



SCHOHARIE COUNTY 2018-2020

**SCHOHARIE COUNTY
COMPLETED PERFORMANCE
MEASURES***

4 STUDENTS SERVED/IMPROVED

**2020 IMPACT ACROSS
SOUTHERN TIER 8 REGION**

ASSISTED 75 ORGANIZATIONS
SEEKING 2021 INVESTMENT

REVIEWED 17 ARC PROJECT CONCEPTS &
14 ADDITIONAL APPLICATIONS

RECOMMENDED SEVEN PRIORITY P
ROJECTS TOTALING \$906,208

**2018-2020
LEVERAGED FUNDING
\$753,708 +**

**BOARD REPRESENTATIVES
SCHOHARIE COUNTY 2020**

SHANE NICKLE, DIRECTOR OF PLANNING
PHILIP SKOWFOE JR., COUNTY LEGISLATOR
JULIE PACATTE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,
SCHOHARIE ECONOMIC ENTERPRISE
CORPORATION

+ = TOTAL AMOUNT IS SHOWN,
BUT ROI IS CALCULATED ON PORTION OF
TOTAL FUNDS.

COUNTY INVESTMENT: **\$30,000**
ARC & EDA INVESTMENTS: **\$2,295,354**
ROI **\$1.00: \$12,652**

2018

MECHATRONICS LAB: ONC BOCES \$75,000* +

Creation of a robotics lab, which was marketed to students in 11 local school districts, to develop a mechatronics employment pipeline

2019

WORC GRANT: AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERING SUNY COBLESKILL — \$1,962,182

In June 2019, the U.S. Department of Labor announced the Workforce Opportunity for Rural Communities (WORC) grant program. ST8 connected with community-based organizations to encourage applications from our region. SUNY Cobleskill will create a mobile training unit to partner with BOCES throughout the 14-county ARC region of New York State, training 250 students as heavy equipment technicians

ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE ASSESSMENT: ADDRESSING ENERGY NEEDS+

In response to the issue of "Interruptible Power", where industries, schools, and hospitals must switch to alternative energy sources at peak demand times in the winter, ST8 secured \$150,000 from ARC to contract with LaBella Associates to study alternative energy options for the eight-county region, which will include a list of priority projects per county.

VILLAGE OF SCHOHARIE TRAILS — \$150,000

Construction of a 1.75-mile waterfront multi-use trail connecting the Village of Schoharie with the Schoharie Creek.

BROADBAND TESTIMONY TO NYS LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION ON RURAL RESOURCES

Jen Gregory, Executive Director of Southern Tier 8, was invited by Hal McCabe, Homer Village Mayor and Director of the Legislative Commission on Rural Resources and NYS Senator Rachel May to speak at a September 17, 2019 hearing in Albany on broadband needs in rural New York State. The testimony will help to lay the foundation for legislative initiatives.

VISION 2050: NYS AS THE NORTHEAST'S LEADING FOODSHED — \$111,284 +

Scholars from SUNY Cobleskill and Cornell University will produce a research paper that will outline recommendations on how farmers in Otsego, Schoharie, and Delaware Counties can scale production and identify additional market opportunities for agribusinesses and related industries.

MAPPING THE SOUTHERN TIER CLEAN ENERGY ECO-SYSTEM+

New York State has prioritized the Southern Tier for Clean Energy investments, siting the 76 West Business Competition here. ST8 received \$65,000 from ARC to contract with Tier Energy Network to map the Clean Energy Eco-System.

REGIONAL OPPORTUNITY ZONES COLLABORATIVE PORTAL+

Training for Economic Development teams establish web platform and promotion of program for 19 unique zones across the region. ST8 received \$65,000 from Appalachian Regional Commission.

2021 PENDING PROJECTS**COLLABORATIVE RECOVERY EMPOWERMENT OF THE SOUTHERN TIER (CREST) — \$500,000**

Establish regular processes between our recovery-to-work ecosystem partners and systematically expand support for not only the workforce seeking to obtain employment and maintain recovery, but also support for the workplace seeking to maintain a talented workforce.

**SCHOHARIE ECONOMIC ENTERPRISE CORPORATION (SEEC) — \$25,000
REGIONAL INDEPENDENT FOOD PROCESSING**

In response to COVID-crisis food supply chain weaknesses, family-owned farm bankruptcies and devastated rural economies, SEEC will create a plan that maximizes farm profits, increases agriculture jobs, and improves access to local and regional food markets.

GETTHERE TRANSPORTATION TO EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM: RURAL HEALTH NETWORK OF SCNY — \$150,000

Removing transportation as a barrier to employment by providing safe, reliable, and sustainable transportation to employment strategies that help program participants achieve long-term, stable employment.

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT PROGRAM: ITHACA COLLEGE — \$147,233 +

Educate, engage, and empower PAs to achieve excellence through medical theory, clinical practice, and exemplary professional performance in the communities we serve.

**SOUTHERN TIER 8**