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Rural Ontario Institute selects eight community partners

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Eight rural communities across Ontario –Baldwin, Centre-Wellington, Dufferin County, Huron County, Northern Bruce Peninsula, Northumberland County, Oxford County and West Carleton– have been selected as partners in the Rural Ontario Institute’s Measuring Rural Community Vitality Initiative.

Each community will collaborate with the ROI on a community project in 2016.

“We are thrilled to have had 30 communities express interest in working together to share their own experiences and learnings in the area of measuring outcomes that are difficult to capture,” says Norman Ragetlie, Director of Policy and Stakeholder Engagement, Rural Ontario Institute.

The eight selected communities will benefit from access to ongoing collaboration and knowledge transfer opportunities and will receive up to \$15,000 towards consulting services to assist with their community project.

ROI is also pleased to announce a strategic partnership with the Northern Policy Institute (NPI) to support the collaboration with the Township of Baldwin.

Please visit the project website at <http://www.ruralontarioinstitute.ca/measuring-community-vitality.aspx>

The Rural Ontario Institute is a non-profit organization committed to developing leaders, initiating dialogue, supporting collaboration and promoting action on issues and opportunities facing rural Ontario.

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