

Tompkins County Scenic Resources Inventory

Guide to Voting

Thank you for spending some of your valuable time helping to select the best views in Tompkins County! This guide is meant to help you in the voting process.

Introduction

Tompkins County is documenting its scenic resources. Part of this is assessing the quality of the scenic views gathered. You may help to determine the top rated views. This may be done at the September 27th Open House or on-line at the Tompkins County web site (www.tompkins-co.org/planning/ScenicResources.htm). For ease of presentation the views are organized as follows:

- There are a total of 110 scenic views displayed by municipality
- Each group has an associated map illustrating the location of its views

Casting Your Ballot:

- Use the supplied ballot form
- The form lists the view number, check boxes for Distinctive, Noteworthy or Neither and a description of the view
- For each view, check only one of the three boxes
- You must have a **minimum of 10 Distinctive and 10 Noteworthy views** selected
- You may have a **maximum of 30 Distinctive and 30 Noteworthy views** selected
- When completed, please submit your ballot at the Open House on September 27, mail it to the Tompkins County Planning Department, or email it to planning@tompkins-co.org

Defining Distinctive and Noteworthy views

Distinctive views – making a clear, unmistakable impression, distinguished as some of the best scenic views in the County

Noteworthy views – worthy of attracting attention, better than many of the scenic views in the County

An easy rule of thumb for choosing the Distinctive and Noteworthy views is that **Distinctive Views** are those where you tend to catch your breath and say “Wow!” and **Noteworthy Views** are those where you are inclined to pause to admire the beauty.

A Tip for Selecting Views:

Please be aware that it's going to be difficult to vote on views based on photographs that may have been taken in the field on less than ideal days or that may be marred by the presence of overhead wires or deteriorating road edges that the eye doesn't necessarily pick up as you're driving along a road. While a valiant attempt was made, it was simply not possible to capture the most magnificent view at each of the 110 candidate locations. There will be plenty of time for that once the top Distinctive and Noteworthy views are selected by the public.

For this reason, the corresponding maps will be useful in identifying from where in the County the photograph was taken. It's important to not judge the view solely by the photo. If you know where the view is, please imagine that you're actually standing there or driving by and what your impression is of the view.