



**SAND PLAINS**  
*Community Development Fund*

PROJECT # 23-P026

**PROJECT NAME:** Sand Plains Fish Farm

**Business/Organization:** Sand Plains Aquaculture Facility

**County:** Middlesex

**Priority Categories Addressed:** Agribusiness

**Loan Amount:** \$1,000,000

**Board-Approval Date:** January 18, 2012

**Project Summary:** This project will convert a former mushroom plant on Gladstone Drive in the Municipality of Thames Centre to a state – of – the – art fish farm.

**Regional Economic Impacts & Benefits:** While the Sand Plains Aquaculture will provide direct employment for 10 new staff and support for 3-5 positions in planning and construction, additional positions will be created as the facility expands.

**Market Impact Assessment:** With all live Tilapia consumed in the Toronto market being imported directly from the United States, Sand Plains Aquaculture has great potential. The operation plans to expand to other markets for fresh fish in the future, such as Coho Salmon or Arctic Char.

WEB: PROJECT ANNOUNCEMENT