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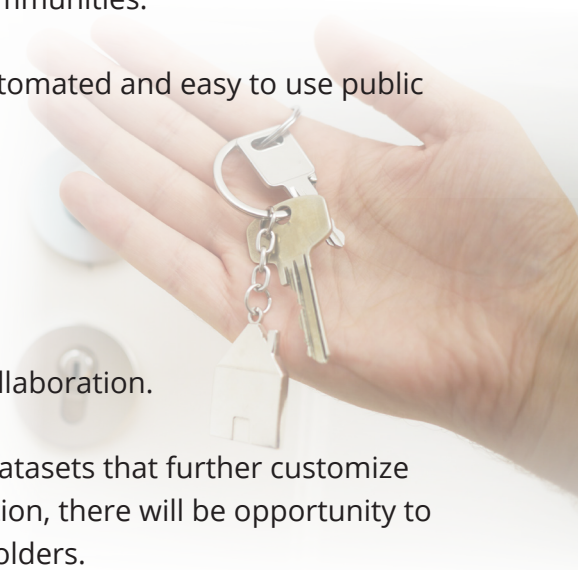
The Information Needed to Provide Rural Housing Solutions

Rural Ontario Institute and partner, Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus are excited to announce the implementation of the prototype for our innovative, centralized data tool to fill the housing information gap: the Rural Housing Information System (RHIS). This locally-driven tool will support municipalities and home builders in the planning and development of affordable housing. It also aims to support not-for-profit organizations in implementing housing strategies in rural communities.

The data-driven, outcomes focused solution will harness data in an automated and easy to use public dashboard including:

- › demographic trends (population, growth, age and income)
- › average home and market rental information
- › available zoned land
- › building costs (development exemptions and parkland fees)
- › available incentives like municipal grants or loans
- › housing assets, amenities, and local organizations available for collaboration.

Beyond automation, the RHIS includes functions to manually upload datasets that further customize reports to a specific region or municipality. As the tool grows in operation, there will be opportunity to further streamline the process of data collection from multiple stakeholders.



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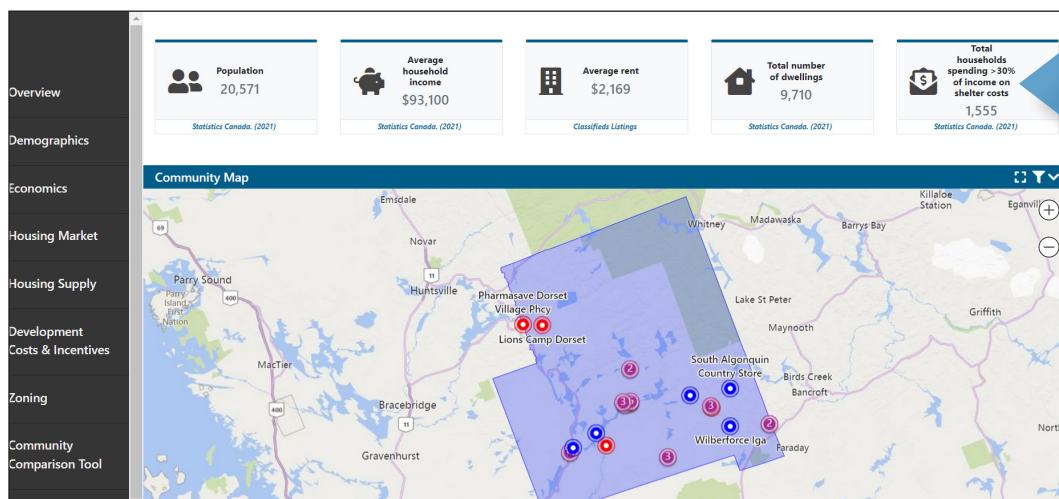
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Here's a sneak peak!



**Interactive
Mapping Tool**

RHIS RURAL HOUSING INFORMATION SYSTEM

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	Upper Tier Municipality PETERBOROUGH	Single Tier Municipality PRINCE EDWARD	Municipality TWEED	Township WHITEWATER REGION	Town TOWN OF RENFREW	Municipality BRIGHTON
Median Household Income 2021	\$78,500	\$81,000	\$69,000	\$81,000	\$60,400	\$81,000
Average Rent 2022	\$2,479	\$2,430	\$1,855	\$1,700	\$1,654	\$2,253
Apartment Units	815	850	190	130	905	330

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The tool centralizes and streamlines data from many different sources. A key project focus is to automate the collection of data from publicly available sources. ROI will also work with municipalities to collect the data from communities that may be missing or misrepresented in government and public databases. This tool will help facilitate collaboration among and between provincial municipalities to better deliver accurate, up-to-date data and information. Ultimately, this information can be used to facilitate access to provincial and federal funding for affordable housing development.

The Rural Housing Information System project is funded through the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation's Housing Supply Challenge, with rollout of the tool expected for the Spring of 2023.



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