



Tompkins County

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TO: Planning, Development, and Environmental Quality Committee
From: Megan McDonald, Senior Planner
Date: June 22, 2017
Re: Endorsing the Tompkins County Housing Strategy

Action Requested

A resolution to endorse the Tompkins County Housing Strategy is requested.

Background

The Department of Planning and Sustainability incorporated information from the 2016 Housing Needs Assessment, the 2016 Housing Summit, and the 2017 Legislature/Department Head Retreat to develop a draft outline for a new Tompkins County Housing Strategy. This draft was presented and made available for public comment in May 2017. It has been revised and developed into the attached Housing Strategy document based on public comment as well as feedback received from this Committee, the Tompkins County Planning Advisory Board, the Tompkins County Housing Strategy Partners (including individuals/organizations involved in both the 2007 Housing Strategy development as well as those involved in development of the Housing Needs Assessment and members of the Community Housing Development Fund's Program Oversight Committee), the Housing Summit Planning Committee, and the Tompkins County Chamber of Commerce CEO Roundtable.

The proposed Strategy provides targets for housing units and their locations, approaches to achieve these desired units in appropriate locations, and monitoring efforts that will be needed to track progress in meeting the county's housing needs.

Budget Implications

None. However, implementation of the Strategy would be expected to have financial implications that would be reviewed by the Legislature prior to implementation. Additionally, incorporating feedback received from this Committee, the approaches described within this Strategy that involve the County's Department of Planning and Sustainability Strategy assume an additional full-time staff member is available for implementation.

Enclosure

Resolution No. ___ Endorsing The Tompkins County Housing Strategy
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