



SAND PLAINS
Community Development Fund

PROJECT #4038

PROJECT NAME: Greenhouse Expansion

Business/Organization: Patterson Farms

County: Norfolk County

Priority Categories Addressed: agri-business

Loan Amount: \$250,000

Board-Approval Date: 10 January 2017

Project Summary: Business used financing for one acre expansion to greenhouse cucumber operation, with enhanced boiler/heating and nutrient distribution system.

Regional Economic Impacts & Benefits: Business will employ 8 full-time and part-time people once the facility is operational (total of two acres under plastic).

Market Impact Assessment: This greenhouse provides yearround cucumber product to key wholesalers. Much of their product goes to Subway that has featured the operation in a promotional video. Volatility of the cucumber market (periodic flooding of the Ontario market by US/Mexico produce) will be an on-going challenge.

WEB: PROJECT ANNOUNCEMENT