

Fact Sheet

Using Networks for Local Sustainable Agriculture

Kettle Pond Farms

Kettle Pond Farms is a network of local sustainable farms participating through Community Network Integration (CNI) to engage network partners and address complex multidisciplinary problems in One Health.

Located in Puslinch, Ontario, Canada, Kettle Pond Farms serves as an experimental hub for community agriculture and a meeting place for a variety of community projects in economic, social and environmental sustainability.

Examples of projects underway include:

- Diagnosis of avian influenza and other priority diseases in backyard poultry flocks
- Organization of backyard poultry producers within the broader poultry network for collaborative solutions to industry issues
- Gardening and mindfulness as a path to better mental health
- Community art network
- Mennonite community network
- Network mapping for local food security
- Intern training in CNI for sustainable local agriculture
- Community design thinking meetings for local and national sustainability, including pandemic response and recovery
- GTA farmshare pilot

Benefits of Local Sustainable Agriculture Networks

The network-wide collaborative approach breaks the cycle of underperformance. It builds inclusiveness, sharing and results in scaled sustainable agriculture and more.

Additional information:

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