

TOMPKINS COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Action Items

Adopted: 2019

1. Municipal Assistance: Undertake direct outreach and engagement with municipalities several times each year to identify opportunities to assist their implementation of projects that would directly promote the policies of the Tompkins County Comprehensive Plan or projects identified in County strategies. [Department of Planning and Sustainability]
2. Strategic Tourism Plan: Update the *Tompkins County 2020 Strategic Tourism Plan (2012)*. [Strategic Tourism Planning Board, Department of Planning and Sustainability]
3. Priority Trails: Work with community partners to further implement the Tompkins Priority Trails Strategy. [Department of Planning and Sustainability]
4. Route 13 Corridor Study: Develop the 2020 State Route 13 Corridor Study and identify opportunities to implement recommendations. [Department of Planning and Sustainability, Ithaca- Tompkins County Transportation Council]
5. Housing Funding: Identify and pursue methods to continue and expand the Community Housing Development Fund Program. [Department of Planning and Sustainability]
6. HABs Strategy: Establish a detailed countywide Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs) strategy based on the Cayuga Lake and Owasco Lake HABs Action Plans and identify the actions, and the appropriate lead agencies, to be taken in Tompkins County that would most effectively reduce HABs. [Water Resources Council]
7. Stream Corridor Protection: Provide resources to support and encourage local officials to establish mechanisms and programs for protecting stream corridors. [Department of Planning and Sustainability]
8. Watershed Rules and Regulations: Evaluate existing watershed rules and regulations within the region to determine best practices for protecting drinking water quality and enforcement mechanisms, focusing on the potential of establishing such rules for the Cayuga Lake watershed. [Department of Planning and Sustainability, Health Department]
9. County-Owned Forestlands: Establish clear goals for managing County-owned Forest Lands and develop a plan of action for advancing those goals. [County Legislature, Environmental Management Council, Department of Planning and Sustainability]
10. Resiliency and Recovery Plan: Develop the Tompkins County Resiliency and Recovery Plan that both includes an update of the *Tompkins County Hazard Mitigation Plan (2013)* and develops tools to support resiliency and post-disaster economic recovery. [Department of Planning and Sustainability]
11. Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory: Conduct greenhouse gas emissions inventories both for the community and for County government operations, to be able to compare and track progress from the *2008 GHG Emissions and Energy Use Inventories*. [Department of Planning and Sustainability]

12. Energy Infrastructure: Work with the Public Service Commission, state agencies, and NYSEG to plan for and support reliable and adequate energy infrastructure in the County that advances the County's greenhouse gas emissions goals, while supporting the County's Economic Development Strategy and Housing Strategy. [Department of Planning and Sustainability]
13. Business Energy Advisors: Continue to implement the Business Energy Advisors program and explore methods to improve and expand its impact on reducing greenhouse gas emissions in the commercial sector. [Department of Planning and Sustainability]
14. Employee Commutes: Assist County employees in reducing greenhouse gas emissions from their daily commutes. [Department of Planning and Sustainability, Human Resources]
15. Net-zero Emissions Facilities and Fleet: Undertake an inventory and analysis of County facilities and fleet to determine a financially sound path to net-zero emissions. [Facilities Department, Department of Planning and Sustainability]
16. Water and Sewer Study: Support TCAD's update of the *Countywide Inter-Municipal Water and Sewer Feasibility Study for Tompkins County* (2010) and disseminate the results to municipalities. [Department of Planning and Sustainability]
17. Planning and Design: Identify and share ways local municipalities can use the Planning and Design Principles from the *Development Focus Areas Strategy (2012)* in their communities. [Department of Planning and Sustainability]
18. Cayuga Lake Blueway Trail: Complete tasks associated with the regional Cayuga Lake Blueway Trail Implementation grant from the New York State Department of State. [Department of Planning and Sustainability]