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TO: Planning, Development, and Environmental Quality Committee
From: Megan McDonald, Senior Planner
Date: December 12, 2016
Re: Proposed Timeline for Development of the Tompkins County Housing Strategy

Action Requested

No action is requested at this time.

Background

The Planning Department has prepared the following timeline for the development of the Tompkins County Housing Strategy now that the Danter Company's work on the Housing Needs Assessment and the Housing Summit are completed.

- **January-February 2017:** Summit information and Housing Needs Assessment information processed. The Summit's comment cards, written questions, and evaluation forms will be transcribed, sorted, and analyzed to inform any additional housing needs work and priority areas for additional research to inform the Strategy development.
- **February-March 2017:** Housing Summit follow-up initiatives. Based on initial conversations around the Housing Summit and Housing Needs Assessment work, some of these initiatives may also be led by organizations that partnered in developing the Summit and are likely to include:
 - A developers' roundtable discussion.
 - A program to discuss obstacles and potential solutions to meeting condominium demand.
 - A program to discuss obstacles and potential solutions to providing "missing middle housing," or multi-unit housing types compatible in scale with single-family homes that help meet the growing demand for walkable urban living.
 - Further discussion of specific and quantifiable special housing needs.
- **March-April 2017:** General public outreach and engagement regarding the Housing Strategy.
- **May-June 2017:** Development of the Housing Strategy.

Financial Implications

Limited funds are available from (1) previously received donations meant to support additional analysis of housing needs, and (2) previously received donations and grant funds to support Housing Summit activities. Budget adjustments are in progress to make these funds available in the early part of 2017. Also, \$30,000 has been made available in the 2017 County budget to support Planning Department projects to implement the Tompkins County Housing Strategy.

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