



Upcoming

Wednesday, October 23, 2024

4:00 - 8:00 PM

Fall Planning & Zoning Training
Jamestown Community College
Sheldon Center, 2nd Floor
Weekly Room
Jamestown, NY 14701

Thursday, October 24, 2024

4:00 - 8:00 PM

Fall Planning & Zoning Training
Salamanca BOCES Center
1st Floor, Conference Room
Salamanca, NY 14779

CEDS Focus Group Sessions

All are welcome to attend any of the facilitated Focus Group sessions as part of the annual CEDS review and update process. Each session runs 9:30 am - 11:30 at the BOCES conference room in the STW building.

October 10: Aging and Health/Medical Focus Groups

October 18: Agriculture and Natural Environment Focus Groups

October 22: Built Environment and Community Development Focus Groups

October 24: Art, History, & Culture and Local Commerce & Tourism Focus Groups

October 28: Business, Industry, and Workforce Focus Groups

More info to follow or contact Kimberly LaMendola to register or questions:

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Appalachian Regional Commission

Southern Tier West is pleased to announce the completion of the final application submission phase for the FY2025 Appalachian Regional Commission Area Development (ARC AD) Program and the technical assistance provided for Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) funds designated for regional development.

For the FY2025 ARC AD Program, we have compiled a strong pool of proposals, representing \$1,162,153 in funding requests for projects totaling \$2,097,720. This cycle saw the submission of ten letters of intent, with six pre-applications across our three counties. The top four projects, as ranked by the Southern Tier West Board members, include:

- Alfred State: "MEETing the Challenge: Mechanical and Electrical Engineering Technology Enhancements for NY's STEAM Future" (Non-construction, \$225,105) - Allegany County
- JCC OTA Clinic Expansion (Non-construction, \$187,399) - Chautauqua County

- Southern Tier Health Care Systems: "The Mobile Integrated Healthcare/Community Paramedicine (MIH/CP) Program" (Non-construction, \$150,000) - Cattaraugus County
- Cattaraugus-Allegany BOCES: "Sprouting Knowledge Farms" (Non-construction, \$199,649) - Cattaraugus and Allegany Counties

In addition to the ARC AD Program, Southern Tier West is actively working on securing funding through the IIJA. For FY2025, we are forwarding a \$50,000 ARC request to New York State by October 1st for the following projects:

- Southern Tier West: IIJA Waterworks Records Scanning Project - \$50,000
- Cattaraugus County: Electrifying Onoville Marina and Closing the Gap for Broadband - \$1.3 million
- Seneca Nation: Project awaiting approval from the Council

These efforts underscore our commitment to fostering regional growth and development through strategic investments in key infrastructure and educational initiatives. We look forward to sharing more updates as these projects progress.

Sustainability Planning

Water Quality Efforts

Village of Portville

- Progressing with the implementation of actions from their Drinking Water Source Protection Program (DWSP2) Plan.

Village of Cattaraugus

- Finalized and submitted their DWSP2 Plan to NYSDEC last month and is currently awaiting approval.

Village of Westfield

- Finalizing and submitting their DWSP2 Plan to NYSDEC this month.

Genesee River Watershed

Implementation Plan

- A key meeting is scheduled for September 30th at Conesus Lake for the Genesee River Watershed Advisory Committee. This effort is in collaboration with the 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, and Southern Tier West. For more information, please contact Sarah.

Future Trainings

- We are organizing future flood risk trainings in partnership with the Army Corps of Engineers.

Climate Smart Communities Program

Town of Machias

- Planning for extreme weather events through the development of a Climate Change Adaptation and Resilience Plan (CCARP).

Village of Portville's Sustainability Committee

- Actively coordinating sustainable efforts involving students, residents, and local government. Initiatives include a composting program, LED streetlights, updates to the comprehensive plan and complete streets plan, a community garden, and more. The committee also participated in Portville Heritage Days.

NYSDEC Reforestation

- Attending meetings to support NYS's ambitious goal of planting 25 million trees by 2033.

EV Charging Infrastructure

- Assisting communities in connecting with Jim of Value Stack Energy for project planning and grant opportunities related to EV charging infrastructure.

Community GIS

Last month, the STW GIS department collaborated with Ryan Elliott from NYS Water Resources Institute at Cornell University to develop a Survey123 tool for the Genesee River Watershed. This survey enables real-time field data collection and sharing via any mobile device for authorized users. The survey is now completed and deployed.

Upcoming CGIS Lunch and Learn:

Join us on Wednesday, Sept 25th at 11:00 AM for our monthly CGIS Lunch and Learn.

NYSERDA Clean Energy Communities Program

NYSERDA's Clean Energy Communities program supports local government officials and staff in transitioning to a clean energy economy, despite budget constraints. By offering grants, coordinator support, and guidance on high-impact clean energy actions, STW and NYSERDA help local governments save money, boost the local economy, and improve the environment. Completing at least four high-impact actions qualifies communities for the initial Clean Energy Communities designation, making them eligible for further grants. As communities accumulate points for each action, they can achieve 1 to 5-Star Designations and larger grant awards.

Over the past year, seven Southern Tier West municipalities received match-free grants through this program:

- City of Dunkirk: \$45,000
- Town of Busti: \$10,000
- Town of Harmony: \$10,000
- Town of Humphrey: \$10,000
- Town of Randolph: \$10,000
- Village of Lakewood: \$10,000
- Village of Westfield: \$10,000

These grants can be used for clean energy projects of the municipality's choice.