

## **Tompkins County Area Development (TCAD)**

### **Tompkins County Industrial Development Agency (TCIDA)**

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**City Centre** – The IDA approved incentives for a 218,211 square foot, 8-story mixed-use project that will redevelop an underutilized property in the heart of downtown Ithaca with 192 apartments and a mix of commercial and retail uses on the ground floor. The project is the second the IDA has approved with an enhanced incentive package for renewable energy and energy efficiency measures.

**Community Solar Policy** – The IDA held an informational meeting for taxing jurisdictions to learn more about the proposed policy that would provide a consistent countywide policy for off-site community solar projects. The IDA has been accepting applications under the proposed guidelines of the policy.

**Enfield Solar Projects** – The IDA accepted applications for two, approximately two-megawatt (MW) community solar projects in the Town of Enfield. The first is proposed by a subsidiary of Renovus, a local company that has been designing and installing solar arrays since 2003. Another project is proposed by Delaware River Solar, a company that has also secured approvals for 6 MW of community solar in the Town of Newfield. Public hearings will be held before the IDA holds a final vote.

**Dryden Solar Projects** – The IDA accepted applications for two large, community solar projects: an 18 MW array near Turkey Hill Road and the other, a 12 MW array on Dryden Road.

### **Economic Development Leadership**

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**Congressional Meetings** – While in Washington, DC, attending an economic development conference, TCAD President Michael Stamm met with staff members of Tompkins County's Congressional delegation. Discussions focused on challenges and opportunities impacting economic development, private sector investment and job creation. Specific topics included workforce development training and energy infrastructure.

**Regional Economic Development Council Advanced Manufacturing Workgroup** – Heather McDaniel was appointed to this workgroup of the Regional Council. The workgroup is tasked with increasing the pipeline of advanced manufacturing applications through the Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) process, providing assistance in reviewing Upstate Revitalization Initiative applications, and making recommendations for updates to the Regional Council's Strategic Plan as it relates to manufacturing.

### **State Budget**

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Several of the Governor's proposals were included in the State budget including: a second round of the Downtown Revitalization Initiative, round 7 of the CFA program, \$60 million for Restore NY and \$750 million for a new life sciences initiative.