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SOUTHERN TIER 8
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2023

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REGIONAL BOARD MISSION

OUR MISSION is 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

MESSAGE FROM OUR DIRECTOR

2023 was a year like no other for the Regional Partners... we secured **\$5** million, advocated for another **\$14** million of investments and worked on the development of an additional **\$3** million of local projects, while supporting another **46** active projects, and drafting a new regional 5-year economic development plan! Many thanks to the Regional Board, Partners and Staff for your work!

In 2023, Appalachia NY was designated as the New Energy New York Battery Tech Hub! Ithaca & Cortland were also included in the New York Semiconductor Manufacturing and Research Technology Innovation Corridor, NY SMART I - Corridor Tech Hub!

With ARC's Infrastructure & Investment Jobs Act investment, the Regional Board is supporting Tech Hub ecosystem development in related workforce development initiatives, housing and strategic community assessments as well as industrial site development, broadband and electric infrastructure expansion planning. These efforts will guide local decisions for new housing, workplace communities and strategic infrastructure solutions over the next decade!



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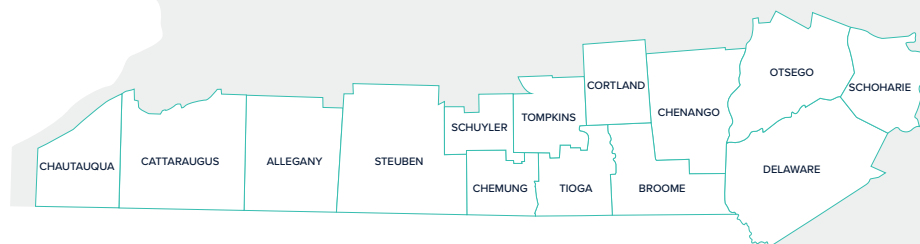
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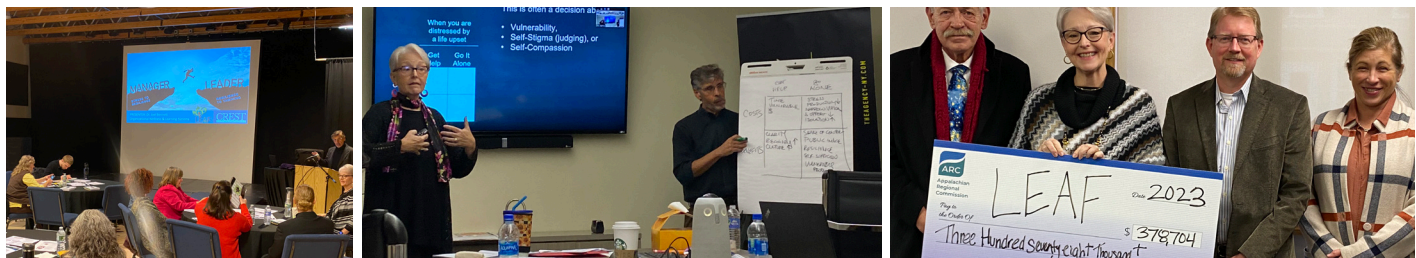
ECOSYSTEM DEVELOPMENT

SUPPORTED New Energy New York development for 2023
 Federally Designated Battery Manufacturing Tech Hub!



- ✓ Regional Board secured **\$1 million** investment (ARC) for workforce programs (continued support for 2022 EDA Build Back Better Regional Challenge \$67 million investment)
- ✓ Provided community engagement for stakeholders and **4** adjacent Economic Development Districts for Tech Hub Designation
- ✓ Developed regional industrial site-readiness inventory of current properties for 2024 Tech Hub Application

LED Recovery-to-Work workforce ecosystem development program with 5 partner agencies:



- ✓ Completed 2-year program providing workforce training to **177** individuals in recovery & **63** individuals obtained employment
- ✓ Presented ecosystem development program at National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) conference with Kowalik & Associates and LEAF for the Collaborative Recovery Empowerment of the Southern Tier (CREST)

SHARED SERVICES

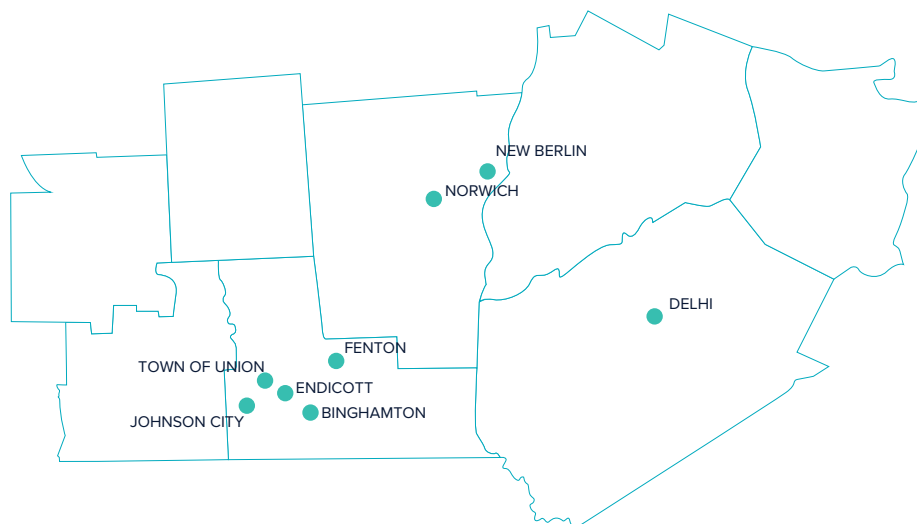
SUPPORTED Department of Defense Medical Innovative Readiness Training with the US ARMY for Delaware County



- ✓ **1079** patients served
- ✓ **363** animals treated
- ✓ **\$585,141** value of medical services
- ✓ Hosted Distinguished Visitors Day
- ✓ Prepared IRT applications for Chenango (Cybersecurity) Cortland (Construction) Broome (Medical)

DEVELOPED the Region's Climate Resiliency Program

- ✓ Prepared **1** Climate Adaptation Plan & Hazard Mitigation Plan for Village of Owego
- ✓ Hosted **5** regional capacity building sessions for **8** County Planning Directors
- ✓ Introduced the program at the Upper Susquehanna Watershed Forum, **162 attendees**
- ✓ **Assisted 8 communities** with Climate Smart Communities planning efforts:



- ✓ **Secured \$730,000 5-year grant** to assist **15 municipalities** in the Broome Tioga Stormwater Coalition (BTSC) & regional watershed planning program
- ✓ Completed stormwater infrastructure map, with **38,505 assets** to satisfy 2024 Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit
- ✓ Hosted **3** training sessions for **82** municipal employees and **10** public education events, reaching **1242** residents



REGIONAL INVESTMENT

SECURED \$4.6 Million for Local Economic Development Initiatives

GOAL AREA	2023 AWARDS	INVESTMENT
CAPACITY BUILDING	Broome County Strategic Plan (IIJA)	\$150,000
	Chenango County 2050 Vision Plan (IIJA)	\$90,000
	Cortland County Strategic Development Plan (IIJA)	\$100,000
	Delaware County Strategic Action Plan (IIJA)	\$150,000
	Delaware IRT Medical Mission	\$585,141
	Otsego County Strategic Prioritization Plan Update (IIJA)	\$60,000
	Ross Park Zoo Capacity Building (ARC Non-Profits READY)	\$25,000
	Schoharie County Comprehensive Housing Study (IIJA)	\$85,000
Tioga County Strategic Operations Plan (IIJA)	\$25,000	
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	Cobleskill Ag. Society Community Kitchen	\$127,500
	New Energy New York (IIJA)	\$1,500,000
	Richfield Springs Eco-Business Park (IIJA)	\$500,000
	Sheffield Industrial and Commercial Park (IIJA)	\$25,000
	The Inn at Kirkside Virtual Food Hub	\$175,000
	Tioga County Industrial Pocket: PEMB Buildings (IIJA)	\$26,050
INFRASTRUCTURE ADAPTATION	Chenango & Otsego Digital Equity Accelerator (ARC ARISE)	\$30,000
	Johnson City Downtown Parking Plan & Feasibility Study	\$50,000
WORKFORCE INVESTMENT	Broome Tioga Workforce Ready for Work (ARC INSPIRE)	\$498,838
	ONC BOCES: Driving the Regional Economy	\$86,925
	Regional Recovery-to-Work Ecosystem Support (ARC LDD READY)	\$100,000
	TC3: Increasing Tourism Career Pathways	\$150,000
	Waverly School District: Project LAUNCH	\$124,605
Total 2023 Awards		\$4,664,059

ADVOCATED for Additional \$14.5 Million Economic Development Initiatives

GOAL AREA	2023 AWARDS	INVESTMENT
CAPACITY BUILDING	Appalachian Region Community-Owned Grid Resilient Infrastructure Project (ARC ARISE)	\$500,000
WORKFORCE INVESTMENT	Delaware County Electric Cooperative Line-Worker Training Program Development (ARC)	\$400,000
	North 4 Recovery-to-Work (ARC INSPIRE)	\$378,704
	Ithaca Area Economic Development Direct To Work Pathways to Employment (WORC)	\$1,173,278
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	Cornell & Rev Ithaca Startup Works Hardware Accelerator Expansion (EDA Build To Scale)	\$2,000,000
	Catalyst Connection Manufacturing the New Energy Economy in Northern Appalachia (ARC ARISE)	\$10,000,000
Total 2023 Awards		\$14,451,982

SUPPORTED Project Development with \$3.3 Million

GOAL AREA	2023 PROJECT DEVELOPMENT	INVESTMENT
CAPACITY BUILDING	Otsego Lake Comprehensive Action Plan	\$125,000
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	Lt. Warren E. Eaton Airport Expansion Study CADE: Expanding Meat Processing Ithaca Shared Kitchen	\$213,614 \$250,000 \$110,000
INFRASTRUCTURE ADAPTATION	Chenango, Delaware & Otsego: TakeCharge Southern Tier Southern Tier Network (STN) Expansion to Sherburne (IIJA)	\$150,000 \$2,000,000
TOURISM	Norwich Bike Park	\$250,000
WORKFORCE INVESTMENT	Norwich Childcare Program Delaware Chamber: Mentoring Students	\$110,000 \$67,000
Total 2023 Awards		3,275,614

- ✓ Provided technical assistance with reporting and project changes for **45** active Area Development projects
- ✓ Drafted new 2023-2027 CEDS plan

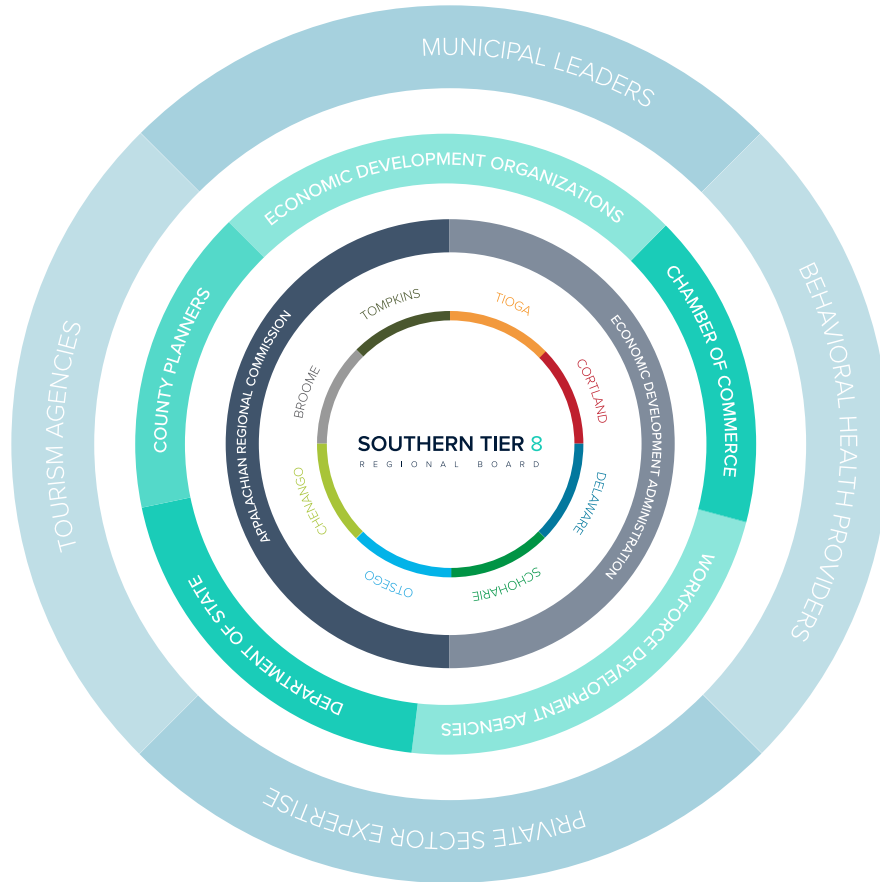
REGIONAL ADVANCEMENT

SUPPORTED Community Capacity Building

- ✓ **Hosted 15 Broadband Collaborative** educational sessions
- ✓ **Submitted 5,759 FCC Map Challenge** locations Better Connection Program
- ✓ Secured technical assistance grant for broadband infrastructure development in Chenango and Otsego Counties
- ✓ **Hosted 2nd Annual Rural Upstate Broadband Conference, with 138 attendees**
- ✓ Promoted Appalachia Entrepreneurship Academy and Oak Ridge National Labs STEM summer programs to **74** school districts >>
6 students and 1 teacher received scholarships
- ✓ **Hosted 4 CEDS Sync-Up Sessions, with 97 attendees**
- ✓ **Hosted 4 grant writing sessions, with 36 attendees**
- ✓ **Responded to 64 project inquiries >> Reviewed 15 pre-applications >>**
Assisted in preparing **9 FY2024 applications**

THE
BETTER  CONNECTION
PROGRAM





SOUTHERN TIER 8 IS ALL ABOUT PARTNERSHIPS

ORGANIZATIONAL FUNDING PROVIDED BY:

- APPALACHIAN REGIONAL COMMISSION (ARC)
- US COMMERCE'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION (EDA)
- NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF STATE (NYS DOS)
- NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION (NYS DEC)
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