



Tompkins County Council of Governments

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Meeting: 02/27/14 03:00 PM
Department: Tompkins County Council of Governments
Category: Environmental
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ADOPTED

**RESOLUTION NO. 001-2014
(ID # 4750)**

Resolution in Support of Forming a County-Wide Task Force to Assist Municipalities in Researching, Prioritizing and Addressing Sustainability Issues

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Irene Weiser, Member - Alternate, Town of Caroline representative
SECONDER:	Elizabeth Thomas, Member - Town of Ulysses representative
AYES:	Dietrich, Engman, Thomas, Supron, Weiser, Rider, Rankin, Petrovic, Zimmer, Smith, Hopkins, Liefer

WHEREAS economic development, environmental protection and quality of life are major concerns for local governments, and

WHEREAS, accelerating climate change increases the urgency of addressing energy use and sustainability, and

WHEREAS Tompkins County recently completed the Cleaner Greener Southern Tier Regional Sustainability Plan which prioritized 22 projects that will improve the economic and environmental health of the area, and reduce energy use and greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 80% below 1990 levels by 2050, and

WHEREAS, local governments have an important role to play in advancing sustainability efforts via policies, plans, codes in areas such as local land use, zoning, building, design, and energy codes; land acquisition, infrastructure development, and investment in transportation services, and

WHEREAS, constrained budgets and limited staff prevent many municipalities from moving forward with policies to enhance sustainability; and

WHEREAS, in order to protect the health, safety and well-being of our residents and to protect the natural environment, economic development and quality of life in our communities, municipalities in Tompkins County need to research, prioritize and act on sustainability concerns; and

WHEREAS, intermunicipal cooperation will be essential to the success of each municipality's sustainability efforts and the Cleaner Greener Southern Tier Regional Sustainability Plan, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Tompkins County Council of Governments hereby convenes a Sustainability Task Force with the purpose of assisting municipalities within Tompkins County by gathering and disseminating information for governing bodies to use in their considerations of sustainability policies,

RESOLVED, further That the Task Force shall be referred to as the TCCOG Sustainability Task Force and shall commence work immediately,

RESOLVED, further, That other organizations within Tompkins County with an interest in this topic such as the County Planning Department, Sustainable Tompkins, Environmental Management Council and individual municipal task forces may have representation on the Sustainability Task Force as well as representatives from the governing body of each interested municipality.