



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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RETURN ON INVESTMENT

SCHOHARIE COUNTY 2019-2023

COUNTY INVESTMENT: **\$40,240**

ARC, EDA & DOL Investments: **\$11,080,81**

ROI : **\$1 : \$27,435**

2023 REGIONAL PLANNING & TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

- Provided project development and technical assistance to **68 unique local organizations** for Area Development & IIJA opportunities. Hosted **4** grant writing sessions, with **36** attendees, reviewed **15** pre-applications & assisted in preparing **9** FY2024 Area Development applications, totaling \$1,275,614.
- Hosted **4** CEDS “Sync-Up Sessions” to provide partner networking opportunities and project development, with **97** attendees.
- Provided grant administration assistance (including ArcNet training) for **45** Active Projects: **38** Area Development, **3** POWER, **4** INSPIRE.
- Hosted Regional Broadband Collaborative, leading the FCC Map Challenge and 2nd Annual Upstate Rural Broadband Conference, approx. **136** attendees.
- Successfully completed ARC’s 1st INSPIRE Recovery-to-Work Ecosystem Development Program.
- Drafted a new regional 5-year plan (Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy, CEDS 2023-2027).
- Advocated for the New Energy New York Tech Hub designation for Battery Innovation across Appalachia New York.

COMPLETED PERFORMANCE MEASURES

- 178** Businesses Served
- 25** Businesses Improved
- 3** Jobs Created/Retained
- 70** Students Served
- 68** Students Improved
- 177** Workers/Trainees Served
- 66** Workers/Trainees Improved

COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES

SCHOHARIE 2023

Shane Nickle
Director of Schoharie County Planning & Community Development Services

Alicia Terry
Board of Supervisors
Town of Gilboa

Julie Pacatte
Executive Director
Schoharie Economic Enterprise Corporation

2019

WORC Grant: Agricultural Engineering SUNY Cobleskill	\$1,962,182
Energy Infrastructure Assessment: Addressing Energy Needs	\$150,000 +
Village of Schoharie Trails	\$150,000
Vision 2050: NYS as the Northeast’s Leading Foodshed	\$111,284 +

2020

Mapping the Southern Tier Clean Energy Eco-System with Tier Energy Network	\$65,000 +
Opportunity Zones Regional Portfolio	\$84,500+

2021

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

2022

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

2023

EDA Build Back Better Challenge: Binghamton University	\$63.7 million +
Cobleskill Agricultural Society Community Kitchen	\$127,500 (2022)
Schoharie County Comprehensive Housing Study: Schoharie County Planning	\$85,000
Driving the Regional Economy: ONC BOCES	\$86,925 +
The Inn at Kirkside Virtual Food Hub: MARK Project	\$175,000 +
New Energy New York: Binghamton University ARC	\$1,500,000 +
Building Skilled Workforce: Delaware County Electric Cooperative	\$400,000 +
Appalachian Regional Community-Owned Grid Resilient Infrastructure (ARCO-GRIP)	\$500,000 +



SOUTHERN TIER 8

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

Southern Tier 8 Regional Board is the counties 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.