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Workshop to help horse owners reduce their environmental “hoofprint”

UTOPIA, Ontario (Feb 12, 2018) – The Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA) is bringing its popular workshop, Caring for Your Horse and Farm, to Orangeville on April 4.

This free workshop helps horse lovers reduce their “hoofprint” on the environment. Property improvements such as installing fencing along streams and wetlands, constructing new manure storages, building composting bins and planting windbreaks, are among the topics covered.

Also discussed is managing pastures to reduce mud, maximize grazing, and help endangered birds like bobolinks and meadowlarks.

At the workshop, landowners will learn how to use the Horse Owner’s Stewardship Guide to complete an environmental assessment of their farm. This self-assessment takes landowners step-by-step through creating an action plan. Topics include manure storage and handling, improving pasture quality, enhancing fish and bird habitats, and protecting streams, wetlands, woodlands and ponds.

Staff from NVCA, Grand River Conservation Authority and Credit Valley Conservation will be on-hand to discuss financial grants and technical assistance that may be available for landowners wishing to undertake stewardship projects.

The workshop runs April 4 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Orangeville Library at 1 Mill St., Orangeville.

To register for the workshop visit www.nvca.on.ca, or contact Shannon Stephens at sstephens@nvca.on.ca or 705-424-1479 ext 239.



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About NVCA: The Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority is a public agency dedicated to the preservation of a healthy environment through specialized programs to protect, conserve and enhance our water, wetlands, forests and lands.

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