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Formation of the Newfield Town Planning Board

On February 8, 2007, the Newfield Town Board passed Local Law #1 2007 to establish a Town Planning Board, for the purpose of developing a comprehensive plan that reflects Newfield's community values, goals and vision for the future. That plan is to provide a mechanism to protect the health, safety and general welfare of the community and to facilitate planning for transportation, water and sewer improvements, drainage, schools, parks and recreation. For additional purpose, intent, powers, training requirements, membership appointment, and other procedures refer to Local Law #1 2007.

The Tompkins County Comprehensive Plan contains Principles, Policies and Actions that can help lead our community to a bright future. The Plan is based on the overarching principle that we must work together, between different levels of government and among public and private sectors, if we are to be successful as a community. Working together within the framework of this plan, we can envision the Tompkins County of twenty years from now as a place where:

http://www.tompkinsco.org/planning/compplan/compplan_for_web.pdf

The purpose of this document is to provide factual information on a variety of topics and issues that can be the basis for further consideration by the town planning board, the town council and Newfield citizens as we all work toward developing a comprehensive plan for Newfield. This document does not attempt identify a complete listing of potential issues, nor express any planning element pertinent to such issues. Issues and plans will be the content of the Comprehensive Plan. Each member of the planning board, with the assistance of other volunteers, wrote one or more chapters. We wish to thank those volunteers for their time in researching and preparing the chapters on which they worked. We relied heavily on internet sources and where appropriate we have listed the url address for those websites. We also interviewed representatives of various organizations and agencies either via phone conversations or at our bi-weekly meetings.

Each chapter provides at least an outline of relevant facts and statistics, future plans (if available), additional sources of information on the topic, and a brief listing of pertinent issues. We realize that much more information is available and may be desired by reviewers of the document, but we have done the best we can considering time we have as volunteers. We welcome suggestions of additional information and we will include those in future versions of this document, which will continue to be developed by the planning board.