



SCHOHARIE COUNTY 2018-2021

COUNTY INVESTMENT: **\$24,000**
ARC & EDA INVESTMENTS: **\$2,346,626**
ROI **\$1 : \$96**

**SCHOHARIE COUNTY
COMPLETED PERFORMANCE
MEASURES***

- 591** BUSINESSES SERVED
- 417** BUSINESSES IMPROVED
- 9** BUSINESSES CREATED
- 772** STUDENTS SERVED
- 182** STUDENTS IMPROVED
- 11** COMMUNITIES SERVED/IMPROVED
- 25** JOBS CREATED
- 15** JOBS RETAINED
- 3** ORGANIZATIONS SERVED
- 1** PROGRAM IMPLEMENTED
- 5** PLANS CREATED

**2021 IMPACT ACROSS
SOUTHERN TIER 8 REGION**

ASSISTED **95** ORGANIZATIONS
SEEKING **2022** INVESTMENT
REVIEWED **18** ARC PROJECT CONCEPTS
RECOMMENDED **8** PRIORITY PROJECTS
TOTALING **\$1,079,822**

2018-2021 LEVERAGED FUNDING

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

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.

2020

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.

COLLABORATIVE RECOVERY EMPOWERMENT OF THE SOUTHERN TIER (CREST) — \$479,237+

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.

STEM EDUCATION: OAK RIDGE NATIONAL LAB PROGRAM: TWO SCHOHARIE COUNTY STUDENTS — \$17,790

2022 Pending Projects

CLOSING THE GAP - MENTORS IMPROVING STUDENTS ACCESS TO JOBS: DCMO BOCES — \$78,290+

Develop a model to improve workforce development using mentors as vehicles to connect students with employers.

OTSEGO COUNTY INNOVATION/ACCELERATION CENTER: OTSEGO COUNTY IDA — \$150,000+

To develop an Innovation/Acceleration Center with opportunities for individual and group collaboration of high-tech electronics, power and energy, and ultra-capacitor companies which will foster a culture of innovation through the creation, sharing, and testing of ideas.

COBLESKILL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY COMMUNITY KITCHEN — \$127,500

Construct a community kitchen facility at the Cobleskill Fairgrounds to be available of community use, in particular to small rural agribusinesses or entrepreneurs seeking to sell products at market which requires preparation in a Department of Health approved kitchen facility.



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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.