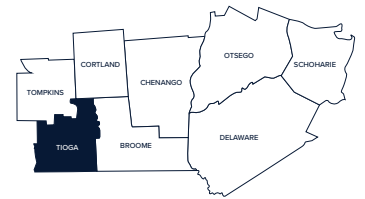


MISSION

To partner with member counties to identify and address multi-county issues in order to improve the quality of life within the region.



THE ROLE OF THE REGIONAL BOARD

- 1 PRIORITIZE ANNUAL FEDERAL INVESTMENTS** of the ARC and EDA that support self-sustaining and alignment of local economic development initiatives. *Ex.) Area Development Program*
- 2 PROMOTE COLLABORATION** with partner organizations and strategic ecosystem development. *Ex.) Regional Broadband Collaborative, New Energy New York Tech Hub, Broome Tioga Stormwater Coalition, and Recovery-to-Work Workforce Development*
- 3 PROVIDE EDUCATION AND NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES** to support economic & community development with public and private sector stakeholders. *Ex.) Industry Summit Platform, So-Tier Regional Portal*

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ECOSYSTEM DEVELOPMENT

BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE

Since 2021, the Broadband Collaborative (Staff, County Planning, Southern Tier Network, Inc and BOCES) built community capacity and provided technical assistance with educational resources & national expertise, advocacy, data, project development, community outreach. RESULTS: NTIA BEAD/NYS ESD’s Connect All investment of \$87 million for 17,997 households (hardest-to-serve, most rural) across Chenango, Cortland, Tioga and Schoharie Counties. Fiber/Ground Infrastructure: for 25 years of service Build cost: \$193 per year & Consumer cost: \$55-\$99/month

WORKFORCE HOUSING

Launched the Regional Workforce Housing Investment Framework Program to define stakeholder capacity with 13 functional sectors of the housing development ecosystem and identify funding pathways to expedite construction & redevelopment across the Southern Tier. In November, the Regional Board hosted the Southern Tier Developers Summit for 150 attendees to introduce concepts, approaches and goals for 2026 planning activities.

RECOVERY-TO-WORK

See “Innovations in Community Collaborations” for an understanding of the expanded economic development partnerships to support Recovery-to-Work ecosystem development. (launched with ARC INSPIRE investments) <https://admin.steny.org/southern-tier-8/assets/7yzyjstz5gc80k0>



RETURN ON INVESTMENT

TIOGA COUNTY 2021-2025

COUNTY INVESTMENT: **\$68,640**

ARC, EDA & DOL Investments: **\$9,418,224**

ROI: **\$1 : \$13,621**

2025 REGIONAL PLANNING ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY SOUTHERN TIER 8 REGIONAL BOARD STAFF

- Provided grant administration assistance for **54 active projects** across the 8 counties.
- Hosted 6 grant writing sessions, provided project development assistance to **31 organizations**, reviewed **23** pre-applications, assisted in preparing **4** completed applications & **16** additional project concepts for 2026 investments
- Hosted **6 CEDS “Sync-Up Sessions”** to provide partner networking opportunities and project development, with **75 attendees**.
- Promoted STEM opportunities across **74** school districts, with **8** students & **1** teacher awarded scholarships

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TIOGA 2025

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Director of Planning

Brittany Woodburn
Economic Development & Planning Deputy Director

Ron Ciotoli
Tioga County Legislator

2021

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| Collaborative Recovery Empowerment of the Southern Tier (CREST) | \$479,237 |
| Getthere Transportation to Employment Program: Rural Health Network of SCNY | \$150,000 |
| Physician Assistant Program: Ithaca College | \$147,233 |
| Waverly Center for Innovative Studies: Waverly Central School District | \$149,757 |

2022

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| Building a Talent Pipeline: Tioga County IDA | \$75,000 |
| Healthcare & Wellness Program Development: Tompkins Cortland Community College (TC3) | \$150,000 + |
| Wild About Wellness: Southern Tier Zoological Society, Inc. | \$149,032 |

2023

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| EDA Build Back Better Challenge: Binghamton University | \$63.7 million |
| Increasing Tourism Career Pathways: Tompkins Cortland Community College (TC3) | \$150,000 |
| Project LAUNCH: Waverly Central School District | \$124,605 |
| Ready for Work: Broome-Tioga Workforce | \$498,838 |
| Tioga County Industrial Pocket PEMB Buildings: Tioga County IDA | \$26,050 |
| Tioga County Strategic Operations Plan: Tioga County | \$25,000 |

2024

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| ConnectAll Technical Assistance Cybersecurity Grant | \$90,000 |
| DCEC Line Worker Training Program Development Project (ARISE, across Appalachia) | \$400,000 |
| Electric Technology Training Center Planning Study (POWER) | \$50,000 |

2025

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| Appalachia United Outdoors (ARISE, Across Appalachia) | \$10,000,000 |
| Appalachian Rural Health Technical Assistance Center (ARISE, Across Appalachia) | \$5,200,000 |
| RAISE-ST: Results-driven Automation and Innovation Solutions for Enterprises | \$205,000 |
| Regional Workforce Housing Investment Framework | \$200,000 |
| Tioga County Regional Career and Technical Education Center | \$1,000,000 |

Pending

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| BEL/DCEC Municipal Electric Assistance | \$10,000,000 |
| Community & Workforce Wellness Program | \$500,000 |
| Green Infrastructure, Flood Resiliency & Stream Corridor Planning Studies | \$100,000 |
| Southern Tier Brownfields Assessment Coalition | \$1,500,000 |
| Southern Tier Site Readiness Accelerator | \$500,000 |



SOUTHERN TIER 8

Projects: "+" represents total for the project is provided below, but ROI is calculated on county portion of total funds.