

Ontario Improving Roads in Northumberland County*Investment to Boost Economic Growth, Create Jobs in Rural Communities***NEWS**

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Ontario is investing in critical improvements to a local roadway in Northumberland County, to help create jobs and boost economic growth.

Lou Rinaldi, MPP for Northumberland – Quinte West, made the announcement today on behalf of Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs Jeff Leal, and Minister of Infrastructure, Bob Chiarelli, at the Northumberland County Council.

The province is investing in critical improvements to approximately 1.6 kilometres of County Road 30, including widening the paved surface and upgrading the intersection by extending the passing lane and realigning the road. These improvements will help to improve traffic flow and safety for local residents.

Northumberland County [is one of 55 communities](#) that will receive support from the province through the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) to build and upgrade local infrastructure.

Ontario is making the largest infrastructure investment in hospitals, schools, public transit, roads and bridges in the province's history. To learn more about what's happening in your community, go to: Ontario.ca/BuildON.

Investing in municipal infrastructure is part of our plan to create jobs, grow our economy and help people in their everyday lives.

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"Our government is committed to improving roads, bridges and water infrastructure in rural Ontario. Today's announcement will help the county make essential upgrades to County Road 30. This important investment will help keep people moving, create jobs, boost our economy and improve the quality of life for residents of Northumberland."

— Jeff Leal, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs

"The upgrades to roads, bridges, water and wastewater infrastructure made possible by the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund continue to lead to positive changes in our communities. We are proud to enable innovative projects that help spur local economic activity, create job opportunities for Ontarians and raise quality of life across the province."

— Bob Chiarelli, Minister of Infrastructure

"Today's funding announcement continues to demonstrate our government's priority and commitment to improve public infrastructure across Ontario. County Road 30 is a major connector between Trent Hills and Brighton and this funding will make sure it remains a key and vital transportation route."

— Lou Rinaldi, MPP, Northumberland-Quinte West

“We are very pleased to be moving forward with these improvements to County Road 30 thanks to this substantial investment from the Province. Especially in more rural communities like Northumberland, our transportation network is inherently tied to our economic and social vitality. Infrastructure projects like this help us to ensure that our roads and bridges are maintained over the long-term, for use by current and future residents, businesses and visitors. We thank the Province for their partnership on this project.”

— Mark Walas, Northumberland County Warden

QUICK FACTS

- Ontario is investing up to \$60 million through the 2016 OCIF Top-Up Application Component for these 55 communities.
- The County of Northumberland will receive up to \$725,000 to support improvements to approximately 1.6 kilometres of County Road 30 at Old Wooler Road.
- Ontario is tripling its investments through OCIF from \$100 million in 2016 to \$300 million per year in 2019.
- This commitment includes increasing the formula-based funding to \$200 million and increasing the application-based component to approximately \$100 million by 2018.
- OCIF supports projects in municipalities with a population of less than 100,000 as of the 2011 census, as well as municipalities that are located in northern or rural Ontario.

Additional Resource:

[Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund](#)

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