



**TOMPKINS COUNTY 2018-2020**

**TOMPKINS COUNTY  
COMPLETED PERFORMANCE  
MEASURES\***

**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  
\$563,007 +**

**BOARD REPRESENTATIVES  
TOMPKINS COUNTY 2020**

KATIE BORGELLA, COMMISSIONER OF PLANNING  
ANNA KELLES, COUNTY LEGISLATOR  
HEATHER MCDANIEL, PRESIDENT,  
TOMPKINS COUNTY AREA DEVELOPMENT

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

COUNTY INVESTMENT: **\$30,000**  
ARC & EDA INVESTMENTS: **\$1,669,908**  
ROI **\$1.00: \$5,466**

**2018**

**CREATING A DIVERSE, REDUNDANT AND RESILIENT HIGH CAPACITY FIBER NETWORK +**

Southern Tier Central Regional Planning and Development Board will work with Southern Tier Network to expand their existing high-speed dark fiber optic ring in the Southern Tier of New York to create increased redundancy through additional loops of fiber in the amount of 83.5 miles. Appalachian Regional Commission is providing \$1,552,594 toward this \$3.8 million project.

**2019**

**WORC GRANT: ALCOHOL & DRUG COUNCIL TOMPKINS COUNTY ——— \$566,521**

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. ADCTC will be working with TC3, the Tompkins County Chamber of Commerce, Challenge Workforce Solutions, Opportunities, Alternatives and Resources (OAR), and Workforce New York to fill regional employment needs and support people who have barriers to employment.

**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.

**GROUNDWELL CENTER FOR LOCAL FOOD & FARMING, INC ——— \$113,196**

ARC provided funding to the Center for Transformative Action to help create the Groundswell Center for Local Food & Farming in 2012. Now its own nonprofit, Groundswell's funding will allow the organization to purchase equipment to serve a greater number of aspiring entrepreneur farmers.

**TOWN OF NEWFIELD DRINKING WATER SUPPLY SOURCE STUDY ——— \$50,000**

Through studies conducted in 2002 and 2018, the Town of Newfield identified quality and quantity issues with its drinking water supply. ARC is providing funding for the town to contract with an engineering firm to study two options for new sources of drinking water.

**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.

**CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION OF TOMPKINS COUNTY: — \$99,980 +  
MONITORING ENERGY & WATER THROUGH AN OPEN SOURCE IOT**

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Tompkins County received ARC funding to develop a Things Network to monitor water levels in Tioga County and energy levels in Broome County.

**SEEDING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN TOMPKINS COUNTY — \$146,730**

In collaboration with the City of Ithaca's Economic Development office and the Small Business Development Center, Alternatives Impact (Alternatives Federal Credit Union's affiliated nonprofit) is proposing to replicate a successful entrepreneurship program based in Albany to the City of Ithaca.

**STEED LOANS — \$103,500**

The Southern Tier East Economic Development Revolving Local Fund Program (STEED) is an Appalachian Regional Commission RLF intended to stimulate the creation & expansion of small business for the purpose of retaining and/or creating jobs in the Southern Tier 8 Local Development District. The Broome County Industrial Development Agency serves as the Administrator of this loan fund program.

**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.

**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**



Southern Tier 8 Regional Board is the county's link to federal planning and economic development investments. We are a government agency offering shared services in grant writing and administration, geospatial and data analysis, and infrastructure solutions with consideration for our natural resources across the eight-county region of Broome, Chenango, Cortland, Delaware, Otsego, Schoharie, Tioga and Tompkins.