



Niagara Region Public Realm Investment Program Program Summary and Achievements

PDS-40-2019



November 6, 2019

Program Overview

- Established in 2016
- Offered to all Local Area Municipalities (LAMs)
- Allows the Region to partner with LAMs on capital projects in urban and core areas



“Cities have the capability for providing something for everybody, only because, and only when, they are created by everybody.”

- JANE JACOBS



Program Purpose

- The purpose of the program is to encourage investment in the urban and core area public realms along Regional roads by providing matching funding to local municipal partners for upgrades to existing capital projects.
- This contributes to great public spaces that enrich and enliven Niagara's communities by:
 - ~Creating a sense of place~
 - ~Leveraging Regional and Municipal capital funding~
 - ~Responding to unique challenges with innovative solutions~
 - ~Supporting resilient design~
 - ~Prioritizing universal accessibility~

Program Funding

- The Public Realm Investment Program provides matching funding for eligible municipal projects, up to \$100,000.
- Partnerships with local groups are encouraged, but only the municipal contribution can be matched.



“Great cities know streets are places to linger & enjoy, not just move through.”

- BRENT TODERIAN

Hardscaping



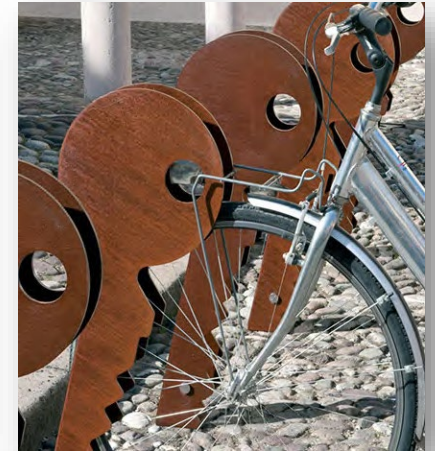
Complete Streets



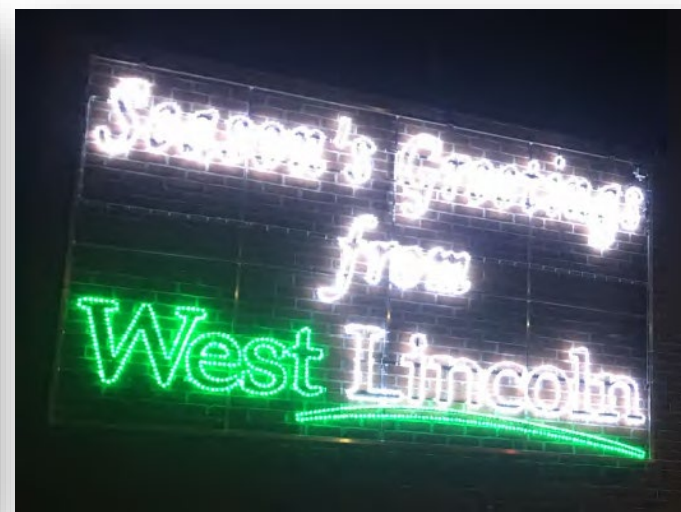
Landscapes



Site Furniture



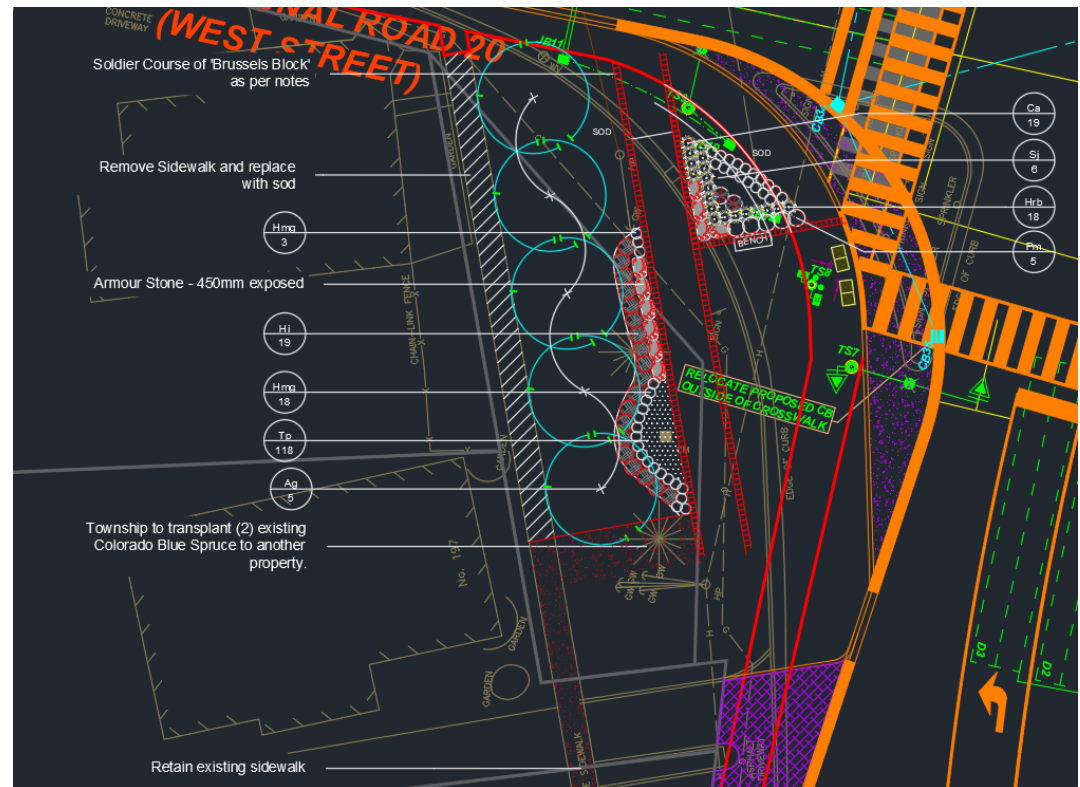
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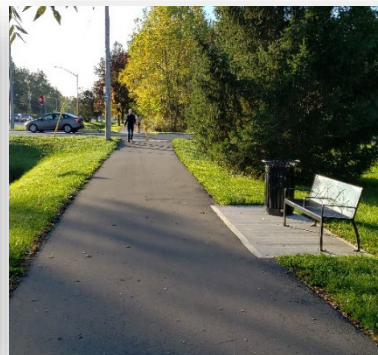
Public Art



Design Assistance



Completed Projects



Completed Projects - Welland



Completed Projects - Welland



AFTER



Completed Projects - Welland



Completed Projects – Niagara Falls



BEFORE

Completed Projects – Niagara Falls




Completed Projects – Niagara Falls





Completed Projects – Niagara Falls



“Great workmanship and attention to detail. Very professionally done”

“[W]hen I got the project, it just felt like a perfect opportunity to celebrate our differences... I really believe that part of being Canadian is our differences and what we each bring to the table.”
– Project Artist, Sandra Wilkinson

“Living in the Lundy's Lane area, these have quickly become delightful additions to the monotony of mundane road and hydro infrastructure”

“[T]hey have tourists, locals and motorists talking about them in a playful and positive way.”

Completed Projects – West Lincoln



BEFORE

Completed Projects – West Lincoln



Completed Projects – West Lincoln



Completed Projects - Lincoln



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AFTER

Positive Reach

Public realm improvements could 'result in something amazing' along regional roads

Region financial incentives part of pilot project to make more complete streets

NEWS Oct 11, 2016 by Paul Forsyth Niagara This Week - St. Catharines



Lundy's Lane utility boxes get a colourful makeover

NEWS Oct 11, 2019 by John Law The Niagara Falls Review



Niagara Falls artist Sonia Wilkinson has covered 11 utility boxes along Lundy's Lane with her designs. - Kyra Torstar

They aren't in a gallery. They aren't protected from the elements. Anyone can touch them.

And Niagara Falls artist Sonia Wilkinson doesn't mind at all. For at least the next five years, her artwork will be featured on Lundy's Lane's utility boxes stretching from Garner Road to the

Council backs Lundy's Lane improvements

NEWS Nov 22, 2016 Niagara Falls Review



LOCAL ARTWORK NOW FEATURED ON NIAGARA FALLS BOXES

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Thursday, October 10th, 2019 2:26pm

By Marcie Culbert

Steve Bauer Trail reconstruction in Welland nearing completion

NEWS Jul 10, 2018 by The Welland Tribune St. Catharines Standard



John D'Onofrio and his granddaughter Hannah going for a ride along the Steve Bauer Trail in Welland on Monday. - Kait Dubé, The Welland Tribune

A major overhaul of a recreational artery that runs through Welland is nearing completion.

A section of the Steve Bauer Trail, a six-kilometre path that runs into Fonthill, is being transformed

West Lincoln history on display

Posted: December 24th 2018 Category: Featured, News



EDITORIAL: Little things make a difference

OPINION Oct 12, 2016 Niagara This Week - St. Catharines



Heritage committee to unveil plaque for 'Scenes of Smithville' mural

Heritage committee hopes this will be the first of many historical murals displayed in West Lincoln

NEWS Dec 09, 2018 by Beth Audet Grimsby Lincoln News



The Scenes of Smithville mural is displayed on the wall of the Murgatroyd Parkette on the corner of St. Catharines Street and Griffin Street, in Smithville. - Beth Audet/Metroland

The West Lincoln heritage committee will unveil a plaque describing the significance of the Scenes of Smithville mural and its five photos: Smithville Station, Murgatroyd Block Building, Union Bank, Griffin Street and St. Catharines Street.

Projects in Progress – West Lincoln



Current

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Questions?

