



NATIONAL FOOD POLICY SURVEY

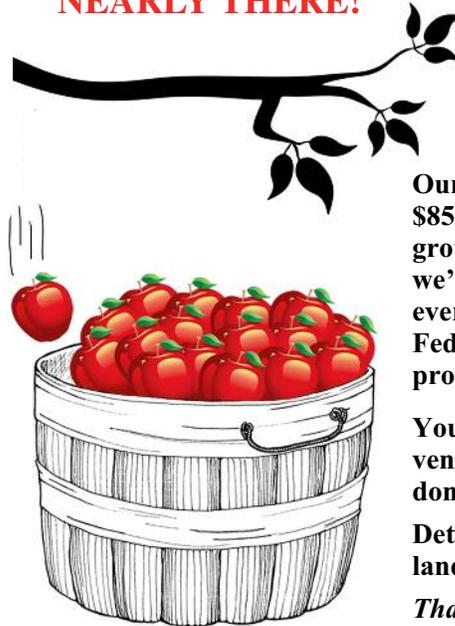
Ottawa is currently asking Canadians for their input on developing a National Food Policy that will set a long-term vision while identifying short-term actions.

Decisions made about food, as individuals and as a country, have a direct impact on our health, environment, economy, and communities. And Land Over Landings believes that a national food policy, like food security, food justice, and ending food waste, must begin at ground level by protecting the land that feeds us!

At a recent forum in Toronto, supporter Nicole Norris stated it eloquently: "I believe that it is a necessary gesture of the federal government to say that the Federal Airport Lands in North Pickering will NEVER be an airport and we will conserve this land for growing food for our future." Afterwards, she told us that "people were clapping and cheering while I was saying it. I was really touched by all of our supporters here."

We urge you to have your say. Ask Ottawa to lead by example by rethinking the 9,000 acres earmarked for a Pickering airport and protecting them to produce food next to our largest urban centre! You'll find the survey at: <https://www.canada.ca/en/campaign/food-policy.html>

NEARLY THERE!



JUST \$1,800 TO GO...

Our campaign is this close to the \$85,000 we need to fully fund the groundbreaking economics study we've commissioned – the first ever to show the potential of these Federal Lands if permanently protected for agriculture.

You can be part of this historic venture by making a tax-deductible donation today. It's quick and easy.

Details are on our website: landoverlandings.com/donate

Thank you!

PLEASE STAY WITH US!

Canada's Anti-Spam Legislation (CASL) will soon require us to prove that we have your consent before we can send you our newsletter – or any other broadcast mailing, for that matter. Many of you have already given your written consent but some of you still haven't, so we're asking you to **please stay with us** by consenting now. It will take just a few seconds. Here's how:

If you're reading this in a pdf attached to our broadcast e-mail: Please go back to the e-mail version, click the "I Consent" button, and follow the instructions.

If you're reading this on our website: Go to the top menu, click on Take Action, and choose "Become a Supporter." Or go to the bottom of any page of the site and click the "I Support You" button.

Please stay with us to receive news of the latest developments on the Pickering Airport/Federal Lands issue. We know you're reading this today because the future of the Federal Lands matters to you as much as it does to us. Developments over the next two to three years could prove pivotal. Our mailings will keep you informed of every step and piece of news at this critical time. **Your support is really important, so please stay with us!**

OUR AGM EGGS-ACTLY RIGHT!

On a glorious June evening, possibly the only one without rain in weeks, supporters left their gardens and flocked to the historic Brougham Hall for our annual update and social gathering. The theme, “Strategy, Action, Fun!” reflected 45 years of efforts by People or Planes and now Land Over Landings to save the Federal Lands – the hard work always balanced by a healthy, happy dose of community spirit and humour.

Given the theme, we couldn’t have had a more entertaining or appropriate guest speaker than Toronto’s “backyard chicken lady” – local-food activist, author, chef, and media darling Signe Langford – who compared her dust-ups with ill-informed neighbours and city politicians to our efforts to save this farmland, calling both causes “no-brainers.” Says Signe, food security begins in the backyard, and she agrees that the Federal Lands are everybody’s big backyard!

Our treasurer reported that we had almost done what some believed impossible: we’re now within a few thousand dollars of our goal of \$85,000 for our Ag Study, every penny raised by donations from individuals and partner NGOs! Enormous thanks to Green Durham Association and Food & Water First.

Special thanks to Peter Byberg for leading a rousing rendition of our theme song, to everyone who provided the delicious baked goods, and to our partners Hy-Hope Farm (Ashburn), Joyfully Organic Farm (Pickering), Reesor Farm Market (Markham-Stouffville), and The Second Wedge Brewing Co. (Uxbridge) for their contributions. We were delighted when staunch supporter David Foster, of Port Perry, cashed in on the 50-50 draw, while Doreen O’Connell (last minute fill-in for her daughter, MP Jennifer O’Connell, held up in Ottawa) won the weekly CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) prize of organic veggies donated by supporter David Hogg. Great chance for our local rep to sample our local produce! We sense a photo op coming up. :-)



Signe Langford gives a fact-filled and funny talk on the benefits of backyard chickens



Our chair with new supporter Ruth Murray, winner of the Second Wedge raffle prize



Doreen O’Connell, winner of the weekly veggie basket from Joyfully Organic Farm



Our treasurer, David Masters, winner of the food basket from Hy-Hope Farm

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST EXEC MEMBER!



Joanne Brown, of Whitby, has been a business analyst in corporate finance and a performance consultant in the banking world. She now specializes in strategic workplace development. For many years she has also been involved with non-profits such as Friends of Second Marsh and Ontario Nature. We met her last year when she filmed a short documentary on our cause. With dairy farming in her family background she has a firsthand understanding of the value of farming and local food security.

OUR EXECUTIVE, 2017-18

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