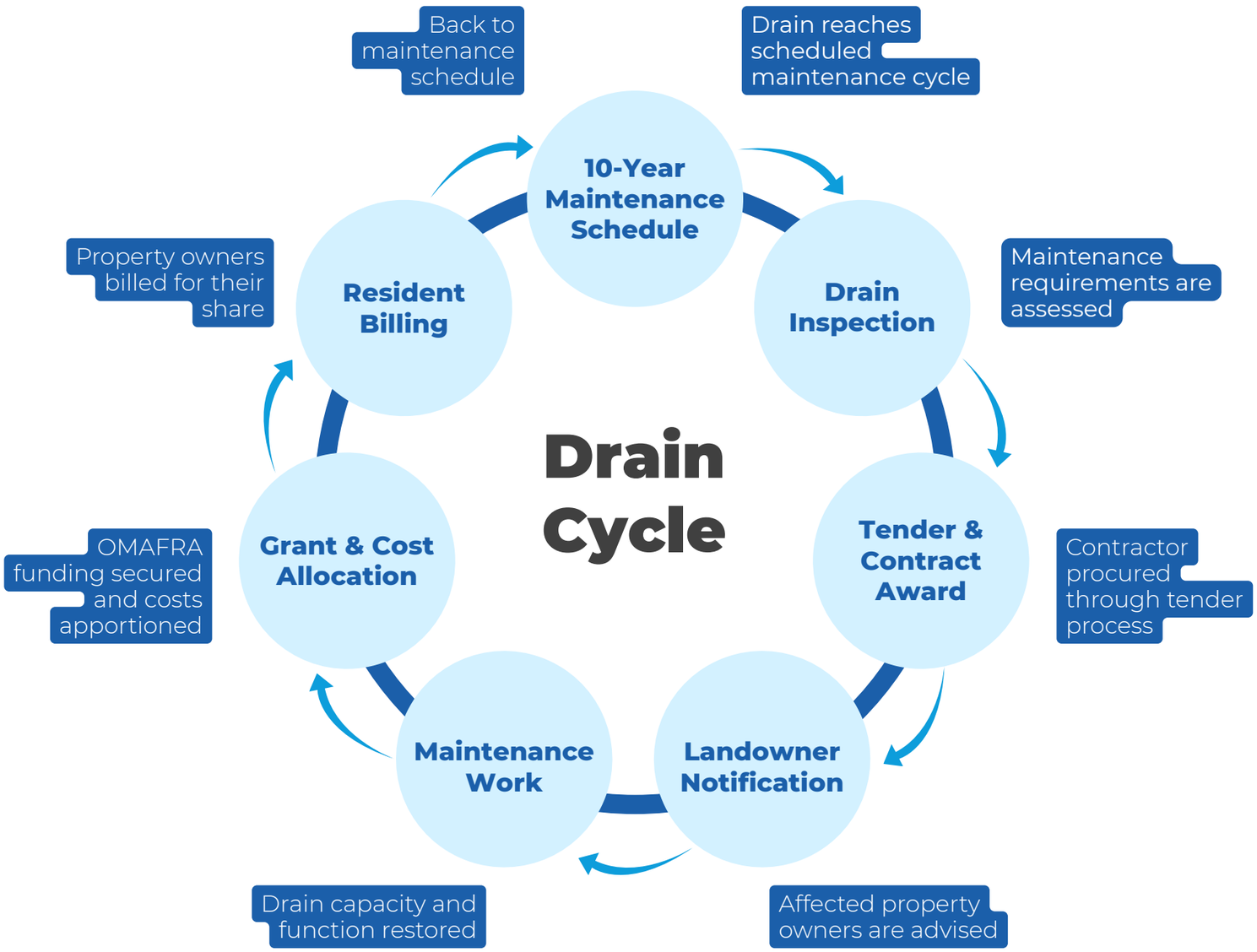
Municipal Drain Maintenance Lifecycle

Municipal drains are **provincially regulated infrastructure managed by Haldimand County** under the Drainage Act. Although many drains cross private property, they remain municipal infrastructure. Drains are inspected and maintained on a planned cycle to ensure they continue to provide drainage and flood protection benefits to the surrounding watershed.



Common Misconceptions About Municipal Drains

MYTH "It's on private property, so it's privately owned"

REALITY Drains are maintained by the municipality

MYTH "The County pays all maintenance costs"

REALITY Costs are apportioned among properties within the watershed

MYTH "Drain maintenance only happens when there's a complaint"

REALITY Maintenance is planned through a 10-year cycle

MYTH "Every affected property sees the same work"

REALITY Activity varies depending on location within the watershed

The drainage maintenance process includes a separate multi-year billing and cost recovery process. **See the Municipal Drain Maintenance & Billing Timeline for additional details.**