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To: Planning, Energy and Environmental Quality Committee
From: Joan Jurkowich, Planning Administrator
Date: September 16, 2019
Re: Amendment to the 2015 County Comprehensive Plan – Five-Year Review

Action Requested

The proposed action is to adopt a resolution to amend the 2015 Tompkins County Comprehensive Plan in response to the results of the five-year review of that plan. A related resolution would schedule a public hearing which is required in order to amend the Comprehensive Plan. Both resolutions must also be approved by the full Tompkins County Legislature.

Background

The current Tompkins County Comprehensive Plan was adopted by the Tompkins County Legislature on March 3, 2015. It presents a vision for the future of the community based on a set of twelve Principles. The Comprehensive Plan also includes 52 Policies and 28 Action Items intended to help achieve that vision.

The purpose of the five-year review was to determine if conditions in the community have changed to such an extent as to warrant a formal amendment to the plan. The review was conducted by the Department of Planning and Sustainability with the advice and guidance of the Planning Advisory Board and with outreach to the community and County advisory boards. In addition, the recommendations included in other plans and strategies were examined with special emphasis placed on those documents that were developed since 2015.

The Planning Advisory Board, at their September 10 meeting, recommended amending the 2015 Comprehensive Plan in order to incorporate 18 new Action Items for the County to undertake to help implement the Plan.

Financial Impact

None. However, over the next few years, the Legislature may be asked to provide financial support for efforts by County Departments to undertake the proposed Action Items.

Enclosures

- Department of Planning and Sustainability report on the Five-Year Review of the 2015 Comprehensive Plan
- Planning Advisory Board resolution “Recommendation to Adopt the List of New Action Items as an Amendment to the Tompkins County Comprehensive Plan”
- Draft Resolution: Scheduling a Public Hearing for the Amendment of the Tompkins County Comprehensive Plan
- Draft Resolution: Amendment to the 2015 County Comprehensive Plan – Five-Year Review

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