



# Winter 2017

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COMMUNITY IMPACT

## Tompkins County Housing Summit: exploring community-based solutions

by Josh Brokaw, Truthsayers, The People’s Platform

Attendees heard hours of talk about housing, from planners, developers, a Cornell representative, and those who struggle most to keep a roof over their head in a high-priced rental market.

Summit organizers, funded in part by local developers, realtors, and foundation monies brought in Christopher Coes, a vice president with D.C.-based non-profit Smart Growth America, to speak.

Coes said that Smart Growth America is dedicated to the proposition developers are “no longer building buildings,” but should be “creating places.”

The philosophy of walkable urbanism that Coes advocated should be familiar to anyone who’s paid attention to the development theories to which Ithaca mayor Svante Myrick subscribes: in short, more people should be living in walkable, fairly dense downtowns, with services and shopping accessible by bike or foot. Sprawl is a very bad word among planners of this school; they say that suburban greenfield development – McMansions, in short – leads to more traffic, more pollution, and isn’t accessible to lower-income people.

Transportation costs, Coes pointed out, are part of any household’s budget – the further the commute, the more the transport costs. That’s of concern when “drive till you qualify” is “America’s number one housing policy.” Of \$450

billion spent by the federal government on real estate, 80 percent went to drivable suburban development last year, Coes said. (complete article online at Truthsayers.org)

### *How do we create a community inclusive for everyone?*

*“The question is “Will we choose our future or will we just let it happen to us by chance?” ~ Martha Robertson*

*“It costs 60 – 80% more to buy a house in Tompkins than in adjoining counties.” ~ Ed Marx*

*“Development is a multidisciplinary, multifaceted endeavor... construction costs are insanely high” ~ Sue Cosentini*

*“I get we need more housing units, but it is essential that neighborhoods are allowed to have a strong voice in the process.” ~ David Weinstein*

*“We strive to create balance between property rights with environmental impacts, community concerns and governmental will.” ~ JoAnn Cornish*

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Social Justice Resources



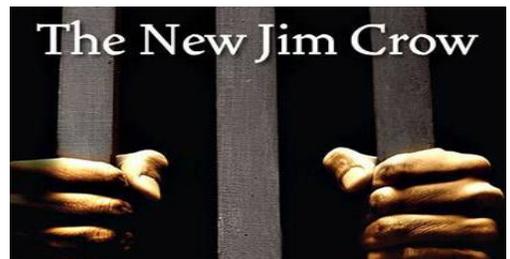
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### Let Your Voice Be Heard

Co-sponsored event by Women’s Fund and Women Building Community of CFWO, to join women to identify barriers, collaborate, and engage women of Tompkins County.



### Community Book Read

**The New Jim Crow:** Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness. Stop by Community Foundation office and pick up a free copy. Consider joining a book group or attending a free community event.

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## By The Numbers (12/31/2016)

Estimated and unaudited, finalized by 1/31/17

**\$14.1 Million Assets**

\$9.3 Million Endowed Funds

\$4.8 Million Non-Endowed Funds

**Fund Types (98 Funds)**

6 Community Impact Funds

10 Field of Interest Funds

22 Designated Funds

60 Donor Advised Funds

**2016 Grant Cycles (\$ Granted)**

\$ 32,445 Women's Fund Grant Cycle

\$ 136,315 Library Grant Cycle

\$ 101,759 Spring Grant Cycle

\$ 7,350 May Letters of Inquiry

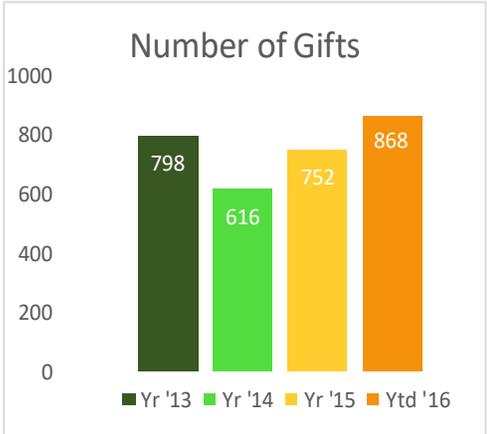
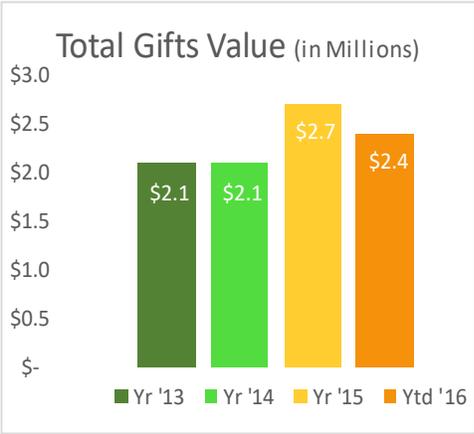
\$ 50,000 2015-16 Fall Grant Cycle  
(2<sup>nd</sup> year funding)

\$ 40,112 October Letters of Inquiry



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