File No.:   37-OP-242686
Municipality: County of Essex
Subject Lands: All lands within the County of
                 Essex

Date of Decision: August 15, 2025
Date of Notice: August 15, 2025

NOTICE OF DECISION
**With respect to an Official Plan Amendment
Subsection 17(34) and 26 of the *Planning Act***

A decision was made on the date noted above to approve, with 30 modifications, the County of Essex Official Plan, as adopted by By-law 2024-45.

Purpose and Effect of the Official Plan
The County of Essex Official Plan replaces the current County Official Plan to ensure consistency with provincial land use policies. The Official Plan sets out goals, objectives and direction to guide growth and development to the 2051 planning horizon. Settlement area boundary expansions are proposed to accommodate the anticipated urban land needs of the County.

The 30 modifications to the Official Plan have been made to address provincial legislative and policy direction related to settlement area boundary expansions, additional residential units in prime agricultural areas, cultural heritage and archaeology, land use compatibility, employment areas, mineral aggregate extraction in prime agricultural areas, and transportation planning, among other matters.

The Official Plan applies to all lands within the County of Essex, excluding the City of Windsor and the Township of Pelee.

Decision Final
Pursuant to subsections 17(36.5) and (38.1) of the *Planning Act*, this decision is final and not subject to appeal. Accordingly, the County of Essex Official Plan, as approved with modifications by the Minister, came into effect on August 16, 2025.

Other Related Applications
None.

Getting Additional Information
Additional information is available on the County of Essex website:
https://www.countyofessex.ca/en/doing-business/comprehensive-official-plan-review-2021-2023.aspx

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