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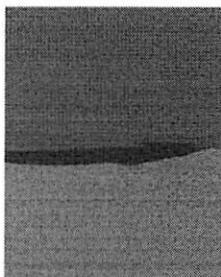
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Tompkins County Planning Department Newsletter

Energy Roadmap Presented

The Tompkins County Energy Roadmap was presented to the Legislature on April 5. The Roadmap was developed to help guide energy-related decision making. It assesses the potential of various local renewable energy sources to power the community, as well as the role that energy efficiency and demand management can play in reducing energy demand. The Roadmap also identifies scenarios for meeting energy demand and greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions goals by 2050.

Among the report's conclusions:

- The County's GHG emissions goal of an 80% reduction from 2008 levels by 2050 is feasible, but the transition "will require willpower, resources, and work;"
- Federal and state policies have huge impacts on GHG emissions reductions; and
- While it may be possible to maintain up to 50% levels of natural gas use and still achieve GHG emissions goals, it "would require achieving levels of efficiency and deployment of local renewables that would be extremely challenging."

Review the Tompkins County Energy Roadmap report posted on the Planning Department website [here](#).

Farmland Preservation Grants

Panel Discussion on April 12

POLICY SPOTLIGHT



It is the policy of Tompkins County to

Foster the expansion of a countywide trail network.

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Local governments have worked with farm families to permanently protect nearly 2,400 acres of farmland in Tompkins County through use of Purchase of Development Rights (PDR) programs. There will be a panel discussion on Tuesday April 12 at 7 PM at the Tompkins County Public Library on these programs.

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Topics covered in the discussion will include how the NYS PDR program operates in and how it has already affected farming operations in the county. For more information see [here](#).

Meetings and Events

Housing Grant Funds Received

Tompkins County received its eleventh Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) award of \$691,500 for its Homeownership Program. The Program assists low- to moderate-income households to become first-time homeowners.

Ithaca Neighborhood Housing Services administers the program, which has helped over 360 households become homeowners since 1993. The current program provides education and counseling, as well as deferred payment loans. Home energy audits and energy efficiency improvements are also available to homes purchased through the program. Learn more [here](#).

Environmental Mgt Council
April 14 4:00 PM
Old Jail Conference Room

Strategic Tourism Ping Bd
April 20 3:00 PM
Conv. and Visitors Bureau

Water Resources Council
April 25 4:15 PM
TCAT Center

Planning Advisory Board
April 27 9:00 AM
Old Jail Conference Room

Ludlowville Project Update

Phase I Completed

The Planning Department is working in partnership with the County Highway Division and the Town of Lansing Highway Department to address flooding in the hamlet of Ludlowville. In the summer of 2015, Phase I of the project, a detention pond upstream of Ludlowville on Lansingville Road, was brought online. The project was built by county and town highway officials, was designed by Barton and Loguidice, P.C., and was funded in part by a NYS Water Quality Improvement Project grant. Learn more [here](#).



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