

## SMALL DEVELOPER MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

**2019 Program Application deadline extended - please submit ASAP**

The Small Developer Mentorship Program (<http://tompkinscountyny.gov/planning/community-planning>) will provide training and 1-on-1 technical assistance throughout 2019 to help 8 small-scale-developers advance projects in and around Tompkins County. This program is open to anyone interested in becoming, or growing as, a small-scale developer whether they are contractors, land owners, workers in associated industries, or simply individuals ready to turn a good idea into a reality. Eligible projects include 2-20 unit housing projects in a walkable neighborhood format and may include mixed-use development. Potential projects may range from adding a back-yard unit behind an existing house to small main-street buildings.

The Incremental Development Alliance mentors are small-scale-developers from around the country who have experience starting small and improving neighborhoods one project and one deal at a time. Applications will be reviewed by the Tompkins County Department of Planning and Sustainability and the local Incremental Development Working Group. Mentorship Program applicants are required to register for and attend the June 26th Small Development Seminar from 4:30-8:00pm (<https://www.incrementaldevelopment.org/events/tompkins>, scholarships are available), and if selected, will have the opportunity to continue working with the Incremental Development Alliance throughout 2019 to advance one or more development projects

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone (optional, but helpful as a secondary contact!):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Diversity Statement** – We are committed to diversity and inclusion, and welcome any information you would like to share regarding ways you believe your participation would diversify this effort. (This section is optional)

**Experience Related to Development** Note: Experience as a developer is not required, but please do explain how your life experience prepares you to complete development projects.

**Goals** – What do you hope to get out of the mentorship program? What does success look like to you?

**Project Site** – Please share an address or tax parcel number and what site control (deed, lease, purchase option) you have if you have a specific site(s) in mind. If you do not have site control, please note where you intend to focus your efforts (parcel, neighborhood, village, etc.) and what you would anticipate doing to obtain site control.

**Commitment** – Please review and initial next to the following commitments that are required of participants in the mentorship program.

- \_\_\_\_\_ I will attend the Small Development Seminar on June 26<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-8:00 (scholarships available contact David West, Senior Planner, [dwest@tom-pkins-co.org](mailto:dwest@tom-pkins-co.org). 607-247-5560 to request a scholarship)
- \_\_\_\_\_ I will prepare for and actively participate in in-person and phone/video conferences with the Incremental Development team regularly throughout 2019
- \_\_\_\_\_ With the help of the Incremental Development team, I am committed to seriously pursuing a development deal in Tompkins County in 2019-2020
- \_\_\_\_\_ I will share details about project finances, development ideas, and other important but possibly sensitive information with the Incremental Development team, as necessary.

**If selected, I promise to participate in the Incremental Development Alliance mentorship program through the end of 2019 and to make good faith efforts to move toward one or more small scale development projects.**

**Signed**  
**Printed Name**

**Date**

*Send Completed Application to: David West, Senior Planner, [dwest@tom-pkins-co.org](mailto:dwest@tom-pkins-co.org). 607-247-5560*