

Age Friendly Implementation Timeline Final				
		Color Code	Status	
			Significant progress or outcome achieved	
			Moderate, steady progress	
			Minimal or no progress	
			Strategy withdrawn	
<u>Community</u>				
Civic and Social Engagement				
Goal/Strategy	Lead Agencies	Deliverable Date	Progress to Date	Progress Code
Goal 1: Recognize the importance of volunteerism and community engagement (CU Research)				

<p>Task 1.1 Recognize the crucial role of citizen planners and volunteers in town level planning efforts.</p>	<p>CCE</p>		<p>Many health and social care providers desire input from community members to accurately assess community needs, and weigh in on new policies and practices intended to address those needs. Cornell Cooperative Extension proposes the creation of a pool of community members, each with flexible, individualized avenues to allow them to weigh in on the design and delivery of the providers' proposals, programs and services. Community members serve as Community Consultants and they set their own terms for the valuable services they offer. They are compensated every time they choose to participate in any consultancy project. If there are barriers to their participation (e.g. transportation, broadband access, need for childcare), they have access to individualized support to either address these barriers or adjust the method of engagement so that they will not prevent meaningful participation.</p>	
<p>Task 1.2 Support informal networks and services.</p>				
<p>Goal 2: Reduce social isolation (COFA Needs Assessment)</p>				
<p>Task 2.1 Innovate strategies to mitigate some of the devastating effects of social isolation. Many older adults face loneliness, isolation, and lack of regular companionship, which has been further highlighted during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.</p>	<p>COFA</p>		<p>Through NYSOFA initiatives such as ElliQ, VSC (Virtual Center Center), Joy For All Companion Pets; LTCC sub committee on social isolation and engagement created a brochure highlighting community programs and resources to combat social isolation.</p>	

<p>Task 2.2 Monitor program successes and challenges with respect to partnership with IC's Aging Studies Program. In 2020, COFA contracted with Senior Planet and Older Adults Technology Service (OATS) to run a tablet project for eligible, case managed clients. Participants were matched with IC students who became their virtual visitors and support through the process. We continue to partner with Lifelong to provide virtual programming as well as a 9 to 5 tech support hotline for members and the pilot project participants.</p>	<p>COFA, Lifelong, Ithaca College</p>		<p>Ongoing partnership for the Senior Planet Tablet Program. Additional partnerships have come from 2 mini grants received by Lifespan and the NYS Caregiving and Respite Coalition to provide paid respite for caregivers through students.</p>	
<p>Task 2.3 Provide socially isolated clients with robotic companion pets by matching interested clients with a Joy for All Companion Pet. Monitor program successes and challenges and make adjustments as needed.</p>	<p>COFA</p>		<p>Very successful. In addition to cats and dogs, COFA has now received "Walker Squakers" which are singing birds that can attach to client's walkers. It is embedded in our programs and services and will continue.</p>	
<p>Goal 3: Support children and youth to demonstrate commitment to their community as contributing members of their families, schools, and neighborhoods (Achieving Youth Results 2.0, 2020).</p>				
<p>Task 3.1 Coordinate existing programs so that they can share resources (space, publicity, location, transportation, timing, etc.).</p>	<p>Youth Commission Community Council</p>			
<p>Task 3.2 Increase the number of intergenerational programs offered by service providers.</p>	<p>Youth Commission Community Council</p>			
<p>Task 3.3 Support further mentoring programs for youth within rural communities and other targeted populations.</p>	<p>Youth Commission Community Council</p>			

Communication and Information				
Goal/Strategy	Lead Agencies	Deliverable Date	Progress to Date	Progress Code
Goal 1: Build and maintain a task force to sustain momentum and collaboration (CU Research)				
Task 1.1 Include social service agencies (for children and seniors), economic development, planning, local communities and libraries on a task force to encourage collaboration and promote all aspects of age friendly communities.	COFA		We reconvened Age Friendly steering committee and have met twice: October 2022 and January 2023. We have started bringing most of these partners together and will continue to reach out to rural communities and libraries.	
Task 1.2 Include organizations representing diversity, equity and inclusion on the task force.	COFA			
Task 1.3 Develop a governance and leadership model that ensures that all members are empowered to contribute.	COFA			
Goal 2: Increase and promote legal and financial planning information and resources (COFA Needs Assessment)				
Task 2.1 Partner with Lifelong to provide legal and financial information in the Senior Circle.	COFA, Lifelong	Ongoing	Met and continue to include information in quarterly Senior Circles on an ongoing basis.	
Task 2.2 Partner with LawNY to provide legal assistance and referrals.	COFA, LawNY		In 2021, the referral form from COFA to LawNY was updated and revised with the input from staff at both agencies. This assisted in streamlining the eligibility process and making sure that appropriate referrals were being made. In 2022, COFA was able to add additional funding to meet the increasing need for assistance with wills and powers of attorney.	
Goal 3: Increase and promote access to technology for information and communication (COFA Needs Assessment)				

Task 3.1 Support the expansion of internet connectivity improvement efforts to increase communication, information sharing and outreach, especially for rural communities (CU Research).			COFA is assisting people with the Affordable Connectivity Program which allows income eligible people to receive discounts on internet service. NYS Governor has proposed the ConnectALL initiative to provide the largest investment in infrastructure throughout NYS delivering affordable internet to millions of New Yorkers.	
Respect, Inclusion and Trust				
Goal/Strategy	Lead Agencies	Deliverable Date	Progress to Date	Progress Code
Goal 1: Continue efforts to deliver services to underserved populations. (COFA Public Hearing)				
Task 1.1 Continue efforts to reach out to non-English speakers and racial/ethnic minorities, particularly the Asian community.	COFA, Lifelong		Through the Mosaic program, we are working to reach underserved communities with programming.	
Task 1.2 Continue to direct efforts to older adults of lower income, those who are isolated, and those living in rural portions of the County.	COFA, Lifelong		Through the Mosaic program, we are working to reach underserved communities with programming.	
Task 1.3 Continue outreach efforts to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender older adults.	COFA, Lifelong		Through the Mosaic program, we are working to reach underserved communities with programming.	
Task 1.4 Strive to maintain racial and socio-economic diversity on the COFA Advisory Committee and include older adults from all parts of Tompkins County.	COFA		Efforts continue to seek diversity on the Advisory Committee as seats open up and outreach is necessary to fill vacancies.	
Goal 2: Increase and promote financial frauds and scams information and resources (COFA Needs Assessment)				
Task 2.1 Partner with Lifelong to provide financial frauds and scam information in the Senior Circle.	COFA, Lifelong	Ongoing	Met and continue to include information in quarterly Senior Circles on an ongoing basis.	

Goal 3: Promote intergenerational learning to facilitate the reciprocal sharing of expertise between learners of all ages. (Ithaca College Age Friendly Principles)				
Task 3.1 Expand access to intergenerational learning opportunities through the IC/Longview Partnership.	ICGI		On 11/1/22, held an intergenerational screening of the documenatry "All The Lonely People" at Ithaca College. Audience consisted of older adults from throughout the community as well as Ithaca College students.	
Business and Work Opportunities				
Goal/Strategy	Lead Agencies	Deliverable Date	Progress to Date	Progress Code
Goal 1: Promote personal and career development in the second half of life and to support those who wish to pursue "second careers." (Ithaca College Age Friendly Principles)				
Task 1.1 Explore opportunities with Tompkins County Workforce Development.	ICGI			
Goal 2: Increase the understanding of students of the longevity dividend and the increasing complexity and richness that aging brings to our society. (Ithaca College Age Friendly Principles)				
Task 2.1 Explore opportunities to collaborate with the business community.	ICGI			
Goal 3: Develop Age Friendly Business Model for Tompkins County.				
Task 3.1 Research best practices and involve stakeholders in developing a model.	CU EAD			
Goal 4: Support youth to be prepared for their eventual economic security (Achieving Youth Results 2.0, 2020)				

Task 4.1 Increase opportunities for soft skill development (I.e. volunteerism, enrichment workshops, supported employment, job coaching, apprenticeships, etc.)	Youth Commission Community Council			
Task 4.2 Work with schools and employers to develop a more robust school-to-career pipeline.	Youth Commission Community Council			
Land Use				
Housing				
Goal/Strategy	Lead Agencies	Deliverable Date	Progress to Date	Progress Code
Goal 1: Support Tompkins County's intention to be a place where housing is affordable, safe, energy efficient, and appealing. (TC Comprehensive Plan, 2015: Housing)				
Task 1.1: Update the Tompkins County Affordable Housing Needs Assessment and engage the broader housing community in revising the Tompkins County Housing Strategy. (from 2015 Comprehensive Plan)	Planning & Sustainability Dept.	Initiate by 2017	The <i>Tompkins County 2016 Housing Needs Assessment</i> was completed in late 2016. The <i>Tompkins County Housing Strategy: A Place for All of Us</i> was endorsed by the Legislature on July 6, 2017.	
Task 1.2: Better define the housing needs of client populations served by County human services agencies. (from 2015 Comprehensive Plan)	Ithaca/Tompkins County Continuum of Care	initiate by 2017	The Coordinated Assessment Team was developed with a “no wrong door approach” where participating agencies implement a standardized assessment tool to identify vulnerabilities and assist in placing consumers in the right housing options. There is a single waiting list, reviewed regularly, to meet the needs of people remaining on the list.	

Task 1.3: Assist municipalities in developing strategies to help homebuyers compare and evaluate the energy efficiency of existing housing. (from 2015 Comprehensive Plan)	Tompkins County Planning Department and Cornell Cooperative Extension	Initiate by 2017	A team of local governments (Towns of Danby, Caroline, Ithaca and Ulysses, and the City of Ithaca) received grant funding from NYSERDA to prepare the <i>Tompkins Residential Energy Score Program and Implementation Plan</i> .	
Task 1.4 Housing Funding: Identify and pursue methods to continue and expand the Community Housing Development Fund Program. (from 2019 Comprehensive Plan Update)	Planning & Sustainability Dept.	Initiate by 2025	All three funding partners made additional contributions in 2019, partners signed a new MOU in 2021 to extend the program through 2027, the Town of Ithaca joined as the 2nd Associate Member in 2021, and Dryden renewed its Associate Membership in 2022. To date, the program has awarded over \$6.8 million for 874 affordable housing units, 692 of which are built or under construction.	
Goal 2: Meet or Exceed Tompkins County Housing Targets, 2016-2025 (TC Housing Strategy, 2017)				
Task 2.1 Meet existing deficit of 100-200 subsidized senior apartments.	Not-for-Profit Housing Developers	Initiate by 2025	Since 2016, 59 market-rate and 68 subsidized senior housing units were added. • 152 market-rate units are proposed/planned for construction in the coming years.	
Task 2.2 Add at least one Medicaid Assisted Living Program facility (requires certificate from NYSDOH).	Department of Social Services	Initiate by 2025	Discussions are occurring between local facilities and Administration. There is currently a moratorium on Medicaid Assisted Living beds. While discussions may pivot to address gaps and unmet needs, the need for MALP beds in our community will continue to be a priority.	
Task 2.3 Increase market-rate senior housing units with services and congregate care facilities to be determined based on future vacancies and waitlists given recent expansions.	Private Developers	Initiate by 2025		

Task 2.4 Research options for assisting in the rehabilitation of housing units, and transitioning some current student rental units to workforce rental and ownership housing. Beyond code compliance, these efforts should prioritize energy efficiency improvements and use of renewable energy sources that reduce both greenhouse gas emissions and energy use as well as incorporation of universal design. (TC Housing Strategy, 2017)	Municipalities; local development and landlord community; INHS; TCAction; Tompkins County Dept. of Planning and Sustainability	2025		
Task 2.5: Analyze the local housing impacts of short term rentals, such as Airbnb, and options for local regulation.	Planning & Sustainability Dept.	2025	The County is tracking data with regard to Short-Term rentals	
Task 2.6: Track vacancies, new or changing needs identified in the community, and development of new units of senior-oriented housing, including subsidized independent living units, Medicaid beds, and market-rate beds with services. (Tompkins County Office for the Aging with assistance from the Tompkins County Dept. of Planning and Sustainability) (TC Housing Strategy, 2017)	COFA with assistance from the Planning & Sustainability Dept.	2025		
Goal 3: Improve existing housing units in order to meet residents' needs and the County's greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals. (TC Housing Strategy, 2017)				
Task 3.1: Explore the potential for improving existing code enforcement and for the County's potential involvement in code enforcement (TC Housing Strategy, 2017)	Municipalities; Tompkins County Health Department	Initiate by 2025	The Department of Planning & Sustainability has issued a Request for Proposals for a County-wide Code Enforcement Study. Contract execution expected in Dec. 2022 with work to be completed in 2023.	
Task 3.2: Investigate substandard housing issues for vulnerable populations. (TC Housing Strategy, 2017)	Continuum of Care	Initiate by 2025		

Task 3.3: Consider adoption of the draft local law prohibiting source-of-income discrimination.	Tompkins county Legislature	Initiate by 2025		
Task 3.4: Provide outreach and education to home seekers as well as landlords, realtors, and other housing providers and stakeholders, such as supportive housing organizations and nursing homes, about their rights and responsibilities with regards to Fair Housing Laws.	Tompkins County Office of Human Rights	Initiate by 2025		
Task 3.5: Monitor housing discrimination complaints in order to identify particular types of complaints which require more specific outreach.	Tompkins County Office of Human Rights	Initiate by 2025		
Task 3.6: Continue implementing the County's obligation to Affirmatively Further Fair Housing	Tompkins County Office of Human Rights	Initiate by 2025		
Goal 4: Increase home repair and maintenance opportunities (COFA Needs Assessment)				
Task 4.1 Partner with Ithaca Neighborhood Housing Services to administer the Small Home and Safety Repair Program.	COFA, INHS	Ongoing	This program is currently being successfully administered. Continued monitoring takes place to assess ongoing needs, and barriers such as lack of workers.	
Neighborhood				
Goal/Strategy	Lead Agencies	Deliverable Date	Progress to Date	Progress Code
Goal 1: Augment nodal development by incorporating services and community into land use (CU Draft)				

Task 1.1 Recognize the limits of nodal development for rural age friendly. A focus on physical planning is not enough. County and town-level planning needs to recognize the importance of services as they pertain to childcare and aging in in place.				
Task 1.2 Create training and opportunities for cross community learning on age friendly practices for planning board members.				
Goal 2: Support the intention of Tompkins County to be a place where new development is focused in compact, walkable, mixed-used communities. (TC Comprehensive Plan, 2015: Development Patterns)				
Task 2.1: Work with municipalities to identify potential infill or redevelopment sites within Development Focus Areas (from 2015 Comprehensive Plan)	Department of Planning and Sustainability	Initiate by 2017	A consultant hired by the County assisted in its infill analysis and efforts to nurture compatible infill development within Tompkins County communities.	
Task 2.2: Provide technical assistance to municipalities to establish land use policies and regulations that support development within Development Focus Areas. (from 2015 Comprehensive Plan)	Department of Planning and Sustainability	Initiate by 2017	The Department has reinvigorated its efforts to provide staff assistance to communities interested in taking actions in support of the County's planning policies.	
Task 2.3: 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. (from 2019 Comprehensive Plan Update)	TCAD (now IAED)/Department of Planning and Sustainability	Initiate by 2025	An update of the Countywide Inter-Municipal Water and Sewer Study for Tompkins County was completed in August 22. Efforts to share information with local officials is getting underway.	
Task 2.4: Identify and share ways local municipalities can use the Planning and Design Principles from the Development Focus Areas Strategy (2012) in their communities. (from 2019 Comprehensive Plan Update)	Department of Planning and Sustainability	Initiate by 2025	The Department works with municipalities as opportunities arise.	

Goal 3: Support Tompkins County to provide children, youth and families with healthy, safe, and thriving environments. (Achieving Youth Results 2.0, 2020)				
Task 3.1 Increase the number of youth-friendly community centers (formal and informal).	Youth Commission Community Council			
Task 3.2 Bring food and education to people where they are.	Youth Commission Community Council			
Climate Change Adaptation				
Goal/Strategy	Lead Agencies	Deliverable Date	Progress to Date	Progress Code
Goal 1: Support Tompkins County in its goal to be a place where the entire community is prepared for the economic, environmental, and social impacts of climate change.				
Task 1.1: Assess the vulnerability of the County government's critical facilities to the impacts of climate change. (from 2015 Comprehensive Plan)	Department of Planning and Sustainability	Initiate by 2017	The County completed the Multi-Jurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan	
Task 1.2: Prepare a community disaster recovery plan to prepare the community to take the actions; including those that build economic resilience, to bounce back from a disaster should it occur. (from 2015 Comprehensive Plan)	Department of Planning and Sustainability	Initiate by 2017	The County completed the Resiliency and Recovery Plan in 2022. Among other elements, the Plan includes an Economic Recovery Planning Framework, Model Ordinances for recovery and reconstruction, Continuity of Operations Planning Tools for local governments and for businesses, and a Resilience Messaging Playbook.	

Task 1.3: Conduct an inventory of pipeline stream crossings in the county and identify those of highest priority in order to advance measures to reduce risk to human health and the environment. (from 2015 Comprehensive Plan)	Department of Planning and Sustainability	Initiate by 2017	The Tompkins County Inventory of Erosion Hazards at Pipeline Crossings was completed in December 2016.	
Task 1.4: 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. (from 2019 Comprehensive Plan Update)	Department of Planning and Sustainability	Initiate by 2025	The Hazard Mitigation Plan was completed in 2021. The County completed the Resiliency and Recovery Plan in 2022.	
Built Environment				
Goal/Strategy	Lead Agencies	Deliverable Date	Progress to Date	Progress Code
Goal 1: Support the intention of Tompkins County to be a place where the built environment promotes healthy, safe and active lifestyles (TC Comprehensive Plan, 2015: Neighborhoods and Communities/Healthy Communities)				
Task 1.1: Develop a healthy communities strategy as a collaborative effort of County departments. (from the 2015 Comprehensive Plan)	Department of Planning and Sustainability	Initiate by 2017	In discussions among County departments, it was determined the most effective approach to this project was for the Department of Planning and Sustainability to provide planning support, as needed, to other County Departments as they work on developing health-related plans.	

Task 1.2: Establish a formal role for the County in trail development. (from the 2015 Comprehensive Plan)	Tompkins County Legislature	Initiate by 2017	In 2015, the Planning, Energy and Economic Development Committee agreed that the Planning Department should support development of a countywide trail system with a particular focus on regional multi-use trails involving multiple municipalities. The Department's role includes convening partners, supporting efforts to secure trail corridors, and helping to obtain funds to design and build trails.	
Task 1.3: Prepare and share a sidewalk inventory with municipalities. (from the 2015 Comprehensive Plan)	Department of Planning and Sustainability	Initiate by 2017	Upon review, it was determined that the existing sidewalk inventory is largely already completed and available to municipalities.	
Task 1.4: Work with community partners to further implement the Tompkins Priority Trails Strategy. (from the 2019 Comprehensive Plan Update)	Department of Planning and Sustainability	Initiate by 2025	The Department works with municipalities and others as opportunities arise. An Update of the Priority Trails Strategy was initiated in late 2022.	
Task 1.5: Complete tasks associated with the regional Cayuga Lake Blueway Trail Implementation grant from the New York State Department of State. (from the 2019 Comprehensive Plan Update)	Department of Planning and Sustainability	Initiate by 2025	Marketing materials developed; website established; signage installed. Final action, installation of a floating dock, scheduled for early 2022. Project completed in mid-2022.	
Goal 2: Promote a paradigm shift for creators and stewards of the built environment to view their work through an Age Friendly Lens (AF Action Plan 2016)				
Task 2.1 Present Age Friendly Initiative to Tompkins County Council of Governments.	COFA & Partners			
Task 2.2 Provide training seminar inviting members of the Tompkins County Council of Governments and reach 2 municipalities.	COFA & Partners			
Task 2.3 Work in greater depth with 2 municipalities to implement Age Friendly concepts in planning and zoning efforts.	COFA & Partners		Work is being done to implement age friendly concepts in Brooktondale/Caroline.	

Open Spaces and Recreation				
Goal/Strategy	Lead Agencies	Deliverable Date	Progress to Date	Progress Code
Goal 1: Encourage efforts to make Tompkins County a place where natural features and working rural landscapes are preserved and enhanced (TC Comprehensive Plan, 2015: Natural Resources/Healthy Communities)				
Task 1.1 Monitor development activity within the Natural Features Focus Areas and Agricultural Resource Focus Areas and share that information with municipalities.	Department of Planning and Sustainability	Initiate by 2017	The Department of Planning and Sustainability in conjunction with the Department of Assessment has developed a methodology for annual tracking of development. Regular reporting began in 2017.	
Task 1.2: Identify Purchase of Development Rights priority projects for implementation in the Agricultural Resource Focus Areas. (from 2015 Comprehensive Plan)	Department of Planning and Sustainability and Cornell Cooperative Extension of Tompkins County	Initiate by 2017	Using the priorities of the State's Purchase of Development Rights program, actively farmed properties with the highest quality soils and greatest development pressure were identified and were the focus of outreach and education on the State's PDR programs.	
Task 1.3: Develop a conservation funding strategy that accurately captures need for key conservation acquisitions. (from 2015 Comprehensive Plan)	Tompkins County Legislature	Initiate by 2017	The Tompkins County Legislature established the Natural Infrastructure Capital Project in 2017. The program is administered by the Department of Planning and Sustainability. In 2019, staff completed a review of this and other similar county funding programs to assess their effectiveness in meeting the County's priorities and revised program guidelines will be developed and presented to the Legislature for consideration in 2020. The Program continues to operate successfully.	

Task 1.4: Build on the recommendations in the Finger Lakes Trail Corridor Protection Plan to identify specific areas and tools to improve connectivity between Natural Features Focus Areas. (from 2015 Comprehensive Plan)	Department of Planning and Sustainability	Initiate by 2017	The Tompkins County Habitat Connectivity Strategy was completed in May 2018. Some of the Strategy's recommendations could provide formalized protection and improvement of the Finger Lakes Trail Corridor.	
Task 1.5: Provide resources to support and encourage local officials to establish mechanisms and programs for protecting stream corridors. (from 2019 Comprehensive Plan Update)	Department of Planning and Sustainability	Initiate by 2025	The Department continues to work with municipalities to establish protection mechanisms.	
Task 1.6: Establish clear goals for managing County-owned Forest Lands and develop a plan of action for advancing those goals. (from 2019 Comprehensive Plan Update)	Environmental Management Council, Department of Planning and Sustainability	Initiate by 2025	In 2021 the Legislature has established a policy of no active forest management on County-owned Forest Lands	
Services				
Transportation				
Goal/Strategy	Lead Agencies	Deliverable Date	Progress to Date	Progress Code
Goal 1: Participate in efforts to address transportation aspects of "community livability" and "social justice" (Ithaca-Tompkins County Transportation Council, 2020)				
Task 1.1 Cooperate and work with the Tompkins County Department of Planning and Sustainability in implementation of action items from the Tompkins County Countywide Comprehensive Plan.	Ithaca-Tompkins County Transportation Council		Suggest removing this as a strategy. More of a policy statement.	

<p>Task 1.2 Support local municipalities and community groups in development of transportation plans and other efforts that support the goals and objectives in the Ithaca-Tompkins County Transportation Council's Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP).</p>	<p>Ithaca-Tompkins County Transportation Council</p>		<p>Transportation Equity Coalition is currently working with a consultant on a Transportation Equity Needs Assessment. They have been holding focus groups which included one with older adults. A survey will be disseminated soon in order to gather more information. Also, BikeWalkTompkins has completed a Bike Plan for Ithaca and Tompkins County - Bicycling for Everyone- https://everyone.bikewalktompkins.org/</p>	
<p>Task 1.3 Support community programs/initiatives that encourage increased use of active transportation (walking, bicycling, transit, shared transport), such as Bike Walk Tompkins, Ithaca Carshare, and Gadabout.</p>	<p>Ithaca-Tompkins County Transportation Council</p>		<p>Ongoing coordination and support. Community events (Streets Alive!), educational/training programs are continuing. Active transportation infrastructure projects have been approved and included in the 5 year Transportation Improvement Program.</p>	
<p>Task 1.4 Coordinate with appropriate agencies to ensure that transportation services are seamless, comprehensive and accessible to all citizens.</p>	<p>Ithaca-Tompkins County Transportation Council</p>			
<p>Task 1.5 Provide continued emphasis and support for the development of transportation modes and programs that provide alternatives to the private automobile as a primary mode of transportation including: -trail development -public transportation - bicycling initiatives -pedestrian initiatives -car sharing - ride sharing/carpooling -van pooling -guaranteed/back-up ride home -transportation demand management.</p>	<p>Ithaca-Tompkins County Transportation Council</p>		<p>Most significantly, Ithaca Bikeshare began service in 2022, reintroducing bike sharing into the modal mix. In addition, a significant amount of funding has been secured to expand multiuse trails in the County. The Dryden Rail Trail, the Black Diamond trail and trails in the Village of Cayuga Heights will go to construction in 2023-2024.</p>	

Task 1.6 Monitor continually evolving transportation technologies and evaluate for beneficial implementation in Tompkins County.	Ithaca-Tompkins County Transportation Council		Suggest removing this as a strategy. More of a policy statement.	
Goal 2: Support efforts to make Tompkins County a place where transportation choices are efficient, affordable, and healthy for people and the environment. (TC Comprehensive Plan, 2015: Transportation)				
Task 2.1: Identify the most critical elements of the County-owned highway infrastructure network for use in prioritizing investment of County funds. (from 2015 Comprehensive Plan)	County Highway Department	Initiate by 2017	The County Highway Department regularly assesses highway infrastructure to prioritize spending.	
Task 2.2: Conduct a study to identify electric vehicle charging station development needs and opportunities. (from 2015 Comprehensive Plan)	Ithaca-Tompkins County Transportation Council	Initiate by 2017	ITCTC received grant funding from NYSERDA and completed the Tompkins County Plug-in Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Plan in June 2017.	
Task 2.3: Investigate additional park and ride and other ways to provide better, safer access to existing transit routes in suburban and rural areas. (from 2015 Comprehensive Plan)	Ithaca-Tompkins County Transportation Council	Initiate by 2017	A review was conducted by the ITCTC. Opportunities for implementing improvements continue to be explored.	
Task 2.4: Develop the 2020 State Route 13 Corridor Study and identify opportunities to implement recommendations. (from 2019 Comprehensive Plan Update)	Department of Planning and Sustainability, Ithaca-Tompkins County Transportation Council	Initiate by 2025	State Route 13 Corridor Study completed in 2020.	
Task 2.5: Assist County employees in reducing greenhouse gas emissions from their daily commutes. (from 2019 Comprehensive Plan Update)	Department of Planning and Sustainability, Department of Human Resources	Initiate by 2025	not initiated. Scheduled to begin in 2023.	

Task 2.6: Undertake an inventory and analysis of County facilities and fleet to determine a financially sound path to net-zero emissions. (from 2019 Comprehensive Plan Update)	Facilities Department, Department of Planning and Sustainability		The County's Chief Sustainability Officer is implementing the County Green Fleet Policy in conjunction with all County Departments with vehicles. The fleet now has 41 electrified vehicles (28% of the fleet). A Green Facilities Capital Program is being implemented by a collaborative effort between the Facilities Department, the Chief Sustainability Officer, and several other departments. Phase one of the Green Facilities Project is ongoing with much of the weatherization, lighting, water conservation and ancillary projects complete. Major heating system upgrades are scheduled to be complete by the 4th quarter of 2023.	
		Initiate by 2025		
Goal 3: Increase and promote transportation options to medical appointments (COFA Needs Assessment)				
Task 3.1 Provide transportation vouchers for medical appointments.	COFA		COFA provides 20 free Gadabout tickets in a year to anyone 60+.	
Goal 4: Increase and promote transportation options to religious, social and recreational activities (COFA Needs Assessment)				
Task 4.1 Explore opportunities to increase transportation options such as Uber, Lyft and other networks.				
Community Health				
Goal/Strategy	Lead Agencies	Deliverable Date	Progress to Date	Progress Code
Goal 1: Prevent Chronic Disease (CHIP)				

Task 1.1 Increase access to healthy and affordable foods and beverages: COFA will contract with Foodnet to provide the Senior Nutrition Program and nutrition counseling.	Health Department, COFA	Ongoing	COFA will continue to contract with Foodnet to provide the Senior Nutrition Program which provides nutrition counseling and education.	
Task 1.2 Increase skills and knowledge to support healthy food and beverage choices: COFA will continue the Farmers Market Senior Nutrition Program.	Health Department, COFA	Ongoing	In 2022, COFA provided Farmer's Market Coupons to 719 Tompkins County residents.	
Task 1.3 Increase food security.	Health Department			
Task 1.4 Increase cancer screening rates for breast, cervical & colorectal cancer.	Health Department			
Goal 2: Promote Healthy Women, Infants & Children (CHIP)				
Task 2.1 Reduce racial, ethnic, economic & geographic disparities in maternal & child health outcomes, and promote health equity for maternal & child health populations.	Health Department			
Goal 3: Promote Well-Being & Prevent Mental Health & Substance Use Disorders (CHIP)				
Task 3.1 Strengthen opportunities to build well-being & resilience across the lifespan.	Health Department			
Task 3.2 Facilitate supportive environments that promote respect & dignity for people of all ages.	Health Department			
Goal 4: Increase understanding of Medicare options (COFA Needs Assessment)				
Task 4.1 Continue to provide Health Insurance Counseling at COFA and Lifelong.	COFA, Lifelong	Ongoing	COFA and Lifelong continue to offer health insurance counseling. COFA has 3 certified counselors and as of September 2022 Lifelong has 15 certified volunteer counselors. Between April and September 2022 there were 261 contacts for health insurance counseling.	

Goal 5: Reduce falls (COFA Needs Assessment)				
Task 5.1 Provide falls prevention home safety assessments and make referrals to the Ithaca Neighborhood Housing Services for repairs and upgrades.	COFA, INHS	Ongoing	COFA now has a CAPS certified staff member. COFA continues to provide falls assessment to Tompkins County residents.	
Goal 6: Increase home care options for hospital discharge and/or managing chronic conditions (COFA Needs Assessment)				
Task 6.1 Support the Caregiver's Resource Center and Alzheimer's Support Unit, which are designed to help caregivers provide quality care for older adults and persons with disabilities while also maintaining the quality of their own lives and the lives of their family member.	COFA	Ongoing	COFA received two separate respite volunteer program grants which were administered successfully (see below).	
Task 6.2 Pilot and support the Pause for Parkinson's Project, which will provide REST (Respite Education and Support Tools) and Parkinson's specific training to Project Care/Generation students who will be matched with the care receiver for a few hours a week to provide respite to the caregiver.	COFA, Ithaca College, Cornell	2021-2022	This pilot program was successful in that we served 7 caregivers with a total of 199.50 hours of respite over 4 months. In Fall 2022, COFA received another mini grant to expand this pilot program to provide respite to caregivers of county residents age 60+ no matter what the condition of the care receiver. This work will begin in early 2023.	
Task 6.3 Continue to administer the NY Connects Program to provide residents of all ages with objective and comprehensive information about long term care services and supports available in Tompkins County.	COFA, NY Connects No Wrong Door Advisory Group	Ongoing	COFA continues to provide the NY Connects program and is the community's No Wrong Door for Long Term Care services information. From January 2022 through October 2022 COFA provided information and referral services to 1,151 people.	
Task 6.4 Partner with the Finger Lakes Independence Center to maintain the Home Care Registry and the Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Programs.	COFA, FLIC	Ongoing	Both the Registry and the CDPAP program are thriving due to the lack of agency aides in our community. COFA and FLIC will continue to partner closely on these programs as demand continues to grow.	

Task 6.5 Partner with Stafkings, Caregivers, Home Instead Senior Care, Comfort Keepers, and the Finger Lakes Independence Center to provide Expanded In-Home Services for the Elderly (EISEP) non-medical home care services.	COFA, Stafkings, Caregivers, Home Instead Senior Care, Comfort Keepers, FLIC	Ongoing	Since January 2022, these agencies have provided 9,094.75 hours of PCA I and II services to our EISEP clients. COFA is currently contracted with StafKings, Caregivers, Home Instead and FLIC to provide our EISEP program. In 2022 COFA hired a HHA to combat the shortage of aides in local agencies and to date has served 22 clients.	
Task 6.6 Partner with the Tompkins County Department of Social Services Office of Long Term Care to provide long term care information and assistance and EISEP assessment and case management.	COFA, Dept. of Social Services Long Term Care	Ongoing	Two EISEP case managers are housed in the Long Term Care Unit at the Department of Social Services. These case managers provide assessment, case management, and information and referral services. As of October 2022, 64 clients are case managed.	
Task 6.7 Partner with the Human Services Coalition Health Planning Council to coordinate the Long Term Care Committee.	COFA, Human Services Coalition Health Planning Council LTC Committee	Ongoing	The Long Term Care Committee is coordinated through the Human Services Coalition and plays an important role in identifying and addressing the needs of older adults, people with disabilities, and people with long term care needs. The committee currently meets quarterly.	
Goal 7: Increase health and safety emergency preparedness (COFA Needs Assessment)				
Task 7.1 Continue to provide and upgrade the technology used by the Personal Emergency Response System (PERS) Program and ensure compatibility with digital phones, cell phones, and GPS applications, and will increase the number of people served.	COFA	Ongoing	As of October 2022, the PERS program serves 326 clients, up from October 2021. COFA staff continues to work with Doyle Medical Monitoring on providing and upgrading technology for GPS devices as well as home units.	
Goal 8: Support children and youth to benefit from optimal physical and emotional health (Achieving Youth Results 2.0, 2020).				

Task 8.1 Increase access to mental health providers in rural communities and among underserved populations.	Youth Commission Community Council			
Task 8.2 Develop an education campaign that helps the community understand the importance of social and emotional development for children and youth at all ages and stages, and the impacts of mental health needs and substance use	Youth Commission Community Council			
Goal 9: Promote Age Friendly Health Systems				
Task 9.1 Support local health providers which participate in the 2022 Age Friendly Health Systems Action Community.	Age Friendly Steering Committee and CHP		Cayuga Health Partners attend regular steering committee meetings.	
Education				
Goal/Strategy	Lead Agencies	Deliverable Date	Progress to Date	Progress Code
Goal 1: Support youth in the aspiration to leave school prepared to live, learn and work in their community (Achieving Youth Results 2.0, 2020)				
Task 1.1 Support the development of parent advocates throughout the county/community.	Youth Commission Community Council			
Task 1.2 Increase volunteerism and community connections of youth in each school district through a commitment from the school districts to help youth explore community and business opportunities.	Youth Commission Community Council			

Goal 2: Recognize the range of educational needs of older adults (from those who were early school-leavers through to those who wish to pursue advanced degrees). (Ithaca College Age Friendly Principles)				
Task 2.1 Support IC faculty and staff in understanding the range of educational needs of older adults.	ICGI			
Task 2.2 Promote the range of educational opportunities available at IC among community older adults.	ICGI			
Goal 3: Widen access to online educational opportunities for older adults to ensure a diversity of routes to participation. (Ithaca College Age Friendly Principles)				
Task 3.1 Support IC faculty in development and delivery of non-credit bearing online educational opportunities.	ICGI			
Childcare				
Goal/Strategy	Lead Agencies	Deliverable Date	Progress to Date	Progress Code
Goal 1: Build access to child care (Child Development Council Strategic Initiatives)				

<p>Task 1.1: Increase the recruitment of child care providers using innovative strategies, while providing training and support to retain them in the field.</p>	<p>Child Development Council</p>		<p>Building Access to Child Care (BACC) offers individualized coaching and business support to help those interested to develop and sustain child care businesses and expand existing businesses with the primary focus of creating more quality child care slots in Tompkins County. Become a Provider Sessions, a primary component of BACC, are being revamped to make them more comprehensive and interactive. Sessions will be held in communities with the highest need for child care, such as the rural areas of Tompkins County. Bringing the sessions to the community will remove some barriers to participation, especially important since the sessions will move to a series model instead of single sessions. The series will allow for more robust individualized support, truly walking new providers through the process from interest in providing care, to application, to opening their new program.</p>	
<p>Task 1.2: Reduce the demands of program and business operations, with comprehensive supports for shared purchasing and back office services to strengthen the business model.</p>	<p>Child Development Council</p>		<p>The Core Business series, a training program for child care providers, has been developed to build and enhance skills to support business operations. The series is offered throughout the year. Providers can choose to attend single sessions or the full series. Back office services have been helpful for some businesses. These services are difficult for smaller businesses to afford, even if they have the technology necessary to operate them. CDC UpExploration on this and shared purchasing options continues.</p>	

Goal 2: Develop an early childhood education fund (Child Development Council Strategic Initiatives)				
<p>Task 2.1: Identify stable sources of support for the cost of child care so that no family pays more than 10% of their income on child care. Teachers and home-based providers are paid a living wage.</p>	<p>Child Development Council</p>		<p>The Council continues to advocate for fair pay and benefits for child care providers. Advocacy efforts include meetings with state and local representatives for sustainable, long-term funding for provider salaries and benefits, support to strengthen existing programs to prevent closures, and funds for workforce development.</p>	
Goal 3: Strengthen all families with Welcome Baby! (Child Development Council Strategic Initiatives)				

<p>Task3.1: Welcome, inform and refer families of newborns. Experienced Family Support Specialists will recruit and support a cadre of trained Welcome Baby! volunteers who will visit the family of every baby born in Tompkins County.</p>	<p>Child Development Council</p>		<p>Welcome Little One was developed to offer practical, hands-on activities and resources to support those expecting a new little one to prepare for baby. Preparing to welcome a little one is such an exciting and joyous experience for many. In reality, it can also be stressful, particularly for first time caregivers and those with fewer supports and resources. Welcome Little One serves to connect expectant caregivers with the child development experts, community resources, and each other. This fills a need in the community for baby preparation classes that help caregivers feel more confident in their caregiving skills and promote the very best start for all little ones, whether being welcomed by birth, adoption, kinship, or foster care. Welcome Little One sessions follow a guiding framework and are flexible enough to adapt to the group's needs. All sessions are engaging, encouraging interaction and peer support among participants. Practical baby supplies are distributed and participants receive a piece of quality baby equipment (car seat, stroller, pack and play, etc.) at the completion of the series. Board books are given at each session to encourage reading together and to help build baby's library. All materials and resources are carefully and intentionally vetted to ensure and promote inclusivity. After completion of the series,</p>	
<p>Goal 4: Prepare youth to leave school with the skills necessary to live, learn and work in their community (Achieving Youth Results 2.0, 2020)</p>				

Task 4.1 Compile a list of top 10 things or skills children should have to be successful in Kindergarten and work to ensure daycare providers are aware of and have access to this list.	Youth Commission Community Council			
Goal 5: Support families in their efforts to provide children with safe, stable and nurturing environments (Achieving Youth Results 2.0, 2020).				
Task 5.1 Implement and expand programs and resources to reduce chronic absenteeism rate in Tompkins County Schools.	Youth Commission Community Council			
Task 5.2 Utilize informal community spaces to provide resources for families such as fresh foods, gardens, classes, programming, etc.	Youth Commission Community Council			
Task 5.3 Expand and improve access to formal parenting supports and classes.	Youth Commission Community Council			
Other Services				
Goal/Strategy	Lead Agencies	Deliverable Date	Progress to Date	Progress Code
Goal 1: Expand and ensure access to services regardless of location. (CU Research)				
Task 1.1 Encourage both market and government providers to expand service access, especially delivery systems for groceries and drugs to rural households. This could be a role for economic development.				

Task 1.2 Expand coordination of decentralized service delivery, as the County Youth Bureau and Libraries do now, so that a wider range of services is available to seniors and children across the county.				
Goal 2: Build on the successes that emerged from the County's COVID response efforts. (CU Research)				
Task 2.1 Sustain Tompkins County's COVID response innovations in the delivery of goods and services, finance and information-sharing. These collaborative efforts built community resilience that we should work to sustain after the pandemic is over.				