

Hello Brittany,

Thanks for reaching out to us on the above topic. I've discussed your request with Ryan who is the interim chair of the Rural Planning program here at the University of Guelph. He is currently canvassing the professors in the program to see a path forward for your request, i.e., prof/student potential interest

In terms of my advice for your 'quest', I give you the following ideas:

1) I'd suggest getting funding for research assistance on your project. I had personal research dollars provided to assist me in my early PhD days from MITACS.

<https://www.mitacs.ca/en> This program partners federal gov't dollars with the dollars of a local actor to fund research.

2) As an example of the above, I'll direct you to our research work with an 'economic lens' with the Community Futures parties of midwestern ON personnel. The workgreen.ca project had a climate change/green energy component that I worked on at the time of the great green energy discussion in 2011 - 2012

<https://workgreen.ca/content/climate-changepeak-oil-views.html>

3) As a final note here, I'd direct you to my research on 'green infrastructure as a foundational planning device to build resilient rural communities'. There are several presentations on-line that I have given to various folks with Latonell, OPPI, CIP, CRRF that give a good overview of my ideas on this topic.

I hope this of some use. I applaud your efforts at looking at this challenging topic. If you are interested, you can contact me for a video call follow-up.

Cheers and stay safe,

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