



TEN YEAR HOUSING PLAN

City of Cornwall and United Counties
of Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry
2014—2024



Fifth Annual Update (2018-2019)

June 2019



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- Current Strategies
- Actions Taken Throughout 2018-2019—based on the 10 Strategies established and recommended by the Ten Year Housing Plan



Long Term Affordable Housing Strategy

Every person has an affordable, suitable and adequate home to provide the foundation to secure employment, raise a family and build strong communities.

Executive Summary

In 2010, Ontario launched the Long-Term Affordable Housing Strategy, Building Foundations: Building Futures. The strategy began a process of transforming Ontario's housing system into one that is people-centred, partnership-based, locally driven, and fiscally responsible.

Our update to the Long-Term Affordable Housing Strategy is bold and transformative, reflecting current realities, new research and best practices. Our goal is to support social and economic inclusion, end chronic homelessness, and meet the housing needs of all Ontarians. It is guided by an updated vision.

Our Vision for Cornwall SDG

A strong, healthy, sustainable community with a wide range of appropriate, and affordable housing options in which individuals and families can thrive.

City of Cornwall, 2014

Strategies

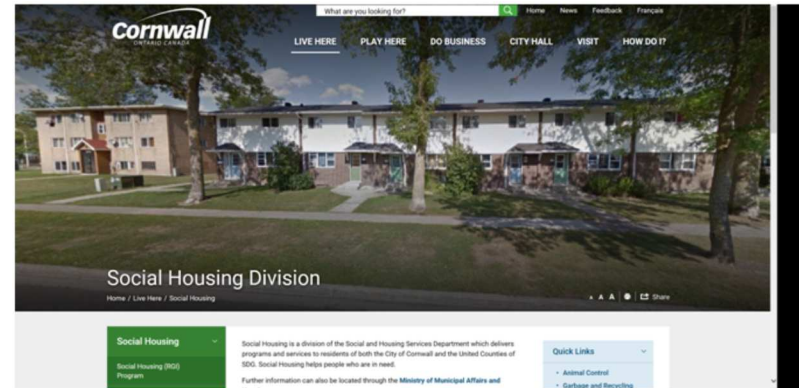
1. To improve communication about available programs and services to assist residents to find and retain housing.
2. To make best use of existing Social & Affordable Housing stock according to needs identified.
3. To enhance community partnerships, and expand available supports, essential to positive outcomes for individuals and families.
4. To maintain existing housing stock to ensure an ongoing supply of affordable housing.
5. To advocate to senior governments for ongoing predictable funding and legislative changes to respond to current and future local housing needs and consider additional portable subsidies if/when future funding is announced.
6. To review Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative Plan (CHPI) - to make adjustments reflecting priorities identified in public/agency feedback.
7. To support energy efficiency initiatives in both public and private affordable housing to enhance sustainability.
8. To use tools available in both City and County Official Plans to encourage a broad range of affordable housing options.
9. To expand the successful supportive housing partnership for persons with physical disabilities on the first floor at 330 Fourth Street East, Cornwall, to include capital and operational funding for complete modifications and ongoing supports on the second floor (this is a social housing building operated by Cornwall and Area Housing Corporation).
10. To work with the City of Cornwall Senior-Friendly Steering Committee to develop and implement elements of a Senior-Friendly Plan, related to “a wide range of appropriate and affordable housing options” (as outlined in Cornwall SDG Vision for Housing).

Arial Views of Cornwall & United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry



STRATEGY 1: To improve communication about available programs and services to assist residents to find and retain housing.

- New Corporate website launched November 2018—extensive information available on all social housing programs in both English and French.
- Applications for Ontario Renovates opened April 2018 with advertisement placed via the Standard-Freeholder, Seaway News, County Newspapers as well as posters in various community organizations.
- Community Presentations were held to Various Community Agencies regarding Social Housing Programs.
- Participated in the 2019 Spring Home & Leisure Show—handed out information pamphlets.



STRATEGY 2: To make best use of existing Social & Affordable Housing stock according to needs identified.

- Local Rules are all updated and changes are made as required — now available online in both English and French
- Actively working on End of Operating strategies.
- Funding guidelines pending for the Ontario Priorities Housing Initiative (OPHI), the Canada-Ontario Community Housing Initiative (COCHI) and the Canada-Ontario Housing Benefit (COHB) which will assist in planning as it relates to the use of existing housing stock.



STRATEGY 3: To enhance community partnerships, and expand available supports, essential to positive outcomes for individuals and families.

Representation and/or participation on the following:

- Hoarding Coalition
- Seaway Group Meetings
- Housing & Homelessness Data Forum
- Social Housing Provider Board Meetings and/or AGM's
- Housing Provider Advisory Committee (HPAC) - 5 times annually
- Place for People

Memberships:

- Ontario Non-Profit Housing Association
- Ontario Municipal Social Services Association



Partnerships:

- Social Development Council
- SD&G Situation Table
- Children's Aid Society
- Canadian Mental Health Association
- Mental Health Services
- Linking Hands
- Job Zone
- Cornwall Community Police Services
- OPP
- OW/ODSP
- Habitat For Humanity
- Canadian Red Cross Society



STRATEGY 4: To maintain existing housing stock to ensure an ongoing supply of affordable housing.

- Social Housing Apartment Improvement Program (SHAIP) funding received and is benefitting four Social Housing buildings. (Update: Due to the cancellation of the energy efficiency programs, only one year of funding was received for this program).
- The Division continues to approve various Housing Provider requests to utilize Reserve Funds to improve necessary capital projects.
- Initial investigation for End of Operating Agreement social housing stock.
- On April 24th, 2018, the Service Manager was advised that our GreenON business case was partially approved and this will assist 2 Providers (1 County and 1 City). (Update: Due to the cancellation of the energy efficiency programs, (Update: Due to the cancellation of the energy efficiency programs, this funding was cancelled).

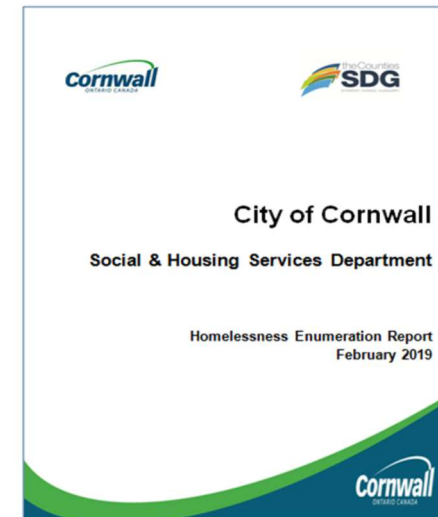


STRATEGY 5: To advocate to senior governments for ongoing predictable funding and legislative changes to respond to current and future local housing needs and consider additional portable subsidies if/when future funding is announced.

- The Service Manager advocates for changes to the criteria of distribution of any future funds to assist all Housing Providers with improvements to the existing stock, including a review of average market rents for this area.
- Discussions continue with Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation regarding Federal Infrastructure funding programs.
- Funding guidelines pending for the Ontario Priorities Housing Initiative (OPHI), the Canada-Ontario Community Housing Initiative (COCHI) and the Canada-Ontario Housing Benefit (COHB) which will assist in planning as it relates to the use of existing housing stock.

STRATEGY 6: To review CHPI Investment Plan -- to make adjustments reflecting priorities identified in public/ agency feedback.

- The Division continues to work with the Low Income Measure which allows for a broader applicant base.
- The Domiciliary program was reviewed during which the program and its standards were updated.
- The annual update of the CHPI policy was undertaken to meet the changing needs from amongst the client requests.
- We conducted homelessness enumeration in 2018, the results of which can be located on the City's website for details.



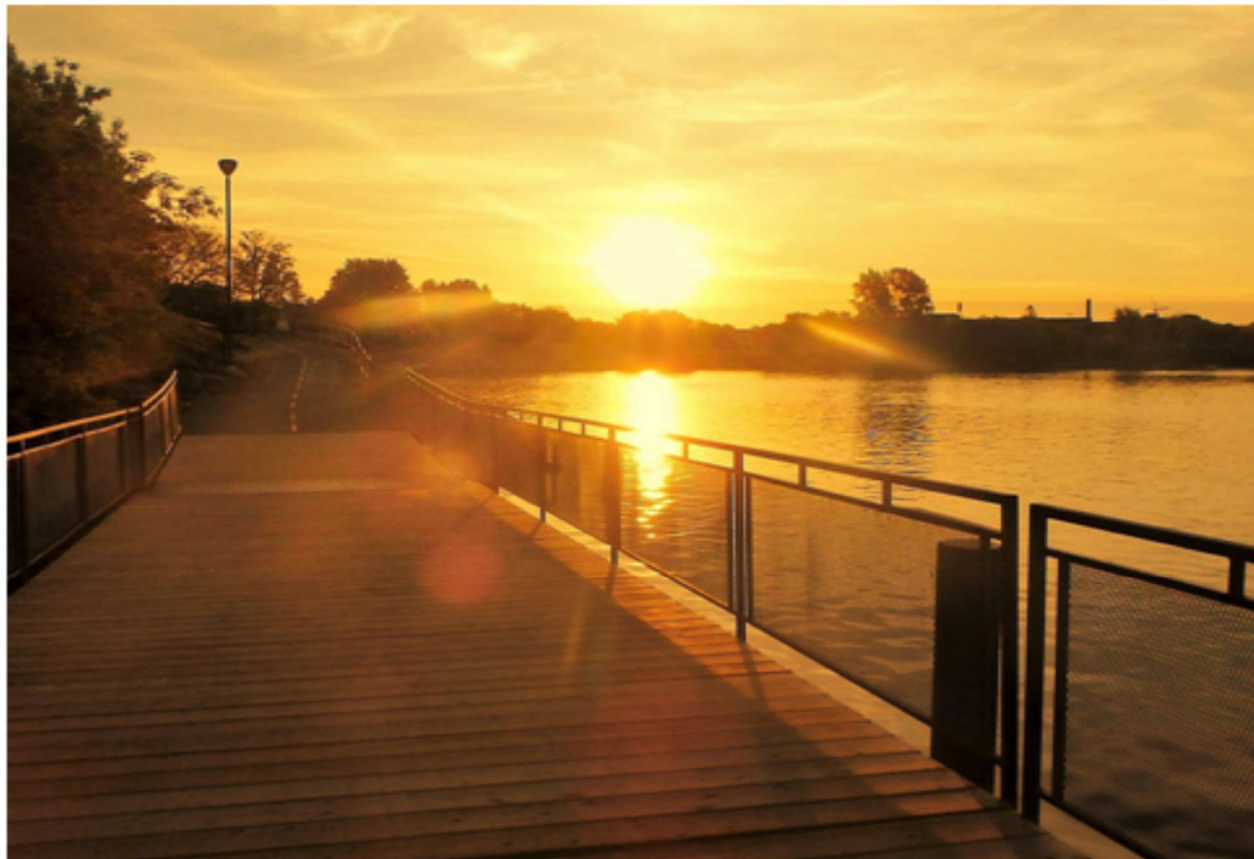
STRATEGY 7: To support energy efficiency initiatives in both public and private affordable housing to enhance sustainability.

- The Ontario Renovates Program criteria was reviewed and expanded to allow for a broader range of necessary repairs.
- The Division continues to promote and support the Ontario Electricity Support Program.



STRATEGY 8: Use tools available in both City and County Official Plans to encourage a broad range of affordable housing options.

- The City's Strategic Plan is used when considering affordable housing options (as an example rent supplement in IAH and SIF).



| PILLAR 1 Quality of Life |
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| <p>Safe, Livable Community Continue support for police strategic plan Implement fire master plan Property standards</p> |
| <p>Active Living Continue implementation of bike and pedestrian master plan Enhance public spaces Enhance transit services</p> |
| <p>Arts & Culture Development of multidisciplinary facility/art centre</p> |
| <p>Quality Downtown & Le Village Main Streets Continue to encourage development of Centretown plan</p> |
| <p>Accessible & Affordable Housing Implementation of affordable housing plan</p> |
| <p>Seniors' Services Development and alignment of programs and activities</p> |
| <p>Poverty Reduction Develop advocacy strategy Support primary service providers</p> |
| <p>Waterfront Master Plan Reaffirm and continue implementation of waterfront master plan Enable recreational usage Future waterfront development</p> |

Strategy 9: To expand the successful supportive housing partnership for persons with physical disabilities on the first floor at 330 Fourth Street East, Cornwall, to include capital and operational funding for complete modifications and ongoing supports on the second floor (this is a social housing building operated by Cornwall and Area Housing Corporation).

- The Local Housing Corporation continues to partner with Carefor to provide supportive housing



STRATEGY 10: To work with the City of Cornwall Senior-Friendly Steering Committee to develop and implement elements of a Senior-Friendly Plan, related to "a wide range of appropriate and affordable housing options" (as outlined in Cornwall SDG Vision for Housing).

- The Division provided resources to the Senior Friendly Community Implementation Committee as needed.



2018 Ontario Renovates Projects

City of Cornwall = 84

Counties = 36

North Dundas = 2

South Dundas = 7

North Stormont = 3

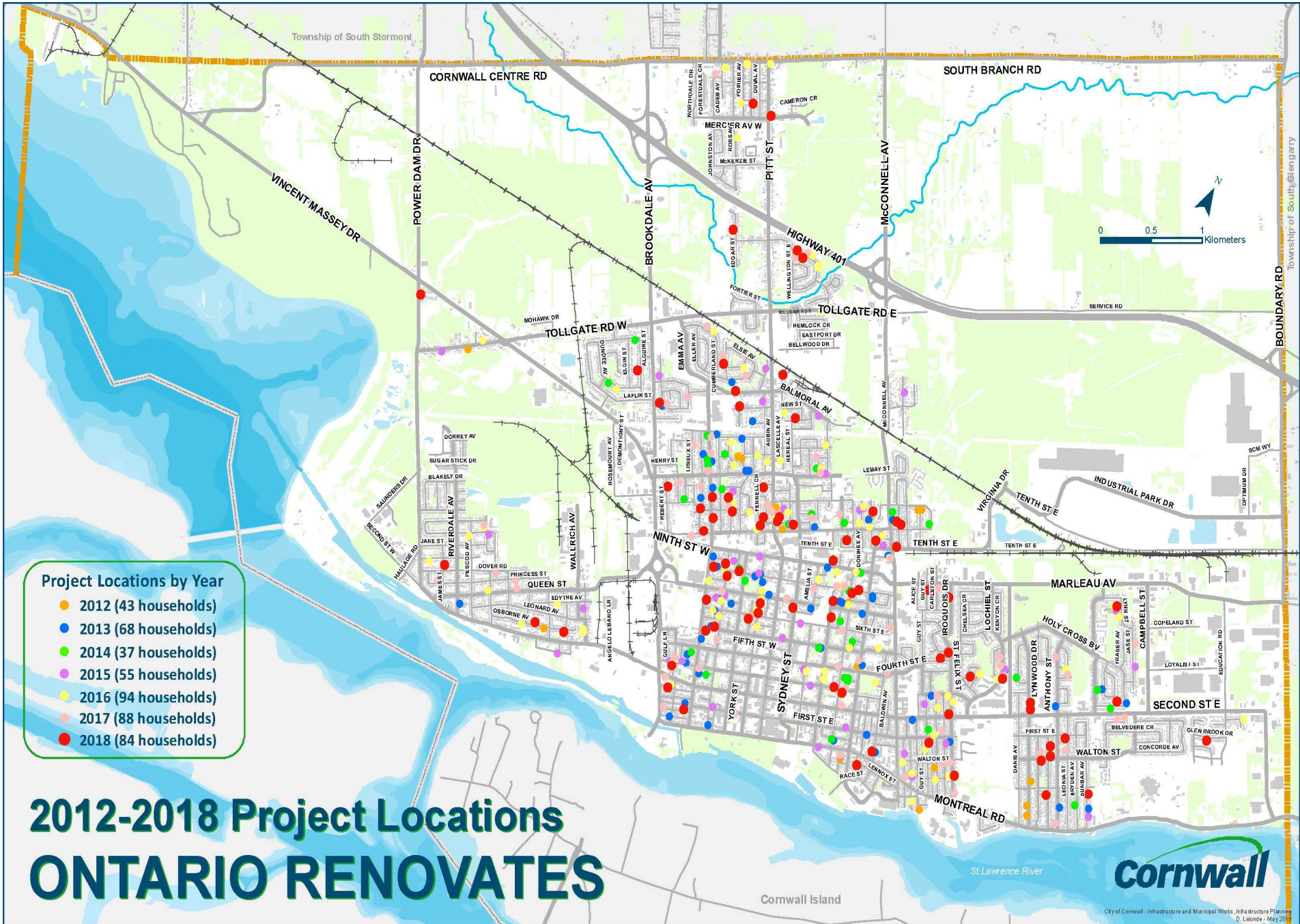
South Stormont = 11

North Glengarry = 6

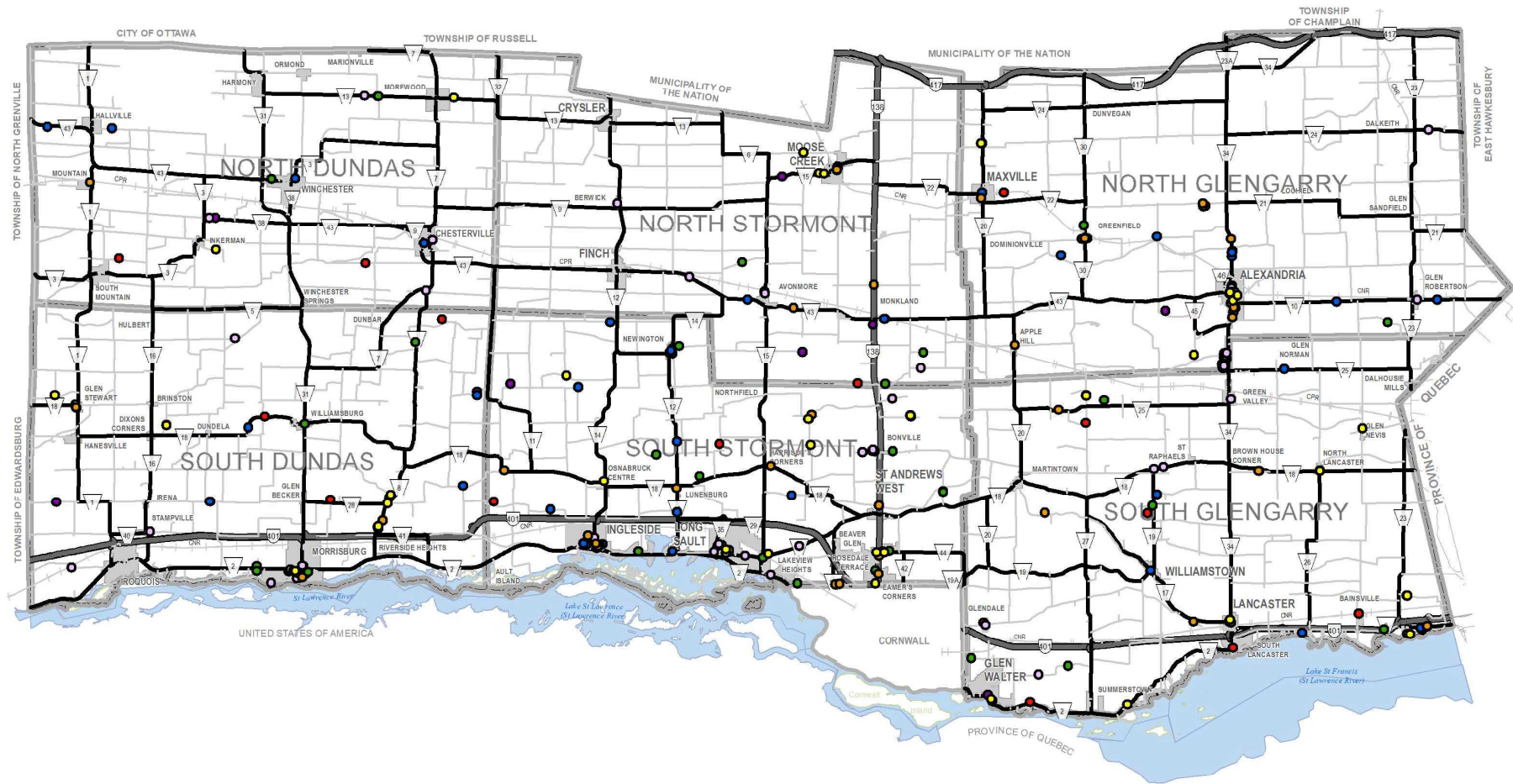
South Glengarry = 7



Maps included on subsequent pages.



The United Counties of Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry Ontario Renovates



Legend

- 2015 (56 households)
- 2012 (19 households)
- 2013 (50 households)
- 2014 (27 households)
- 2016 (55 households)
- 2017 (43 households)
- 2018 (36 households)

- Highway
- County Road
- Municipal Road
- Railroad

- Main Settlement
- Township Boundary
- Cornwall Boundary



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The Plan includes Actions (Section 10.0) to be taken to implement each of the Strategies, and there is an understanding that regular reviews will take place to measure progress with the approved Strategies.

Five year review of the Ten Year Housing and Homelessness Plan (as required under the *Housing Services Act, 2011*):

- Due December 31, 2019**
- Consultant hired to assist Project Team with update**
- Project Team members include: Mellissa Morgan, Mary Joyce Smith, Natasha Hesse, Tammy Marcil**
- Consultation sessions have already taken place**
- Presentation to City Council is anticipated for July 2019**
- Draft Report to Council is anticipated for July or August 2019**

Conclusion

This update represents the fifth of ten annual reports to Council.

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