

Tompkins County  
**COMPREHENSIVE  
PLAN**



Planning for our

**FUTURE**

Defining the Scope

November 18, 2013

Tompkins County  
Comprehensive Plan

2004

Planning *for our* Future

- Housing
- Transportation
- Jobs and Business
- Rural Resources
- Water Resources
- Natural Features
- Strong Communities
- Centers of Development
- Efficient Use of Public Funds
- Energy and GHG Emissions

# Success Stories

## How a County Comprehensive Plan is Used

# Stream Corridor Protection

**Action:** Use watershed-based approach to reduce flood risks



**Result:** Stream corridor protection program focused on vegetative buffers



# Farmland Protection

**Action:** Protect farmland in agricultural resource focus areas



**Result:** Partner with State, Towns and Farmers purchasing development rights



# Affordable Housing

**Action:** Conduct a needs assessment to guide development of affordable housing



**Result:** Housing Fund created to financially support development of affordable housing



# Proposed Scope of Work

Incorporate current characteristics and data

Review studies and plans completed in last 10 yrs

Add new components:

- Climate change adaptation
- Sustainability
- Others identified by community

Tompkins County will be updating its 2004 Comprehensive Plan by 2014, and needs **YOUR INPUT** to help develop the scope of the Plan.



Tompkins County  
**COMPREHENSIVE  
PLAN**



be heard!

# Results of Survey

- 915 responses

Most highly rated topics:

- Affordable Living 
- Healthy Communities
- Traditional Infrastructure 
- Public Safety



# Affordable Living



# Healthy and Safe Communities



# Prioritization Exercise

1. Brainstorm what to include in *Affordable Living* and *Healthy and Safe Communities*
2. Group similar ideas
3. Vote on top ideas to focus effort in plan

# Next Steps

Stay involved

Contact us with ideas

[compplan@tompkins-co.org](mailto:compplan@tompkins-co.org)

607-274-5560

121 E. Court St, Ithaca



Tompkins County  
**COMPREHENSIVE  
PLAN**

Planning for our

**FUTURE**