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On Wednesday, October 9, 2013, **Land Over Landings will host an information event and tour** of the 13,600 acres of prime farmland in Durham Region that Finance Minister Jim Flaherty earmarked, on June 11, for a proposed Pickering airport and industry.

Confirmed for the tour are:

Malcolm Allen, MP for Welland, Critic for Agriculture and Agri-Food

Dan Harris, MP for Scarborough Southwest, Critic for Post-Secondary Education

Matthew Kellway, MP for Beaches–East York, Critic for Urban Affairs

Regrettably, Olivia Chow, MP for Trinity–Spadina and Critic for Transport, Infrastructure, and Communities, has had to cancel her plans to join us for this particular tour.

Others in attendance will be representatives of Friends of the Rouge Watershed, Save the Oak Ridges Moraine, Green Durham Association, the David Suzuki Foundation, Food & Water First, and People or Planes.

The event will start at 9:30 a.m. (**note time change**) with coffee and a meet-and-greet at the Brougham Hall, in the hamlet of Brougham on the Federal Lands. We will then begin a tour of the Lands, to highlight the vastness of this unspoiled area, the number of important freshwater streams that cross it from the Oak Ridges Moraine, the fertility of the fields, and the significance of this unparalleled area as a food-basket for the GTA. We know we won't have to convince our guests of the importance of keeping these fields as food lands. Malcolm Allen's Farm to Fork petition addresses this issue head-on.

There will be a stop to interview the Tapscotts, the last of the Pickering farming families whose land was expropriated in 1972 and who have continued to farm their land ever since, under lease from Transport Canada. The tour will end with refreshments at the Brougham Hall.

Members of the media, please join us at the Hall at 9:30 a.m. Come on the tour, starting at approximately 10 a.m. Or meet us back at the Hall for refreshments, discussion, and a photo op at about 11:15 a.m.

Brougham Hall
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If you would like more information or want to schedule an interview with Land Over Landings, please call or e-mail Joanne Azevedo.