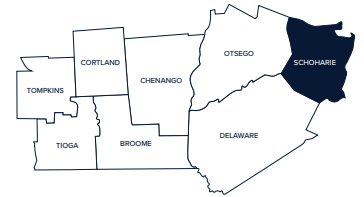


## MISSION

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*

## 2025 BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

### BROOME

**ANTHONY FIALA**  
COMMISSIONER OF PLANNING  
AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

**SUSAN RYAN**  
BROOME COUNTY LEGISLATOR

**VACANT**

### CHENANGO

**BERNIE MCDERMOTT**  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS-TOWN OF GREENE

**SHANE BUTLER**  
CHENANGO COUNTY DIRECTOR OF  
PLANNING & AIRPORT ADMINISTRATOR

**VACANT**

### CORTLAND

**WILLIAM MCGOVERN**  
COUNTY LEGISLATOR

**TRISHA HIEMSTRA**  
CORTLAND COUNTY PLANNING  
DIRECTOR

**MELANIE VELARDI**  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, COUNTY BUSINESS  
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM / IDA

### DELAWARE

**SHELLY JOHNSON-BENNETT**  
DELAWARE COUNTY PLANNING & WATERSHED  
AFFAIRS/DELAWARE COUNTY PUBLIC  
INFORMATION OFFICER

**ALLEN HINKLEY**  
SUPERVISOR , TOWN OF ROXBURY

**SOPHIA PICCO**  
DELAWARE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
SPECIALIST

### OTSEGO

**EAMONN HINCHEY**  
OTSEGO COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE

**TAMMIE HARRIS**  
DIRECTOR OF PLANNING

**JODY ZAKREVSKY**  
CEO, OTSEGO NOW

### SCHOHARIE

**VACANT**

**ALICIA TERRY**  
TOWN OF GILBOA SUPERVISOR

**TREVOR BENDER**  
CEO/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, COUNTY IDA

### TIOGA

**RON CIOTOLI**  
TIOGA COUNTY LEGISLATOR

**SARA ZUBALSKY-PEERS**  
DIRECTOR OF PLANNING

**BRITTANY WOODBURN**  
TIOGA COUNTY ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT DEPUTY DIRECTOR

### TOMPKINS

**GREGORY MEZEY**  
TOMPKINS COUNTY LEGISLATOR

**KATIE BORGELLA**  
COMMISSIONER OF PLANNING  
AND SUSTAINABILITY

**KURT ANDERSON**  
ACTING PRESIDENT, ITHACA AREA  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

## 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/7yzpyjstz5gc80k0>

# RETURN ON INVESTMENT

## SCHOHARIE COUNTY 2021-2025

COUNTY INVESTMENT: \$60,640

ARC, EDA & DOL Investments: \$9,384,120

ROI : \$1 : \$15,416



### 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

### BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

#### SCHOHARIE 2025

VACANT

**Alicia Terry**

Board of Supervisors, Town of Gilboa

**Trevor Bender**

CEO/Executive Director, County IDA

## 2021

|                                                                                        |           |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Collaborative Recovery Empowerment of the Southern Tier (CREST)                        | \$479,237 |
| Physician Assistant Program: Ithaca College                                            | \$147,233 |
| Regional Independent Food Processing: Schoharie Economic Enterprise Corporation (SEEC) | \$25,000  |
| STEM Education: Oak Ridge National Lab Program: Students (2)                           | \$17,790  |

## 2022

|                                                                                      |           |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| North4 INSPIRE: Leatherstocking Education on Alcoholism/Addictions Foundation (LEAF) | \$378,704 |
| Otsego County Innovation/Acceleration Center: Otsego County IDA                      | \$150,000 |
| Appalachian Regional Commission Leadership Fellow (1)                                | \$6,950   |

## 2023

|                                                                                      |                |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| Appalachian Region Community-Owned Grid Resilient Infrastructure Project (ARCO-GRIP) | \$500,000      |
| Building Skilled Workforce: Delaware County Electric Cooperative                     | \$400,000      |
| Cobleskill Agricultural Society Community Kitchen                                    | \$127,500      |
| Driving the Regional Economy: ONC BOCES                                              | \$86,925       |
| EDA Build Back Better Challenge: Binghamton University                               | \$63.7 million |
| Schoharie County Comprehensive Housing Study: Schoharie County Planning              | \$85,000       |
| The Inn at Kirkside Virtual Food Hub: MARK Project                                   | \$175,000      |

## 2024

|                                                                                  |           |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| 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  |
| Expanding Meat Processing: CADE                                                  | \$250,000 |

## 2025

|                                                                                 |              |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Appalachia United Outdoors                                                      | \$10,000,000 |
| Appalachian Rural Health Technical Assistance Center (ARISE, Across Appalachia) | \$5,200,000  |
| Regional Workforce Housing Investment Framework                                 | \$200,000    |
| STEM Education: Oak Ridge National Lab Program: Students (1)                    | \$8,895      |

## Pending

|                                                                           |              |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| 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.*