

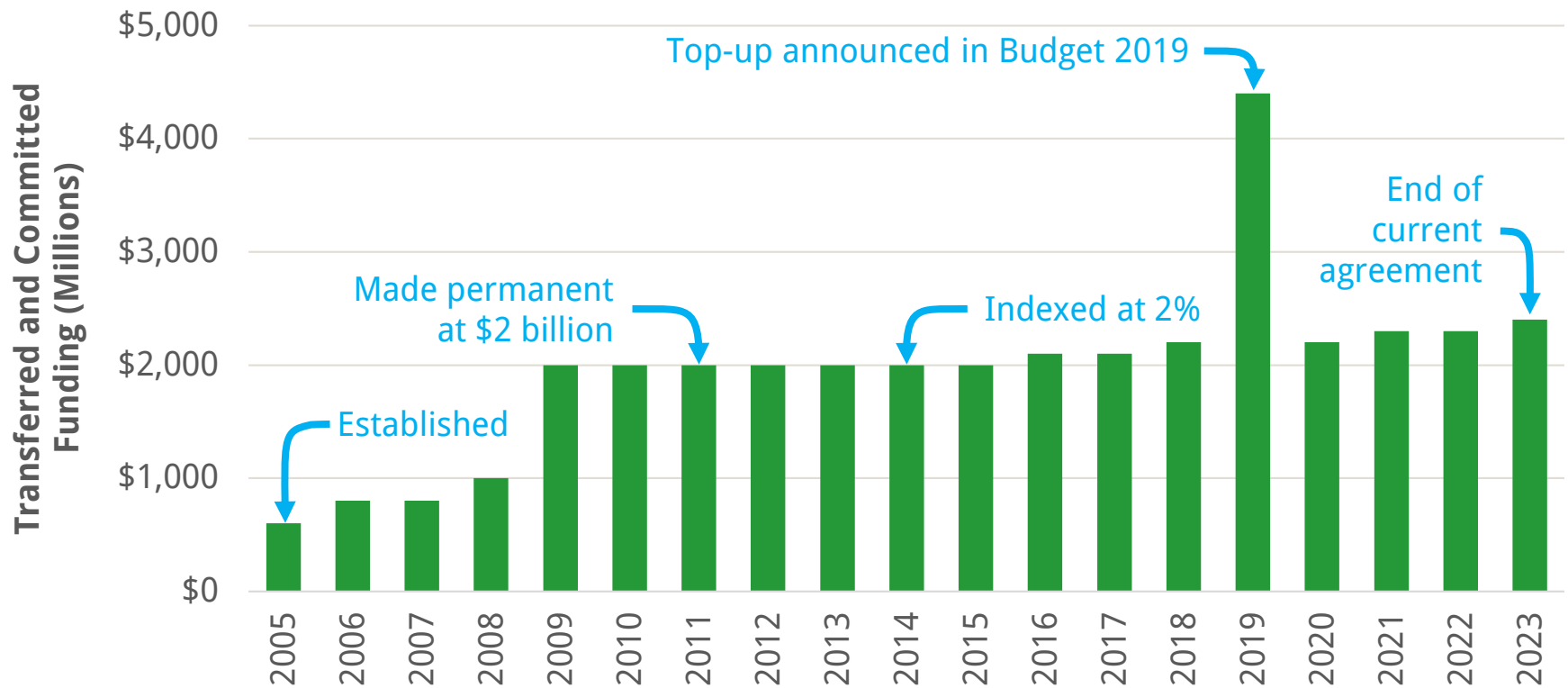
The Federal Gas Tax Fund

A refresher

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The Federal Gas Tax Fund

The Fund provides permanent and predictable federal funding for local infrastructure. Canadian municipalities receive over \$2 billion/year.



The Federal Gas Tax Fund

A one-time top-up was announced in Budget 2019 – doubling this year's allocation. Top-up funds are:

- **Already at work in your community**

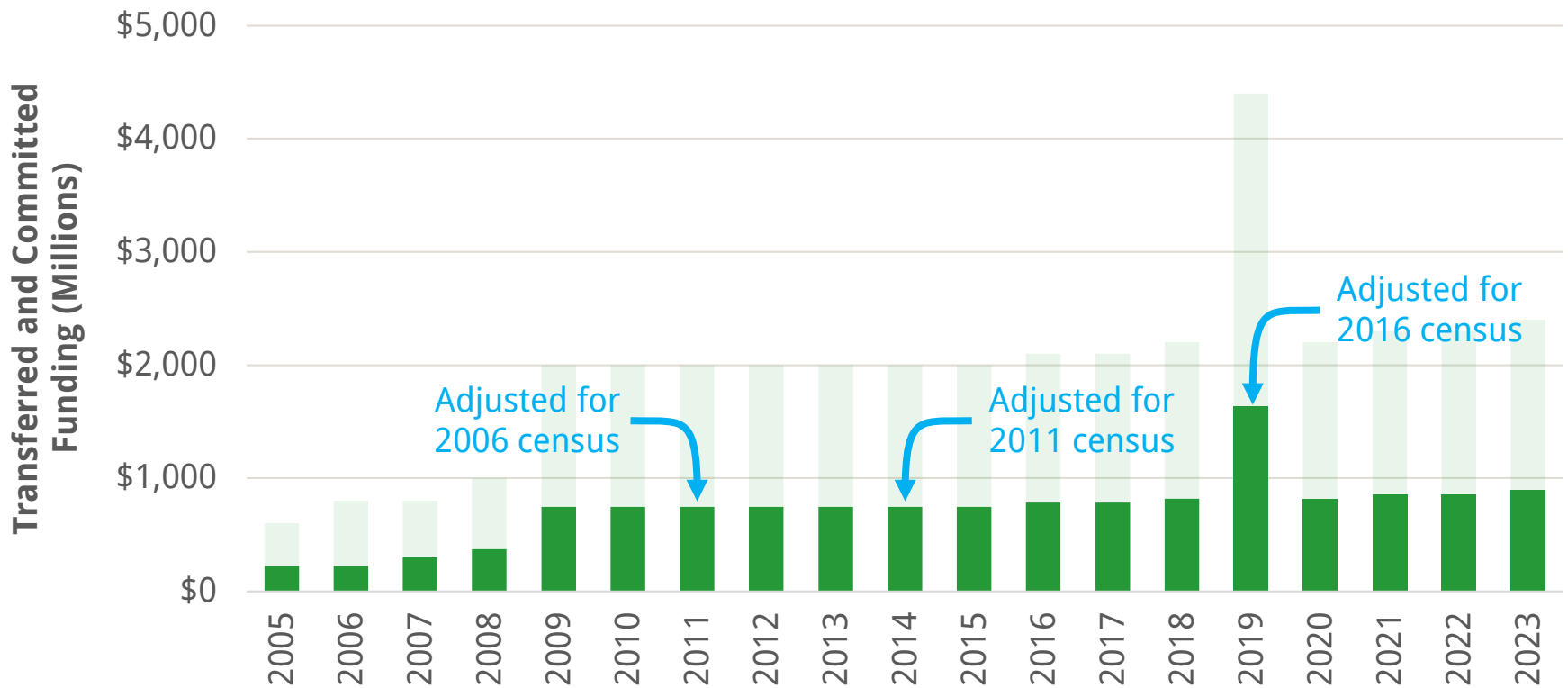
The full amount – \$819.4 million across Ontario – was distributed in July.

- **Federal Gas Tax funds**

The top-up is subject to the same rules – around the distribution and banking of funds, eligibility of investments, etc. – as your annual allocation.

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Funds are distributed on a per-capita basis in accordance with census population counts. Ontario's communities receive over \$800 million/year.



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Ontario's share is administered by:

- **AMO**

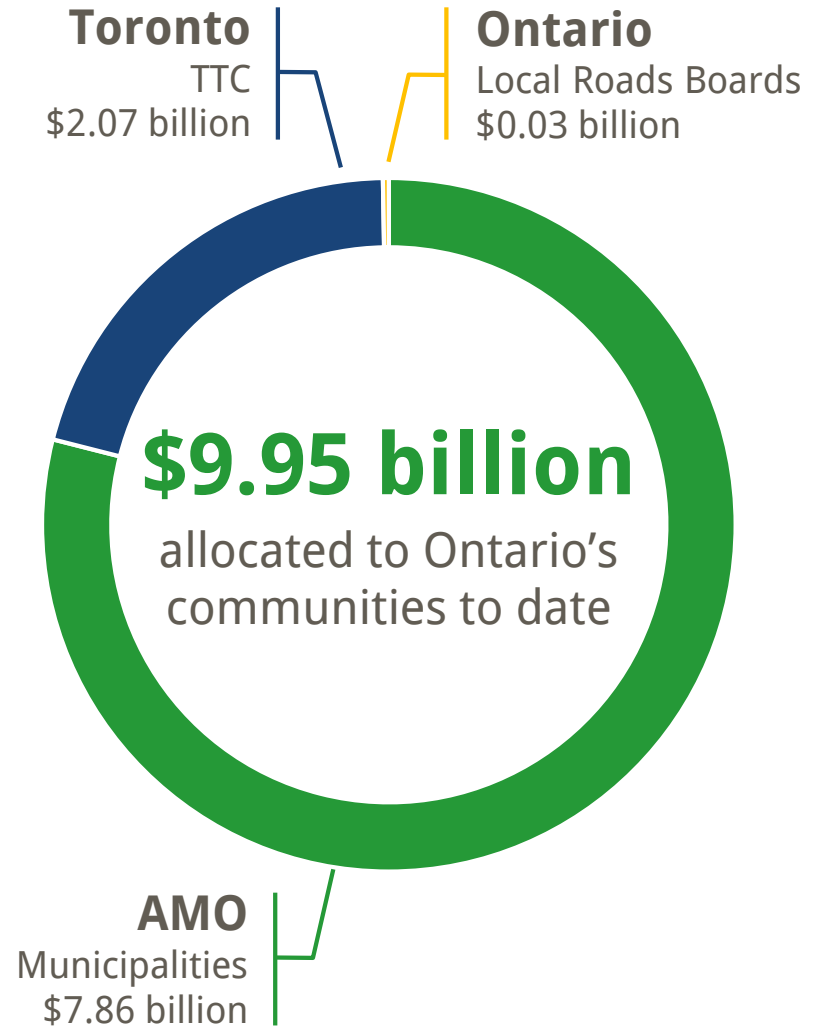
Distributes funds to all 444 municipalities – except Toronto.

- **The City of Toronto**

Receives funds directly from the Government of Canada.

- **The Government of Ontario**

Delivers funds to unincorporated areas.



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Each municipality's share is determined by its:

- **Population**

Allocations are distributed on a per-capita basis.

- **Tier**

Allocations are split 50/50 in two-tier systems.

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Allocations can be:

- **Transferred**

To reallocate or pool funds.

- **Banked**

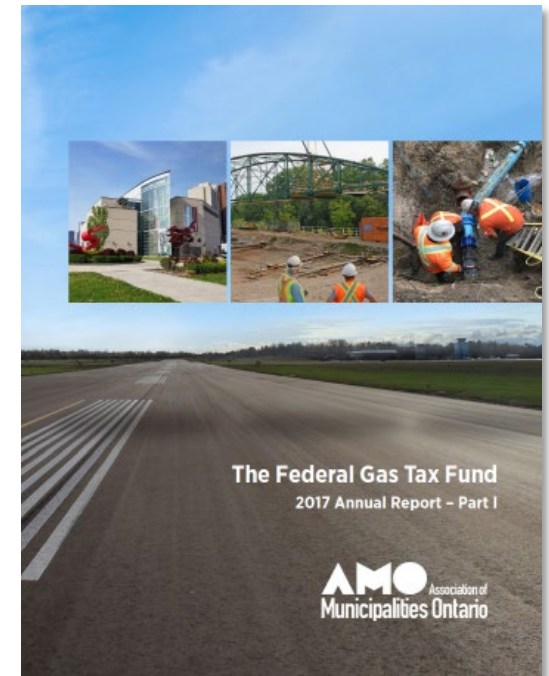
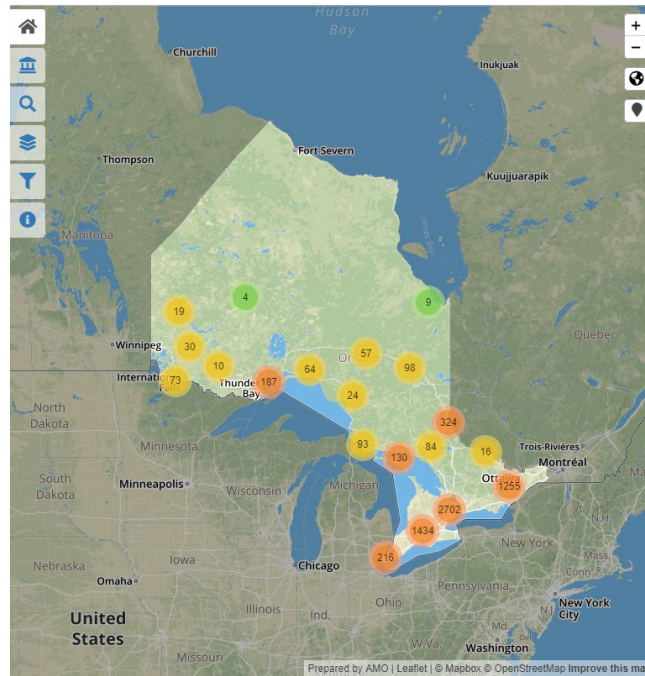
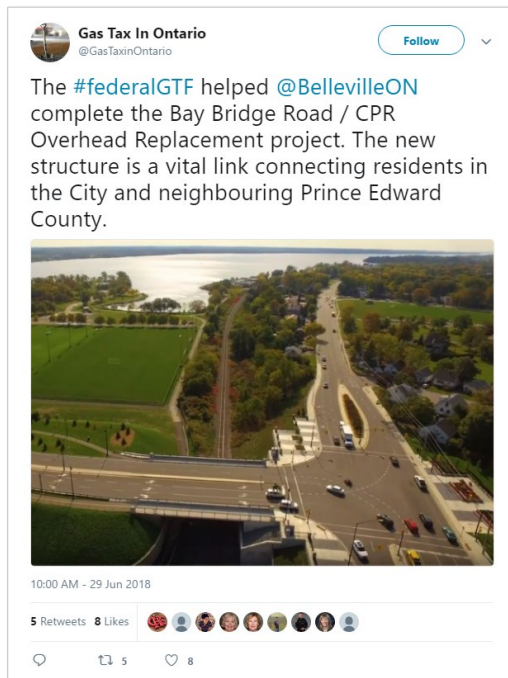
In reserves for up to five years.

- **Invested**

In local infrastructure projects.

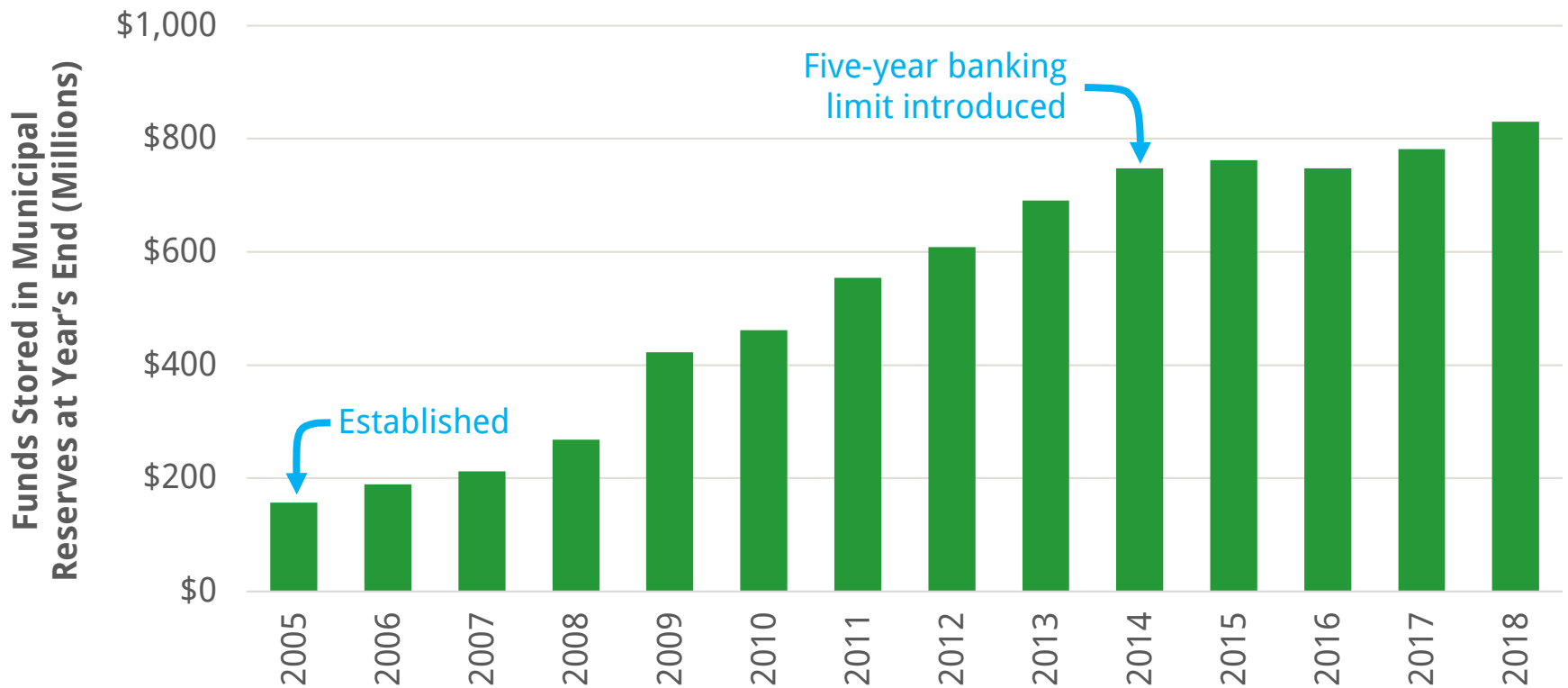
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Municipalities report these transactions – and other details – to AMO each year. Information is summarized in reports and shared online.



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Over \$830 million is currently banked in municipal reserves – earning interest and opening opportunities for larger investments in the future.



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Funds can be invested in infrastructure projects that boost economic growth, promote a cleaner environment, or build stronger communities.



Broadband
Connectivity



Local and
Regional Airports



Local Roads
and Bridges



Public
Transit



Short-Line
Rail



Short-Sea
Shipping



Brownfield
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Community
Energy Systems



Drinking
Water



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Wastewater



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Building



Culture



Disaster
Mitigation



Recreation



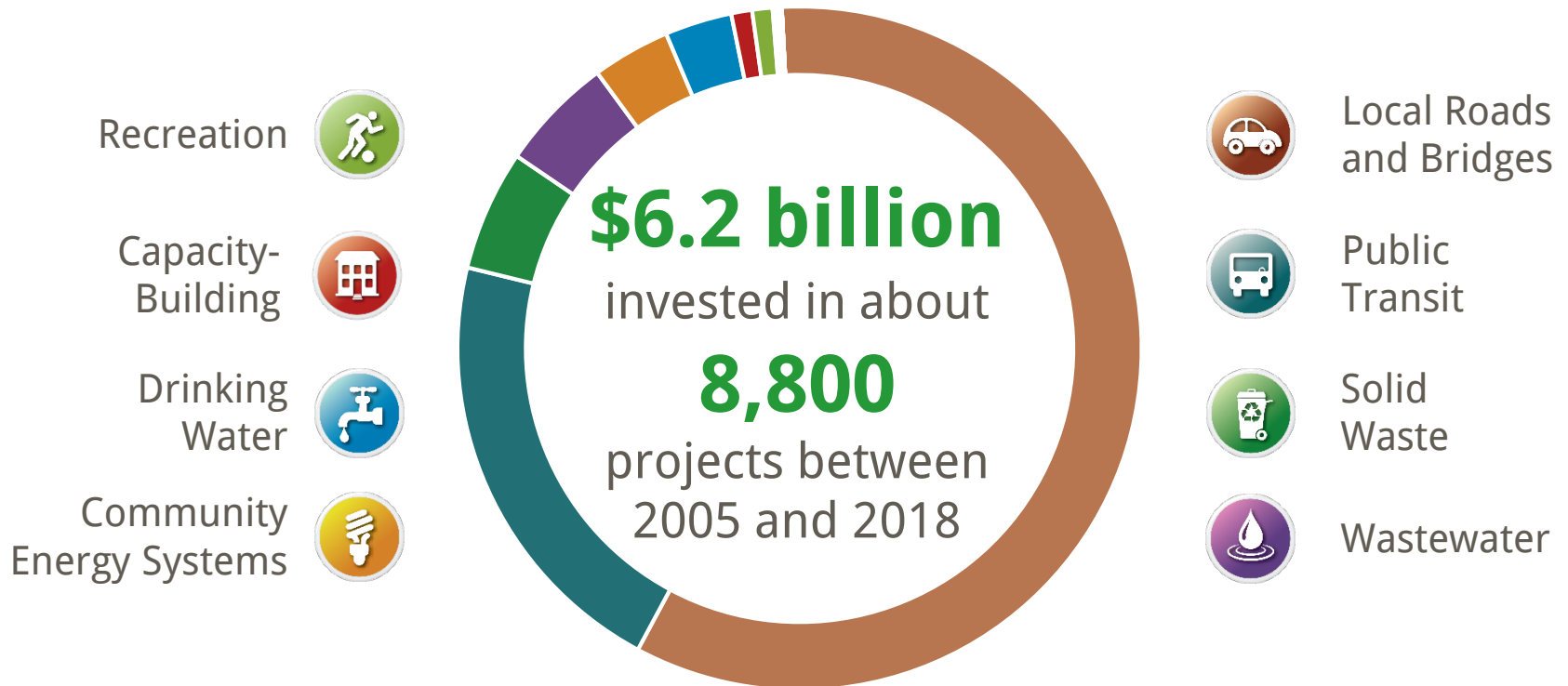
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Tourism

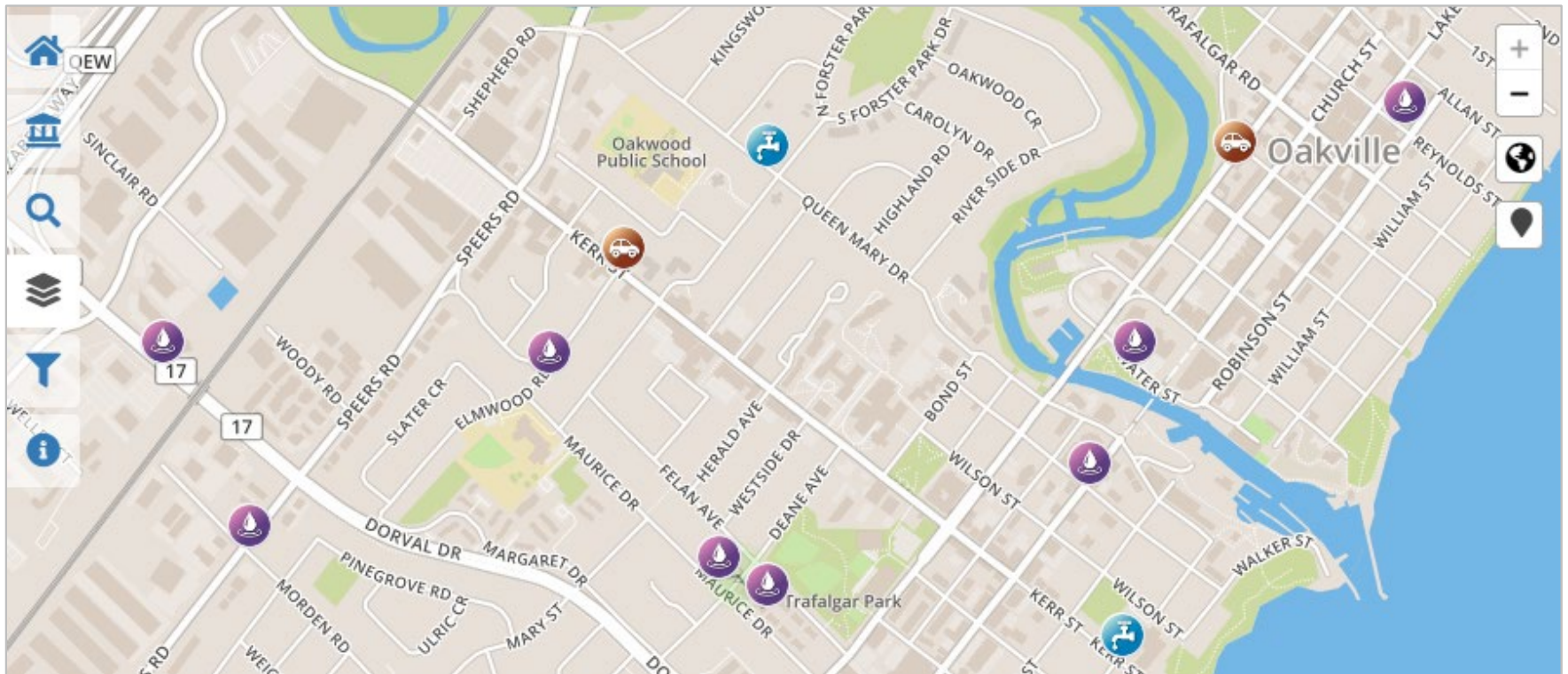
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Ontario's municipalities dedicate the bulk of their federal Gas Tax funds to transportation infrastructure.



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Projects supported by the Fund are mapped online. Find projects in and around your neighbourhood at www.gastaxatwork.ca/project-map.



The Federal Gas Tax Fund

Investments of the Fund have tangible impacts on our residents and communities. Between 2014 and 2016 alone, the Fund helped:

Install nearly 27,000
energy-efficient streetlights

Purchase, replace or refurbish
over 650 public transit vehicles

Distribute over
25,000 new
blue boxes
or green bins

Rehabilitate
over 9,000
lane-km of
local roads



Replace or rehabilitate over
100 km of pipes and sewers

The Federal Gas Tax Fund

The Fund isn't the only federal infrastructure program supporting municipalities – but it is uniquely:

- **Predictable**

Funds are provided up-front, twice a year – allowing communities to plan and budget for the long-term.

- **Flexible**

Municipalities can bank funds, finance up to 100% of the cost of eligible projects, and invest funds across 17 types of infrastructure.

- **Focused on local decision-making**

Local governments identify their priorities and allocate funds accordingly – putting shovels in the ground sooner and delivering results faster.

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Council input is critical to keep federal Gas Tax funds flowing smoothly through our communities. Continue to do your part by:

- **Identifying priority investments**

Establish a culture of asset management in your community that values evidence-based infrastructure investment.

- **Leveraging the Fund**

Use the Fund to complement – without replacing – other sources of infrastructure funding and knock down the infrastructure deficit.

- **Promoting your projects**

Share the story of your investments and their impact on your community.



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