CTC Source Protection Committee Member - Biography

Heather Laidlaw

Agriculture

The Laidlaw family owns 103 acres and rents 260 acres within the city limits of Brampton on which they grow 25 acres of apples as well as corn, soybeans, wheat, pumpkins, squash, Indian corn, gourds and other vegetables. The family has farmed here for many generations. Everything they sell at the farm market is home grown.

Ms. Laidlaw organizes school tours throughout the harvest season, featuring apples and pumpkins. Their education program, which is curriculum-based, serves about 3500 children from JK to Grade 3.

Located within the Greenbelt, the Laidlaw farm lies along the Credit River. Because the farm relies on the Credit River for their orchard water supply, the Laidlaw family is greatly concerned about the use of water in the watershed.

Ms. Laidlaw has been on many agricultural committees within the County of Peel, including holding the position of 2nd vice president of the Peel Federation of Agriculture and director of the Peel Agricultural Advisory Committee and Rural Water Quality Advisory Committee.

Heather Laidlaw is a registered nurse and has worked in a variety of institutions and as a community visiting nurse.