

THE CENTRAL EXPERIMENTAL FARM

Our Farm, Our Heritage

What's the problem?

- In late 2014, Minister John Baird announced the allotment of 60 acres of the farm – a national historic site -- for the Ottawa Hospital. This was done in ignorance of the scientific and historic importance of the farm, in particular Field #1.

What is at stake?

- Scientific research on the farm studies the impact of climate change on agriculture. Farm scientists are working with partners around the globe to contribute to the world's understanding of climate change on agriculture and to develop strategies to manage change more effectively.
- Research here includes studies and monitoring programs underway to improve crop varieties, measure changes in crop yields, improve soil conditions, address crop pests and diseases, and increase Canada's food security.

Can't the research on the 60 acres be done elsewhere?

- Moving the research to another site would put the research clock back to zero and disrupt or displace other important studies. It would also cost millions of dollars and result in the loss of decades of public research.

Why doesn't National Historic Site designation assure the farm's protection?

- There is no legislative protection for national historic sites. Canada is the only G7 country with no such protection for its national heritage.

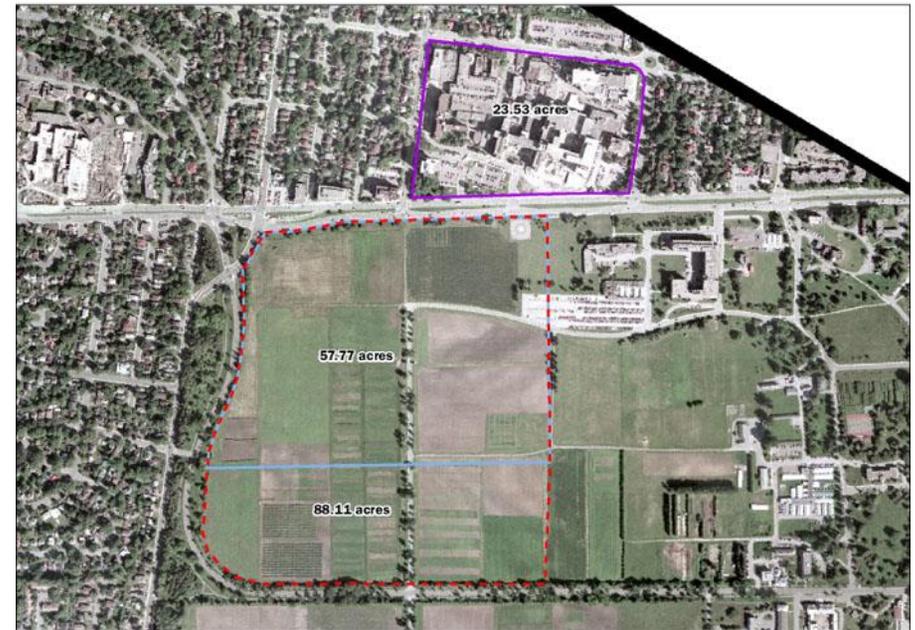
What's new?

- In January, Catherine McKenna, Minister for the Environment and Climate Change, announced that she was willing to reconsider the situation, given the importance of the Central Experimental Farm, while respecting the hospital's needs.
- Now, Ottawa Hospital CEO Dr. Jack Kitts has said other sites are once again under examination.

But there has been no final decision!

Now more than ever we need to understand the impact of climate change on agriculture, if we are to feed ourselves and the world.

Central Experimental Farm Land Transfer



Blue line shows land identified for Hospital; Purple line shows existing Hospital property; Red dashes show area of impact and orphaned field

What can I do to help?

- You can contact Catherine McKenna, Minister of the Environment and Climate Change and Lawrence MacAulay, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada and let them know what you think: catherine.mckenna@parl.gc.ca, Lawrence.macauly@parl.gc.ca
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