

**Planning, Development, and Environmental Quality Committee**

Regular Meeting Minutes

**Wednesday, June 2, 2010 3:30 PM**

Scott Heyman Conference Room

Approved July 7, 2010

Present: C. Chock, Vice Chair; F. Proto, P. Pryor, W. Burbank (arrived 3:45 p.m.)  
Excused: P. Mackesey  
Staff: E. Marx, J. Jurkowich, J. Lecesse, Planning, J. Mareane, P. Younger, J. Kippola, Administration; M. Lynch, Public Information; K. Fuller, Deputy Clerk  
Legislators: M. Robertson, Chair, P. Stein  
Guests: Steve Penningroth, Community Science Institute; Fred Bonn, Convention and Visitors Bureau; Brett Bossard, Community Arts Partnership; David Sparrow, Strategic Tourism Planning Board; J. McPheeters, Chamber of Commerce; Stacy Shackford, The Ithaca Journal

**Call to Order**

Carol Chock, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

**Changes to Agenda**

There were no changes to the agenda.

**Minutes Approval**

It was MOVED by Ms. Pryor, seconded by Mr. Proto, and unanimously adopted by voice vote by members present, to accept the minutes of April 07, 2010, as amended. MINUTES APPROVED.

**Stream Monitoring Program**

**Cayuga Inlet Monitoring Program - (DOC ID: 1978)**

Steve Penningroth of the Community Science Institute presented the result of monitoring work currently being completed in a variety of watersheds and the Cayuga Inlet. The monitoring work in tributaries involves taking samples at various locations in a downstream location at several hour intervals. By doing so it enables comparable readings to determine the flow and distribution of sediments and various chemicals found in the water. The areas of study in the monitoring process is phosphorus, e-coli, salt, and some preliminary information from gas wells. It does not cover pesticides, personal care products, etc.

The monitoring that has occurred has indicated the following levels of phosphorus:

Fall Creek – 48%  
Cayuga Inlet – 48%  
Sewage Treatment Plants – 3.5 %  
Lakesource Cooling – 0.5%

With regard to sediment, Fall Creek loads 31,000 tons/year, Six Mile Creek 18,000 tons/year, and it is unknown what the exact figure is from the rest of Cayuga Inlet, although it is estimated at 10,000 tons/year. Taking into account all the sediment, approximately 36 acre-feet is loaded to the lower Inlet and southern shelf per year. As a result of sediment, the Southern shelf is declared to be “impaired” on the 303(d) list and also affects navigability of the Cayuga Inlet and preservation of the Stewart Park lake front. It was noted that because it is contained within the sediment, the phosphorus and sediment levels mirror each other.

Mr. Burbank arrived at this time.

With regard to pathogenic microbes in streams, the E.coli counts are within the EPA guideline of 235 colonies/100 ml much of the time, however, during stormwater conditions it increases to 2,000 colonies/100 ml or higher. Upon reaching the Cayuga Lake off-shore areas the E.coli becomes very low at about 10 colonies/100 ml or less.

Mr. Penningroth summarized the benefits of monitoring the water quality in the Cayuga Inlet, noting it shows phosphorus concentrations vary considerably across the Inlet watershed; E.coli counts are below the EPA recommended limit at most locations; chloride (salt) concentrations exceed the New York State Department of Conservation guideline of 50 mg/L at several locations; and most of the Inlet sediment load appears to come from Six Mile Creek. He informed the Committee of the database kept by the Community Science Institute that shows watershed profiles as a result of the monitoring and noted it would continually be updated to include seasonal data.

Following the presentation Mr. Penningroth responded to Ms. Pryor's questions that the program began in 2002, with monitoring of the Newfield portion of the Inlet taking place since 2007. In 2009, the County gave support for three years that allowed the monitoring to expand from 4 locations to 18 locations. With regard to Salmon Creek monitoring, Mr. Penningroth said it was not this program; the equipment being referred to is for a gauging station, which has not been functional due to lack of funding. He also noted that the City phosphorus reduction system would not be reflected in the monitoring since the water would be discharged directly into the lake; the monitoring he reported on is only for tributaries.

Mr. Burbank asked what policies or regulations should be undertaken as a result of the monitoring efforts. Mr. Penningroth explained policies or regulations for consideration should state what needs to be done to control phosphorus, sediment, bacteria, and salt, however, there needs to be a baseline in order to determine success. He said that it also provides information of what is not needed; although bacteria is coming down streams it is spread out in the lake to an extremely low limit. Perhaps after a heavy rainstorm high bacteria counts would be present. It also shows the amount of sediment and from where. Right now the heaviest concentration is Six Mile Creek.

Mr. Stein said the monitoring makes it clear there is not a problem from the Lakesource cooling. He then asked if there is any mitigation that could be done with regard to the high phosphorus levels. Mr. Penningroth said one phosphorus is a particulate that attaches to the sediment that sinks to the bottom of the lake. Once there, it does not release itself from the sediment. Ms. Jurkowich said one thing that is being done is work to stabilize banks to assist in the elimination of erosion. Also used are buffers and natural vegetation to intercept the flow into the streams.

Mr. Schutt noted research has determined that a lot of sediment is "legacy" sediment, which could be from the turn of the century, when much of the County was deforested. This caused a great deal of erosion into the streams, which are now flushing out.

Mr. Proto said Mr. Penningroth would also be providing the presentation to the Water Resources Council. He then spoke of having heard concerns that with regard to Six-Mile Creek, the higher levels could be alleviated if the City of Ithaca were more aggressive in cleaning up the upper silt dam. He noted a local contractor had excavated the area and resold the product as topsoil. With regard to septic systems, there are discussions on setbacks, sand filters, and leach fields. Mr. Proto said several years ago the Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board was provided maps that indicated a lot of the upstream concerns were not due to agriculture but chemicals applied to lawns.

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**Strategic Tourism Planning Board**

**STPB Budget (DOC ID: 2034)**

Mr. Mareane said by agreement the STPB budget process added the element of a review by the County Administrator. He reviewed the \$1.8 million budget, noting that sixty percent of the funds go to tourism and marketing, with forty percent to product development, after the reduction of overhead costs. During the review he noted the increase in salary fringes was due to a combination of increased fringe expenses and a very modest increase in wages tied to the increase in living wage rates. With regard to the Staff/Tourism Coordinator position that had been approved and funding made available for 2010, Mr. Mareane said the group is close to bringing forward a recommendation. He also noted the economy appears to be working in our favor and could be better than had previously been anticipated.

Ms. Kippola said although approval of the budget is sought, it does not have to occur at this time.

In response to Mr. Proto's questions, Mr. Bonn noted there are 7 FTE positions and 3-4 seasonal positions within the Convention and Visitor's Bureau marketing operation. With regard to the Staff/Tourism Coordinator Position, Ms. Kippola said there are some grant program requests that are ready at this time; the unexpended funds for the position could be used to provide grants to the applicants.

A brief discussion took place regarding the use of the funds not required for the position being used as a reserve to offset the position for future years. Mr. Mareane said that although it had been discussed previously it is thought that at this time the revenue appears to be able to carry the position without the reserve. Ms. Kippola noted the STPB budget process begins in March, utilizing three-months of statistics. At this time five-months of data has been received and the outlook is good. The budget will be revisited by STPB in July and any necessary adjustments to the proposed 2011 budget would take place.

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**Appointment (DOC ID: 2035): STPB Appointments**

The Committee discussed the recommendations for an At-Large and Arts/Culture seat on the Strategic Tourism Planning Board. It was noted that not all resume applications were completely filled out and that one resume application had inadvertently been omitted from the process. The Committee requested that the Strategic Tourism Planning Board again go through the selection process, including a review of the resume that was omitted.

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**Soil & Water Conservation District**

**Resolution (DOC ID: 1977): Resolution: Requesting Determination of the Potential Role of the Upper Susquehanna Coalition and Its Member Soil and Water Conservation Districts in Providing Technical Assistance to Serve Local Agricultural and Public Interests During Potential Development of Natural Gas Production in the Upper Susquehanna Region**

Ms. Chock said the resolution had been tabled from the previous meeting to allow members to have the opportunity to see a clean copy of the recommendations made. She has no objection to the resolution as it is now presented.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>RECOMMENDED [UNANIMOUS]</b>                    |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Frank Proto, Member                               |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Will Burbank, Member                              |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Will Burbank, Carol Chock, Frank Proto, Pat Pryor |
| <b>EXCUSED:</b>  | Pamela Mackesey                                   |

WHEREAS, gas drilling in the Marcellus Shale and other low permeable natural gas bearing formations, and the construction of gathering lines, will involve critical questions regarding soil and water resources, and

WHEREAS, potential locations of drilling sites and the activities associated with all the phases of the extraction, and the placement of gathering lines, depends upon a technical understanding of local soil types, land use, hydrology including drainage characteristics of prospective sites, topography and other relevant landscape features, and

WHEREAS, it is unlikely well drillers will have local knowledge and experience to best accommodate all the soil and water factors that should be taken into consideration; and

WHEREAS, much of the land at issue is active farmland, and

WHEREAS, gas well drilling activities and pipeline construction can significantly affect agricultural resources, and

WHEREAS, relevant local technical expertise is available in respective County Soil and Water Conservation Districts, and

WHEREAS, Districts have authority to provide technical support as provided in New York State Soil and Water Conservation District Law (“SWCDL”) Section 9, and

WHEREAS, the gas drilling will take place largely within the Upper Susquehanna River Basin, but may also take place in the Great Lakes Basin, and

WHEREAS, geographically this basin falls within the scope of the various County Soil and Water Conservation Districts that comprise the Upper Susquehanna Coalition and other relevant watersheds, and

WHEREAS, engagement of Soil and Water Conservation Districts acting in concert through the Upper Susquehanna Coalition is provided for in SWCDL Section 9, “Powers of Districts and Directors” and Section 10, “Cooperation Between Districts”, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Planning, Development, and Environmental Quality Committee, That the Tompkins County Legislature requests that the Upper Susquehanna Coalition explore how the member Soil and Water Conservation Districts of the Upper Susquehanna Coalition might be engaged to assist landowners, especially farmers, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, and others concerned with the public interest associated with drilling activities and gathering lines, with the purpose of providing sound technical assistance within the power of Districts as described in SWCDL Sections 9 and 10, and as may be granted in other sections of the SWCDL, for the planning and possible implementation of drilling and associated activities, including pipeline construction, using proven local soil and water technical capability to ensure the best use and protection of natural resources, as they answer questions and provide technical information to gas drilling companies,

RESOLVED, further, That this exploration should include a mechanism that would allow compensation but protect the County Soil and Water Conservations Districts in a manner that maintains their autonomy as they provide technical assistance, rather than by direct contributions or payments from these industries to the local County Soil and Water Conservation Districts,

RESOLVED, further, That the Clerk of the Legislature shall forward certified copies of this Resolution to the above-mentioned organizations.

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**Resolution (DOC ID: 2029): Authorizing a Continuation of the Grant Agreement Between Tompkins County and Tompkins County Area Development, Inc. for the Tompkins County Area Development Countywide Loan Fund**

Ms. Lecesse said that Ms. Armstrong had to excuse herself from the meeting; she had hoped to let the Committee know the program has been very successful.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>RECOMMENDED [UNANIMOUS]</b>                    |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Frank Proto, Member                               |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Will Burbank, Member                              |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Will Burbank, Carol Chock, Frank Proto, Pat Pryor |
| <b>EXCUSED:</b>  | Pamela Mackesey                                   |

WHEREAS, the Tompkins County Legislature through Resolution No. 2008-127, authorized granting of Tompkins County Economic Development Revolving Loan Funds to Tompkins County Area Development, Inc. (TCAD), and

WHEREAS, the Tompkins County Economic Development Revolving Loan Fund has been capitalized through repayment of loans made with grants from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and from the New York State Office for Small Cities, and

WHEREAS, the current agreement with TCAD regarding the grants to the TCAD Countywide Loan Fund will expire in September 2010 with a remaining balance of thirteen thousand dollars (\$13,000), and

WHEREAS, TCAD has expressed its desire to continue the agreement to support the TCAD Countywide Loan Fund for the purpose of making economic development loans which meet HUD funding criteria, now therefore it be

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Planning, Development, and Environmental Quality Committee, That Tompkins County shall provide grants to TCAD of Tompkins County Economic Development Revolving Loan Funds for the purpose of funding economic development loans to assist businesses that will provide economic benefits to Tompkins County and its residents in accordance with HUD standards,

RESOLVED, further, That County shall make funds available based upon the currently available funds and other community development priorities of the County, and such amount shall be derived from the County's CDBG Economic Development Funds,

RESOLVED, further, That the grant program will be for the term of three years with an end date of September 2013 at which time this agreement may be extended for an additional year, and additional funds added to the TCAD Countywide Loan Fund as funds permit,

RESOLVED, further, That in September of each year, the Tompkins County Planning Department will provide TCAD with a balance figure for the year based on funds available for that year after consideration of other county community development needs and a review by the Planning, Development, and Environmental Quality Committee,

RESOLVED, further, That the County Administrator or his designee be authorized to execute agreements in order to effect this grant program consistent with this resolution.

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Due to a lack of time, the Planning Department Program Impact Assessment and Commissioner's Report were tabled to the July meeting.

**Privilege of the Floor -- Cancer Action NY**

Carcinogenic Pollutants in Our Food Supply (DOC ID: 2031)

Mr. Donald Hassag, Director of Cancer Action NY, spoke to the Committee in a telephone conference call to educate Legislators concerning the matter of carcinogenic persistent pollutants in the food supply and to seek adoption of a resolution that expresses County support for State and Federal efforts to provide such education. He provided scientific information that outlined the hazards of dioxins and other carcinogenic persistent organic pollutants in the food supply, noting such food supply constitutes a major source of exposure that contributes to cancer causation. Mr. Hassag said that the pollutants contaminate all animal fat and the general public needs to have more awareness of the exposure route of the carcinogens.

Members of the Committee shared his concern regarding contamination and asked if any other counties had passed resolutions in support. Mr. Hassig said St. Lawrence County passed a resolution asking that the State investigate the matter, however, the local Public Health Director in that County did not feel comfortable educating the public since it would conflict with the industry in their county. He did note that there have been six townships who passed supporting resolutions.

In response to a question from Ms. Chock, Mr. Hassag said there is no direct funding for Cancer Action NY and that there are not very many members at present. Cancer Action NY had worked to stop a local lumber mill whose process was creating excessive pollutants; at that time there were more members and noted the initiative was successful.

Mr. Burbank was excused at this time (5:32 p.m.).

Mr. Proto said it is premature to act on the resolution and noted he is concerned about the science being presented. This particular topic would normally be discussed by the local Health Departments whose responsibility are Public Health issues. In addition, he believes before any action could be taken it would require the County Attorney to review the matter to be certain there would not be any liability involved. Ms. Chock said she also would like to have Cornell Cooperative Extension discuss the matter as well since they have a strong connection to agricultural and environmental issues.

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**Adjournment**

On motion, the meeting adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

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Present: P. Mackesey, Chair, C. Chock, W. Burbank, P. Pryor, F. Proto

Staff: J. Kippola, J. Mareane, P. Younger, County Administration; M. Armstrong, Tompkins County Area Development, M. Lynch, Public Information Officer; C. Schutt, Tompkins County Soil and Water Conservation District; C. Schulte, Water Resources Council; E. Marx, J. Jurkowich, J. Leccese, Planning Department

Legislature: M. Robertson, Chair; P. Stein

Guests: D. Sparrow, Strategic Tourism Planning Board; S. Shackford, Ithaca Journal

**Call to Order**

Chair Mackesey called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

**Changes to Agenda**

Ms. Mackesey said the resolution regarding the Susquehanna Coalition under the Soil and Water Conservation District portion of the meeting was for information only.

**Approval of Minutes of March 3, 2010 (DOC ID: 1923)**

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>COMMITTEE APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>  |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Will Burbank, Member                   |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Pat Pryor, Member                      |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Mackesey, Burbank, Chock, Proto, Pryor |

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**Strategic Tourism Planning Board**

**Resolution: Award of Spring 2010 Tourism Capital Grants (DOC ID: 1902)**

In response to Mr. Proto’s comments concerning a former study done for Stewart Park, Ms. Armstrong said this study is to determine how to improve the buildings to draw visitors to Stewart Park. It will include information on whether to build a new public works facility, update and utilize the second floor of the boathouse, etc. She also indicated a volunteer group has been doing maintenance on the buildings to restore the exterior. The previous study was to determine different uses, priority of projects, and the overall responsibility for maintenance associated with the areas. The Tompkins County Chamber of Commerce is leading the work, and include identifying who would be responsible for maintenance. Ms. Kippola reassured Mr. Proto the grant program excludes funding for maintenance.

Ms. Pryor said discussions at the City of Ithaca regarding improvements and upgrades to the park facilities has taken place for more than ten years. The City is responsible for maintaining the park, and has kept it open to any member of the public, including visitors, without cost.

Ms. Mackesey said because the grants are from room tax it is appropriate to fund the study to determine how the work could benefit tourist attraction. The buildings have fallen into disrepair due to the City not having funding and the project would ensure the buildings survive and some of the County history is maintained.

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Ms. Chock believes each grant addresses the guidelines for use to attract visitors as well as cover specific items in the Comprehensive Plan, including the Tourism Strategic Plan. If looking beyond the feasibility study she would make a distinction regarding the maintenance for City or municipal uses and the adaptive reuse of a building. She noted the budget for PRI/Museum of the Earth was to be split over the course of two years. Ms. Chock's recommendation of clarifying the round of grants and separation of the grants to PRI/Museum of the Earth were found to be friendly.

Mr. Proto asked about the rental fees for use of the various buildings and whether the study would provide the information. Ms. Armstrong said the information was provided with the application. The rental is not a large amount and is not linked to the maintenance of the buildings.

Mr. Burbank supports the resolution and said he believes Stewart Park should be part of a County park system.

Mr. Stein agrees with Mr. Burbank's comments. With so much history, including the early years of movie-making, it would be a shame to see the buildings in disrepair. Mr. Proto agreed with the idea of a County park system, which could also include an area in Danby.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>RECOMMENDED [UNANIMOUS]</b>         |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Pat Pryor, Member                      |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Carol Chock, Member                    |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Mackesey, Burbank, Chock, Proto, Pryor |

WHEREAS, the Tompkins County Tourism Program includes Tourism Capital grants and Tompkins County Area Development (TCAD) administers the Tourism Capital Grants process, which includes designing the application process, reviewing and analyzing the feasibility and economic impact of tourism projects, and providing oversight for tourism projects, and

WHEREAS, funding exists within the 2010 Room Tax Occupancy budget for Tourism Capital Grants, and

WHEREAS, TCAD reviewed the following projects with the Strategic Tourism Planning Board (STPB), and the STPB anticipates that the following project will encourage the development of tourism products and attractions in order to improve community assets, to increase the tourism business in the County, and to increase the income from the Room Occupancy tax, and the following grant awards have been reviewed and recommended by the STPB, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Planning, Development, and Environmental Quality Committee, That the County Administrator or his designee is authorized to sign all documents related to these projects:

| Entity                             | Project  | 2010     |
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| Center for Transformative Action   | Dorothy Cotton Institute Feasibility Study     | \$7,500  |
| Tompkins County Chamber Foundation | Stewart Park Building Rehab. Feasibility Study | \$15,000 |
| PRI/ Museum of the Earth           | Glacier/Climate Exhibit Project                | \$20,000 |

RESOLVED, further, That upon completion of the requirements outlined in the grant agreements, including the availability of Room Tax Occupancy funding and PRI/Museum of the Earth obtaining the required outside funding, the County Administrator or his designee is authorized to sign all documents relating to this 2011 project:

| Entity                   | Project                         | 2011     |
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| PRI/ Museum of the Earth | Glacier/Climate Exhibit Project | \$30,000 |

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Explanatory note:

- Full application materials are available for review at <http://www.tcad.org/private/tourismCapital.php>

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**Resolution: Authorization to Contract with Tompkins County Area Development for 2010 Tourism Capital Grants Program (DOC ID: 1903)**

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>RECOMMENDED [UNANIMOUS]</b>         |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Carol Chock, Member                    |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Will Burbank, Member                   |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Mackesey, Burbank, Chock, Proto, Pryor |

WHEREAS, the County has provided funding for tourism entirely from the Room Occupancy Tax account, and the County Legislature appoints members to the Strategic Tourism Planning Board (STPB) to make recommendations concerning expenditures from that account, and

WHEREAS, the Tompkins County Legislature approved an increase in the Room Tax in 2001 to support the development of tourism products and attractions, among other objectives, including the funding of feasibility studies, seed money or funding for tourism capital projects, and

WHEREAS, the STPB also recognizes the need to encourage the development of tourism products and attractions through the Tourism Capital Projects Grant Program, in order to increase the tourism business in the County, and to increase the income from the Room Occupancy tax, and

WHEREAS, the STPB has recommended that Tompkins County Area Development (TCAD) continue to administer the Tourism Capital Projects Grants process that has a 2010 total budget of \$133,263, divided into a grants budget of \$119,937 and an administration budget of \$13,326, and

WHEREAS, STPB will be responsible for recommending grants from this program to the appropriate Legislative committee, and TCAD will administer the application process, will review and analyze the feasibility and economic impact of a project, will provide oversight for each project, and provide such analysis with recommendations to the appropriate Legislative committee, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Planning, Development and Environmental Quality Committee, That the County Administrator or his designee is authorized to sign an agreement with TCAD pertaining to this program,

RESOLVED, further, that, of the total program amount of \$133,263, up to \$13,326 (10 percent of total program expenditures) shall be paid to TCAD for 2010 administrative evaluation and oversight services,

RESOLVED, further, That the Planning, Development and Environmental Quality Committee or its successor is authorized to recommend expenditures be made from this Program Account, with the understanding that such expenditures shall be subject to the approval by the Tompkins County Legislature.

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**Resolution: Funding of Spring 2010 Community Celebrations Grants (DOC ID: 1904)**

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**RESULT:** RECOMMENDED [UNANIMOUS]  
**MOVER:** Frank Proto, Member  
**SECONDER:** Carol Chock, Member  
**AYES:** Mackesey, Burbank, Chock, Proto, Pryor

WHEREAS, Tompkins County has a grant program for community celebrations using funds drawn entirely from Room Occupancy Tax, and

WHEREAS, Tompkins County has requested and reviewed grant applications for recommendation to the Tompkins County Legislature through the Planning, Development, and Environmental Quality Committee with the advice of the Strategic Tourism Planning Board, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Planning, Development, and Environmental Quality Committee, That the following Spring 2010 grants are approved:

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| Town of Enfield   | 2010 Enfield Harvest Festival                         | \$1,770      |
| City of Ithaca    | 2010 Congo Square Market                              | 800          |
| Town of Caroline  | 2010 Caroline Open House                              | 2,000        |
| City of Ithaca    | 2010 Cayuga Lake Community-Build                      | 1,000        |
| City of Ithaca    | 2010 Juneteenth African American Heritage Celebration | 2,000        |
| Village of Groton | 2010 Sesquicentennial Celebration of Village          | 800          |
| Town of Danby     | 2010 Danby Fun Day                                    | 910          |
| Town of Enfield   | 2010 Enfield Elementary School Celebrating 51 Years   | 500          |
| Town of Lansing   | 2010 Myers Park Concerts                              | 1,050        |
| City of Ithaca    | 2010 West End Waterfront Rhiner Festival              | 2,000        |
| City of Ithaca    | 2010 Celebrating Youth in the Arts                    | 550          |
| Town of Dryden    | 2010 Dryden Lake Festival                             | 2,000        |
| Town of Groton    | 2010 Annual Halloween Celebration                     | 350          |
| City of Ithaca    | 2010 Latino Heritage Month Celebration                | 2,000        |
| Town of Newfield  | 2010 Newfield Old Home Days                           | <u>2,000</u> |
|                   |   | \$19,730     |

RESOLVED, further, That the County Administrator or designee shall be authorized to sign any documents related to the aforementioned projects.

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**Resolution: Funding of Spring 2010 Tourism Project Grants (DOC ID: 1907)**

It was MOVED by Ms. Chock, seconded by Mr. Burbank, to amend the resolution and increase the grant award for 2010 Light in Winter Festival to \$10,000. Ms. Chock said the increase is warranted to provide additional funding to offset the economic decline. Although the funding was reduced due to a decline in participation, the festival designed their parameters around the request that it take place during winter, a non-traditional tourist period. Ms. Kippola explained the grant award to Light in Winter from the review committee was less than the \$7,000; the amount had been increased by the Strategic Tourism Planning Board (STPB). In response to questions, Ms. Kippola explained the reduction had been due to a decrease in actual hotel room nights for the event. In addition, the total available for grants was \$69,000, with \$46,000 recommended for grants; leaving \$23,000 for a round of grants in the fall.

Ms. Mackesey opposes the amendment; she believes the STPB has carefully determined what the grant awards should be based on information provided.

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Ms. Chock said Light in Winter does not have the available resources other proposals have.

Mr. Proto said the purpose of the grants are to increase room nights; while he would like to support the event it appears there are not as many room nights. Ms. Pryor agreed with Mr. Proto's comments.

Mr. Sparrow, Chair of the STPB, said the members were skeptical about the diminishing impact on the hotel industry during the festival. They had reported 37 room nights as the yield for the nights of the Light in Winter Festival.

A voice vote on the amendment resulted as follows: Ayes – 2 (Legislators Burbank and Chock); Noes – 3 (Legislators Mackesey, Proto, and Pryor). MOTION FAILED.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>RECOMMENDED [UNANIMOUS]</b>         |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Frank Proto, Member                    |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Pat Pryor, Member                      |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Mackesey, Burbank, Chock, Proto, Pryor |

WHEREAS, Tompkins County has a grant program for Tourism Projects using funds drawn entirely from Room Occupancy Tax, and

WHEREAS, Tompkins County has requested and reviewed grant applications for recommendation to the Tompkins County Legislature through the Planning, Development, and Environmental Quality Committee with the advice of the Strategic Tourism Planning Board, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Planning, Development, and Environmental Quality Committee, That the following Spring 2010 grants are approved:

RESOLVED, further, That the County Administrator or designee shall be authorized to sign any documents related to the aforementioned projects.

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| Tompkins Co. Chamber Foundation | Interpretive Panels- Waterfront Trail Phase 3 | \$ 8,000        |
| Cayuga Lake Wine Trail          | 2010 Greyhound Wine Tour & Friends            | \$ 2,000        |
| Downtown Ithaca Alliance        | 2010 Downtown Ithaca Festival of Ice          | \$ 9,000        |
| Light in Winter Festival, Inc.  | 2010 Light in Winter Festival                 | \$ 7,000        |
| bioDevelopments                 | 2010 Ithaca Scottish Games & Celtic Festival  | \$10,000        |
| PRI & Museum of the Earth       | 2001 One Fish, Two Fish, Old Fish, New Fish   | <u>\$10,000</u> |
|                                 |   | \$46,000        |

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**Resolution: Funding of Spring 2010 Tourism Marketing and Advertising Grants (DOC ID: 1913)**

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>RECOMMENDED [UNANIMOUS]</b>         |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Pat Pryor, Member                      |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Carol Chock, Member                    |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Mackesey, Burbank, Chock, Proto, Pryor |

WHEREAS, Tompkins County has a grant program for Tourism Marketing and Advertising using funds drawn entirely from Room Occupancy Tax, and

WHEREAS, Tompkins County has requested and reviewed grant applications for

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recommendation to the Tompkins County Legislature through the Planning, Development, and Environmental Quality Committee with the advice of the Strategic Tourism Planning Board, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Planning, Development, and Environmental Quality Committee, That the following Spring 2010 grants are approved:

|   |   |          |
|---|---|----------|
| PRI & Museum of the Earth               | 2010 One Fish, Two Fish, Old Fish, New Fish Exhibit \$5,000 |          |
| State Theatre of Ithaca, Inc.           | 2010 Dan Zanes & Friends Performance                        | \$3,000  |
| Cayuga Wine Trail                       | 2010 Holiday Shopping Spree                                 | \$4,000  |
| Cayuga Wine Trail                       | 2010 Greyhound Wine Tour & Friends                          | \$2,500  |
| Historic Ithaca                         | 2010 Central NY Window Preservation Conference              | \$750    |
| Downtown Ithaca Alliance                | 2010 Downtown Ithaca Festival of Ice                        | \$2,000  |
| Cayuga Lake Watershed                   | Cayuga Eco-Cruise Pilot                                     | \$2,500  |
| Ithaca Triathlon Club                   | 2011 Cayuga Lake Triathlon                                  | \$3,400  |
| Light in Winter Festival, Inc.          | 2011 Light in Winter  | \$5,000  |
| bioDevelopments-International Institute | 2010 Ithaca Scottish Games & Celtic Festival                | \$1,250  |
|   |   | \$29,400 |

RESOLVED, further, That the County Administrator or designee shall be authorized to sign any documents related to the aforementioned projects.

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Strategic Tourism Planning Board Presentation – Baseline Survey

Ms. Kippola announced the Strategic Tourism Planning Board will have a baseline survey presentation on May 4<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. at the Holiday Inn. The Chumura consulting firm will provide information on a survey of visitors to Tompkins County and what attracted them to our area.

Transportation

**Resolution: Appropriation of 2010-2011 Budgets for the Ithaca-Tompkins-County Transportation Council (DOC ID: 1919)**

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>RECOMMENDED [UNANIMOUS]</b>         |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Frank Proto, Member                    |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Pat Pryor, Member                      |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Mackesey, Burbank, Chock, Proto, Pryor |

WHEREAS, Tompkins County serves as the Host Agency for the Ithaca-Tompkins County Transportation Council, the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Ithaca-Tompkins County area, and

WHEREAS, the County has a contract with the New York State Department of Transportation to provide funding for the Ithaca-Tompkins County Transportation Council through grants provided by the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration, and

WHEREAS, the Ithaca-Tompkins County Transportation Council has grant authorizations for its 2010-2011 fiscal year, beginning April 1, 2010 and ending March 31, 2011, in the amounts of \$280,350 from the Federal Highway Administration, and \$42,034 from the Federal Transit Administration, and

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WHEREAS, the Policy Committee of the Ithaca-Tompkins County Transportation Council has adopted resolution 10-1, *APPROVAL OF THE 2010-2011 ITHACA-TOMPKINS COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL OPERATING BUDGET*, which requests that the Host Agency (Tompkins County) take the appropriate actions to fully implement said operating budget, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Planning, Development and Environmental Quality Committee, That the budgets for the Ithaca-Tompkins County Transportation Council, as presented in "ATTACHMENT A" to this resolution, be amended in the 2010 Tompkins County budget and that the County Finance Director be authorized to expend such funds for the period from April 1, 2010 through March 31, 2011.

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**Resolution No.  
 ATTACHMENT A**

**2010-2011 ITCTC OPERATING BUDGET**

| CODE  | DESCRIPTION                 | Current Year Funds |           |             |
|-------|-----------------------------|--------------------|-----------|-------------|
|       |                             | 10/11 FHWA         | 10/11 FTA | 10/11 TOTAL |
| .4959 | REVENUES: FEDERAL AID       | \$280,350          | \$42,034  | \$322,384   |
|       | EXPENSES: COMBINED SALARIES | 186,661            | 23,359    | 210,020     |
| .8800 | FRINGE                      | 75,598             | 9,460     | 85,058      |
| .2206 | COMPUTER EQUIPMENT          | 0                  | 500       | 500         |
| .2210 | OTHER EQUIPMENT             | 0                  | 0         | 0           |
| .2214 | FURNITURE & FIXTURES        | 0                  | 400       | 400         |
| .2230 | COMPUTER SOFTWARE           | 0                  | 300       | 300         |
| .4303 | OFFICE SUPPLIES             | 0                  | 0         | 0           |
| .4330 | PRINTING                    | 0                  | 750       | 750         |
| .4332 | BOOKS/PUBLICATIONS          | 0                  | 200       | 200         |
| .4400 | PROGRAM EXPENSE             | 8,000              | 0         | 8,000       |
| .4402 | LEGAL ADVERTISING           | 0                  | 750       | 750         |
| .4412 | TRAVEL/TRAINING             | 500                | 1,000     | 1,500       |
| .4414 | LOCAL MILEAGE               | 256                | 1,000     | 1,256       |
| .4416 | PROFESSIONAL DUES           | 300                | 300       | 600         |
| .4424 | EQUIPMENT RENTAL            | 3,500              | 0         | 3,500       |
| .4425 | SERVICE CONTRACTS           | 250                | 750       | 1,000       |
| .4432 | RENT                        | 250                | 250       | 500         |
| .4442 | PROFESSIONAL SERVICE FEES   | 1,135              | 865       | 2,000       |
| .4452 | POSTAGE SERVICES            | 500                | 500       | 1,000       |
| .4472 | TELEPHONE                   | 400                | 1,150     | 1,550       |
| .4618 | INTERDEPARTMENTAL CHARGE    | 0                  | 500       | 500         |
| .4905 | CENTRALLY DISTRIBUTED ITEMS | 3,000              | 0         | 3,000       |
|       |                             |                    |           |             |

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|  |                       |                  |                 |                  |
|  | <b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b> | <b>\$280,350</b> | <b>\$42,034</b> | <b>\$322,384</b> |

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**Water Resources Council Annual Report (Doc Id: 1918)**

Mr. Proto said a requirement of the Water Resources Council is to present the annual report in April. The subcommittees of the Water Resources Council put forth a great deal of effort to complete this task. Ms. Schulte, Tompkins County Council of Governments representative on the Water Resources Council, provided a brief overview of the Water Resources Council 2009 Annual Report. With regard to the work done by the Gas Drilling Committee, Ms. Mackesey noted County representatives met with several individuals in Albany who were amazed by the work done by staff and volunteers in the County and the Water Resources Council.

Ms. Schulte said all of the aspects of work done by the Water Resources Council would be affected in some way by gas drilling and will require a great deal of effort. She also noted the assistance of the Planning staff is critical for the Water Resources Council to be able to complete their work.

Ms. Chock asked what the Water Resources Council’s plans are regarding gas drilling’s affect on water quality, referencing a Federal document on scoping for the relationship of drilling and water quality. Ms. Schulte said she read the 118 page document and although a comment could be prepared, she does not know if it is necessary. Although she would provide a brief comment from herself.

Ms. Schulte said the Water Resources Council will continue to review information regarding gas drilling and are waiting for the State to respond to the comments before continuing work.

Mr. Proto stated that the Water Resources Council is the officially designated advisory board for water bodies in Tompkins County and that the request for comments should have come to that body. Ms. Mackesey asked that any additional comments on the annual report be directed to the Water Resources Council or to Mr. Proto.

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**Update on Strategic Tourism Planning Position**

Ms. Mackesey asked Mr. Mareane to address the issue of hiring an individual for the work that former Legislator Stuart Stein has been doing for the Strategic Tourism Planning Board.

Mr. Mareane said the Strategic Tourism Planning Board had set aside funds for a position, however, due to budget constraints last year action to move forward has been delayed. There continues to be a need for staff support; a great deal of work has been done by volunteers but now exceeds the level a volunteer board should be expected to undertake. The position should call for a single point of accountability for the spending of room tax dollars, how the funds are spent, assist in helping the committee to shape its expectations, and have the responsibility of spending the funds. Mr. Mareane has had discussions with a number of individuals and stakeholders to develop a report outlining what the responsibilities should be and a recommended organizational model.

In response to Ms. Pryor’s question, Mr. Mareane anticipates the position would fit into the current departmental structure. He also noted the position would be funded through the Room Tax revenue.

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**Soil and Water Conservation District Report (DOC ID: 1920)**

Mr. Schutt provided a written overview of the Soil and Water Conservation District operations, including grants received, contracts, sales, education, and hydroseeding.

Following review of the report, Mr. Schutt also informed the Committee he has six employees with a \$1 million budget, the majority coming from the State. The County provides space as well as approximately \$110,000 for financial support. Mr. Proto spoke of the value of the Soil and Water Conservation District, bringing approximately \$1 million into the County.

Mr. Schutt reported working with Cornell University to obtain an agricultural-plastic baler to recycle agricultural plastic rather than dispose of it through burning and other means. This initiative came about as a result of the State Public Health regulations regarding open burning. This equipment would be used in surrounding counties as well.

Ms. Chock asked what Mr. Schutt sees as potential work and problems due to hydrofracking in the State. He said that Pennsylvania was hit very fast and did not have time to prepare; New York State will have a period of time to determine a course of action. At the present time it appears the largest concern is the road conditions due to increased heavy-truck traffic. Although the gas companies have signed maintenance agreements to repair any damage, they are overwhelmed at the road repair work that is required. The recommendation is that the Soil and Water Conservation Districts could assist in providing technical assistance with erosion/sediment control, stormwater issues around paths, and pipelines, etc.

Ms. Robertson said it is critical to support the agency’s assistance with the gas drilling issue and that perhaps there should be industry support. Ms. Mackesey said concern has been expressed that if the Districts receive industry funding it may reduce objectivity. Mr. Schutt said the District is not and does not choose to be regulatory; a review would be completed to determine the extent of work to be done.

*Ms. Chock asked that a future agenda item be the differences of the various water districts.* Mr. Schutt said a meeting held in Newfield had a Susquehanna Basin member give a presentation and it was interesting to hear their information.

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**Planning Department**

**Resolution: Support for State Legislation to Amend Current Enabling Laws Authorizing Sustainable Energy Financing Programs (DOC ID: 1916)**

Mr. Marx said there is movement in the State Legislature to make amendments that will allow local municipal programs as outlined within the resolution. In response to Mr. Proto’s question regarding the funding and bonding associated with the resolution, Mr. Marx said the legislation would give the County the option to get bonding; the current legislation only allows the use of current Federal grant funds for these programs. Mr. Proto asked if it is different than the Industrial Development Agency and if there would be any exposure. Mr. Marx said there are ongoing discussions with bond counsel to determine how to structure bond financing to determine what would be the County’s legal responsibility. It would be financed by an assessment on the property tax of participating parcels. The resolution is simply to ask for the authority to do so. Mr. Proto said there is a timing issue as the State Legislature is in session and there is a push to act upon this. It was noted that discussions over the past six months regarding this issue have included the County Administrator and Finance Director. Once authority is given the next step would be to look further to determine how to proceed and answer various questions. It was also noted that any further action would have to come back to the Legislature for approval.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>RECOMMENDED [UNANIMOUS]</b>         |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Pat Pryor, Member                      |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Carol Chock, Member                    |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Mackesey, Burbank, Chock, Proto, Pryor |

WHEREAS, in August 2009, the Tompkins County Legislature adopted Resolution #146 “Support for State Legislation Authorizing Municipalities to Establish Green Loan Programs to Provide Financing to Residential and Commercial Property Owners for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Improvements” and

WHEREAS, in November 2009, by Chapter 497 of the Laws of 2009, the State of New York authorized an amendment of the General Municipal Law by creating Article 5-L to allow municipalities to create Property Assessed Clean Energy Programs (known in New York State as “Sustainable Energy Financing Programs”) to promote the deployment of renewable energy systems and energy efficiency improvement measures at residential and commercial properties; and

WHEREAS, Tompkins County wishes to increase energy efficiency of existing buildings, reduce energy costs for residents, reduce carbon emissions to help mitigate climate disruption, reduce the negative health effects of fossil fuel emissions, and create and retain local jobs in the energy audit and energy contracting sector; and

WHEREAS, Tompkins County wishes to explore mutually beneficial ways of:

- Leveraging private sources of capital with other public and private resources to accomplish these objectives; and
- Coordinating efforts with Federal, State, and other agencies and authorities to assure that activities are compatible with the plans and programs of the cooperating municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the Sustainable Energy Financing Program enabled by Article 5-L should be amended to allow broader sources of funding while securing and facilitating such programs. Such legislation is now pending in the New York State Senate and Assembly, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Planning, Development and Environmental Quality Committee, That the Tompkins County Legislature hereby requests the State of New York to adopt legislation to amend, strengthen and correct technical deficiencies within the current enabling laws authorizing Sustainable Energy Financing Programs, including allowing the use of bonds and other sources of public and private financing to establish and implement such programs,

RESOLVED, further, That the Clerk of the Legislature is authorized to forward this resolution in support of amending current enabling laws authorizing Sustainable Energy Financing Programs to Governor David A. Paterson, Senate Majority Leader Malcolm Smith, Senate Minority Leader Dean Skelos, Senator George Winner, Senator James Seward, Senator Michael Nozzolio, Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver, Assembly Majority Leader Ron Canestrari, Assembly Minority Leader Brian Kolb, Assemblywoman Barbara Lifton, and the New York State Association of Counties.

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**Commissioner’s Report (DOC ID: 1917)**

Mr. Marx reported on the following items:

- Energy Report – there has been a lot of work regarding the energy strategy component of the Comprehensive Plan. The issue of quantifying and determining how to systematically reduce the energy and greenhouse gas emissions is understandably complicated and even more complex as moving forward. Many of the ways to determine measurement are changing and the carbon

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intensity measures of fuels sources requires recalculation. Although time consuming it is interesting to learn the changes as we go forward.

- Phase 2 – County Conservation Plan – the public meeting was held several weeks ago regarding the Agriculture Resource Focus Plan portion. He recommended members review the document online to have a full understanding of agriculture in the various areas of the County.
- Planning Advisory Board – last month there was a great deal of discussion regarding development and area focus planning with municipalities. This would look at the information in County and local Comprehensive Plans as well as the sewer and water infrastructure plans, and assist in planning future developments. There will be a meeting this spring with local municipal planners and officials to discuss how the broadened view of development would be beneficial.
- Comprehensive Plan Implementation Update – a review of the five-year progress of the Comprehensive Plan will take place.

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**Environmental Management Council**

**Appointment (DOC ID: 1922):**

Ms. Jurkowich said the Environmental Management Council does solicit applications several times a year. She does not believe there was a specific request for applicants since a request for interested parties had taken place earlier this year.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>RECOMMENDED [UNANIMOUS]</b>         |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Will Burbank, Member                   |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Frank Proto, Member                    |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Mackesey, Burbank, Chock, Proto, Pryor |

Brian B. Eden – At-large representative, term to expire December 31, 2010.

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**Housing Fund Proposal Recommendations (DOC ID: 1921)**

Ms. Mackesey reported on the progress of the Housing Fund Program, noting the Notice of Funding Availability period is complete. Six proposals were received and reviewed by the Applications Review Committee with three recommendations being made. The next step is the three entities, Cornell University, City of Ithaca, and Tompkins County meeting this Friday to discuss which entity will fund each project, with a goal of working toward having the funding in one budget line, meeting the needs of all the three groups.

Mr. Proto asked if there is a timeframe for applicants not approved to resubmit a request. Ms. Mackesey said another round of applications would take place at the end of April. Applicants not approved were given information on how to improve their application forms for future consideration. Ms. Mackesey said the application submitted by Shelter Valley Home was not considered due to Health Department concerns and that the application was not complete.

Mr. Burbank asked what the County decision-making process with this program is and was informed that it would require Committee and Legislature approval. Mr. Marx said if the Committee has any concerns or reservations they should be given prior to the meeting with the City and Cornell University.

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In response to Ms. Chock’s question regarding whether the applications would be expected to move forward to permanent affordability, Mr. Marx said the review committee was very pleased with the quality of applications received. Ms. Mackesey said the oversight committee had a broad view of the applications; she believed it was a great combination of not-for-profit, for profit, and both inside and outside the City of Ithaca. She said it is a work in progress and there is a great deal of cooperation among the three parties. Mr. Marx said the housing trust provides funding to underwrite the cost of the housing unit in return for keeping it permanently affordable.

A brief discussion took place regarding the process and potential concerns with projects. Ms. Pryor spoke of a constituent concern regarding the Ithaca Neighborhood Housing project design, believing vehicles would have to back into a main roadway. Mr. Marx said the design does not have a parking area in a position to cause that to happen; the Town of Ithaca has approved the project design.

Ms. Mackesey stressed the importance of this initiative, recognizing it has already gone through a detailed process.

*The Committee requested copies of the NOFA and how the funds would be used. Ms. Fuller will forward this information.*

It was noted the funds for the program are from the CDBG grant, not local tax dollars.

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**Blue Ribbon Commission on the Future of Farming**

Ms. Mackesey said there was a request for representation on the New York State Association of Counties Blue Ribbon Commission on the Future of Farming; the County could have up to two representatives. It was suggested that perhaps a Legislator and representative from Cooperative Extension could join. This Commission will have three meetings and prepare a report. Mr. Proto asked if he could join this Commission and was approved by Ms. Robertson, however, Ms. Kiefer stated he may not be the most appropriate individual to serve. The purpose of this group is to make certain that New York State recognizes the importance of agriculture in the State through information presented by New York State Association of Counties. Following discussion it was thought that Mr. Proto could sit on the Commission with Ms. Pryor as an alternate in the event of conflicts.

**Adjournment**

On motion the meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

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Department: Planning Development & Env. Quality Committee  
Category: Routine Department/Program Activities  
Functional Category:



**TABLED**

**REPORT OR DISCUSSION ITEM**

DOC ID: 1978

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## **Cayuga Inlet Monitoring Program -- Steve Penningroth, Community Science Institute**

# Community Science Institute

Steve Penningroth, Executive Director

Sarah Brower, Chemical Analyst

Michi Schulenberg, Microbiological Analyst

Soraya Delgado, Baseline Testing Coordinator (Gas Wells)

Abner Figueroa, Web Design/Webmaster

CSI is a not-for-profit 501©3 organization governed by a seven-person board of directors

# CSI Monitoring Partnerships with Volunteer Groups in the Southern Cayuga Lake Watershed

- Fall Creek Watershed Committee since 2002 (5/yr.)
- Six Mile Creek Volunteers since 2004 (5/yr.)
- Salmon Creek Volunteers since 2006 (2/yr.)
- Stream Watch (Taughannock and Trumansburg Creeks) since 2006 (2/yr.); Trumansburg sewage treatment plant, 6/yr.
- 4-H2O Monitors: Stewart Park lake shore and tributaries (6/yr.); Cayuga Lake (2/yr.) since 2006
- Cayuga Inlet Volunteers: Newfield since 2007; whole Inlet watershed since 2009 (5/yr.)
- Direct Streams Volunteers: King Ferry – Aurora area, four small streams through dairy farms, since 2009 (3/yr.)

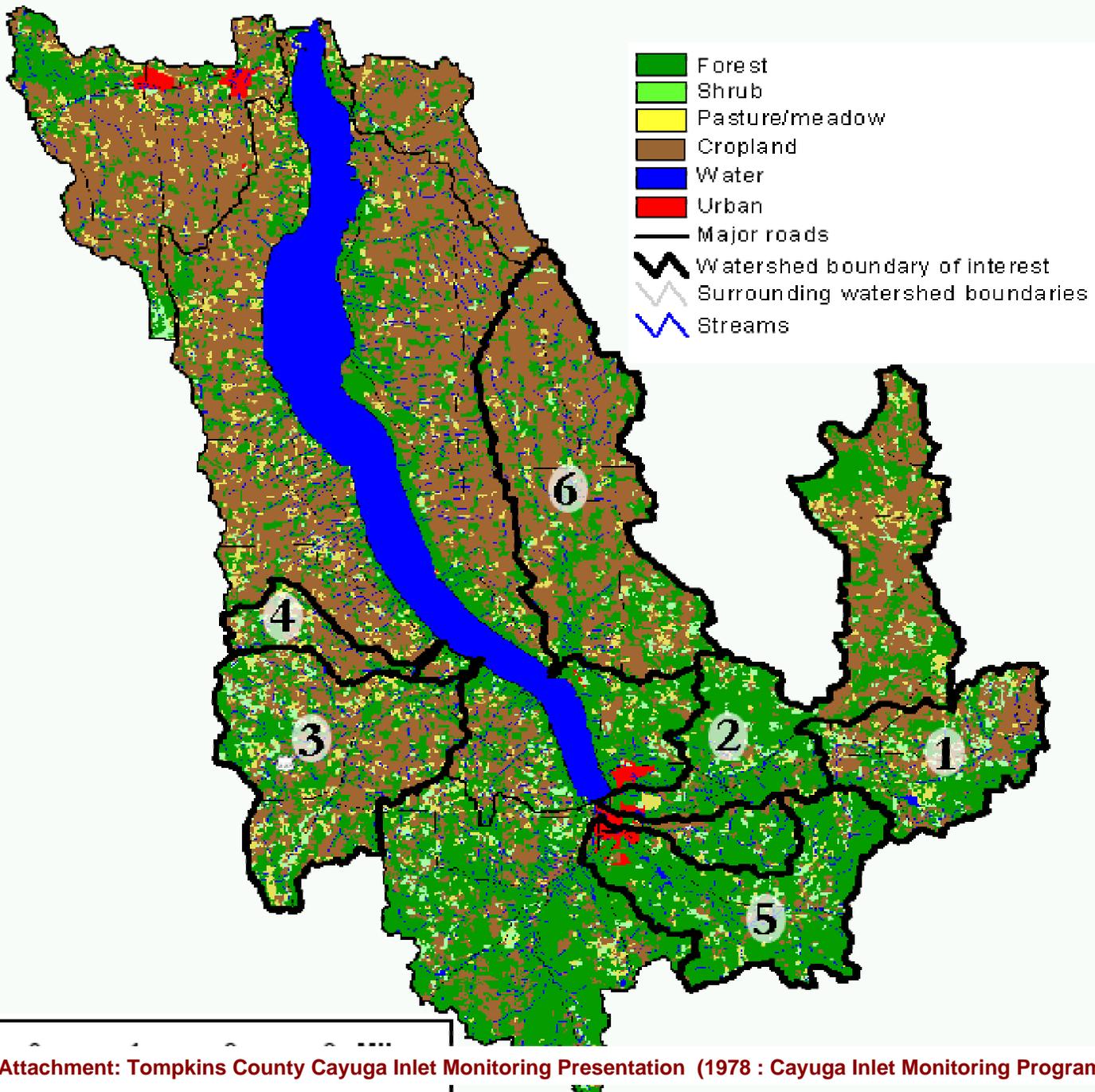
**Approx. 100 sampling locations, 300 samples/year**

**Approx. 17,000 certified water quality data items to date**

## Volunteers collect stream samples and take field measurements

- Collection of stream samples by volunteers is coordinated in each watershed separately
- Volunteers perform “synoptic sampling” by collecting samples at all locations within a few hours of each other
- “Synoptic sampling” makes it possible to profile water quality across the entire watershed





# Water Quality Risks

Types of water quality risks that can be addressed with data from volunteer monitoring partnerships:

1. Phosphorus
2. Sediment
3. E. coli
4. Salt
5. Gas wells (preliminary)

# Water Quality Risks

Types of water quality risks for which currently data are NOT being collected by volunteer monitoring partnerships:

1. Pesticides
2. Pharmaceuticals
3. Personal care products
4. Drug-resistant bacteria

# Risk from Phosphorus

**Primary risk is eutrophication of Cayuga Lake due to excess phosphorus, the limiting nutrient**

- NYSDEC considers 20 ug/L (ppb) the upper limit for a mesotrophic lake like Cayuga Lake
- Total phosphorus concentration is ~20 ug/L (ppb) on southern shelf and ~14 ug/L mid-lake, off Frontenac Point
- Higher phosphorus on southern shelf is due to loading of phosphorus from tributaries and to lesser extent from sewage treatment plants

# Loading of Phosphorus to Cayuga Lake

- ❖ Loading refers to the amount, or mass, of phosphorus that passes from the mouths of tributary streams and other sources into Cayuga Lake each year.
- ❖  $\text{Load} = \text{Concentration} \times \text{Flow}$
- ❖ Annual loads can be estimated, however, all estimates are approximations

**Estimates<sup>1</sup> of Sediment and Nutrient Loading to Cayuga Lake from Tributary Streams Based on Volunteer-CSI Concentration Data and USGS Flow Data**

| <b>TSS</b>              | <i>Six Mile Creek</i> |                           | <i>Fall Creek</i> | <i>Salmon Creek</i> |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| WY                      | Bethel Grove          | Plain Street <sup>2</sup> | Cayuga St. Bridge | SC Mouth            |
| 2004                    | 17212.98              | 15789.24                  | 39765.9           |                     |
| 2005                    | 29962.85              | 25068.2                   | 37631.5           |                     |
| 2006                    | 22593.5               | 19388.8                   | 24889.35          |                     |
| 2007                    | 14253.25              | 12599.8                   | 23644.7           | 10628.8             |
| 2008                    | 10343.16              |                           |                   | 7942.2              |
|                         |                       |                           |                   |                     |
| <b>SRP</b>              | <i>Six Mile Creek</i> |                           | <i>Fall Creek</i> | <i>Salmon Creek</i> |
| WY                      | Bethel Grove          | Plain Street              | Cayuga St. Bridge | SC Mouth            |
| 2004                    | 1.05                  | 1.67                      | 7.12              |                     |
| 2005                    | 0.79                  | 1.30                      | 5.06              |                     |
| 2006                    | 0.91                  | 1.44                      | 5.04              |                     |
| 2007                    | 0.72                  | 1.13                      | 4.39              | 5.22                |
| 2008                    |                       |                           |                   | 4.55                |
|                         |                       |                           |                   |                     |
| <b>Total Phosphorus</b> | <i>Six Mile Creek</i> |                           | <i>Fall Creek</i> | <i>Salmon Creek</i> |
| WY                      | Bethel Grove          | Plain Street              | Cayuga St. Bridge | SC Mouth            |
| 2004                    | 8.83                  | 11.13                     | 40.26             |                     |
| 2005                    | 9.48                  | 10.81                     | 29.2              |                     |
| 2006                    | 8.54                  | 10.28                     | 25.55             |                     |
| 2007                    | 6.22                  | 7.67                      | 23.15             | 12.28               |
| 2008                    |                       |                           |                   | 10.57               |

# Total Phosphorus Loading to Southern Shelf (includes sediment-bound phosphorus)

| <u>Source</u>       | <u>Total Phosphorus (tons/yr.)</u> | <u>% Total</u> |
|---------------------|------------------------------------|----------------|
| Fall Creek          | ~30                                | 48             |
| (Cayuga Inlet       | ~30                                | 48)*           |
| Sewage Plants       | 2.2                                | 3.5            |
| Lake Source Cooling | 0.3                                | 0.5            |

\*Educated guess based on preliminary results from 2009

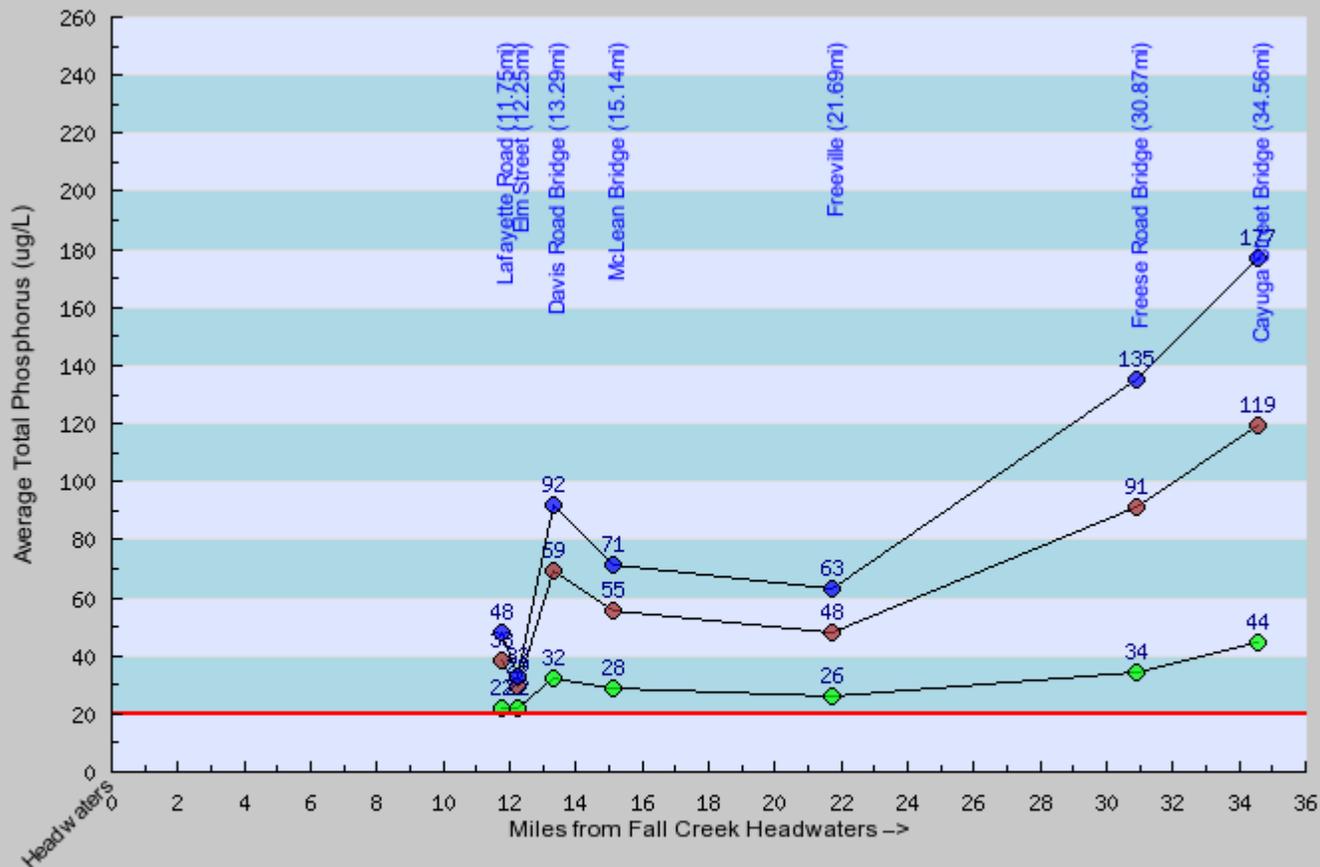
## What are the sources of phosphorus in the Fall Creek and the Cavuga Inlet watersheds?

Attachment: Tompkins County Cayuga Inlet Monitoring Presentation (1978 : Cayuga Inlet Monitoring Program)

# Fall Creek

Average Total Phosphorus under Base Flow Conditions and with Stormwater Impacts

(To see data points comprising the average, click on location name)



- ◆ Grand average for location on Fall Creek
- ◆ Base flow average for location on Fall Creek
- ◆ Stormwater average for location on Fall Creek
- Upper limit for mesotrophic lake, 20ug/L

# Risk from Sediment

- Fall Creek loads ~31,000 tons/year
- Six Mile Creek loads ~18,000 tons/year
- Loading from rest of Cayuga Inlet watershed not yet known; guess 10,000 tons/year
- Total is roughly 60,000 tons (~cubic yards) of sediment, or ~36 acre-feet, loaded to lower Inlet and southern shelf per year

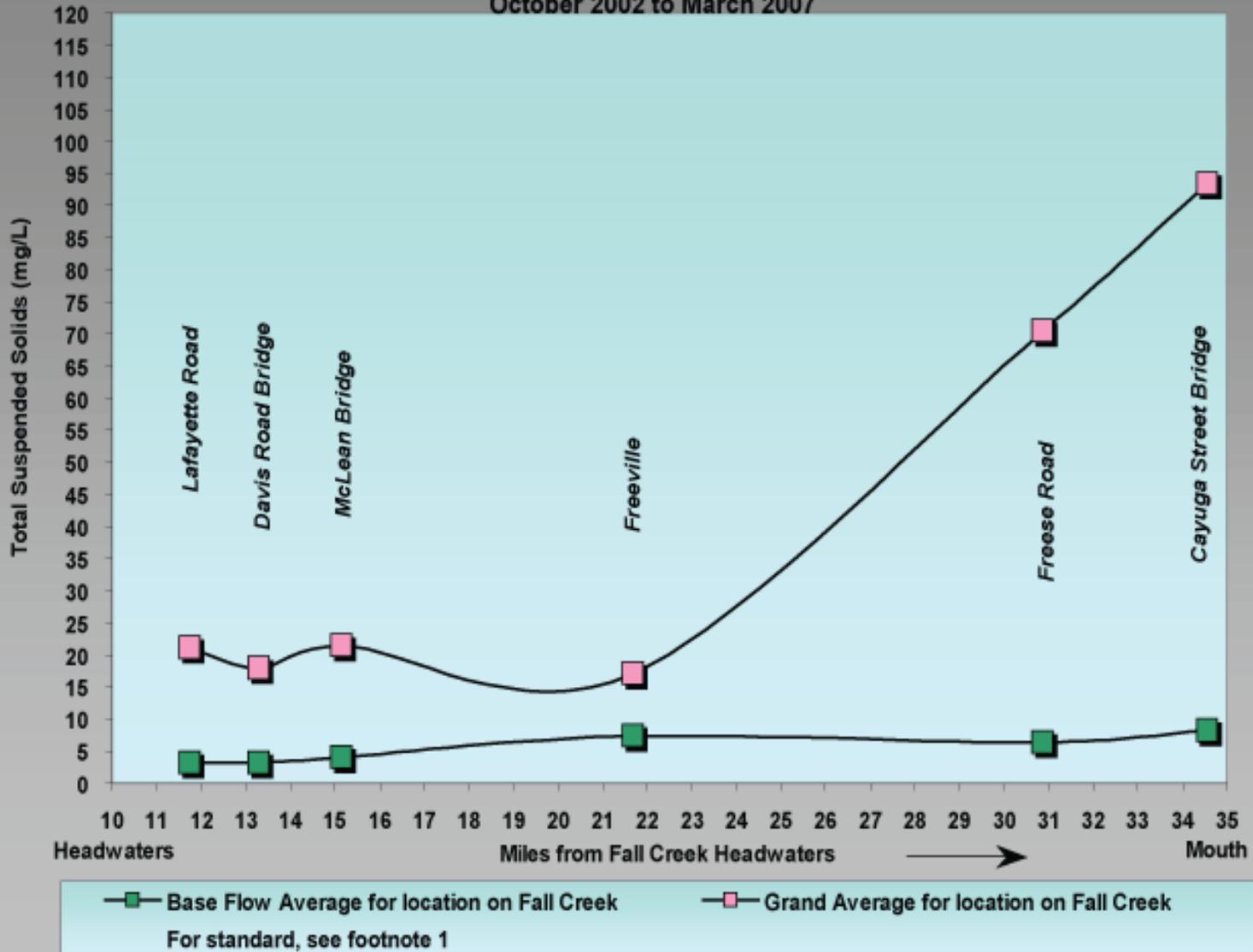
# Policy Considerations: Sediment Loading

Impacts of sediment loading:

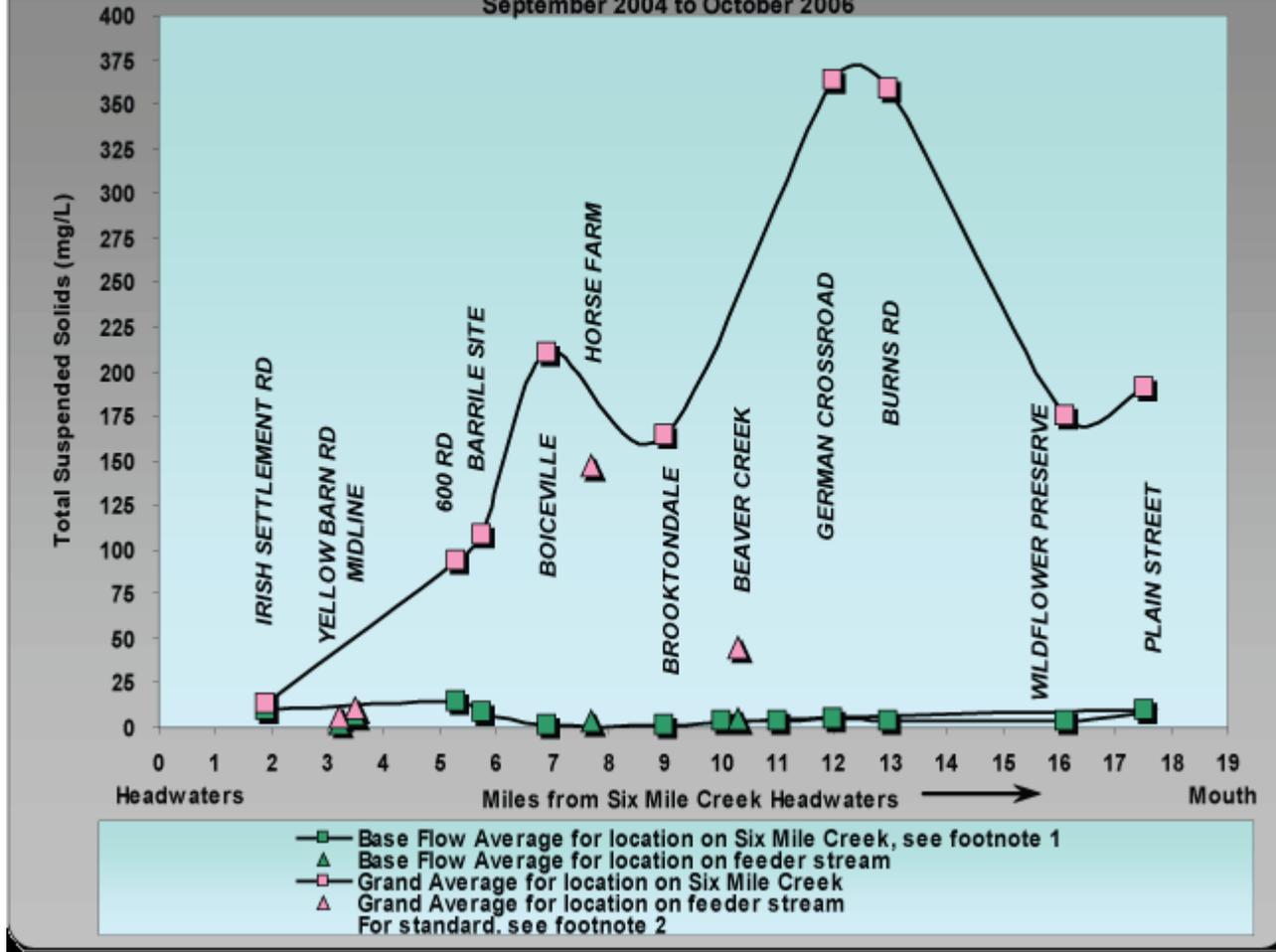
- Southern shelf “impaired,” on 303(d) list
- Navigability of Cayuga Inlet
- Preservation of Stewart Park lake front

What are the major sources of sediment in the Fall Creek and Cayuga Inlet watersheds?

**Fall Creek**  
**Average Total Suspended Solids Under Base Flow Conditions and with Stormwater Impacts**  
**October 2002 to March 2007**



**Six Mile Creek and Feeder Streams**  
**Average Total Suspended Solids Under Base Flow Conditions and with Stormwater Impacts**  
**September 2004 to October 2006**



# Low Risk from Pathogenic Microbes in Streams

## **Streams at base flow, spring-fall:**

- E. coli counts are within EPA guideline (235 colonies/100 ml) much of the time, at most locations

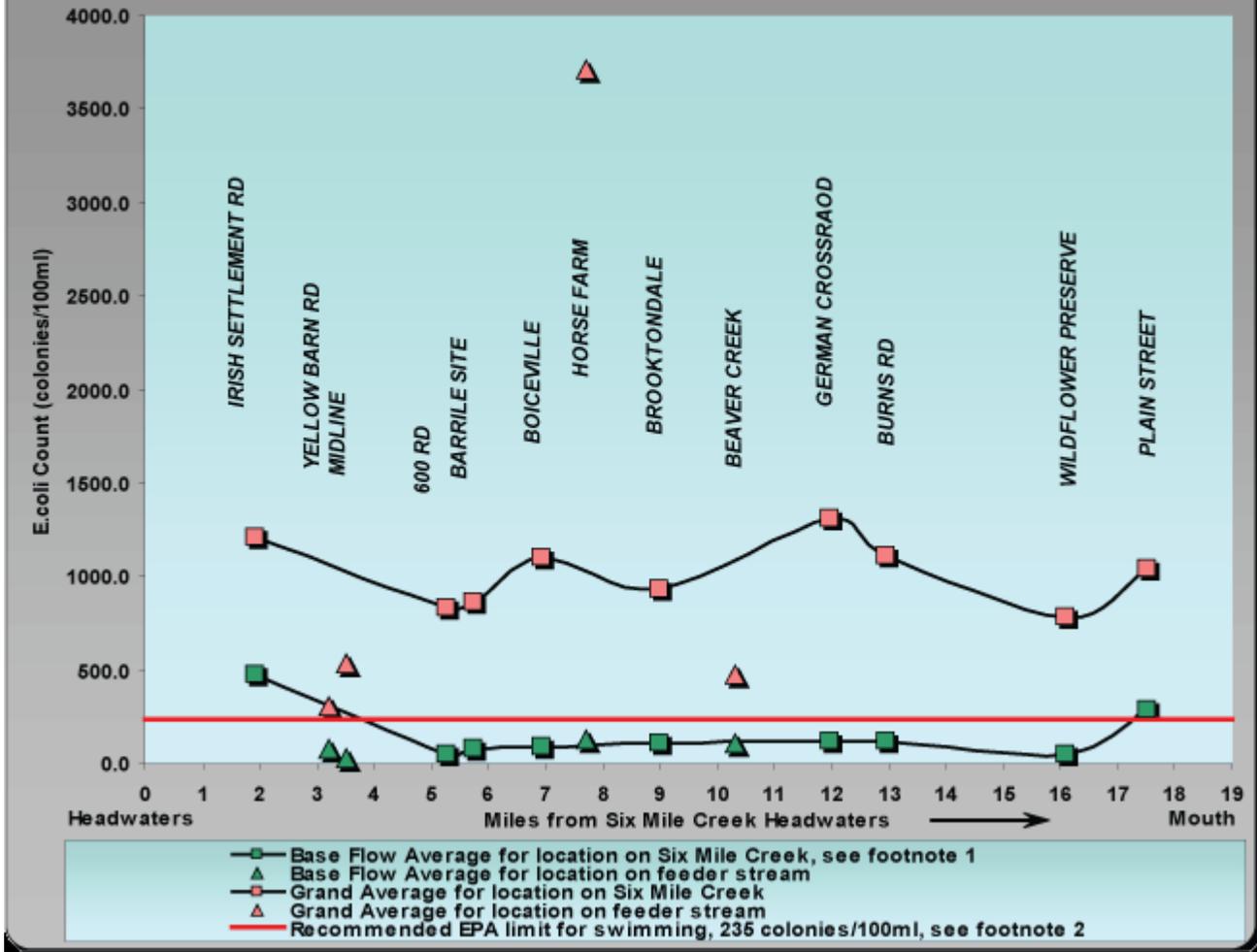
## **Streams under stormwater conditions:**

- E. coli counts are typically about 2,000 colonies/100 ml or higher

## **Cayuga Lake off-shore (streams at base flow):**

- E. coli counts are very low, about 10 colonies/100 ml or less

**Six Mile Creek and Feeder Streams**  
**Average E.coli Counts Under Base Flow Conditions and with Stormwater Impacts**  
**September 2004 to October 2006**



# Benefits of Monitoring Water Quality in the Cayuga Inlet

- A dozen volunteers partner with CSI to monitor the Inlet, contributing new information for better water management
- Results are providing new information on:
  - Loading of sediment and phosphorus from the Cayuga Inlet to Cayuga Lake
  - Sources of sediment and phosphorus in the Inlet and its tributaries
  - Health risks from pathogenic bacteria
  - Salt run-off from roads and parking lots

# Preliminary Results from CSI-Volunteer Inlet Monitoring Partnership (see database)

- o Phosphorus concentrations vary considerably across the Inlet watershed
- o E. coli counts are below the EPA recommended limit of 235 colonies/100 ml at most locations most of the time, with a few exceptions
- o Chloride (salt) concentrations exceed the NYSDEC guideline of 50 mg/L at several locations much of the time
- o Most of Inlet sediment load appears to come from Six Mile Creek (1/26/10 stormwater data)

# New CSI Website Graphing and Mapping Capabilities Are in Development

- Graphs will be updated automatically as new monitoring results are entered in the database
- Graphs and maps will show:
  - Watershed profiles of phosphorus, sediment, E. coli, chloride and other water quality indicators
  - Results of biological monitoring (BMI)
  - Seasonal profiles of each monitoring location, by month (see Monitoring Locations in database)

# Planning, Development, and Environmental Quality Committee



121 E. Court Street, Ithaca, NY 14850

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Department: Planning Development & Env. Quality Committee

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## STPB BUDGET

**Summary--Room Tax Budget, 2009-2011 Recommended**

|                                 | <u>2009<br/>Budget</u> | <u>2009<br/>Modified</u> | <u>2010<br/>Budget</u> | <u>2011<br/>Recom</u> | <u>Change<br/>2011 vs. 2010</u> |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>Expenses</b>                 |                        |                          |                        |                       |                                 |
| Product Development             | 870,796                | 688,745                  | 612,000                | 612,000               | -                               |
| Tourism Marketing               | 1,270,413              | 1,012,414                | 918,000                | 918,000               | -                               |
| County Allocation/STPB Staffing | <u>198,995</u>         | <u>155,216</u>           | <u>270,000</u>         | <u>270,000</u>        | -                               |
| Total                           | 2,340,204              | 1,856,375                | 1,800,000              | 1,800,000             | -                               |
| <b>Revenue</b>                  |                        |                          |                        |                       |                                 |
| Current Year Collections        | 1,552,161              | 1,700,000                | 1,700,000              | 1,700,000             | -                               |
| Applied Reserves                | <u>304,213</u>         | <u>100,000</u>           | <u>100,000</u>         | <u>100,000</u>        | -                               |
| Total                           | 1,856,374              | 1,800,000                | 1,800,000              | 1,800,000             | -                               |

Attachment: 2011 STPB Budget Recommendation (2034 : STPB Budget)

**Proposed Budget, Product Development**

| <b>Function</b>                                     | <b>2009<br/>Budget</b> | <b>2009<br/>Modified</b> | <b>2010<br/>Budget</b> | <b>2011<br/>Recom</b> | <b>Change<br/>2010-11</b> |
|---|------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Arts and Cultural Organizational Development</b> |                        |                          |                        |                       |                           |
| Direct Funding                                      | 204,545                | 162,000                  | 160,673                | 160,673               | -                         |
| Program Management (CAP)                            | <u>22,500</u>          | <u>18,000</u>            | <u>17,100</u>          | <u>20,100</u>         | <u>3,000</u>              |
| Subtotal  | 227,045                | 180,000                  | 177,773                | 180,773               | 3,000                     |
| <b>Beautification, Public Art &amp; Signage</b>     |                        |                          |                        |                       |                           |
| Direct Funding                                      | 130,460                | 104,560                  | 99,147                 | 99,147                | -                         |
| Program Management (Chamber/CCE)                    | <u>10,346</u>          | <u>8,246</u>             | <u>7,865</u>           | <u>7,865</u>          | <u>-</u>                  |
| Subtotal  | 140,806                | 112,806                  | 107,012                | 107,012               | -                         |
| <b>Tourism Capital Grants</b>                       |                        |                          |                        |                       |                           |
| Direct Funding                                      | 151,152                | 121,052                  | 114,877                | 114,877               | -                         |
| Program Management (TCAD)                           | <u>17,528</u>          | <u>14,028</u>            | <u>13,327</u>          | <u>13,327</u>         | <u>-</u>                  |
| Subtotal  | 175,282                | 140,276                  | 133,263                | 133,263               | -                         |
| Community Arts Partnership-Ticket Center            | 22,900                 | 22,900                   | 21,755                 | 21,755                | -                         |
| Community Arts Partnership-Operating Asst.          | 32,400                 | 32,400                   | 30,780                 | 30,780                | -                         |
| Community Celebrations                              | 35,000                 | 28,000                   | 26,600                 | 26,600                | -                         |
| Tourism Project Grants                              | 86,363                 | 66,363                   | 69,817                 | 61,817                | (8,000)                   |
| STPB Planning                                       | 40,000                 | 20,000                   | -                      | -                     | -                         |
| Baseline Survey Project                             | 6,000                  | 6,000                    | -                      | -                     | -                         |
| Festivals   | 50,000                 | 30,000                   | 10,000                 | 15,000                | 5,000                     |
| WIB/TC3 Customer Service Program                    | 50,000                 | 45,000                   | 30,000                 | 30,000                | -                         |
| County Historian                                    | <u>5,000</u>           | <u>5,000</u>             | <u>5,000</u>           | <u>5,000</u>          | <u>-</u>                  |
| Subtotal  | 327,663                | 255,663                  | 193,952                | 190,952               | (3,000)                   |
| <b>Grand Total-Product Development</b>              | <b>870,796</b>         | <b>688,745</b>           | <b>612,000</b>         | <b>612,000</b>        | <b>-</b>                  |

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**Proposed Budget, Tourism Marketing**

| <b>Function</b>                        | <b>2009<br/>Budget</b> | <b>2009<br/>Modified</b> | <b>2010<br/>Budget</b> | <b>2011<br/>Recom</b> | <b>Change<br/>2010-11</b> |
|--|------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Convention and Visitors Bureau</b>  |                        |                          |                        |                       |                           |
| CVB Tourism Marketing Operations       |                        |                          |                        |                       |                           |
| Personnel (salaries and fringe)        | 434,814                | 417,720                  | 426,692                | 434,192               | 7,500                     |
| Supplies and Materials                 | 62,250                 | 64,250                   | 57,600                 | 61,100                | 3,500                     |
| Downtown Visitor Center Rent           | <u>12,000</u>          | <u>12,000</u>            | <u>12,000</u>          | <u>11,000</u>         | <u>(1,000)</u>            |
| Subtotal                               | 509,064                | 493,970                  | 496,292                | 506,292               | 10,000                    |
| Chamber Support                        |                        |                          |                        |                       |                           |
| Staff                                  | 36,484                 | 36,484                   | 37,696                 | 38,630                | 934                       |
| Facilities                             | <u>82,400</u>          | <u>82,400</u>            | <u>84,048</u>          | <u>85,158</u>         | <u>1,110</u>              |
|  | 118884                 | 118884                   | 121744                 | 123788                | 2,044                     |
| Program Costs:                         |                        |                          |                        |                       | -                         |
| Marketing                              | 303,402                | 352,958                  | 281,500                | 256,000               | (25,500)                  |
| Public Relations                       | 12,750                 | 11,750                   | 9,487                  | 7,200                 | (2,287)                   |
| Visitor Services                       | 11,350                 | 12,300                   | 10,250                 | 10,000                | (250)                     |
| Group Sales                            | 38,250                 | 35,250                   | 31,500                 | 39,250                | 7,750                     |
| Special Project                        | <u>124,598</u>         | <u>-</u>                 | <u>-</u>               | <u>-</u>              | <u>-</u>                  |
| Subtotal                               | 490,350                | 412,258                  | 332,737                | 312,450               | (20,287)                  |
| Less: Program Revenue/Applied Reserves | <u>124,500</u>         | <u>143,813</u>           | <u>118,085</u>         | <u>109,842</u>        | <u>(8,243)</u>            |
| Subtotal--CVB                          | 993,798                | 881,299                  | 832,688                | 832,688               | -                         |
| <b>Other STPB Marketing Programs</b>   |                        |                          |                        |                       |                           |
| Marketing and Advertising Grants       | 75,000                 | 37,000                   | 37,078                 | 25,000                | (12,078)                  |
| Finger Lakes Tourism Alliance          | 14,000                 | 11,500                   | 11,500                 | 11,500                | -                         |
| New Tourism Initiative Grants          | 75,000                 | -                        | -                      | 13,078                | 13,078                    |
| Discovery Trail                        | 37,615                 | 37,615                   | 35,734                 | 35,734                | -                         |
| Recognition Awards                     | 1,000                  | 1,000                    | 1,000                  | -                     | (1,000)                   |
| Baseline Survey Project-Consultant     | 4,000                  | 4,000                    | -                      | -                     | -                         |
| STPB Planning (see "staffing" below    | 60,000                 | 30,000                   | -                      | -                     | -                         |
| Market the Arts                        | <u>10,000</u>          | <u>10,000</u>            | <u>-</u>               | <u>-</u>              | <u>-</u>                  |
|  | 276,615                | 131,115                  | 85,312                 | 85,312                | -                         |
| Grand Total--Tourism Marketing         | 1,270,413              | 1,012,414                | 918,000                | 918,000               | -                         |

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**Proposed Budget, County Support**

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| <b><u>Function</u></b>   | <b><u>2009<br/>Budget</u></b> | <b><u>2009<br/>Modified</u></b> | <b><u>2010<br/>Budget</u></b> | <b><u>2011<br/>Recom</u></b> | <b><u>Change<br/>2010-11</u></b> |
|--|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Contribution to County for programmatic support and tax administration | 198,995                       | 155,216                         | 170,000                       | 170,000                      | -                                |
| STBP Staff/Tourism Coordination  | <u>-</u>                      | <u>-</u>                        | <u>100,000</u>                | <u>100,000</u>               | <u>-</u>                         |
| Total  | 198,995                       | 155,216                         | 270,000                       | 270,000                      | -                                |

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**Compensable Support to CVB by Chamber of Commerce**

| <b>Administrative Costs</b> | <b>Salary</b>   | <b>Fringe</b>   | <b>Total</b>    | <b>CVB</b>   |             | <b>Allocated to CVB</b> |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|-------------|-------------------------|
|                             |                 |                 |                 | <b>Share</b> | <b>Note</b> |                         |
| Chamber President           | \$83,770        | \$19,895        | \$103,665       | 15%          | a           | \$15,550                |
| Director of Finance         | <u>\$53,400</u> | <u>\$12,683</u> | <u>\$66,083</u> | <u>35%</u>   | b           | <u>\$23,129</u>         |
| Total Shared Administrative | \$137,170       | \$32,578        | \$169,748       | 23%          |             | \$38,679                |

| <b>Building Costs</b>      | <b>Square Feet</b> |                |              | <b>CVB Share</b> | <b>Cost (at \$ psf)</b> |                 |                 |
|----------------------------|--------------------|----------------|--------------|------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
|                            | <b>CVB</b>         | <b>Chamber</b> | <b>Total</b> |                  | <b>CVB</b>              | <b>Chamber</b>  | <b>Total</b>    |
| 1st Floor Programmed Space | 2,281              | -              | 2,281        | 100%             | \$51,909                | \$0             | \$51,909        |
| 1st Floor Common Space     | <u>448</u>         | <u>393</u>     | <u>841</u>   | <u>53%</u>       | <u>\$10,195</u>         | <u>\$8,944</u>  | <u>\$19,139</u> |
|                            | 2,729              | 393            | 3,122        | 87%              | \$62,104                | \$8,944         | \$71,047        |
| Subtotal 1st Floor         |                    |                |              |                  |                         |                 |                 |
| 2nd Floor Programmed Space | -                  | 970            | 970          | 0%               | \$0                     | \$22,074        | \$22,074        |
| 2nd Floor Common Space     | <u>1,013</u>       | <u>1,101</u>   | <u>2,114</u> | <u>48%</u>       | <u>\$23,053</u>         | <u>\$25,055</u> | <u>\$48,108</u> |
| Subtotal 2nd Floor         | <u>1,013</u>       | <u>2,071</u>   | <u>3,084</u> | 33%              | <u>\$23,053</u>         | <u>\$47,130</u> | <u>\$70,183</u> |
| Grand Total                | 3,742              | 2,464          | 6,206        | 60%              | \$85,157                | \$56,073        | \$141,230       |
|                            |                    |                |              |                  | 60%                     | 40%             |                 |

Notes:

- a) Share of cost based on 2005 Time Study, which showed 17%. Have reduced this to 15% as President's time has shifted slightly to other projects.
- b) Share of cost based on 2006 Time Study
- c) Interior square footage.

Costs are based on 2010 projections that, in turn, are based on actual cost trends for the period 2003-09.

# TOMPKINS COUNTY TOURISM PROGRAMS

Improving economic development while enhancing the quality of life

## GOVERNMENTAL FEES AND SUPPORT

County 10 % NYS law permits the County to retain 10% of room tax collections for administration and auditing of room tax funds

## PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT (known as the 40%)

**Signage, Beautification, & Public Art** Improve way finding signage to direct travelers to key destinations, and beautify communities to welcome visitors- especially at gateways

Grant limits

**Tourism Capital Grants** Focus on expanding major visitor-generating projects, and fund feasibility studies for potential projects

Approx. \$50,000

**Arts & Cultural Organizations Stabilization** Strengthen large existing arts and cultural organizations with long term financial planning tools

Approx. \$35,000

**Community Celebrations Grants** Grants for an observance, commemoration, jubilation, inauguration, presentation, or any other "red letter day" or salute that has meaning for the community

\$2,000

**Community Arts Partnership (CAP)- Downtown Ticket Center** Rent at Center Ithaca for the Downtown Ticket Center

**CAP** assist with operating expenses

**Tourism Project Grants** Supports tourism-generating single projects such as a public art acquisition, temporary or permanent exhibits, or salary of notable talent

\$25,000

**County Historian** Provides historical connection to today's tourism events

**Strategic Planning and Staffing** For 2008, includes baseline survey consultant STPB anticipates that as the budget grows, so does the demand for additional staffing and leadership that is sustainable. This should reduce the amount of committee work and increase the productivity of the tourism funds

**Festivals** Establish a program that coordinates festivals at a macro level, to achieve efficiencies through a scale of economy

**Workforce Development/TC3 Customer Service** A concerted program that creates a career ladder for entry level jobs in the tourism industry, as well as improve the visitors' experience

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# TOMPKINS COUNTY TOURISM PROGRAMS

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## **MARKETING (known as the 60%)**

**Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB)** Designated as the County's Tourism Promotion Agency, the CVB enhances economic development through promotion of local activities and assets to visitors as well as residents

**Marketing and Advertising Grants** Grants used to promote events likely to attract visitors – message is delivered in a manner consistent with the CVB's message; requires 50-50 match.

\$5,000

**Discovery Trail** Eight tourism attractions marketed collectively- PRI- Museum of the Earth, Cornell Lab of Ornithology, Cornell Plantations, Herbert F. Johnson Museum of Art, the Cayuga Nature Center, Sciencenter, The History Center, and the Tompkins County Public Library

**Finger Lakes Tourism Alliance** Premier regional destination marketing organization that represents 14 counties in the Finger Lakes region, which are Cayuga, Chemung, Cortland, Livingston, Monroe, Onondaga, Ontario, Schuyler, Seneca, Steuben, Tioga, Tompkins, Wayne, Yates. Based in Penn Yan, FLTA is 85 years old. We participate in many of their cooperative marketing publications and programs to increase the strength and effectiveness of our marketing dollars.

**New Tourism Initiative Grants** Support significantly new tourism generating initiatives that flow from and are consistent with the Tourism Program's strategic plan

\$25,000

**Market the Arts** Collectively marketing Tompkins County's artists and featuring them on one website to allow them to sell their work; will include but not limited to the members of the Greater Ithaca Art Trail

**Recognition Awards** recognize those who are unpaid and made an impact on the local economy by attracting conventioners/visitors to Tompkins County



**Planning, Development, and Environmental Quality Committee**

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**APPOINTMENT**

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## STPB Appointments



**Planning, Development, and Environmental Quality Committee**

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Department: Planning Development & Env. Quality Committee  
Category: Administrative  
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**ADOPTED**

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**RESOLUTION NO.**

**1                    Requesting Determination of the Potential Role of the Upper**  
**2                    Susquehanna Coalition and Its Member Soil and Water Conservation**  
**3                    Districts in Providing Technical Assistance to Serve Local**  
**4                    Agricultural and Public Interests During Potential Development of**  
**5                    Natural Gas Production**

6                    WHEREAS, gas drilling in the Marcellus Shale and other low permeable natural gas bearing formations, and  
 7                    the construction of gathering lines, will involve critical questions regarding soil and water resources, and  
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9                    WHEREAS, siting potential locations of drilling sites and the activities associated with all the phases of the  
 10                    extraction, and the placement of gathering lines, depends upon a technical understanding of local soil types, land use,  
 11                    hydrology including drainage characteristics of prospective sites, topography, and other relevant landscape features,  
 12                    and  
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14                    WHEREAS, it is unlikely well drillers will have local knowledge and experience to best accommodate all the  
 15                    soil and water factors that should be taken into consideration, and  
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17                    WHEREAS, much of the land at issue is active farmland, and gas well drilling activities and pipeline  
 18                    construction can significantly affect agricultural resources, and  
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20                    WHEREAS, relevant local technical expertise is available in respective County Soil and Water Conservation  
 21                    Districts, and  
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23                    WHEREAS, Districts have authority to provide technical support as provided in New York State Soil and  
 24                    Water Conservation District Law ("SWCDL") Section 9, and  
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26                    WHEREAS, we recognize providing technical information and advice can potentially take much SWCD staff  
 27                    time and therefore be costly, and we are concerned that SWCDs be compensated for that staff time without  
 28                    compromising SWCD's autonomy, since there is a potential were they to receive payments or contributions from the  
 29                    gas industry that could constitute the appearance of a conflict of interest, and  
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31                    WHEREAS, the gas drilling will take place largely within the Upper Susquehanna River Basin, but may also  
 32                    take place in the Great Lakes Basin, and  
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34                    WHEREAS, geographically these basins fall within the scope of the various County Soil and Water  
 35                    Conservation Districts that comprise the Upper Susquehanna Coalition and other relevant watersheds, and  
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37                    WHEREAS, engagement of Soil and Water Conservation Districts acting in concert through the Upper  
 38                    Susquehanna Coalition is provided for in SWCDL Section 9, "Powers of Districts and Directors" and Section 10,  
 39                    "Cooperation Between Districts", now therefore be it  
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41                    RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Planning, Development, and Environmental Quality Committee, That  
 42                    the Tompkins County Legislature requests that the Upper Susquehanna Coalition explore how the member Soil and  
 43                    Water Conservation Districts of the Upper Susquehanna Coalition might be engaged to assist landowners, especially  
 44                    farmers, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, and others concerned with the public interest  
 45                    associated with drilling activities and gathering lines, with the purpose of providing sound technical assistance within

Resolution 2010-99

Meeting of June 2, 2010

46 the power of Districts as described in SWCDL Sections 9 and 10, and as may be granted in other sections of the  
47 SWCDL, for the planning and possible implementation of drilling and associated activities, including pipeline  
48 construction, using proven local soil and water technical capability to ensure the best use and protection of natural  
49 resources, as they answer questions and provide technical information to gas drilling companies,

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51 RESOLVED, further, That this exploration should include a mechanism that would allow SWCD's to be  
52 compensated for time spent providing technical assistance to industries, not by direct payments or contributions, but in  
53 a manner that maintains the SWCD's autonomy and independence,

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55 RESOLVED, further, That the Clerk of the Legislature shall forward certified copies of this resolution to the  
56 above-mentioned organizations.

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## **TCPD Program Impact Assessment**



**Planning, Development, and Environmental Quality Committee**

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## **Commissioner's Report**



**Planning, Development, and Environmental Quality Committee**

121 E. Court Street  
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**SCHEDULED**

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Functional Category:

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## **Carcinogenic Pollutants in Our Food Supply**

## Pollutant Carcinogen Exposure Reduction Education

Donald L. Hassig, Director, Cancer Action NY, April 16, 2010

A considerable amount of knowledge regarding what causes cancer has accumulated during the past several decades. Cancer Biology has established the basic facts of the process, carcinogenesis, whereby a normal cell becomes a cancer cell. It has also come to be known that a considerable number of chemical substances are human carcinogens.

Chemical carcinogens cause cancer by damaging the DNA of chromosomes. Damage occurs at the molecular level. One molecule of carcinogen attaches to the DNA molecule causing one increment of chromosomal damage, referred to as a lesion. Increased numbers of carcinogen molecules in the body increases the amount of damage done to the DNA. This means that reducing the amount of carcinogen one is exposed to reduces cancer risk. Genes are the basic functional units of chromosomes. Proteins that control all of the body's biochemical processes are produced using the genes for building instructions. When the gene that codes for the production of the protein that controls cell division is damaged by carcinogens the cell can no longer produce a viable protein product and as a result, control of cell division is lost. (Gene damage sufficient to cause such loss of control is the result of several lesions.) The cell possessing a division control gene damaged to this extent is a potential cancer cell. The above information provides a foundation for cancer prevention education that can significantly reduce cancer risk. Reducing exposure to carcinogens decreases cancer risk. It is reasonable to focus efforts to reduce exposure on those chemical carcinogens that are imposing a large amount of exposure.

The exhaust released by combustion of gasoline and diesel fuel contains several human carcinogens, including: benzene, formaldehyde, diesel exhaust particulates, and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs). Many people are exposed to large quantities of exhaust carcinogens.

Lipid soluble persistent hydrocarbon pollutant carcinogens constitute another group of chemical carcinogens to which large numbers of people are exposed. Persistent hydrocarbon pollutant carcinogens include: dioxins, dioxin-like compounds, polybrominated diphenyl ethers (PBDEs), DDE, a breakdown product of DDT, PCBs and numerous synthetic pesticides. These chemical compounds contaminate animal fat due to their presence in the environment. In terrestrial ecosystems, these chemicals enter the food supply via air borne deposition onto the surfaces of vegetation. When herbivores consume the contaminated plants, these chemicals enter into their bodies and are stored in fat tissue. This type of contamination of plant matter is ubiquitous and involves the background levels of pollutants in the environment.

### Dioxin Exposure Cancer Risk

It has been recognized for a considerable number of years that a possible association exists between the consumption of animal fat foods and certain cancers. When the contamination of animal fats with dioxins and certain other persistent hydrocarbon pollutants, which have been designated as known human carcinogens, is taken into account, it becomes clear that part of the cancer risk imposed by fat consumption can be attributed to these contaminants.

Residents of the Seveso region of Italy were exposed to high levels of dioxins as the result of an explosion at a chemical factory. A statistically significant association between dioxin levels in blood serum and breast cancer incidence was reported in "Serum Dioxin Concentrations and Breast Cancer Risk in the Seveso Women's Health Study". (Warner, 2002)

According to the United States Environmental Protection Agency, over 90 percent of the American public's exposure to dioxins comes from the consumption of foods containing milk fat, fish fat, tallow and other animal fats. Particulates, upon which are adsorbed dioxins and dioxin-like compounds, deposit from the polluted atmosphere onto animal feed crops such as pasture grass and corn. Entry into the

aquatic food chains occurs via contamination of surface waters. The average American's dioxin exposure thus takes place at lower levels of food contamination than that which existed in the Seveso Women's Health Study. Nevertheless, the association demonstrated by this research should be taken into account for the purpose of determining a precautionary approach in so far as breast cancer prevention is concerned. Women need to significantly lower their intake of animal fat foods as a breast cancer preventive measure.

The United States Environmental Protection Agency has upgraded the cancer risk of dioxin exposure via consumption of dairy foods, beef and fish substantially. In June of 2000, a first draft section of the Agency's dioxin reassessment, "Part III: Integrated Summary and Risk Characterization for 2,3,7,8-Tetrachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin (TCDD) and Related Compounds", set forth the research basis for this change. (US EPA, 2003) Dioxins' carcinogenic effects have been studied extensively in several exposed groups: workers who manufactured or applied dioxin contaminated pesticides, including pentachlorophenol, and 2,4,5-T (Becher, 1998); victims of an industrial accident in Seveso, Italy, which released kilogram amounts of dioxin; and US Air Force personnel engaged in Project Ranch Hand, the spraying of Agent Orange during the Vietnam War.

Utilizing data from the epidemiologic studies (Hamburg herbicide factory cohort) in which highest dioxin sensitivity was demonstrated, people who consume animal fat at a rate which confers an intake of 3.8 pg dioxin TEQ/kg body weight/day have an approximately 2 in 100 excess risk of developing cancer due to the dioxin contaminant exposure. A person weighing 130 pounds and drinking 2 quarts of whole milk per day receives on average such a dose of dioxin TEQ from the contaminants present in the milk fat. Animal studies have demonstrated that a relation exists between gestational dioxin exposure and increased breast cancer susceptibility in female offspring. (Fenton, 2002 and Jenkins, 2007) A study published in 2008 reported delayed initiation of breast development in girls with higher prenatal dioxin exposure. (Leijns, 2008) These research results provide a plausible explanation of the breast cancer cases, which have been diagnosed among American girls during the 2000s.

For access to the government agency reports that focus on these matters please see the documents described below.

#### New York State Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan

The New York State Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan (NYS CCCP) sets forth a number of goals designed to lead New York State forward on the path of reducing cancer burden on a science based footing. Goal Number Two of the NYS CCCP addresses reducing exposure to cancer causing chemicals and agents in the environment. During the past several years increasing attention has been given to pollutant carcinogen exposure reduction. Earlier environmental exposure reduction efforts focused on second hand cigarette smoke, radon and the ionizing radiation of sunlight.

[http://www.health.state.ny.us/nysdoh/cancer/cancer\\_control/2003/ccp\\_2003\\_health\\_promo\\_disease\\_prev.htm#environmental](http://www.health.state.ny.us/nysdoh/cancer/cancer_control/2003/ccp_2003_health_promo_disease_prev.htm#environmental)

#### Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry Public Health Statement on Dioxins

The Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) publishes a series of Toxicological Profiles. A Toxicological Profile for dioxins was published in 1998. The ATSDR website currently makes available a Public Health Statement on Dioxins, which was created as a central message of the Toxicological Profile. The Public Health Statement on Dioxins explains how dioxin exposure takes place and sets forth a science based recommendation for reducing dioxin exposure that being to reduce consumption of animal fat containing foods. However, this document lacks state of knowledge science on dioxin exposure cancer risk, much of which has been published since the period covered in the Profile.

<http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/toxprofiles/phs104.html>

## US EPA Dioxin Reassessment

The US EPA Dioxin Reassessment is a highly detailed compilation of dioxin exposure and adverse health effects science. Part III of the dioxin reassessment provides a mathematical determination of dioxin exposure cancer risk. Utilizing the US EPA's cancer risk slope factor it is possible to calculate approximate population level cancer risk for dioxin exposure. For the US population of 308 million, dioxin exposure will cause approximately 308,000 cancer deaths in 70 years.

<http://cfpub.epa.gov/ncea/cfm/recordisplay.cfm?deid=55265&CFID=9463478&CFTOKEN=47347279&jsessionid=5a30f3aa404da1ec29517c2fe4e1a6d33774>

Institute of Medicine Report, "Dioxins and Dioxin-Like Compounds in the Food Supply: Strategies to Decrease Exposure"

The Institute of Medicine of the National Academies published the report titled, "Dioxins and Dioxin-Like Compounds in the Food Supply: Strategies to Decrease Exposure" in 2003. This report presents several strategies for reducing dioxin exposure. A key recommendation is that girls and women of child-bearing age reduce consumption of animal fat containing foods so as to reduce their dioxin exposure. This group was given particular attention due to the health damaging effects imposed by gestational exposure.

[http://books.nap.edu/catalog.php?record\\_id=10763](http://books.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=10763)

### References:

Becher, et al. Quantitative Cancer Risk Assessment for Dioxins Using an Occupational Cohort, Environmental Health Perspectives Supplements Volume 106, Number S2, April 1998

Fenton, et al. Persistent Abnormalities in the Rat Mammary Gland following Gestational and Lactational Exposure to 2,3,7,8-Tetrachlorodibenzo-*p*-dioxin (TCDD), Toxicological Sciences **67**, 63-74 (2002)

Jenkins, et al. Prenatal TCDD exposure predisposes for mammary cancer in rats. Reprod Toxicol. 2007 Apr-May;23(3):391-6. Epub 2006 Nov 10

Leijds, et al. Delayed initiation of breast development in girls with higher prenatal dioxin exposure; a longitudinal cohort study, Chemosphere, Vol. 73, Issue 6, October 2008, Pages 999-1004

US EPA. Exposure and Human Health Reassessment of 2,3,7,8-Tetrachlorodibenzo-*p*-Dioxin (TCDD) and Related Compounds, 2004

Warner, et al. Serum Dioxin Concentrations and Breast Cancer Risk in the Seveso Women's Health Study ; Environmental Health Perspectives, V 110: No 7, pp 625-628, July 2002

Dear Members of the Tompkins County Legislature,  
Cancer Action NY advocates for cancer prevention education that focuses on pollutant carcinogen exposure reduction. A substantive body of scientific literature has accumulated during the past several decades, which provides a solid foundation for such an educational endeavor. (By way of a previous email I have provided a paper that serves as background.)

I am seeking the opportunity to speak before the Health Committee or the Planning and Environment Committee of the Tompkins County Legislature. My purpose in speaking before the committee is to educate legislators concerning the matter of carcinogenic persistent pollutants in the food supply and to seek adoption of a resolution that expresses your county's support for state and federal efforts to provide such education as is described above to the general public. (A sample resolution is provided below.)

We are additionally proceeding with efforts to move federal and state lawmakers to create cancer prevention education legislation. Hopefully, this multiple goals approach will lead to the rapid development of cancer prevention education in New York State and the United States.

Thank you for your interest in cancer prevention education.

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Don Hassig

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**SAMPLE RESOLUTION PROVIDED BY DON HASSIG**

**SUPPORT OF A PUBLIC EDUCATION/CANCER PREVENTION INITIATIVE OF CANCER ACTION NY**

WHEREAS, the incidence of cancer in Tompkins County is of great concern to the County Legislature, and

WHEREAS, scientific research published in the peer-reviewed scientific literature demonstrates the presence of dioxins and other carcinogenic persistent organic pollutants (POPs) in the food supply, and such food supply contamination constitutes a major source of exposure, and is thus a major contributor to cancer causation, and

WHEREAS, many citizens are unaware of the presence of carcinogenic POPs in the food supply and steps that can be taken to decrease exposure and thus lower cancer risk, and

WHEREAS, the problem is not isolated to Tompkins County, but requires State and national government actions to reduce exposure, and

WHEREAS, polybrominated diphenyl ethers (PBDEs) are POPs, and animal studies have shown that exposure to PBDEs imposes increased cancer risk, and these chemical compounds are soluble in fat, and food sample analysis has demonstrated that these pollutants contaminate all animal fat, and education of the general public concerning the animal fat consumption exposure route for these and other POPs, including: dioxins, dioxin-like compounds, PCBs, and lipophilic pesticides is necessary as a cancer preventative measure, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the County Legislature of Tompkins County, meeting on the date of , does hereby commend the organization CANCER ACTION NY for its efforts to raise awareness about the problem, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Legislature calls upon its elected officials at both State level and Federal level to use their influence to help educate Americans on the subject of the cancer risk imposed by consumption of animal fat, all of which is contaminated with carcinogenic POPs, and recommends that the educational outreach described herein be configured such that:

- 1) the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences is made responsible for review of the scientific literature for the purpose of finding scientific knowledge that can be utilized in the creation of cancer prevention messages for the general public;

Attachment: Hassig memo and sample reso (2031 : Privilege of the Floor -- Hassig)

- 2) the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences is made responsible for producing public education pieces that clearly set forth the cancer prevention knowledge discovered in the literature review; and
- 3) the State and County health departments are made responsible for disseminating the public education pieces to the residents of their jurisdictional areas, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Legislature encourages its citizens to be mindful of the dangers of carcinogenic substances in our environment and supports initiatives that will promote the health and happiness of its constituents.



**Planning, Development, and Environmental Quality Committee**

121 E. Court Street  
Ithaca, NY 14850

Meeting: 06/02/10 03:30 PM  
Department: Planning Development & Env. Quality Committee  
Category: Transfers Not Requiring Action  
Functional Category:

**SCHEDULED**

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## ITCTC Budget Transfer

ITCTC

5/5/2010

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TO:

| FROM: Department Budget Account | Title                    | AMOUNT | Department Budget Account | Title                   | Detailed Explanation Required:                                   |
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| 1 A8672.54332                   | Books/Publications       | 287.98 | A8672.54442               | Professional Srvc. Fees | Moving funds into a single line item to pay for a summer intern. |
| 2 A8672.54432                   | Rent                     | 300.00 | A8672.54442               | Professional Srvc. Fees | This does not change the original level of funding.              |
| 3 A8672.54472                   | Telephone                | 141.82 | A8672.54442               | Professional Srvc. Fees | SEQR Action: TYPE II-20  |
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Date of Program Committee: 6/2/2010 Date Sent to Program Committee: 5/6/2010  
 Sender's Initials: TL

Department Head: *[Signature]* Date Signed: 5/4/10  
 ITCTC Planning Chair or Vice Chair: *[Signature]* Date Signed: 5/6/10  
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SIGNATURES

Director of Finance: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Planning, Development, and Environmental Quality Committee**

121 E. Court Street  
Ithaca, NY 14850

Meeting: 06/02/10 03:30 PM  
Department: Tompkins County Legislature  
Category: Administrative  
Functional Category

**ADOPTED**

DOC ID: 2061

**RESOLUTION NO.**

**1 Authorizing a Continuation of the Grant Agreement Between**  
**2 Tompkins County and Tompkins County Area Development, Inc., for**  
**3 the Tompkins County Area Development Countywide Loan Fund**

4 WHEREAS, the Tompkins County Legislature through Resolution No. 2008-127, authorized granting of  
5 Tompkins County Economic Development Revolving Loan Funds to Tompkins County Area Development, Inc.  
6 (TCAD), and  
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8 WHEREAS, the Tompkins County Economic Development Revolving Loan Fund has been capitalized  
9 through repayment of loans made with grants from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development  
10 (HUD) and from the New York State Office for Small Cities, and  
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12 WHEREAS, the current agreement with TCAD regarding the grants to the TCAD Countywide Loan Fund will  
13 expire in September 2010 with a remaining balance of thirteen thousand dollars (\$13,000), and  
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15 WHEREAS, TCAD has expressed its desire to continue the agreement to support the TCAD Countywide Loan  
16 Fund for the purpose of making economic development loans that meet HUD funding criteria, now therefore be it  
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18 RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Planning, Development, and Environmental Quality Committee, That  
19 Tompkins County shall provide grants to TCAD of Tompkins County Economic Development Revolving Loan Funds  
20 for the purpose of funding economic development loans to assist businesses that will provide economic benefits to  
21 Tompkins County and its residents in accordance with HUD standards,  
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23 RESOLVED, further, That the County shall make funds available based upon the currently available funds and  
24 other community development priorities of the County, and such amount shall be derived from the County's CDBG  
25 Economic Development Funds,  
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27 RESOLVED, further, That the grant program will be for the term of three years with an end date of September  
28 2013 at which time this agreement may be extended for an additional year, and additional funds added to the TCAD  
29 Countywide Loan Fund as funds permit,  
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31 RESOLVED, further, That in September of each year, the Tompkins County Planning Department will  
32 provide TCAD with a balance figure for the year based on funds available for that year after consideration of other  
33 county community development needs and a review by the Planning, Development, and Environmental Quality  
34 Committee,  
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36 RESOLVED, further, That the County Administrator or his designee be authorized to execute agreements in  
37 order to effect this grant program consistent with this resolution.

38 **SEQR ACTION: TYPE II-20**

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40 This item replaces ID #2029 - duplicated and replaced due to technical problems.  
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