

LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES

Southern Tier West provides a variety of training, capacity building, and skills development opportunities; technical assistance and research capabilities; and records management services to the region's 130 units of local government. The mission of the **Local Government & Community Services Program** is to provide local government officials with access to the tools, skills, and resources required to help re-invent, rejuvenate, and revitalize their communities.

“Southern Tier West is a one-stop shop for elected officials. Whether you need training, financial assistance for municipal projects, website development, comprehensive planning assistance, GIS/GPS Services, help with energy efficiencies, records management help, or stormwater assistance; Southern Tier West can help. No matter what your need or questions may be, contact Southern Tier West.” - Jerry Scott, Councilman, Town of Cuba

REGIONAL PARTNER

“Cattaraugus-Allegany BOCES and Southern Tier West have partnered on many efforts over the years - education, workforce development, telecommunications, and regional conferences, to name a few. We were pleased to be the first tenant of the Southern Tier West Center for Regional Excellence. Years ago, we hired Southern Tier West to provide grant writing services and were pleased with the results. Southern Tier West has such a vast array of programs that would be beneficial to all organizations. We are most fortunate to have them as a partner.” - Lynda Quick, Assistant Superintendent at Cattaraugus-Allegany-Erie-Wyoming BOCES

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

“The Village of Cuba has really taken advantage of several Southern Tier West programs and services throughout the past several years. The Community GIS Program and Asset Management Project helped the Village identify and manage its municipal water and waste water infrastructure. Southern Tier West provided us with critical mapping that has been used in brochures, grant applications, and management plans. Southern Tier West's Municipal Website Program helped both the Village and Town of Cuba maintain a cost-effective web presence with all of our residents. Our joint website allows us to get meeting minutes up and available in a timely fashion, share important forms with the public, and market ourselves to the outside world. This has truly been a positive joint venture between the Town and Village with the support of Southern Tier West.” - Tom Taylor, Mayor, Village of Cuba

ANGELICA COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

The Town and Village of Angelica received a grant from the Southern Tier West Development Foundation to offset some of the expenses incurred during their **Comprehensive Planning Process.**

“The Southern Tier West Development Foundation was very helpful in providing the Town and Village of Angelica seed monies for the preparation of a Comprehensive Plan. Sometimes it's the smaller amounts of funding that are harder to get. With the Comprehensive Plan, the Town and Village are now positioned to seek much larger amounts of money. This funding made it possible to achieve the goal of creating a Comprehensive Plan for the first time in Angelica's 200 year history. It's good that the region has a Foundation that provides the initial funding for local governments to get projects off the ground.” -H. Kier Dirlam, Chair of the Angelica Comprehensive Planning Board

EDUCATION

In the past two years, Alfred State College received ARC funding for two energy-related projects. The Green Building Laboratory will be an energy-efficient home with the latest technology to be used as a student laboratory designed and built by students. The Alternative Fuels Laboratory will be used to train automotive trade students in the latest alternative fuels technology.

“Alfred State College has been very fortunate to work closely with Southern Tier West with support through the Appalachian Regional Commission. This support has allowed the college to expand our service in many areas including manufacturing and green jobs training. This has been critical at a time when the college does not have adequate start-up funds for new programs and initiatives.” -Craig Clark, PE, Dean of Applied Technology at Alfred State College

REGIONAL ROAD MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Southern Tier West received ARC funding for the creation and implementation of a **Regional Road Management Program, which includes a standardized road scoring process and a web-based GIS-based inventory for county roads.**

“Southern Tier West's role to obtain federal funds for Counties to better manage their assets is an invaluable service. The Allegany County Department of Public Works will certainly be able to better manage our highway infrastructure assets (such as signs, guide rails, culverts, and catch basins) thanks to Southern Tier West's GIS Data Collection process that we recently completed. We appreciate the role that Southern Tier West played in helping us manage our assets. Thanks again!” -Guy R. James, Deputy Superintendent I, Allegany County Department of Public Works

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COMMUNITY GIS

Community GIS (Geographic Information System) is a program to empower municipalities in the Southern Tier West region to embrace GIS by utilizing emerging technologies. The purpose of Community GIS is to encourage municipalities to use GIS technology for local needs, and to educate local officials in how to apply GIS to municipal needs in the future. Community GIS provides a municipality the ability to view their existing data sets on the Internet. This is expected to improve the efficiency of local services in the region, and in an affordable manner.

“The Community GIS Program that Southern Tier West put together for us has shown us considerable savings by being able to have valuable information at our fingertips rather than having to tie up personnel and equipment to gather the information in the field. We have found this tool to be so valuable that we will be adding more layers in the very near future.” -Rick Hall, Superintendent of Public Works, Village of Cuba

MUNICIPAL TECHNOLOGY OUTREACH PROGRAM

In 2010 the Allegany County Town Highway Superintendents' Association received an ARC grant for the Municipal Technology Outreach Program, which is designed to assist Allegany County municipalities in addressing current communication shortfalls within the radio, computer, and Internet arenas.

“The Allegany County Town Highway Superintendents' Association kicked around ideas for several years about how to help all towns and villages in the county purchase both up-to-date radios and computers. Many had neither. Many of the municipalities simply could not afford what they thought to be extravagant. Southern Tier West partnered with our Association and made things much easier than we expected. STW even wrote the application! It was because of their help and hard work that we received the grant.” - Kevin “Fred” Demick, Town of Angelica Highway Superintendent and President of ACTHSA

“The Allegany County Town Highway Superintendents' Association was planning a project to provide high-band radios and portable computers to their membership to upgrade records management and improve communication across the county. Municipal funds being unavailable for the project, we turned to Southern Tier West for assistance in applying to ARC to fund the project. STW guided us through the pre-application preparation and wrote the final application to ARC resulting in approval and funding for this important project. Without help from STW, the Association could not have successfully handled the application process and would have missed out on this opportunity. As a private sector member of the Executive Committee, I can say first-hand that this application process was relatively painless thanks to the expertise of the STW staff.” -Paul Miller, Sales, Suit-Kote Corporation

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION INITIATIVE

The Cuba-Rushford Central School District received ARC grants for two unique educational projects. The Aquatic Ecosystem Project funded in 1999 provided an avenue for fisheries and wildlife to meet the requirements of Math, Science, and Technology. The on-going project is designed to engage students and encourage growth in all aspects of science and environmental education with the construction of an onsite automated aquatic ecosystem. The Environmental Education Initiative funded in 2009 expanded the current environmental education curriculum to incorporate a captive deer herd for student hands-on applications year round, as well as comparative research with other schools, students, and professionals from across the region and the country.

“The grant writing process can be very difficult and even intimidating as it was for me the first time I applied to ARC. However, Southern Tier West was outstanding in their support and walked me through the process step-by-step. I have now received two grants totaling almost \$80,000 for my district from ARC that would not have been possible without Southern Tier West. Thank you!” - Scott Jordan, Fisheries & Wildlife Technology, Cuba-Rushford Central School District

*Dollars Generated
STW Region
January 2009 - July 2010*

Federal \$3,203,342
State \$288,824

Regional Initiatives

Asset Management Program
Energy Outreach Program
Records Management Program
Regional Transportation Planning
Regional Watershed Assessment
Wireless Broadband Deployment

Affiliations

STEDO
Southern Tier Enterprise
Development Organization

WRC
Western Region Corporation

STERA
Southern Tier Extension Rail
Authority

STWDF
Southern Tier West
Development Foundation