VIA EMAIL**

March 25, 2025

Steve Burke  
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**Subject:** Invitation to Participate in the Niagara Region Soil Health Working Group

Dear Mr. Burke,

Niagara Region is establishing a Soil Health Working Group to address the challenges facing the health of agricultural soils. Last fall, the Region's Agricultural Policy and Action Committee (APAC) identified the need for a dedicated working group to assess key issues related to soil health and recommend strategies to protect and enhance soil quality across the region.

The purpose of the working group is to:

- Identify and evaluate the key challenges affecting agricultural soils in Niagara.
- Develop recommendations to support long-term soil health.
- Provide a report to APAC and Regional Council.

We invite the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake to participate by selecting a staff representative to join this initiative. The working group will meet virtually for a one-year term, with the first meeting scheduled for April 11, 2025. Please see the attached report for the full schedule and the Soil Health Working Group's Terms of Reference.

Additionally, we hope to collaborate with municipalities in the future to help implement the actions identified through this process.

Please confirm your municipality's participation and provide the name of your representative to Susan.Mcpetrie@niagararegion.ca by April 4<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, please feel to reach out.

Thank you for considering this request.

Respectfully,



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