

Preparing Tompkins County youth for success by developing career ready leadership skills for climate justice and a growing green economy.



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Being young is a great advantage, since we see the world from a new perspective and we are not afraid to make radical changes.



~ Greta Thunberg ~

The program **focuses on the following goals** with the overarching principle of sustainability:



**Economy:** Providing education and training for entry-level career paths, and opportunities for all residents to develop the skills necessary to obtain high-quality employment; and considering the needs of populations that are particularly challenged by transportation.

**Environment:** Promoting best management practices that protect natural resources and productive working lands, improving public access to outdoor recreation resources and opportunities, and protecting the quality of our water.

**Climate Change:** Preparing the entire community for the economic, environmental, and social impacts of climate change, and encouraging actions that protect vulnerable populations.

**Healthy Communities:** Promoting physical activity and use of local recreational facilities.

## DESIGNED FOR YOUTH

- in middle school and high school (grades 6-12),
- who are historically underserved,
- with a passion for and/or curiosity about environmental justice,
- who want to grow a sustainable future for our region.



## ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES

- Increased awareness of employment opportunities in the green job sector among youth,
- Development of workforce skills related to green sector jobs,
- Orientation to green career pathways,
- A sense of connection to and investment in our community and natural environment,
- An increase in “soft” skills that improve employability.

