

GreenTEC Farmers Market Co-op

Office located at ReUse-GreenTEC 95A Detlor Rd. For registration and inquiries call Velma Watters phone: 613-332-6819

ReUse-GreenTEC is working to grow and encourage opportunities for local producers of food and artisans. Under the Waste Management and Healthy Living category of ReUse-GreenTEC, preliminary meetings have taken place to initiate the GreenTEC Farmers Market. Hastings Federation of Agriculture and Harvest Hastings are involved with us. They have attended at site and were present at our Earth is Hiring Symposium to talk this up with area residents.

Local growers of produce, baked goods, jams jellies, quilters, and artisans of hand made one of a kind items and buskers, WELCOME! See us about registering. Below are details of 2 venues for you.

1) **GreenTEC Farmers Market**.....95 A Detlor Rd. at the ReUse-GreenTEC building lawn

2) **GreenTEC Farmers Market Co-Op**.... market operates 7 days a week in downtown Bancroft. (Opposite TD Bank) office operates out of ReUse-GreenTEC building.

GreenTEC Farmers Market.....95 A Detlor Rd.

This will be held at the ReUse-GreenTEC site, Sat 8 am -1 pm and Sunday 1 pm – 4 pm (start date TBD upon vendor registrations) Fee is \$10 per appearance and must be booked the Friday before. Includes local growers, producers, baked goods, artisans and busking per market guidelines. Call Velma to register 613-332-6819. *NO FLEA market items, as those conflict with the ReUse community cause.*

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Rate is a onetime seasonal fee. In 2010, this is \$12 per participant.

The Co-op recognizes it's associated markets, Maynooth Market (in Maynooth), GreenTEC Farmers Market Co-Op (in Bancroft), GreenTEC Farmers market (Detlor Rd in L'Amable) and Coehill Country Market(in Wallaston). It encourages and Includes local growers, producers, baked goods, and artisans. Market guidelines apply. Call Velma to register 613-332-6819. *NO FLEA market items, as those conflict with the ReUse community cause.*

Information...present summary and reasons to support

ReUse-GreenTEC is a not-for profit entity that is all about helping community lower operating costs, working toward the creation of full time jobs, skills development, opportunities in the green economy and creating a green job market while educating to protect and preserve our environment....especially keeping our water pure. Its slogan is “partnering community to reduce, reuse, recycle and foster sustainability”.

ReUse-GreenTEC is a volunteer entity... “for the community, by the community and for which the net proceeds go back into this community”. It is now 11 months in operation. In that time frame, it diverted in excess of 38,000 kg from the landfill site (25,000 in the first 6 months!). It is a weight based program which makes it significantly different than other programs and that factor is important for citizens to know. At the recent industrial waste meeting at Dungannon, the ReUse impact was reflected as a 39% improvement over last year’s diversion rates. This is a substantial savings to the landfill operation and the taxpayer. Clear plastic bag change improved diversion by 10%.

ReUse-GreenTEC ran a seminar last fall on e-bikes and alternative power systems with Batteries Expert. In February it held a roof top solar seminar with local dealers and Kingston company SWITCH, in the buildings first ready seminar space. It has since used that space to run community information sessions on the GreenTEC side of the project, and conducted school tours of the landfill and ReUse-GreenTEC operation to elementary students. As well we have made presentations to the school kids at their respective sites. We have engaged and involved our high school’s Earth Care students in tours and presentations. We continue to improve our seminar space (which is available for booking and community use), and will be developing the downstairs section soon for further workshop use.

The recently held, “Earth is Hiring Symposium” was an opening up of the ReUse-GreenTEC portion of the business plan for its Environmental Daize event. A planned annual eco-tourism event modelled after Quinte Sustainability (which is held every March) in Belleville. Year 2, will include tours for alternative power demonstrations in our community from a growing list of persons interested in showcasing their green activities.

In year one, for our first ever event run, Velma obtained Mayor David Miller of Toronto as keynote speaker (*....politics aside...like him or don’t like him....the Mayor of the biggest city in our country to come to our little town...“free” because he fully supports sustainability initiatives that ReUse-GreenTEC project personifies.*). This was to be a fund raiser for ReUse-GreenTEC. ReUse-GreenTEC partnered with the Sustainability committee to help bring awareness to the public on “what sustainability means” .through an all day speaker’s event and tradeshow.

ReUse-GreenTEC has presented to the county and neighbouring municipalities on waste diversion, shoreline and water protection, wells and septic, eco-tourism parts of the business plan that address e-transportation systems, essentially “everything river road and rail”. One example is the e-bike relay race and rally on the trail development with EOTA, local dealers and other e-bike supporters.

The electronics and electrical group of ReUse-GreenTEC project has allowed community youth to be involved in e-skill development. A retiree of the field of electronics repairs has donated electronics diagnostic test equipment to the program. He is offering to mentor individuals in the equipments use and application. We are looking to raise funds to install the e-diagnostic test bench to make it operational for fall programs.

Digital Documentaries is increasing awareness through the artisan group. There is a huge opportunity for increased entertainment, expanded use of the Village Playhouse, and eco-enviro films/photo/digital art festivals and competitions (i.e. our own Green Reels Film Festival and future eco-enviro festival competitions local and abroad.

....*More*.....

ReUse-GreenTEC has been collecting to finish the building's exterior siding and fascia, to make a wheelchair accessible public washroom, to obtain an LED projector system, to insulate the north wall, and for improved PC systems for seminar room purposes.

We have had a community business step up to support the plumbing costs of the wheelchair accessible public washroom and need carpenter help. We also have the offering of a commercial grade wood furnace boiler to replace the present boiler deemed to be near the end of its abilities.

There's lots more in the works, and lots more needed. Volunteers and donations always welcome to grow this positive development for all of us! Each of the 6 categories of GreenTEC is to eventually be run by the community. Each of the six categories and their subsets, will work on projects that will be showcased at the annual, Earth is Hiring Symposium.

ReUse-GreenTEC Categories you can get participate in:

If you don't know enough about any of the categories and their subsets, come see us. F/S/S/M 9-5 or call 613-332-6819.

ReUse

Alternative Power group

PC Users Group

Basic Electricity and Electronics group

Water Protectors Group

Digital Documentaries

Waste Management and Healthy Living Group

Get involved!....See how you can *help you and your community* at the same time!