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Spring has sprung, and with it a new Ottawa Biosphere Eco-City Initiative Website:

1. Check out the new website!
2. BEC's Agricultural Biodiversity Workshop a success!
3. Volunteer Opportunities
4. Upcoming Events in Ottawa

1. Check out the new website!

BEC's Database/Web Administration team has been working hard to reorganize the website. While it is still under construction, we are very proud of what has been done so far. Check it out at: www.bec-ebv.ca. Special thanks to the Ottawa Eco Fair for funding our website for 2011! Check out their website here: www.ottawaecofair.ca.

2. BEC's Agricultural Biodiversity Workshop a success!

An enthusiastic group of 52 rural and urban residents met at the Westboro Masonic Hall on April 2, 2011 to share ideas on how to conserve agricultural biodiversity in Ottawa. National and local organizations provided an opening review of factors impacting heritage plants and animals.

Talks by representatives of USC Canada, Rare Breeds Canada, Seeds of Diversity Canada, Canadian Organic Growers, Master Gardeners of Ottawa-Carleton, Alpenblick Farm, Ottawa Lansdowne Farmers Market and Eastern Ontario Food Coop set the stage for a brainstorming session by all participants. Final results of the workshop were formation of a 24 member Network on Agricultural Biodiversity and ideas for future activities. Ottawa BEC organized the workshop with support from the Canadian Biodiversity Institute, Greenprint, Ottawa Stewardship Council and TD Friends of the Environment Foundation. Special thanks to Credible Edibles and the Quinn Family for providing lunch and tasty treats for workshop attendees!

3. Ottawa BEC Initiative seeks a Volunteer Coordinator!

Interested in joining a diverse team of environmental enthusiasts? Submit your covering letter and résumé to Volunteer.OttawaBEC@gmail.com by **May 15, 2011**. Check out the position description:

On our website at: http://www.bec-evb.ca/?page_id=1376

On Good Work Canada: <http://planetfriendly.net/volunteer/vol.php>

On Charity Village: <http://www.charityvillage.com/cvnet/viewlisting.aspx?id=229736>