



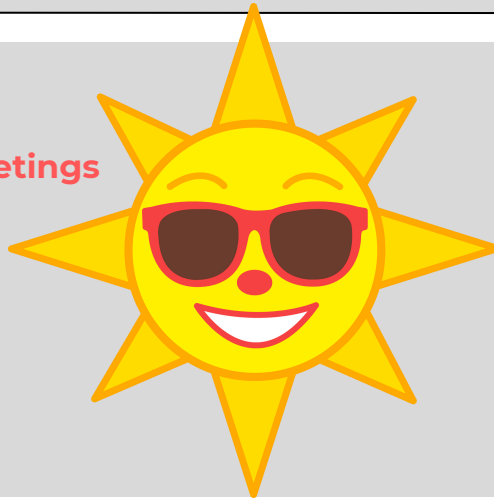
Upcoming Meetings

Wednesday, July 24, 2024

11:00 AM STW Offices
Community GIS Lunch and Learn

Monday, September 16, 2024

10:00 AM - Butchers Roundtable
Cutco Theater, JCC Olean Campus



Sustainability Planning

Water Quality Efforts

Village of Portville

Moving forward on the Water Quality Improvement Program (WQIP) grants based on the Village of Portville's implementation actions from their Drinking Water Source Protection Program (DWSP2) Plan.

Village of Cattaraugus

Finalized and submitted a DWSP2 Plan to NYSDEC.

Village of Westfield

Drafting a DWSP2 Plan.

Genesee River Watershed Implementation Plan

Organizing an outline in collaboration with: Genesee/Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council Genesee River Watershed Coalition of Conservation Districts New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Southern Tier Central Regional Planning and Development

Upcoming Local Meetings

Details to be announced soon!

Climate Smart Communities

- **Climate Change Adaptation and Resilience Plan (CCARP):** planning for future extreme weather events.
- **Portville's Sustainability Committee:** coordinating efforts with students, residents, and local government towards sustainable actions like a composting program, LED streetlights, updating the comprehensive plan, updating the complete streets plan, a community garden, and more.
- **NYSDEC Reforestation:** attending meetings to plan for NYS's goal of 25 million trees planted by 2033.
- **Regional transportation** discussions as well as Cattaraugus County Transportation Coalition meetings.
- **Climate Smart Communities Grant Program** is open until July 31st.

Economic Development

Southern Tier West is hosting a roundtable on the skilled butcher workforce shortage on Monday, September 16, at 10am at the Cutco Theater, JCC Olean campus. This session may lead to a new Registered Apprenticeship with the NYS Dept. of Labor, offering Journeyman certification for butchers. Partners include Cornell Cooperative Extension, Cattaraugus Co. Ag Economic Development Team, Jamestown Community College, Catt-Alleg Workforce Investment Board, NYS Dept. of Labor, SUNY's Apprenticeship Business Developer, and regional farms and meat processors.

Southern Tier West has also applied for a Springboard grant to create a regional resource dashboard for businesses and entrepreneurs. This tool will aggregate resources and contact information, providing customized guides based on user queries. If awarded, STW will develop the framework with data from partners and additional design elements contracted out. Grant status will be known by the end of July.

STEDO Revolving Loan Fund

STEDO currently manages 21 active loan accounts for businesses in the tri-county area, supporting a range from small family operations to large manufacturing entities. Initially, these loans totaled approximately \$2,842,500, with around \$1,852,750 still outstanding. Payments are made monthly through automatic bank transactions. The program receives an average of five new inquiries each month, providing an excellent opportunity to discuss current business needs and trends. These initial discussions also allow for referrals to other business support entities when needed.

STEDO remains a flexible and accessible capital source for local businesses, especially when conventional loans don't fully meet their needs. The organization collaborates closely with other revolving loan funds, conventional lenders, and business and entrepreneur support providers to ensure comprehensive assistance. As an affiliate of Southern Tier West, STEDO is governed by a separate board of directors, ensuring focused oversight and strategic direction.

For more information, contact Kimberly LaMendola.

Community GIS Cattaraugus-Little Valley Central School Career Day

Last month STW participated in the Cattaraugus-Little Valley Central School Career Day where we set up a drone/GIS demonstration and engaged with the students discussing GIS, mapping, and piloting careers. The students were very engaged with the presentation and had a lot of great questions concerning GIS. The day-long event was designed for the students to get a better idea of career opportunities available to them in our area.

Genesee River Wilds Annual Float

Last month STW partnered with Genesee River Wilds to collect drone footage of the annual Genesee River Wilds kayak float to be used for promotional purposes by Allegany County and Genesee River Wilds. This was a record-breaking year for the float with over 100 people participating. The float launched from Wellsville and ended approximately 4 hours later, in Amity. Weather conditions were perfect for the event, and the drone!



NYSERDA Clean Energy Communities Program

City of Dunkirk: In under two months, Dunkirk secured \$45,000 in grant funding through the Clean Energy Communities program: \$30,000 by completing high-impact actions and a \$15,000 "Disadvantaged Communities" bonus from NYSERDA. Dunkirk aims for a 2-Star designation to earn an additional \$60,000 in grant funding.

Village of Westfield: Westfield qualified for a \$10,000 grant by converting municipal landscaping equipment to electric power. They also received approval to proceed with a community campaign for clean heating and cooling, which will earn another \$5,000 grant once completed.

Other Municipalities: Four municipalities recently submitted their grant projects for NYSERDA approval:

- Town of Humphrey: Energy audit and building upgrades.
- Town of Harmony: Install air-source heat pumps.
- Village of Lakewood: LED light conversion in the municipal park.
- Town of Busti: Streetlight conversion project.

Funding Availability: Match-free funding is still available through the NYSERDA Clean Energy Communities program. For more information, contact Johnathon Mayr at jmayr@southerntierwest.org or call (716) 945-5301, ext. 2232. call (716) 945-5301, ext. 2232.