

# More housing developments underway for '07

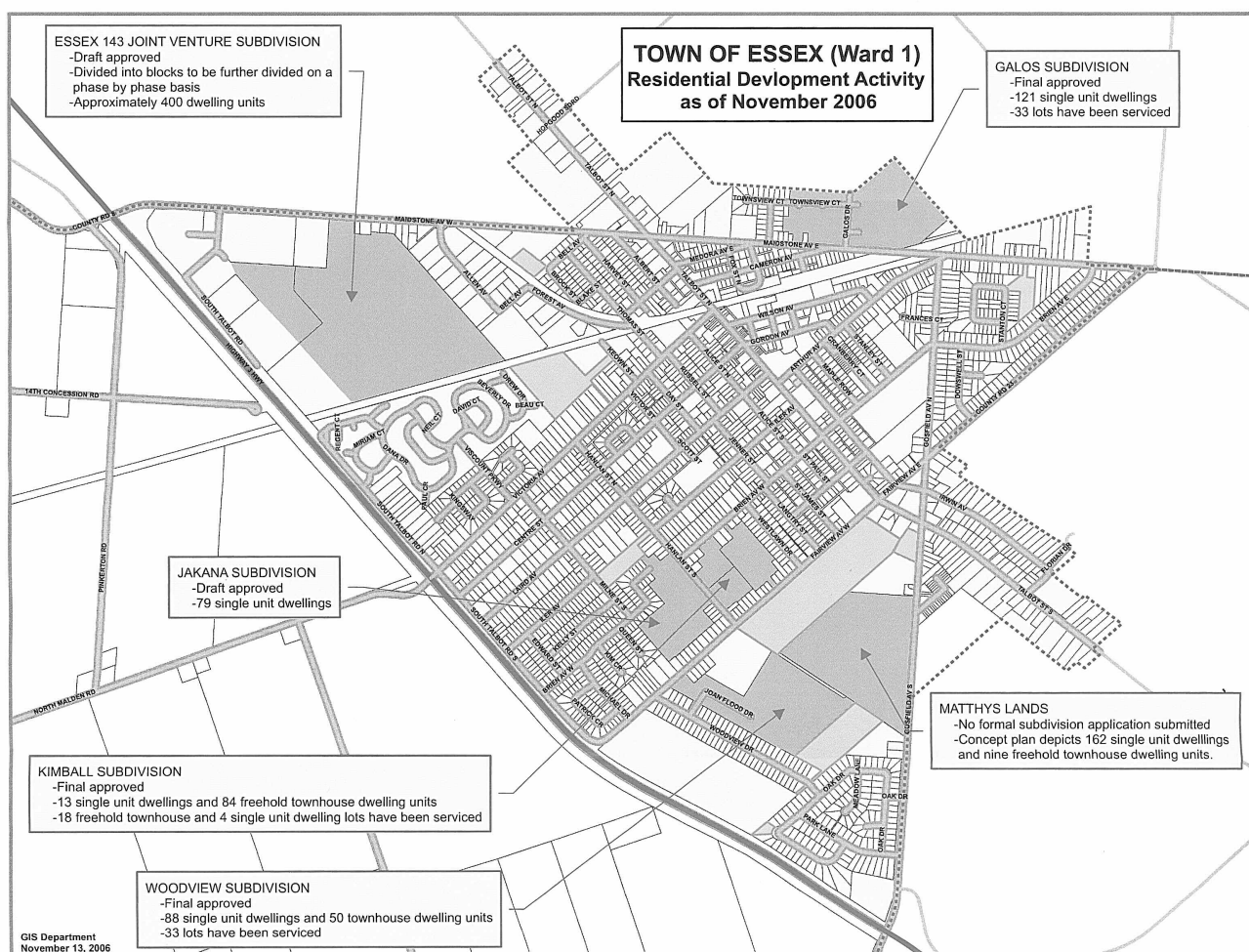
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Essex may experience a boost in population this year as a cluster of residential developments inside the town has been given final approval by council.

Construction has already begun on the Kimball subdivision, located near the corner of Hanlan Street South and Fairview Avenue West. The development contains 13 single unit dwellings and 84 freehold townhouse units. Of those, 18 freehold townhouse and four single unit dwelling lots have been serviced.

Phases of the Galos subdivision have also begun north of Maidstone Avenue East. Thirty-three lots have been serviced so far. The total development would contain 121 single unit dwellings.

In the south end of town, the Woodview subdivision has built another phase on Joan Flood Drive. Thirty-three lots have been serviced with plans to develop a total of 88 single unit dwellings and 50 townhouse units.



Town Planner Chad Jeffery said there is a hope that the emergence of the new units will bring more

people into Essex after more than a decade of little residential development. "Housing construction

has slowed throughout the region," Jeffery said. "We thought people might've got tired of waiting and

gone elsewhere but hopefully they'll come back." Because of sewage capacity issues in the early

1990s, residential development was halted in the town of Essex until the sewage treatment plant on North Malden Road began operations early last year.

Jeffery speculated that people may have been waiting for more housing developments to be up and running before they considered moving into town.

"Now that we have those, we're hoping to see development activity flourish," he added.

Town council has given draft approval to a subdivision in the northeast corner of town, between Viscount Estates and Maidstone Avenue East.

The work, being done by the Mady Development Corporation, is set to be built in phases and contain approximately 400 dwelling units.

Initially, there was a delay on the development because of the high flow of traffic at the intersection of Highway 3 and Maidstone Avenue West. Now that Highway 3 is slated to be widened from two to four lanes, the development will proceed, Jeffery said.

Development for the Jakana subdivision located southeast of Hanlan Street South has also received draft approval from council. Seventy-nine single dwelling units are planned.

According to Town Building Clerk Glenda Beneteau, 41 houses were built in Essex last year.


## Seeking approval for the official plan

The official plan for the Town of Essex, which offers a 20-year guideline for development, will be brought to Essex County Council for approval in the near future, Jeffery said.

The town is currently undertaking a study with the Ministry of Transportation that is looking at improving the flow of traffic at intersections along Highway 3 and within the town.

Results of the study will also suggest potential locations for industrial developments on the south west side of Highway 3, Jeffery said.

Once the study is completed, the designation of some lands in that area will potentially be changed and then the official plan will be brought to county council for approval.



## TOWN OF LAKESHORE COMMUNITY SERVICES MASTER PLAN INVITATION TO SUBMIT PUBLIC BRIEFS

The Town of Lakeshore is undertaking a Community Services Master Plan to identify key interests from the public and community organizations for facilities and programming activities in the Town. The Community Services Master Plan consists of four parts related to:

- Parks and Recreation;
- A Multi-Use Facility Master Plan;
- Heritage, Arts and Culture Master Plan; and
- Tourism Development Master Plan.
- Waterfront Development Strategy

If you have an interest in these projects we would like to hear from you. The Town of Lakeshore and the Consultant are inviting submissions of **Public Briefs** to the Project Steering Committee, as important public input on the following topics:

1. A description of the organization and the services it provides.
2. Past and future trends for your activities;
3. Challenges for the organization;
4. Strengths / opportunities of the organization;
5. Other comments you would like to share with the Town.

Public Briefs can be submitted to the Town of Lakeshore Community and Development Services Department or the Recreation Planning Consultant on the project at the address below. Responses should be received no later than **Friday, February 2, 2007**. Many organizations have been contacted to date and responded to our invitation. To find out more about the Community Services Master Plan please contact one of the people listed below.

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Applications will be received until Monday, January 22, 2007.