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Tompkins County 2008 Bicycling Suitability Map Available Free to the Public

The Ithaca-Tompkins County Transportation Council (ITCTC) has updated the Bicycling Suitability Map for Tompkins County. This attractive full-color map is being offered, free-of-charge, to all interested individuals, organizations, businesses, agencies, schools, events, etc. It includes different criteria for rural roads and urban roads and includes factors such as traffic volume, road condition, and availability of road shoulders as well as indicating where there are steep slopes. The rankings and road suitability ratings were created for average cyclists, however it was designed to be used by anyone ranging from the beginner to the more expert cyclist. Last year's map was extremely popular with cyclists, runners, pedestrians, residents and visitors as a valuable road map of Tompkins County and the City of Ithaca.

The goals of the Bicycling Suitability Map are as follows:

- Identify roads that are most suitable for cycling based on defined road criteria and guidelines
- Raise bicycle awareness in order to facilitate increased bicycle riding in Tompkins County.
- Provide maps for cyclists that include information about road networks as well as information about bicycle laws and safety.

We would like to have this map displayed and made available throughout the county. To pick up your copy, or to arrange for multiple copies for your organization, business, or event contact or stop into the Ithaca-Tompkins County Transportation Council at 121 East Court Street (*by DeWitt Park*), Ithaca, N.Y., 607-274-5570.

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