



Tompkins County Legislature

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Ithaca, NY 14850

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Department: Planning and Sustainability Department

Category: Plans and Reports - Approval, Acceptance

Functional Category: Comprehensive Plan

SCHEDULED

RESOLUTION NO. DOC ID: 8891

Amendment to the 2015 County Comprehensive Plan – Five-Year Review

WHEREAS, in 2015, the Tompkins County Legislature adopted the 2015 Tompkins County Comprehensive Plan to guide County program development and decision making, and

WHEREAS, the Tompkins County Charter states “The plan shall be monitored annually, updated as necessary, and formally reviewed every five years following adoption,” and

WHEREAS, the Tompkins County Department of Planning and Sustainability, with guidance and advice of the Tompkins County Planning Advisory Board, has conducted a thorough review of the Tompkins County Comprehensive Plan - including progress on the Plan’s 28 recommended Action Items, changes in data upon which the Plan was based, the Plan’s 12 Principles and 52 Policies, and issues that have arisen since the Plan was adopted in 2015, and

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Plan review was subject to opportunities for public review and comment, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Planning and Sustainability and the Planning Advisory Board have recommended adding 18 new Action Items to the Plan to be initiated before the next scheduled Plan update in 2025, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Planning, Energy, and Environmental Quality Committee, That the Tompkins County Comprehensive Plan be amended by adding the following Action Items to the Comprehensive Plan:

1. Municipal Assistance: Undertake direct outreach and engagement with municipalities several times each year to identify opportunities to assist their implementation of projects that would directly promote the policies of the Tompkins County Comprehensive Plan or projects identified in County strategies. [Department of Planning and Sustainability]
2. Strategic Tourism Plan: Update the *Tompkins County 2020 Strategic Tourism Plan (2012)*. [Strategic Tourism Planning Board, Department of Planning and Sustainability]
3. Priority Trails: Work with community partners to further implement the Tompkins Priority Trails Strategy. [Department of Planning and Sustainability]
4. Route 13 Corridor Study: Develop the 2020 State Route 13 Corridor Study and identify opportunities to implement recommendations. [Department of Planning and Sustainability, Ithaca-Tompkins County Transportation Council]
5. Housing Funding: Identify and pursue methods to continue and expand the Community Housing Development Fund Program. [Department of Planning and Sustainability]
6. HABs Strategy: Establish a detailed countywide Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs) strategy based on the Cayuga Lake and Owasco Lake HABs Action Plans and identify the actions, and the appropriate lead agencies, to be taken in Tompkins County that would most effectively reduce HABs . [Water Resources Council]
7. Stream Corridor Protection: Provide resources to support and encourage local officials to establish mechanisms and programs for protecting stream corridors. [Department of Planning and Sustainability]
8. Watershed Rules and Regulations: Evaluate existing watershed rules and regulations within the region to determine best practices for protecting drinking water quality and enforcement mechanisms, focusing on the potential of establishing such rules for the Cayuga Lake watershed. [Department of Planning and Sustainability, Health Department]

- 1 9. County-Owned Forestlands: Establish clear goals for managing County-owned Forest Lands and develop a
2 plan of action for advancing those goals. [County Legislature, Environmental Management Council,
3 Department of Planning and Sustainability]
- 4 10. Resiliency and Recovery Plan: Develop the Tompkins County Resiliency and Recovery Plan that both
5 includes an update of the *Tompkins County Hazard Mitigation Plan (2013)* and develops tools to support
6 resiliency and post-disaster economic recovery. [Department of Planning and Sustainability]
- 7 11. Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory: Conduct greenhouse gas emissions inventories both for the community
8 and for County government operations, to be able to compare and track progress from the *2008 GHG*
9 *Emissions and Energy Use Inventories*. [Department of Planning and Sustainability]
- 10 12. Energy Infrastructure: Work with the Public Service Commission, state agencies, and NYSEG to plan for and
11 support reliable and adequate energy infrastructure in the County that advances the County's greenhouse gas
12 emissions goals, while supporting the County's Economic Development Strategy and Housing Strategy.
13 [Department of Planning and Sustainability]
- 14 13. Business Energy Advisors: Continue to implement the Business Energy Advisors program and explore
15 methods to improve and expand its impact on reducing greenhouse gas emissions in the commercial sector.
16 [Department of Planning and Sustainability]
- 17 14. Employee Commutes: Assist County employees in reducing greenhouse gas emissions from their daily
18 commutes. [Department of Planning and Sustainability, Human Resources]
- 19 15. Net-zero Emissions Facilities and Fleet: Undertake an inventory and analysis of County facilities and fleet to
20 determine a financially sound path to net-zero emissions. [Facilities Department, Department of Planning and
21 Sustainability]
- 22 16. Water and Sewer Study: Support TCAD's update of the *Countywide Inter-Municipal Water and Sewer*
23 *Feasibility Study for Tompkins County (2010)* and disseminate the results to municipalities. [Department of
24 Planning and Sustainability]
- 25 17. Planning and Design: Identify and share ways local municipalities can use the Planning and Design Principles
26 from the *Development Focus Areas Strategy (2012)* in their communities. [Department of Planning and
27 Sustainability]
- 28 18. Cayuga Lake Blueway Trail: Complete tasks associated with the regional Cayuga Lake Blueway Trail
29 Implementation grant from the New York State Department of State. [Department of Planning and
30 Sustainability]

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