



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

TIOGA COUNTY 2019-2023

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

ARC, EDA & DOL Investments: **\$9,636,654**

ROI : **\$1 : \$16,986**

2023 REGIONAL PLANNING & TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

- Provided project development and technical assistance to **68 unique local organizations** for Area Development & IJJA 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

- 341** Businesses Served
- 73** Businesses Improved/Created
- 5** Jobs Created/Retained
- 6** Communities Served/Improved
- 28** Students Served
- 116** Students Improved
- 532** Workers/Trainees Served
- 247** Workers/Trainees Improved
- 1547** Participants Served

COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES

TIOGA 2023

Elaine Jardine
County Planning Director

Brittany Woodburn
Economic Development & Planning Deputy Director

Barb Roberts
Tioga County Legislator

2019

Energy Infrastructure Assessment: Addressing Energy Needs	\$150,000 +
Groundswell Center for Local Food & Farming, Inc	\$113,196 +
WORC Grant: Alcohol & Drug Council Tompkins County	\$566,521 +

2020

Mapping the Southern Tier Clean Energy Eco-System with Tier Energy Network	\$65,000 +
Opportunity Zones Regional Portfolio	\$84,500 +
Southern Tier Network Expansion: Tioga & Tompkins \$	3,105,187+

2021

Collaborative Recovery Empowerment of the Southern Tier (CREST)	\$479,237 +
Getthere Transportation to Employment Program: Rural Health Network of SCNY	\$150,000 +
Physician Assistant Program: Ithaca College	\$147,233 +
Waverly Center for Innovative Studies: Waverly Central School District	\$149,757

2022

Building a Talent Pipeline: Tioga County IDA	\$75,000
Wild About Wellness: Southern Tier Zoological Society, Inc.	\$149,032 +
Healthcare & Wellness Program Development: Tompkins Cortland Community College (TC3)	\$150,000 +

2023

EDA Build Back Better Challenge: Binghamton University	\$63.7 million +
Tioga County Strategic Operations Plan: Tioga County	\$25,000
Tioga County Industrial Pocket PEMB Buildings: Tioga County IDA	\$26,050
New Energy New York: Binghamton University ARC	\$1,500,000 +
Increasing Tourism Career Pathways: Tompkins Cortland Community College (TC3)	\$150,000 +
Project LAUNCH: Waverly Central School District	\$124,605
Village of Owego Energy Plan (DEC CSC)	
STEM Education: Oak Ridge National Lab Program: Two Tioga County Student	\$17,790



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.