



**TOMPKINS COUNTY
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**RESOLUTION NO. 003-07 - IN SUPPORT OF AN INFRASTRUCTURE STUDY
CONDUCTED BY TOMPKINS COUNTY AREA
DEVELOPMENT AS PROPOSED TO TOMPKINS
COUNTY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS ON THIS
28TH DAY OF JUNE IN THE YEAR 2007.**

MEMBERSHIP

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WHEREAS, the Tompkins County Economic Development Strategy's goals include increasing and diversifying the county's housing supply and revitalizing the county's unique commercial districts and town centers; AND

WHEREAS, the Economic Development Collaborative was organized to formalize, strengthen and deepen the cooperation among the many local agencies and municipal bodies addressing economic development issues in the County to make the process more effective through common goals and approach; AND

WHEREAS, the Tompkins County Council of Governments is a member of the Economic Development Collaborative, which is currently working to address the goals of the County's Economic Development Strategy; AND

WHEREAS, the Economic Development Collaborative has suggested the creation of an updated, county-wide evaluation of existing water and sewer infrastructure and the development of a conceptual plan of water and sewer infrastructure needs to support future planned growth to meet county housing and economic development goals; AND

WHEREAS, the last county-wide evaluation of water and sewer infrastructure was completed in 1994; AND

WHEREAS, an updated evaluation would facilitate the development of housing within town and village centers, commercial revitalization of those centers and growth in the tax base, with the most efficient use of public dollars for infrastructure;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tompkins County Council of Governments supports the development of a county-wide evaluation of water and sewer infrastructure and the development of a conceptual plan of water and sewer infrastructure needs to support future planned growth to meet county housing and economic development goals; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the members pledge to work with the Economic Development Collaborative to ensure cooperation of members' planning and engineering departments with this project and help in securing funding for the study from federal, state, and other agencies.



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Statement of need:

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Increasing housing supply and revitalization of commercial districts are two of the Tompkins County Economic Development Strategy's three goals. Both require improvements to water and sewer infrastructure, especially in the non-urbanized areas of the county. The proposed infrastructure study is, therefore, an integral step to achieving affordable housing and revitalization goals. In particular, to provide for housing to be reasonably affordable, housing requires density. Continuing to build individual homes on 1-2 acre lots is not an affordable approach to providing housing. Dependable water and sewer infrastructure is also critical for revitalization of our town and village centers.

Preliminary scope of work:

A consultant would be hired to:

- Update the 1994 county-wide evaluation of water and sewer infrastructure working with local municipal staff.
- Prepare a conceptual plan of water and sewerage infrastructure, including potential service areas, to support future growth.
- Prepare preliminary costs to expand infrastructure to accommodate planned growth.

Work would reflect anticipated growth of the municipalities.