

Climate Showcase Communities: *Community That Works* Contest

OPPORTUNITY FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE SERVICES

We are excited to announce a CONTEST for a new paradigm for development! Over the past three years, Tompkins County and EcoVillage at Ithaca, an innovative community that emphasizes sensible resource use and high quality of life, have partnered together under the prestigious U.S. EPA Climate Showcase Communities program to identify key elements which help to produce communities that work through innovative neighborhood design. Having honed these principles on three projects in Tompkins County, we are now eager to work with property owners/developers around New York State.

This is a remarkable opportunity for the right project. Please read further for the contest guidelines.

We are now seeking a property in New York State to demonstrate the potential to create additional *Communities That Work* outside of Tompkins County. The objective is to increase awareness of and enthusiasm for this new paradigm for development. *Community That Works* principles and design standards can be applied in urban, rural or suburban infill locations so properties in a wide range of settings are eligible to apply.

The selected property owner/developer will receive approximately \$5,000 in in-kind evaluation and design services to demonstrate how the principles and design parameters developed through the Climate Showcase Communities program could be applied to the subject property. These services will include:

1. A visit to the winner's site during the **week of June 2nd** by members of the *Community That Works* team to evaluate the property's development potential and its context within the surrounding community.
2. A guided tour for the winner of the *Community That Works* projects in Tompkins County and a half-day design charette for the owner and his/her development team at EcoVillage with the *Community That Works* team. This will occur during the **week of June 9th**.
3. A written report summarizing the charette including a conceptual design plan for the property suitable for use at a sketch plan phase of project review with a local municipality by the **end of June**.
4. A page featuring the project on the *Welcome Home: Community That Works* website.

Applications for the *Community That Works* contest must submit the following:

1. A cover sheet with basic information about the applicant and property (attached);
2. a brief (no more than two pages) description of the subject property and the owner/developer's capacity and interest to successfully develop a project in accordance with the design to be developed through this process;

3. evidence of property ownership or authorization from the property owner(s) to submit the applications on their behalf;
4. a location map of the property;
 - a. an air photo, topographic survey and/or site map of the property showing major site features;
 - b. any existing development plans for the property; and
 - c. a checklist of site and area conditions and infrastructure, attached hereto.

Applications must be submitted **no later than May 8, 2014** to:

Liz Walker, EcoVillage at Ithaca, via e-mail: liz.learn@ecovillageithaca.org

Contest applications will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. Availability of infrastructure to support site development, including road access, public water and sewer, and electric power.
2. Proximity of the site to employment and services.
3. Access from the site to pedestrian and/or bicycle networks that provide walkable/bikeable access to employment, services, recreation, etc.
4. Access to public transit service within ½ mile via pedestrian routes on sidewalks, walkways or year-round trails.
5. Experience of owner/developer or development team with completing other projects of a similar scale.
6. Applicant's level of interest and commitment to follow through on the conceptual design to create a *Community That Works* project on the subject site.

A site need not meet all criteria to be considered.

Successful applicant will be notified of selection by May 23, 2014.

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Application Cover Sheet

Name of Applicant: _____

Applicant contact information: Telephone _____ e-mail _____

Mailing Address: _____

Applicant is:

Site Owner: _____ Owner's representative: _____ Owner's engineer/architect: _____

Developer representing Owner: _____

Owner Name (if different from applicant): _____

Owner Mailing Address: _____

Property Location: Street/Road address _____

Municipality: City/Town/Village (circle one) of _____

County: _____

Site size in acres: _____

Site zoning classification: _____

Permitted units per acre: _____

Attached to this cover sheet are:

- _____ Narrative description of property and owner’s interest
- _____ Evidence of property ownership and, if other than owner, signed authorization to act on behalf of owner
- _____ Location Map of property
- _____ Site map, air photo and/or survey showing major features of property
- _____ Existing development plans for property (if applicable)
- _____ Completed Application Checklist

Application Checklist (to be submitted with application)

Applicant Name: _____

YES	NO	
		Public water service is available at the site.
		If no, public water service is available within ¼ mile of the site.
		Public sewer service is available at the site.
		If no, public sewer service is available within ¼ mile of the site.
		Electric power is available at the site.
		Site is within one mile of a community service center with employment opportunities, access to goods and services, and community facilities such as municipal building, school, library and/or place of worship.
		Site is directly adjacent to a pedestrian or bicycle network that connects to employment opportunities, access to goods and services, and community facilities such as municipal building, school, library and/or place of worship.
		There is a public transit stop within one-half mile of the site.
		The public transit stop within one-half mile is accessible from the site via a continuous pedestrian network of sidewalks, walkways and/or trails.
		The site is designated for development in the local comprehensive plan.
		The site is not actively farmed or in a NY State certified agricultural district.
		The site has not been identified by local, county or state government, or conservation organization as having unique environmental characteristics that should be preserved such as designation as a critical environmental area, habitat for endangered or threatened species, or unique natural area.
		No more than 25% of the site is State or Federally designated wetlands or flood plain.

I certify that the above answers are true to the best of my knowledge.

 Signature of Owner or Applicant

 Date