



Got a great idea to help foster local food in Hastings County? Want money to do it?

Harvest Hastings in conjunction with **Plainfield Heritage Farm** is holding **STONE SOUP** so farmers, local community groups and community folks, just like you, can seek funding to turn your ideas of local food initiatives into a reality. As in the children's story, **STONE SOUP** is an event where folks share a little to achieve something fantastic for everyone in our community.

There are two awards: one for farmers/ one for community folk. All you have to do is submit a **SINGLE** page briefly telling Harvest Hastings what your idea is. If yours is selected, at the **September 10, 2022 STONE SOUP** event you will be given 5 minutes to speak to attendees about why they should vote for your idea. Awarded amount depends on the number of event attendees. 100% of the \$10 event admission fee is split between the two awards.

Your idea can be anything such as diversifying local food, building a duck pond to retain water/ prevent run off or planting/ enhancing a pollinator, water retention, disability or community food garden. Other ideas include starting a garden-share, food saving or distribution program or maybe its reducing food waste. Ideas are limited only by your imagination.

When developing your food idea for Hastings County, consider these factors. It doesn't have to meet all but, the more, the better.

Does your idea make food in Hastings County:

- More sustainable
- More environmentally friendly
- More resilient to climate change
- More diversified crops such as reflective of our cultural diversity
- Effect better food distribution
- Foster local community participation
- Increase community cooperation
- Address barriers to folks accessing local food, such as poverty
- Foster local food preserving
- Reduce food waste

Importantly, moneys awarded can also be used as seed money to help you access other community funding programs through organizations like Quinte Conservation, Ducks Unlimited, Forests Ontario, Grasslands Ontario, Bay of Quinte Remedial Action Stewardship Program, etc.

So get writing that **SINGLE** page. Include your name, address, contact information including phone number & email as well as farm name /community organization /group, if applicable.

Submit your page to info@harvesthastings.ca. Put **STONE SOUP PROPOSAL** in the subject line. Harvest Hastings will review submissions, contacting those who've been selected to present at **STONE SOUP**.

STONE SOUP
DEADLINE FOR IDEA SUBMISSION IS AUGUST 15th, 2022
5 minute PRESENTATION TO BE MADE AT STONE SOUP EVENT
On **SEPTEMBER 10, 2022,**
105 Shannon Rd. Plainfield, ON K0K 2V0

Get visioning, get writing, make your local food idea a reality.

