

Niagara Prosperity Initiative

Public Health Social Services Committee

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Established 2008

Annual investment of \$1.5 million to support poverty reduction, help build capacity, improve quality of life for residents living in poverty.

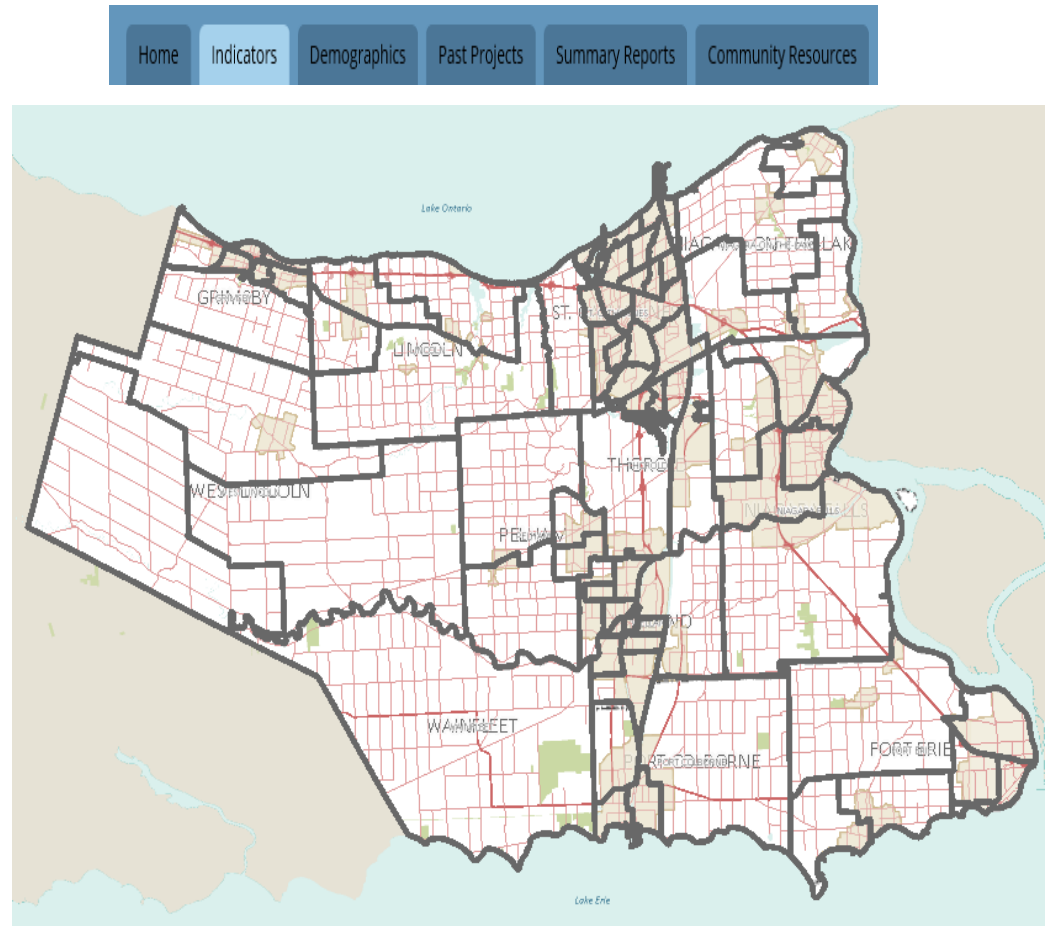


Goals of Niagara Prosperity Initiative

- Guide and direct investment on identified initiatives to alleviate poverty in neighbourhoods across Niagara.
- Engage people living in poverty in meaningful ways to ensure that investments reflect need.
- Develop and enhance collaborative relationships between stakeholders.

Neighbourhood Based Interventions

- 74 neighbourhoods
- 362 projects
- 85 different agencies
- 100,000 people



Administration

Social Assistance & Employment Opportunities

- Oversight and leadership

United Way Niagara – Secretariat

- Issue RFP, manage applications, chair Review Committee, manage / monitor programs

Niagara Community Foundation – Convenor

- Build partnerships within community and support Niagara Poverty Reduction Network

Funding Process

Independent Review Committee

- Business sector, government, students, community leaders, people living in poverty, and members of PHSSC

Scoring system

- Alignment with NPI criteria, objectives, impact on individuals and community

Call for three volunteers

- PHSSC for a four-year term

Research Project

- Three-year research project funded by province's Local Poverty Reduction Fund
- Partnership with Brock University
- Report early 2021 - state of poverty, analysis on impacts, outcomes, efficacy of NPI, recommendations on best practices moving forward

Niagara Prosperity Initiative 10th anniversary video