



County Wide Active Transportation Study (CWATS) Notice of Study Commencement

The County of Essex is commencing a study to develop a **County Wide Active Transportation Study (CWATS)**. This study will support and strengthen the active transportation plans of local municipalities. It will outline a comprehensive network of on-road corridors and off-road trails to connect County and selected local roads to improve connections between regional and local systems and to promote active transportation. Active transportation in the County of Essex means:

- **Active Commuting** which involves journeys to and from work;
- **Active Workplace Travel** which includes trips during working hours such as the delivery of materials or attending meetings;
- **Active Destination Oriented Trips** which includes trips to and from school, shops, visiting friends and running errands; and
- **Active Recreation** which involves the use of an active transportation mode for fitness or recreational pursuits, such as hiking and cycling.

The CWATS will build upon and consolidate the existing active transportation studies across the County and its seven local municipalities as well as identify appropriate connections to Chatham-Kent, the City of Windsor and Point Pelee National Park. This study will focus primarily on non-motorized modes (hiking, cycling, walking, etc.) on County roads and select local roads and will identify priorities for network implementation projects over the next 25 years, suggest how best to partner with local municipalities, determine appropriate levels of funding for operations and maintenance, review the current standards, by-laws, and programs for trails, cycling and walking and introduce a program for public outreach (promotion and education).

We Want To Hear From You

The County of Essex will be consulting with various stakeholders and also wants to hear from you, the residents. There are several ways that you can provide input to this study:

- Complete the survey: http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/CWATS_Questionnaire
- Hard copies of the questionnaire are available at all Essex County Libraries
- Join us at the two planned Public Information Centre (PIC) meetings. It is anticipated that the first PIC will be held in the spring of 2010. The specific date, time and location of the PIC will be posted on the County's web site www.countyofessex.on.ca and in local newspapers.
- Provide your comments directly to the study team. Write, call or email the project representatives listed below with your comments, questions and ideas. Your input will help us develop a progressive and comprehensive Active Transportation Master Plan.

For additional information and updates visit the County's web page or contact the following:

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