



TOMPKINS COUNTY  
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***For immediate release***

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**Waste Not, Why Not!**

**When:** Thursday, October 18th, 5:00-6:30pm

**Where:** Borg Warner Room, Tom-pkins County Public Library  
101 E. Green Street, Ithaca, NY 14850

*Presented by the Tom-pkins County Environmental Management Council*

We are experiencing a global garbage crisis resulting in increasing environmental contamination and degradation. Come and learn about the great programs that we have in Tom-pkins County for reducing and recycling our waste.

Toward a Zero Waste Future: **Barb Eckstrom, Director of Tom-pkins County Recycling and Materials Management**, will discuss plastics and food scrap recycling. **Robin Elliot, Philanthropy Coordinator of Finger Lakes ReUse**, will address the reuse and sale of donated consumer goods.

Whither Our Waste Goest?: **Kris Singer, Chair, Ontario County Planning and Environmental Quality Committee**, and **Carla Jordan, Ontario County Planning Department**, will discuss community concerns with the Ontario County Landfill.

The Waste Reduction Committee of the Environmental Management Council will present a PowerPoint on plastic waste reduction and the proposed ban on single-use thin film plastic shopping bags in Tom-pkins County.

The Environmental Management Council seeks your input on these topics, and attendees will have an opportunity to offer their suggestions on actions that may further reduce the negative environmental impact of our waste disposal practices.

Refreshments will be provided!