



# SCOR EDC Partnership Oxford County

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# Infrastructure

- Transportation
  - SCOR EDC Board member on Ministry of Transportation Mayors Task Force – direct line to shaping transportation across SWO
- Community Transportation
  - Efficiencies in community transportation
  - Cost savings – shared RFP for tech
  - Mapping uploads to workforce planning boards
- Rail
  - Shortline rail – 800+ jobs across the region
  - Most business are in manufacturing and agricultural supports
- Broadband
- Energy
  - expansion of natural gas





# Infrastructure: Transportation

- Rail – Future of Shortline Rail
  - Shortline rail – 800+ jobs across the region
  - Most business are in manufacturing and agricultural supports
  - Key infrastructure from St Thomas-Oxford/Tillsonburg - Norfolk
  - Application to the National Trade Corridor Fund





# Human Capital

- Workforce
  - Focus on agricultural workforce capacity building
  - Fanshawe College –Agri-Management Program
  - Conestoga College- Agricultural Equipment Operator Program
  - Support for SAW at outset of COVID-19 and on-going
- Education
  - Partnerships with post-secondary institutions



# Sector Development

- Partnerships with OFA
    - Feeding Your Future – agricultural capacity and videos
    - Always in Season – county promotional guide
  - Policy, programing inputs at Provincial and Federal level
  - Ongoing issues for ag community
  - Development of hazelnut industry support
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- Marketing the region domestically and globally





# Advocacy & Connecting

- 25 Delegations and meetings with Cabinet Ministers over the past two years regarding issues specific to this region
- On-going communications with other levels of government supporting regional and individual county efforts
- Collaborating with other organizations such as Elgin Middlesex Oxford Workforce Planning Board
- Collaboration with WOWC on rural data dissemination and sharing
- 12 Letters of support to other organizations resulting in successful funding applications





# Oxford Collaboration



- ROEDC on video series
- Oxford Connections and EDO's connecting weekly and monthly connection and collaboration on initiatives





# Partnership

- Partnership creates immediate value but more importantly cumulative value over time
- Action oriented organizations – focus on strategic planning and implementation
- Recognition and positive reputation as a region
- Ability to tackle projects and issues that are larger in scale than one municipality can take on individually
- Small enough to reach consensus and move forward on areas of focus
- Ability to attract and leverage funding on a regional scale





We have accomplished a great deal as a five county partnership ...good neighbours working together for the good of all!

Thank you!

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