



Lifting Partnerships for Community & Economic Development

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

- **PRIORITIZE ANNUAL FEDERAL FUNDING** from the ARC and EDA to support self-sustainability and alignment of local economic development initiatives.
- **PROMOTE COLLABORATION** with partner organizations and strategic ecosystem development to enhance regional capacity.
- **PROVIDE EDUCATION AND NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES** to support economic and community development with public and private sector stakeholders.

RECENT INVESTMENTS IN HOUSING AND INFRASTRUCTURE INITIATIVES

Opportunity Zones Regional Portfolio (2020)	\$230,000+
Southern Tier Network Expansion: Tioga & Tompkins (2020)	\$3,105,187+
Cayuga Data Juice – Broadband Connectivity: IAED (2020)	\$404,170
Broome County Innovation District Fiber Enhancement (2021)	\$50,000
Town of Dryden Southern Tier Network Expansion (2021)	\$624,614+
Developable Site Inventory: The Agency – Broome County IDA/LDC (2022)	\$150,000
Strategic Plans in Broome, Chenango, Cortland, Delaware, Otsego, Schoharie, Tioga, and Tompkins Counties (2023)	\$820,000
Sheffield Industrial and Commercial Park (2023)	\$25,000
Richfield Springs Eco-Business Park (2023)	\$500,000
South Works District Infrastructure Upgrade Plan (2023)	\$250,000
Lt Warren E. Eaton Airport Bldg. Renovations (2023)	\$200,000
TakeCharge NY for Microgrid Development (2024)	\$150,000+
Chugnut Trail Riverfront Improvements (2024)	\$150,000
Electric Technology Training Center Planning Study (2024)	\$50,000
DCEC Line Worker Training (2024)	\$4000,000
Regional Housing Investment Framework (2024)	\$200,000

BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE ECOSYSTEM DEVELOPMENT

PLANNING, MAPPING, AND PROJECT DEVELOPMENT with NYS Empire State Development’s Connect All Investment Package - 22,590 households to be served \$292 annual build cost, pending 2025 NTIA approval.

Southern Tier 8 Regional Board is a small, publicly funded organization that supports partnership development for economic recovery and growth. The governing body, or "Board" is comprised of 3 representatives, appointed by each County. Over the last 30 years of economic decline and rural disinvestment, the Board and partners have most consistently focused on community recovery efforts. With an annual budget under \$750K, we serve the counties of Broome, Chenango, Cortland, Delaware, Otsego, Schoharie, Tioga & Tompkins, home to approximately 580,000 residents in 5 small cities, 54 villages and 129 towns. The 8 counties are part of 14 in "Appalachian NY", known as the "Southern Tier" and the "New Energy New York Tech Hub" (federally designated in 2023). This LDD is ARC's 7th largest in geographic size, and 14th in population (of 74 LDDs in the 13 Appalachian states).



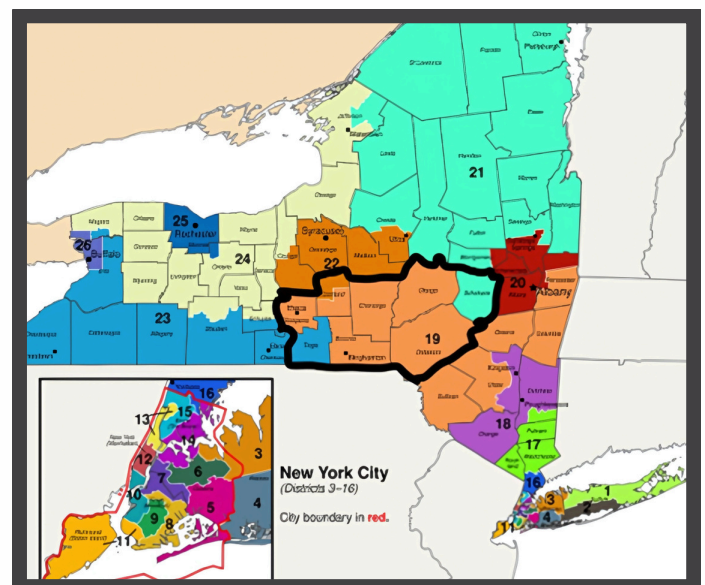
The Appalachian Regional Commission Partnership

Southern Tier 8 Regional Board is the Local Development District (LDD) for the **Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC)**, a Federal-State-Local Partnership established in 1965 to address economic distress & severe economic disparities across the rural Appalachian areas of the 13 states (of Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, Maryland, Mississippi, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia). ARC's leadership includes the governors from each of the 13 Appalachian states and a Federal Co-Chair who is appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate.

In New York, the Department of State (NYS DOS) **Division of Local Government Services**, administers the ARC program, supporting Local Development Districts (**Southern Tier 8, Southern Tier Central & Southern Tier West**).

Defining the Region's Congressional Representation

Each year, ARC's annual funding level is proposed by the President, with a budget to be determined by the annual appropriations from the US Congress. While ARC receives its core funding from the federal government, local, state, and private sector partners are required to match federal investments. Following the 2020 census, new Congressional Districts were defined in 2022. The LDD's service area crosses 4 unique Congressional Districts. The District is currently served by the following representatives in the 119th Congress: NY19: Josh Riley, D (since 2025) & NY21: Vacant & NY22: John Mannion, D (since 2025) & NY23: Nick Langworthy, R (since 2025).



Serving Broome, Chenango, Cortland, Delaware, Otsego, Schoharie, Tioga and Tompkins counties. Learn more at: southerntier8.org.