



Middlesex County Official Plan Non-Statutory Public Open House

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What is the County Official Plan?

A comprehensive document that includes goals, policies, and land use schedules, addressing matters of Provincial and County interest.

A framework for land use decisions, detailed planning, and the preparation of official plans and zoning by-laws at the local municipal level.

Why Update the Official Plan

Section 26 of the Planning Act provides that when the Official Plan is updated, it must be revised to ensure that it:

- (a) conforms with provincial plans or does not conflict with them
- (b) has regard to the matters of provincial interest
- (c) is consistent with policy statements including the Provincial Planning Statement.

A new Provincial Planning Statement in force as of October 20, 2024

Official Plan Update Subject Areas

Agriculture

Implementing an Agricultural Systems Approach

Additional Residential Units (ARUs) in Prime Agricultural Area

Surplus Farm Dwelling Severance policies

On-Farm Diversified Uses

Housing

Implementing recommendations of Attainable Housing Review

Conformity exercise to align general policy direction and updated definitions with PPS

Additional Residential Unit (ARU) policies

Economy

Employment Areas policies updated to reflect PPS and Planning Act amendments

Implementing the land use recommendations of the CBRE Tourism Toolkit

Renewable Energy policies

Regional Economic Development policies

Growth and Development

Population, Housing and Employment
Forecasts revised to be based on Ministry of
Finance projections

Policies that address requests for Settlement
Area Boundary Expansions and removal of
the requirement for local Comprehensive
Reviews (MCRs)

Intensification and redevelopment

Official Plan Update Process



Phase 1
Project
Initiation



Phase 2
Background
Reports & Policy
Formulation



Phase 3
Middlesex 2056
Engagement
Ongoing



Phase 4
Draft Official
Plan Amendment
Refinement



Phase 5
Finalize
Official Plan
Amendment



Phase 6
County Council
Adoption of
Official Plan
Amendment



Phase 7
Approval of
Official Plan
by Ministry of
Municipal Affairs
and Housing