

**RESOLUTION NO. 101 - ADOPTION OF THE INTERIM VITAL COMMUNITIES
DEVELOPMENT AND PRESERVATION PRINCIPLES**

MOVED by Ms. Kiefer, seconded by Mr. Penniman.

WHEREAS, the Vital Communities Initiative was undertaken to create and implement a vision of the future growth and development in Tompkins County, and

WHEREAS, the Vital Communities program began with stakeholder workshops involving interests in economic development, land development, agriculture, environmental protection, neighborhood quality, local planning, local government, county government, education, human services, youth, and transportation and infrastructure, and

WHEREAS, these stakeholder workshops provided the basis for the preparation of Development and Preservation Principles as the first step in generating a shared vision of future growth and development options in Tompkins County, and

WHEREAS, the County has, through its Department of Planning, engaged in an extensive outreach effort to solicit public input on the draft Development and Preservation Principles, and

WHEREAS, presentations of the draft Development and Preservation Principles were made to municipal elected bodies, municipal committees, county advisory boards, business associations, community associations, and civic organizations, and

WHEREAS, a display educating the public about the Vital Communities program and the draft Development and Preservation Principles was exhibited at numerous community fairs and festivals, libraries, and other public gathering places, and

WHEREAS, public comments on the contents of the draft Development and Preservation Principles were incorporated into the final version of the Principles, and

WHEREAS, the outreach effort confirmed public support for these Development and Preservation Principles as a means for guiding growth and development in Tompkins County in ways that enhance our quality of life, while providing for a stronger local economy, and

WHEREAS, the Tompkins County Planning Advisory Board, the Tompkins County Environmental Management Council, and the Vital Communities Steering Committee are charged with advising the Board of Representatives on planning-related matters and have recommended that the Board of Representatives adopt the Vital Communities Development and Preservation Principles, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Representatives recognizes the primary role of local municipal governments in land-use planning and regulation and the intermunicipal coordination role of County Planning Agencies under New York State General Municipal law, and

WHEREAS, New York State General Municipal Law specifically authorizes and the Tompkins County Charter specifically directs the development of a County Comprehensive Plan, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Planning Committee, That the Vital Communities Development and Preservation Principles are adopted as interim principles,

RESOLVED, further, That these Interim Principles are intended to be used to guide County program development and decision-making,

