

## REGIONAL PARTNER

*“At a time when Peek’n Peak Resort and Spa, one of the largest employers and generators both of sales and occupancy taxes in Chautauqua County, needed assistance Southern Tier West Regional Planning & Development Board provided financing and was a key partner in keeping the Resort operational.” -William J. Daly, Administrative Director/Chief Executive Officer, Chautauqua County IDA; and Director, Chautauqua County Planning & Economic Development*

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## 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. There is an excellent variety of programs with great displays.” -2010 Local Government Conference Survey*

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## FOUNDATIONS IN HEALTHCARE

**Southern Tier West, on behalf of the Chautauqua-Cattaraugus BOCES and Cattaraugus-Allegany BOCES applied to ARC for the Foundations in Healthcare Project. As identified by local health facilities, trainings are needed in the areas of: personal care aide, basic medical office procedures, medical terminology/billing/coding, leadership, housekeeping, and Spanish support. Such classes will assist incumbent workers, entry-level employees, and introduce career paths to higher education and degree programs.**

*“As an agency benefitting from Southern Tier West’s proactiveness, Erie 2-Chautauqua-Cattaraugus BOCES commends Southern Tier West for undertaking many regional projects that would not have otherwise come to fruition. Most recently, on behalf of the Southern Tier West Education and Training Committee, Southern Tier West applied to ARC for a healthcare project. With so many needs and so little staff and time to address all those needs, we appreciate the efforts of Southern Tier West to help the educational institutions in furthering our goals.” Gretchen Varney, Director of Adult & Community Education, Erie 2-Chautauqua-Cattaraugus BOCES*

## EDUCATION

**In the past two years, Jamestown Community College received ARC funding for two projects - Institute for Entrepreneurial Studies and Occupational Therapy Assistant. Also, the Electric Health Records Simulation for RN Students Program has been recommended for funding in 2011.**

*“Southern Tier West has been a great help in securing many ARC grants for Jamestown Community College over the years. With their guidance and expertise, we have been able to fund new initiatives and programs to meet regional needs. Without the assistance that Southern Tier West provides, we could not have offered all of the educational and workforce development opportunities that are so vital to the economic growth of our communities.” -Marilyn Zagroa, VP/Dean of Academic Affairs, Jamestown Community College*

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## 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.**

*“Regional Planning Boards across the board are crucial partners and proponents for the decennial Census. Their knowledge and expertise about the local area proves to be invaluable to us when ramping up operations throughout the years leading up to the actual Census. We often turn to them for advice and assistance during the various stages of the Census.”*

*- Lindsay Petrillose, Partnership Specialist, US Census Bureau*

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## 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 key to the Town of North Harmony’s applying and receiving a Local Records Management grant to microfilm and index vital records. They also helped us with our records retention program in the areas of financial, court, and clerks’ records. I can’t say enough about the vital and necessary services they provide to the local municipalities as NYS continues to dedicate funding for records management purposes.”*

*- Nancy Thomas, Clerk, Town of North Harmony*

# Southern Tier West

REGIONAL PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT BOARD



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# RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY

## STW Board Members Chautauqua County

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**Eileen Weishan**  
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## NORTH COUNTY INDUSTRIAL CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS

**This project involves the reconstruction of Progress Drive (a highway corridor that serves the Chadwick Bay Industrial Park and other industrial and warehouse/distribution properties on Progress Drive in northern Chautauqua County) and Middle Road, and construction of a new spur access road off Middle Road. The project will complete the local network supporting the northern terminus of the proposed Millennium Parkway corridor, which will provide highway access to the local I-90 interchange. The project was funded through US EDA, NYSDOT, and Chautauqua County.**

*“Our business has been located here for 35 years. We currently employ 325 full-time employees and over 130 part-time/contract employees. Improved truck transportation access is critical to maintain and expand our current operations at this location. We rely on the county road network to fulfill our obligations to our customers. As a result of this project, we expect to be able to maintain our current operations and expand in the near future. Within the next 3-5 years, we expect to add over 25 new jobs with an estimated future investment of \$25 million.” - Ronald E. Bowers, Plant Manager, Nestle Purina PetCare*

*“The North County Industrial Corridor Improvements Project is a major rebuilding of Progress Drive - - the road servicing Nestle Purina’s large manufacturing plant and the businesses residing in the Chadwick Bay Industrial Park. We cannot thank Southern Tier West enough for their efforts to make this project a reality by facilitating the large grant from EDA. It was a long time in coming, but it happened and the project has been bid. Thank you Southern Tier West!” -William J. Daly, Administrative Director/Chief Executive Officer, Chautauqua County IDA; and Director, Chautauqua County Planning & Economic Development*

## TOWN OF PORTLAND WATER DISTRICT

**The Appalachian Regional Commission has provided two grants to the Town of Portland for Water District No. 5 and Water District No. 7. The project for Water District 5 provided acceptable quality and quantity of potable water for 58 households, 3 businesses, and Lake Erie State Park; contributing to the creation of 8 jobs and the retention of 7. Water District 7 project provided 111 households and one business with an abundant supply of water and the alleviation of health risks due to bacteria in the existing wells. These projects also included funding from USDA Rural Development and NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation.**

*“The Town has received at least two ARC grants for our water system. And the first step we take is to call Southern Tier West. Even with the help of an engineer, we need that extra assistance to guide us through the process. The hardest part is juggling all the different funding sources and an infrastructure project needs many sources. I would have given up many times trying to secure funds, but the driving force is the need for water. Beyond that was the persistence of our engineer and the encouragement and patience of Southern Tier West. We were able to secure loans for each project, but we desperately needed grant monies or we couldn’t afford it. Southern Tier West not only has helped us with the ARC process, but also with the other funding agencies. It is great to know that someone can help you with all the red tape.” – Daniel F. Schrantz, Supervisor, Town of Portland*

## OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT

**Through this ARC funded project, Jamestown Community College will expand the scope of occupational therapy services to agencies that have never hired occupational therapy assistants before, which will increase job opportunities of graduates in the region. The OTA Program curriculum must be redesigned to meet changing standards by establishing clinical field sites in agencies representing emergent areas of care.**

*“Although the college has attained grant funds from a variety of private, state, and federal sources, securing federal ARC funds can be challenging. Recently we received ARC funding for a vital Occupational Therapy Assistant Program on our second try. With the assistance of Southern Tier West we were confident that we had transformed a good proposal into an excellent proposal. STW helped us through the process and never gave up on our project.” -Carol Franz Bremmer, Director of External Resources, Jamestown Community College*

*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  
Regional Watershed Assessment

## Affiliations

**STEDO**  
Southern Tier Enterprise  
Development Organization

**WRC**  
Western Region Corporation

**STERA**  
Southern Tier Extension Rail  
Authority

**STWDF**  
Southern Tier West  
Development Foundation