



Tompkins County Council of Governments

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RESOLUTION 002-2010

Resolution in Support of Convening a County-Wide Task Force to Assist Municipalities in Preparing for Drilling Activities Associated with Extraction of Gas from the Marcellus Shale

Whereas, extraction of gas from the Marcellus Shale using the technique called high-volume, slick water hydraulic fracturing may begin in New York within the near future, and

Whereas, in order to protect the health, safety and well-being of their residents and to protect the natural environment, municipalities within Tompkins County need to be prepared to address the impacts of large scale industrialization that are part and parcel of gas extraction in areas of concern such as:

- Roads
- Water quality
- Air quality
- Land values
- Public and emergency responder safety in emergency situations
- Social and economic structure of our communities
- Land use issues
- Enforcement and inspection staff/services

, and

Whereas, municipalities within Tompkins County are neither staffed, nor have budgeted funds to individually address this large number of concerns in such a short period of time, now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Tompkins County Council of Governments hereby convenes a Task Force with the purpose of assisting municipalities within Tompkins County by gathering information for governing bodies to use in their deliberations when addressing gas drilling activities,

Resolved, further, That the Task Force shall be referred to as the TCCOG Gas Drilling Task Force and shall commence work immediately,

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