

RECORDS MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

In response to the need for improving municipal records management programs, Southern Tier West develops and implements cooperative programs focused on improving records management practices of local governments. In compliance with New York State Records Law, Southern Tier West provides hands on assistance to local governments individually as well as cooperatively.

“Southern Tier West was very involved and helpful with the Town of Napoli’s Record Management Project; helping many hours with sorting boxes of old files, then telling us what we could discard, what had to be saved and for how long. They also helped us set up a filing system that made it easier to keep track of all our records. It was easier to set up our Record Retention Areas when we were able to get that up and operational. We turn to Southern Tier West quite often for information on how to proceed with projects that we have, like the Town’s licensing of dogs.” - Lena Ruper, Supervisor of the Town of Napoli

ANNUAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONFERENCE

Southern Tier West hosts a Local Government Conference with an average of 350 attendees annually. Local government officials from seven counties enjoy presentations on approximately 40 programs including sessions such as Planning & Zoning, Code Enforcement, SEQR, Local Law Process, Project Funding, Water/Wastewater, Wind Energy, and Crisis Prevention & the Media.

“I’ve been coming to the Local Government Conference for years. This was the BEST! The more I learn, the easier it gets to learn more! Southern Tier West does an excellent job.” - 2010 Local Government Conference Survey

“Three hundred plus attendees speak well of the Local Government Conference; Southern Tier West does an outstanding job. An excellent variety of programs with great displays.” -2010 Local Government Conference Survey

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

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.

“Southern Tier West has been instrumental in implementing our new GIS Program. Their accessibility and expertise of Community GIS have allowed the Town to efficiently and effectively manage its assets and infrastructure. The maps produced by Southern Tier West have proven to be an invaluable tool for presentation and funding opportunities.” -Rodney F. Gleason, Highway, Water and Sewer Superintendent of the Town of Allegany

US CENSUS PROGRAM

Utilizing GIS software, Southern Tier West provided recommendations for reporting data in the 2010 Census to the US Census Bureau on behalf of Allegany, Cattaraugus, and Chautauqua Counties. For the promotion of the 2010 Census, Southern Tier West received funding for materials through the US Census Bureau’s Partnership Support Program. In order to target specific populations, Southern Tier West identified several other partners in the region to disseminate materials and publicize the Census.

“Southern Tier West’s efforts have been critical in getting an accurate Census count within the region and meeting the data needs of a wide variety of data users.” -Leonard M. Gaines, Program Research Specialist, Empire State Development

REGIONAL RESOURCE

“Southern Tier West has been an invaluable resource to me and the Seneca Nation. The depth of their knowledge and experience in economic development has helped our Division tackle many a challenge, and their facilitation has engaged us in regional economic development priorities. I particularly appreciate their assistance with funding sources, such as the Appalachian Regional Commission - without their guidance we surely wouldn’t have had the success that we’ve enjoyed securing ARC grants. Southern Tier West has proven to be a competent, responsive and innovative partner in many projects and we are grateful for their support and assistance.” - Gina C. Paradis, Manager of Economic Development and Tourism, Seneca Nation of Indians

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TRANSLOAD FACILITY

Southern Tier West obtained funding from NYS DOT and EDA to study the viability of creating a rail-highway freight transfer facility somewhere in the Southern Tier West region along the Southern Tier Extension railroad line. As a result of the positive outcome of the study, STERA will construct a freight transload facility at the railroad yard in the Olean-Allegany area in Cattaraugus County. This facility will enable companies that are not located on the railroad line to ship by rail, which will prove more economical for many companies than shipping by truck.

“Rail-truck transload facilities are an excellent way for smaller shippers, whose business would not economically warrant their own rail siding, enjoy the benefits of rail transportation. The Olean location is especially well suited by its proximity to the hub of WNYF rail operations, making frequent switching services readily available. Such facilities have proven to provide the genesis for job creation and business and industrial development in otherwise semi-rural areas.” - Carl Belke, President, Western New York and Pennsylvania Railroad

DELEVAN WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

“In 2007, the Village of Delevan was required under new Federal and State regulations to make expensive improvements to our water system. It became very clear to our board members that we could not afford to make the required upgrades to our system without grant help as well as a loan. Being a small poor community, Delevan had no grant writer on staff, and our board members had no experience in that area. We were told about Southern Tier West and the ARC from members of our county health department. Southern Tier West went out of their way to assist with paper work and problem solving leading up to a successful Delevan ARC grant application. A \$150,000 grant from ARC made our much needed water project possible. Over 1200 people have safe high quality drinking water because of it. Our 100 plus year old water system now has some modern filtration and distribution elements. Delevan would still be in a position of great concern and uncertainty, had it not been for the efforts of Southern Tier West. We hope that all communities know what a great resource Southern Tier West is!” - Anthony J. Wenke, Mayor of the Village of Delevan

REGIONAL WATERSHED ASSESSMENT

Southern Tier West has applied for ARC funding for a Regional Watershed Assessment. The purpose of the project is to conduct an assessment on the four watershed basins located in the Southern Tier West Region, to include characterization of the watersheds, identification of key issues and questions, and description of current conditions.

“Water resources will play an ever-increasing role in our region’s future. Southern Tier West is developing a strong collaborative, demonstrating the tight linkage between economic development and environmental assets. Working in the headwaters of three large basins, having Southern Tier West play a key role in developing tools and techniques to help communities grow while addressing some of the environmental challenges will be a huge benefit to our region.” - Kim Sherwood, Associate Director, Conewango Creek Watershed Association

SOUTH DAYTON WATER STORAGE TANK

The Village of South Dayton received a grant from the Southern Tier West Development Foundation for preliminary engineering report/grant writing in support of a Small Cities application. In 2010, the Village was awarded a small cities grant for a water storage tank.

“Our communities have so many resources that can be tapped for economic development, but we need someone to help us sort through all of it. Southern Tier West helps communities do just that. I have been very fortunate to have worked with Southern Tier West on many projects for the Village of South Dayton. Just recently, the Village received a grant from the Southern Tier West Development Foundation for preliminary engineering report/grant writing for a Small Cities application. There were no other sources available and the Village could not afford it. We were so thankful that the Foundation gave us the seed money to move forward. I am pleased to say that we got the Small Cities grant and will have a new water storage tank.” - Karen Strickland, Mayor of the Village of South Dayton

*Dollars Generated
STW Region
January 2009 - July 2010*
Federal \$3,203,342
State \$288,824

Regional Initiatives

Wireless Broadband Deployment
Asset Management Program
Energy Outreach Program
Regional Road Management
Regional Transportation Planning

Affiliations

STEDO
Southern Tier Enterprise
Development Organization

WRC
Western Region Corporation

STERA
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Authority

STWDF
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