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TOMPKINS COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN KICKOFF SURVEY

Tompkins County will be updating its 2004 Comprehensive Plan by 2014 and needs the input of residents, as well as local employees, and employers, to help develop the scope of the Plan. The County has released an online survey at tompskinscountyny.gov/compplan to gather input from interested persons on the issues that should be addressed in the plan update. The County is asking for responses by October 10, 2013.

The County's plan is based on the understanding that certain issues are regional in nature and require cooperation among all levels of government. The Plan currently addresses a variety of issues: housing, transportation, and jobs; the environment and energy; and neighborhoods and communities. These elements of the Plan will be updated.

According to Ed Marx, Commissioner of Planning, "The Tompkins County Comprehensive Plan needs to reflect our community's values, build on our assets, and improve our quality of life. To do that, community members need to be involved in the process."

The updated plan will incorporate two new elements: community sustainability and climate change adaptation. Several other new elements have been proposed. The public's response to the survey will help the County identify which new elements to include.

Questions about the survey can be addressed to the Tompkins County Planning Department at 607-274-5560 or planning@tompskins-co.org. The Planning Department will also provide hard copies of the survey upon request.

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