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The Tompkins County Energy Roadmap Project: Open House October 21st

The Tompkins County Planning Department invites the community to a presentation and open house on Wednesday, October 21, to learn about the Tompkins County Energy Roadmap project and provide input and feedback.

The presentation and open house will be held next Wednesday at the Borg Warner Room of the Tompkins County Public Library, 101 E. Green Street, Ithaca, from 5:30-8:00 p.m. An explanation of the Roadmap process and findings will be presented at 5:45. Displays portraying the major elements of the Roadmap can be viewed before and after the presentation and staff will be available to answer questions and receive input.

The Energy Roadmap project assesses renewable energy and energy efficiency potentials in Tompkins County and presents alternative scenarios that would meet the County, City of Ithaca, and Town of Ithaca goal of an 80% reduction in community-wide greenhouse gas emissions by 2050. The Energy Roadmap was one of ten local measures identified in the County's 2020 Energy Strategy to help prepare the community to achieve its stated greenhouse gas emissions goal.

The Roadmap is being developed to help guide activities around energy-related decision making, and includes an assessment of the potential of various local renewable energy sources to power the community, as well as the role that energy efficiency and demand management can play in reducing energy demand. The Roadmap puts those assessments into the context of the overall community energy picture today and projected in 2050 to identify scenarios for how both energy demand and greenhouse gas emissions goals can be met.

For more information on the Energy Roadmap program and to review its findings to date, visit the program website at <http://tompkinscountyny.gov/planning/energy-climate>.

The Planning Department welcomes public input on the Energy Roadmap initiative through November 15. Please send comments to kborgella@tompkins-co.org or to 121 E. Court Street, Ithaca, NY 14850, or call 607-274-5560.

Contact: Katherine Borgella, Deputy Commissioner of Planning, or Edward Marx, Commissioner of Planning, 274-5560.

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