

"To reflect the vision of the community for the community improvement areas by establishing revitalization goals and priorities of action"

"Stimulate private investment in revitalization efforts"

"To be a vehicle for action and investment by public, private and community partners"

## Easy 4-Step Application Process



\*\*See the Community Improvement Plan Program Package for eligibility details

## A Guide to the Community Improvement Plan Program

### Goals



#### Achieve Vision

To create attractive streetscapes and waterfronts.



#### Areas of Focus

Downtown public spaces & private properties, commercial activity, promotion of tourism, residential choices, redevelopment & reuse of vacant & underutilized properties, heritage & architecturally significant buildings, and promotion of sustainable development.



#### Establish a Strategy

With municipal government, the business community and community organizations



Come for a visit. Stay for a lifestyle.

\*Adapted from the Trent Hills Community Improvement Program Package

# Learn About Programs Available for You!

## Commercial Façade Improvement Guide

Grant: funding for up to two (2) façade renovations (50% funding up to \$10,000 maximum).

## Planning & Building Fee Rebate

Grant: funding for 50%, up to \$1,250 maximum.

## Accessibility

Grant: funding for 50%, for one (1) improvement up to \$3,000 maximum.

## Residential Conversion and Rehabilitation Grant

Grant: funding for up to five (5) residential units (\$5,000 per unit up to \$25,000 maximum).

## Design Studies Grant

Grant: 50% of the cost of professional design services to a maximum of \$750 per applicant.

## Tourism and Agri-tourism Signage

Grant: funding for 50% up to \$1,000.

### Purpose:

- To encourage restoration, rehabilitation, and creation of downtown buildings consistent with the downtown design character.

### How Your Application Will be Assessed

1

Consistency with Municipality's design guidelines & original architectural design

2

Overall benefit to the downtown and consistency with the Municipality's Official Plan and other applicable policies

19th Century small town Ontario finely detailed facades

local stone and ornate brickwork

**Downtown Design Character**

mid/late 19th century and early 20th century architectural styles

## Design Guidelines Used to Assess Your Application!



### Signs

Projects that employ natural materials in signs with external lighting are preferred.



### Sustainable Building Practices

Properties that utilize energy efficient materials and techniques will be given priority.



### Traditional Façade

Storefronts with cornice, upper facade, and storefront. Projects that maintain or responsibly replicate the traditional façade will be given prime consideration.

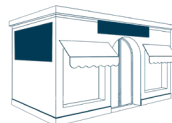


### Structural/Life Safety Improvements

Projects should comply with the requirements of the Ontario Building Code and applicable By-laws of the Municipality.

### Facade Design

Encourages the restoration of façades to their original state using authentic or original materials.



### Second or Double Fronting Facades

Additional incentives for projects that result in a second façade for an existing building.



### Accessibility

Applications having project(s) meeting the Municipality of Trent Hills Accessibility Design Guidelines will be given priority.

### Helpful Façade Terminology

