

Tompkins County Scenic Resources Inventory

On-line Map Use Instructions

Welcome to the Scenic Resources Inventory interactive map, which will help you to vote for your favorite views in Tompkins County. Please use the Scenic Resources Ballot and Guide to Voting along with this tool.

There are several ways to approach using the mapping tool, two methods are described below.

Method 1

To get started, go to the Legend tab at the lower right side and put a checkmark in the box next to "All Views."

Then go to the Map Tools section in the upper right side and select "Zoom In" from the drop-down menu. Use that tool to either draw a box around an area you're interested in viewing, or click on an area of the map to zoom in closer.

Then select the "View Photograph" tool in the Map Tools section and click on one of the visible view icons. A window will open and you'll see at the top its View Number and next to that a brief description of where the view is located, the general direction of the view, and the extent of the view (e.g., a panoramic view of 360 degrees or a narrow view of 15 degrees). Below the description is a photo of the view, which can be enlarged by clicking on the words "View Full Size Image".

Use the Scenic Resources Ballot to mark your evaluation of that View; whether you consider it Noteworthy, Distinctive, or neither one.

You can see the exact location of the view by clicking on the "Zoom to Feature" button next to the view number that is located above the photo. You can see more of the area around the point by using the "Zoom Out" tool, located in the drop down menu in the Map Tools section, and clicking near the point. Or you can scroll around the County using the "Pan" tool. To get back to seeing the entire County, either use the back button on the browser, or go to the Map Tools section in the upper right side and select "Zoom to Full Extent" from the drop-down menu.

Method 2

Another method is to view the small photos and descriptions through the links provided, grouped by municipality, on the Scenic Resources Inventory homepage. To identify the geographical location of the view, mark down the view number you'd like to find and open the On-line Map. Enter the view number in the box next to the word "Like" in the Quick Search section at the top of the page. View numbers should be entered as simple numbers, for example, "5" (without the quotations). Please be aware that the search will identify all views with the number "5" in them, so view numbers 5, 15, 25, 35, etc. will all appear. You must scroll down and select the number you wish to view on the map. Click on the "Zoom to Feature" button next to the view number. Use the "Zoom Out" tool from the Map Tools drop down list if you'd like to see more of the area around the view point. Use the "View Photograph" tool and click on the star to view the photo associated with that point.

For further and more detailed information on using the mapping tools associated with the interactive map, please [click here](#).

If you get stuck, please call 607-274-5560 and a staff member of the Tompkins County Planning Department will try to help you navigate the site.