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From: Nick Goldsmith, Sustainability Coordinator

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RE: **Public Comment Period for Ithaca Energy Code Supplement**

The City of Ithaca and the Town of Ithaca have been working since 2017 on the Ithaca Energy Code Supplement (IECS, previously the Green Building Policy), which contains code requirements for new buildings and major renovations that will substantially reduce GHG emissions while emphasizing affordability.

The City Common Council and the Town Board have provided guidance and approval of previous drafts of the IECS, which have also undergone significant public review. Over the last several months, City and Town of Ithaca staff from Planning and Building/Codes divisions, the Attorney's Office, and the Mayor's Office, as well as elected officials, have contributed to the development of the IECS and the IECS Ordinance. The goal is to maintain common regulations that will be adopted by both the Town and the City.

The January 28, 2021 drafts of the Ithaca Energy Code Supplement (IECS) and the IECS Ordinance are now being circulated for public comment. Your comments are respectfully requested prior to February 17, 2021 at noon. Written comments may be emailed to ngoldsmith@cityofithaca.org or mailed to the City of Ithaca Planning Department at 108 E. Green Street, Ithaca, NY 14850. Oral comments may be presented at the public hearing, which will occur at the February 17, 2021 Planning and Economic Development Committee (PEDC) meeting. Directions for watching the hearing and submitting oral comments will be described in the PEDC meeting notice, which will be released February 12 on the PEDC webpage: <http://www.cityofithaca.org/359/Planning-Economic-Development-Committee>.

You will find the following IECS documents and additional project information at www.ithacagreenbuilding.com.

- **Ithaca Energy Code Supplement:** A local energy code supplement with requirements above and beyond the New York State Energy Conservation Code.
- **IECS Ordinance:** IECS-enabling legislation that enacts the IECS as the regulatory document containing requirements for compliance.
- **IECS Short Environmental Assessment form** part I and II
- A document summarizing **comments and responses** relating to the previous IECS draft (08-08-19), which informed the current draft, will be posted on the website soon.
- An **IECS Reference Manual**, which contains non-essential information to help understand and use the IECS, will be completed and posted at a future date.