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Cultivating our landscapes while helping young farmers

Nowadays, buy land to start farming is increasingly difficult. To promote access to land to young farmers and maintain the dynamism of its agriculture, Brome-Missisquoi's county has initiated the LandBank program in spring 2012. Owners of agricultural land are invited to offer spaces to young farmers through convivial agreements (loan, lease, purchase option, a joint venture). The LandBank team assists the participants along the matching process in addition to publishing on the web a list of properties favorable to support the cause of agriculture. A guidance service is also offered to help in the drafting of an agreement and to determine the price, duration and investment necessary to achieve the participants' agricultural project.

In February 2014, an 8th twinning was signed with the help of the LandBank services. More than thirty properties are currently available for crop production, small animal production or emerging crops such as Non-Timber Forest Products (NTFPs). There is also great potential for organic field crops (ex: industrial hemp, milkweed, wheat) on areas ranging from 10 to 50 acres.

If you own an agricultural land or if you are an aspiring farmer and you have a business plan, contact us! Public information sessions are scheduled on Saturdays from 1pm to 3pm on May 31st, July 26th and October 4th 2014. www.banquedeterres.ca

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