



TEN YEAR HOUSING PLAN

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



Third Annual Update (2016-2017)

June 2017



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- Actions Taken Throughout 2016-2017—based on the 10 Strategies established and recommended by the Ten Year Housing Plan



Provincial Vision

Ontario's vision for affordable housing is to improve access to adequate, suitable and affordable housing, and provide a solid foundation on which to secure employment, raise families and build strong communities. (Ontario Housing Policy Statement, 2011)

Executive Summary

"Housing is one of the most fundamental of human needs. It is also a key driver shaping the economic and social sustainability of communities, a vehicle for social inclusion and an important component of growth. Access to safe, affordable and adequate housing touches almost every aspect of a community's well-being and affects all of its members. Communities with a range of housing choices that meet the full range of their housing needs, including the needs of low and moderate income citizens, are generally more livable, more economically competitive and resilient. A growing body of research shows that access to good quality affordable housing supports not only low and moderate income households, but also has positive community-wide benefits related to economic competitiveness, health, education and community well-being"

Municipal Tools for Affordable Housing, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, 2011

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.

- During the 2017 Chamber Spring Home & Leisure Show, the Social Housing Division showcased its programs with other City departments as part of the City Central which afforded us the opportunity to meet hundreds of residents from Cornwall and SDG.
- Applications for Ontario Renovates opened mid-May 2017 with advertisement placed via the Standard-Freeholder, Seaway News, County Newspapers.
- Community Presentations were held to Various Community Agencies to Social Housing Programs.
- Accessible Website—new format pending.
- Dundas County 50 + Wellness Day—representation by Social Housing.



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

- Building Condition Assessments of all buildings in the Social Housing portfolio were completed.
- Local Rules continue to be updated as changes are required as per the *Housing Services Act, 2011*.
- Actively working on End of Operating strategies.
- Funding applications were submitted through the Home for Good and Innovation, Evidence & Capacity Building Fund; funds to benefit the housing portfolio.
- Funds received for the Victims of Domestic Violence program.
- Funding received for the Social Housing Apartment Retrofit Program (SHARP); funds benefitted our largest Housing Provider.
- Social Housing Infrastructure Program (SHIP) funding received.

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 Provider Network
- Service Manager Housing Network
- Senior Friendly Community Implementation Committee/Poverty Working Group.
- Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative — Technical Advisory Working Group.
- Social Housing Provider AGM's



Memberships:

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

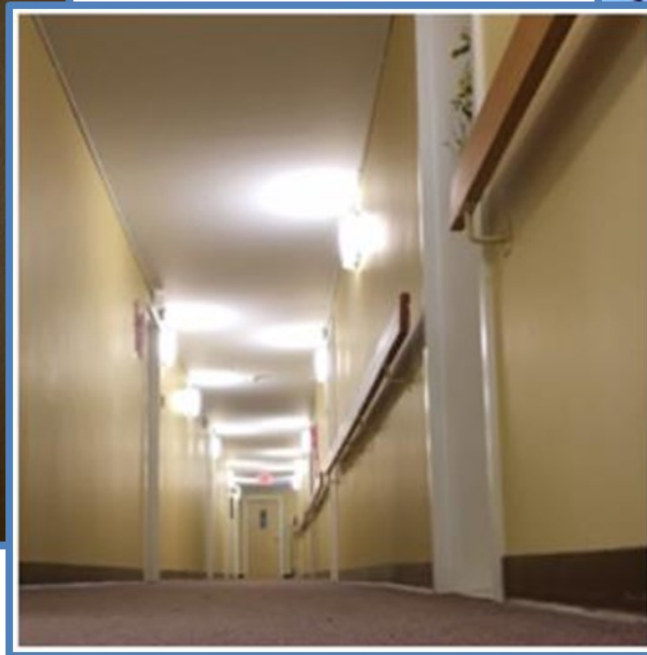
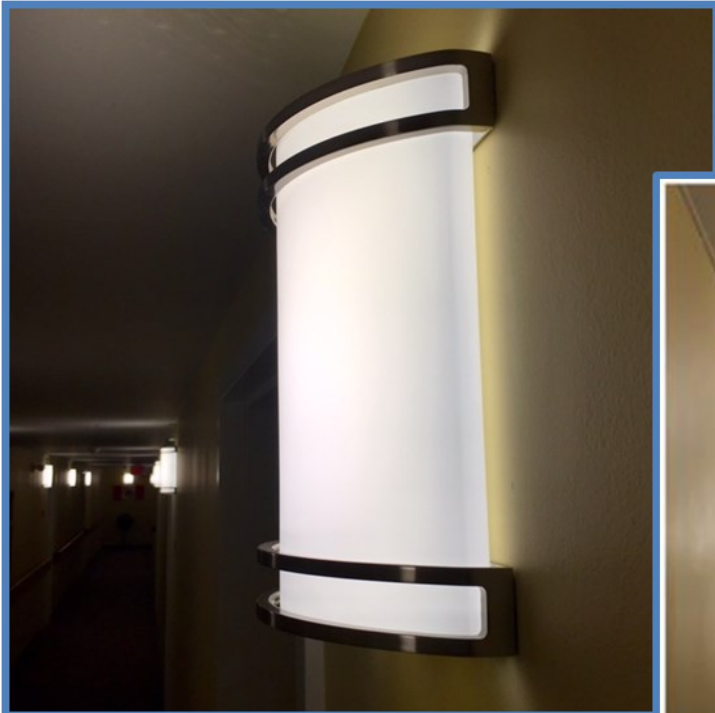
Partnerships:

- Social Development Council
- SD&G Situation Table
- Children's Aid Society
- Canadian Mental Health Association
- Mental Health Services
- Cornwall & Area Job Fair
- Linking Hands
- Job Zone
- Cornwall Community Police Services



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

- Social Housing Apartment Retrofit Program (SHARP) funding received and is benefitting one Social Housing building.
- 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.
- Social Housing Infrastructure Program (SHIP) funding received is benefitting many of our Housing Providers with various upgrades ie: LED lighting, energy efficient furnaces and hot water tanks, etc.



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 advocated for changes to the criteria of distribution of any future funds to assist all Housing Providers with improvements to the existing stock.
- Several meetings were held with Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation regarding Federal Infrastructure funding programs.

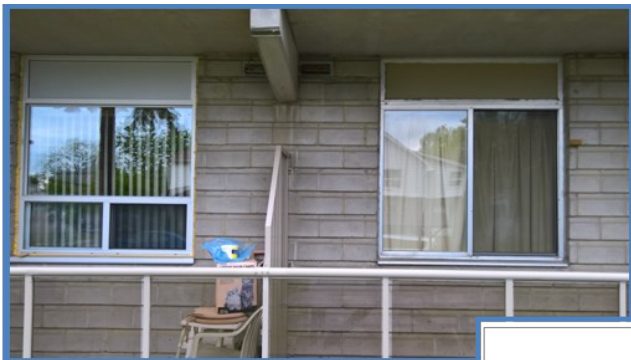
STRATEGY 6: To review CHPI Investment Plan -- to make adjustments reflecting priorities identified in public/ agency feedback.

- 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 strengthened partnerships with the Canadian Mental Health Association and the Canadian Red Cross through the CHPI program.



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

- The Ontario Renovates Program expanded its criteria (higher market value & household income) to allow for a broader applicant base.
- The Division has worked with its Local Housing Corporation with the Social Housing Apartment Retrofit Program (SHARP) funding received.
- The Division has worked with the majority of the local non-profit Housing Providers with regard to the Social Infrastructure Fund (SIF) - benefitting most buildings within the portfolio.
- The Division continues to promote and support the Ontario Electricity Support Program.



THE WINDOW AND DOOR REPLACEMENT

is part of

ONTARIO'S SOCIAL HOUSING APARTMENT RETROFIT PROGRAM (SHARP)

Program funding retrofits social housing apartment buildings to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions.

LE REMPLACEMENT DES FENÊTRES ET DES PORTES

fait partie du

**PROGRAMME DE MODERNISATION DES IMMEUBLES DE LOGEMENTS
SOCIAUX (PMILS) DE L'ONTARIO**

Les fonds du programme modernisent les immeubles de logements sociaux pour réduire leurs émissions de gaz à effet de serre.



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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.



PILLAR 1 Quality of Life
<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 Canadian Red Cross agreement is still ongoing.



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 is represented on the Phase 2 Senior Friendly Community Implementation Committee.



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; along with a more formal update at the 5 year point of the Ten Year Plan.

Conclusion

This update represents the third of ten annual reports to Council. At the five year mark a more detailed update and review of the Plan will be undertaken as required under the *Housing Services Act, 2011*.

Attachments

- Ontario Renovates Map City of Cornwall
- Ontario Renovates Map United Counties of SDG



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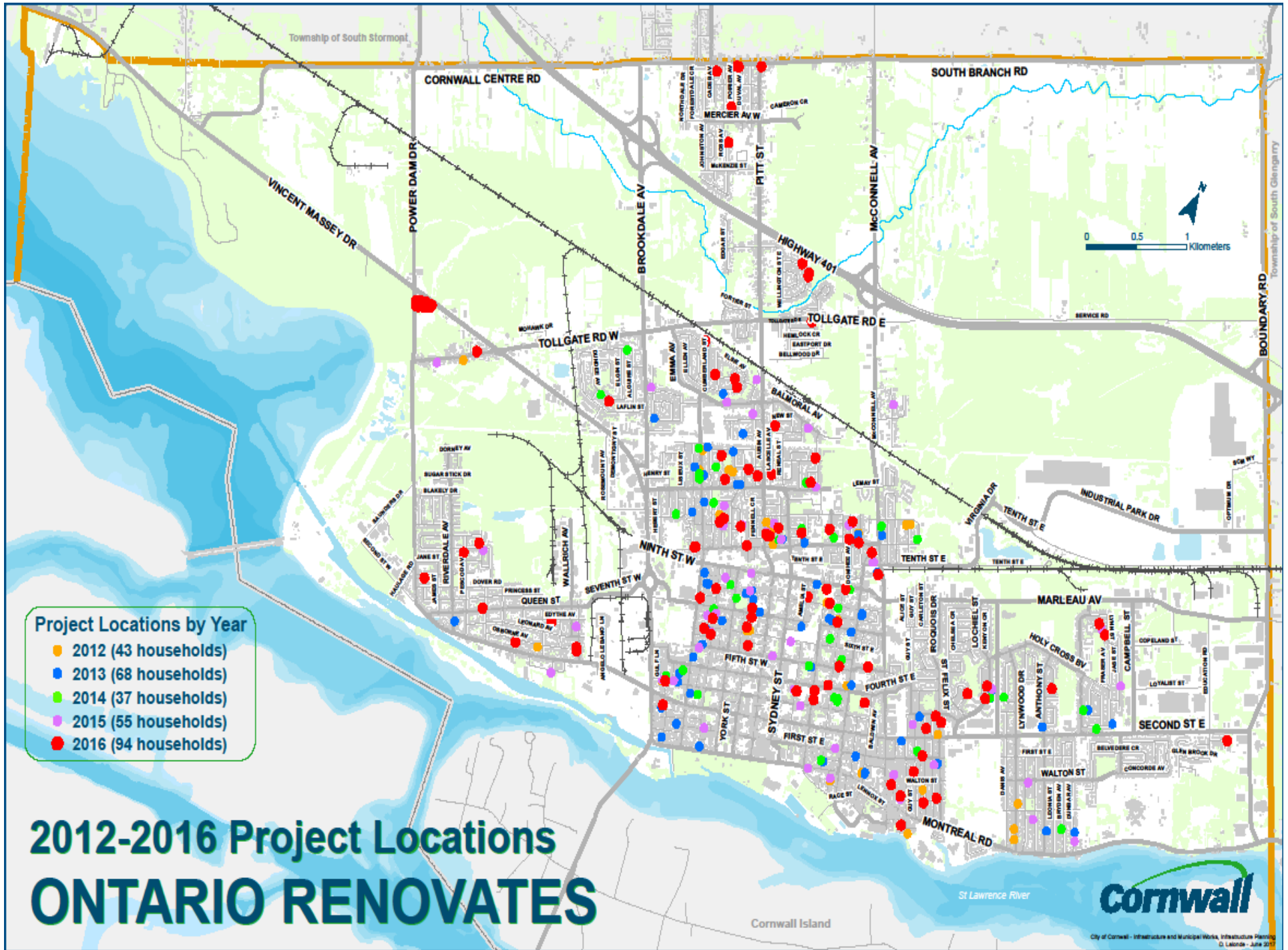
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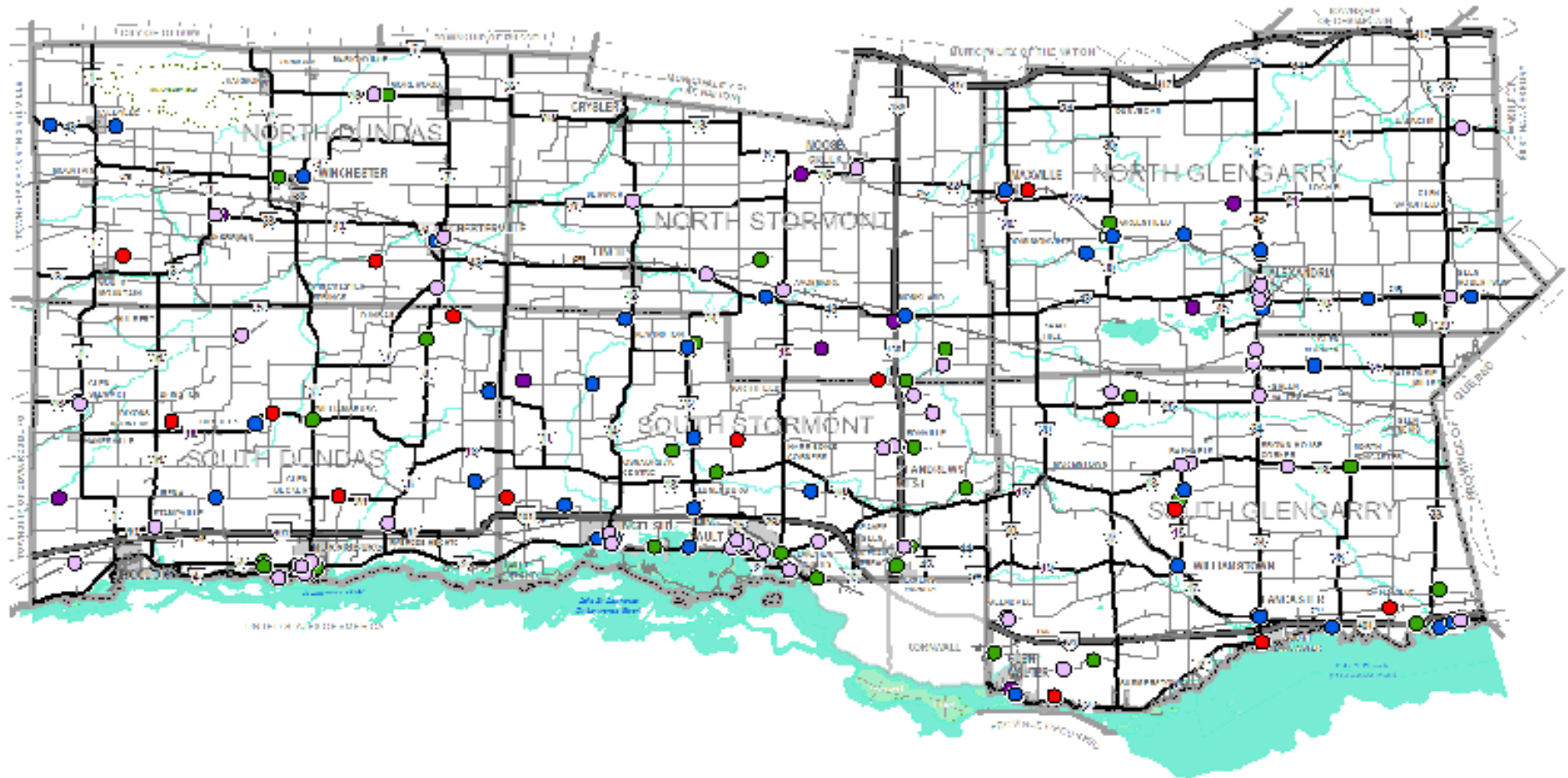
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The United Counties of Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry Ontario Renovates



Legend

2012 (19 households)	Highway	Main Settlement
2013 (50 households)	County Road	Township Boundary
2014 (27 households)	Municipal Road	Cornwall Boundary
2015 (56 households)	Railroad	
2016 (55 households)		

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