

# The Municipality of Southwest Middlesex is preparing a Community Improvement Plan (CIP)!

## What is a CIP?

A Community Improvement Plan (CIP) is a land use planning and economic development tool (legislated under the Planning Act) that provides municipalities with a framework for revitalizing, beautifying, and promoting economic development in defined areas of a municipality. A CIP encourages private sector investment into the community, while also identifying projects and initiatives that may be implemented by the Municipality during the life of the Plan. Importantly, once a CIP is put into place, the Municipality is able to provide financial incentives, in the form of grants, loans, rebates, and tax assistance, to eligible landowners and tenants to help with physical improvements to private property.

## What is the Process?

The CIP will be prepared through a Five-Stage Work Program, which meets the requirements of the Planning Act. It is anticipated that the Work Program will lead to the adoption of a Community Improvement Plan in Spring 2021. There will be opportunities for public and stakeholder involvement in Stage 3 and Stage 4 of the project.

## Can a CIP Help my Business?

**Yes!** There are hundreds of CIPs in place across Ontario, which are helping local businesses with improvements to private property. More information to come on the financial assistance that will be available to business owners through the Southwest Middlesex CIP.

## Have a Question?

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## Want more information?

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) has prepared a Community Improvement Planning Factsheet, which provides more information on Community Improvement Plans.

<http://www.mah.gov.on.ca/AssetFactory.aspx?did=7032>

