

TOMPKINS COUNTY WATER RESOURCES COUNCIL

*September 16, 2019*

RESOLUTION 2019-02 – Adopting the “Tompkins County 2012 Wetlands Map”

WHEREAS, the Tompkins County Water Quality Strategy Reports from 2002 through 2019 include goals and objectives (a) to protect and restore wetlands, (b) to identify and map wetlands not regulated by the state or federal government (2002, 2005, 2009 and 2012), and (c) to propose and support local regulations and programs for wetland protection (2002, 2005, 2009, 2012); and

WHEREAS, in 2008, a [report](#) titled “Wetland Protections in Tompkins County: Existing Status, Gaps, and Future Needs” was completed for the Water Resources Council (WRC); and

WHEREAS, in 2016, a report titled “Wetland Mapping for Tompkins County, New York” and a map referred to as “[Tompkins County 2012 Wetlands Map](#)” were produced based on the most recent data compiled in 2012; and

WHEREAS, the WRC has reviewed the report and map and determined that they would be a useful resource for municipalities, agencies, landowners and developers in their planning and evaluation efforts; and

WHEREAS, it is the hope of the WRC that the “Tompkins County 2012 Wetlands Map” will alert citizens, agencies and units of local government to the need to protect these valuable resources; and

WHEREAS, it is understood and expressed by the WRC that the “Tompkins County 2012 Wetlands Map” is useful only at the planning stage of land development activities, and should not be a replacement for in-field review of wetland boundaries by qualified wetland delineators: now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Tompkins County Water Resources Council adopts and endorses the use of the “[Tompkins County 2012 Wetlands Map](#)” as a planning tool for municipalities, agencies, landowners and developers to consult for planning, environmental resource management, and land development activities, but let it be known that for site-specific purposes, a detailed, on-site wetland survey done by a qualified expert would be needed.