



Brownie Awards 2021

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REPROGRAM

Reprogram: Legislation, Policy and Program Initiatives

2020 Community Improvement Plan – St. Catharines, Ontario



“St. Catharines 2020CIP offers a suite of incentive programs and evaluation tools that can be leveraged as a model for other municipalities.”

The City of St. Catharines has one of the oldest community improvement plans in the Province of Ontario. The City of St. Catharines Community Improvement Plan (2020CIP) is a set of financial incentive programs offered by the municipality to the private sector, to help offset a portion of project costs related to redevelopment, reuse, and rehabilitation of the built environment and brownfield remediation.

The 2020CIP utilizes a combination of approaches to coordinate and guide revitalization and reinvestment. Approaches include designated Priority Neighbourhoods, a weighted point-based evaluation system, eligibility criteria, remediation thresholds, grant calculation methodology, and selective tax rebate/grant increases. The City has demonstrated that it continues to be a leader in brownfield redevelopment policy.

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