

Press Release

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Farms are the Tapas

The Ottawa County Ag Preservation Board is excited to announce its inaugural fundraising event, **Farms are the Tapas**. Your taste buds will be treated to delectable dishes at this tapas dinner that features fresh, locally grown food. Exceptional local chefs from Butch's, The Farmhouse Deli, The Toasted Pickle, and Ultimate Catering will prepare the evening's delights during a friendly cooking competition.



The event will take place at Walters Gardens on Thursday, September 19 from 6-7:30pm. The speaker for the evening is Representative Roger Victory of the 88th District. Roger is the owner of Victory Farms and an advocate for farmers. Tickets are available for \$50 per person. All proceeds from the event benefit Ottawa County farmland preservation. A variety of sponsorships for the event are also available.

Ottawa County Farmland Preservation Program is a voluntary program that preserves farmland by purchasing or receiving donations of development rights from actively farmed properties. Landowners are compensated for lost development potential, yet still own the land and retain all other rights associated with it. The land must continue to be used for agricultural purposes, or remain in a natural state perpetually regardless of transfer or sale of property.

The Program is funded by a USDA ACEP-ALE grant, a minimum 25% in-kind donation of the fair market value of the parcel by the landowner, and monies raised by events such as this. All private donations are held in the Holland Zeeland Community Foundation non-endowed fund for Farmland Preservation.

Mark your calendar to attend this event supporting farms and food for future generations. We are limited to 100 people. Reserve your tickets now!