

STC Region Today

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Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) FY 2015 Applications Received

STC received seven ARC applications for Fiscal Year 2015 funding. All three of STC's counties are represented in the three human services and three economic development applications. The ARC project request from STC equals \$798,776.

The projects submitted are as follows:

Pathways to Practice II. Building the Healthcare Workforce in the Appalachian Counties of New York State, sponsored by Central New York Area Health Education Center, to use the online platform developed with a previous ARC grant in the Southern Tier East Region to facilitate outreach experiential programs, training, recruitment, and continuing education for students, educators and healthcare professionals in Chemung and Schuyler Counties.
ARC - \$78,832 Total - \$160,353

Food, Fun, Family, and Fitness - The 4F's, sponsored by Schuyler County Public Health to promote physical activity, nutrition education, and early screenings for children and adults using evidenced based programs, leading to healthier children who will become better students and better educated adults, enhancing the workforce in the future.
ARC - \$83,694 Total - \$128,097

Big Flats Water Department Improvements, sponsored by the Town of Big Flats for the construction of a booster pump station and use of an interconnection between the City of Elmira and the Town of Big Flats water districts to equalize the pressure so water from either district can meet increased demand.
ARC - \$150,000 Total - \$666,433

Connectivity and Communications Provision for Incubator Works, Horseheads, NY, sponsored by Alfred Technology Resources, Inc. to provide a broadband fiber link and connectivity for secure data-intensive manufacturing at the business incubator established in the re-purposed Schweizer aircraft facility.
ARC - \$150,000 Total \$1,740,000

Corning Manor Water Improvement Project, sponsored by the Town of Corning for improvements to the public water system serving low income residents to alleviate health threats caused by asbestos lined pipes, lead based water meters, dead end water lines, and undersized water lines that do not allow sufficient water for daily use or fire protection.
ARC - \$150,000 Total - \$900,000

Painted Post Water Supply Improvements, sponsored by the Village of Painted Post to establish additional groundwater supply for the Village of Painted Post and other areas served (Village of Riverside and Town of Corning) to establish a suitable supply for current and future demands.
ARC - \$150,000 Total \$510,955

Water and Sanitary Sewer Extension Engineering Plan of the Hamlet of Kanona, sponsored by Steuben County IDA to support an engineering plan to extend water and sanitary sewer along NYS Route 415 and NY Route 53 from the Village of Bath to the Hamlet of Kanona to support future growth.
ARC - \$36,250 Total - \$72,500

Approval of 2014 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)

The 2014 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy was approved by STC's Board in June. The 2014 CEDS provides updated data and incorporates a more focused and precise narrative than the previous Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy.

The following changes were made to this CEDS:

- Updated all relevant data for the CEDS and the economic profiles.
- Included Cleaner Greener Southern Tier Goals into Chapter 2.
- Included a Marcellus Shale section.
- Refined existing maps and included an EDA Grant Eligibility Map.
- Revised format of Chapter 5 and Chapter 6.

The CEDS is available on the STC website.



Planning School Session

STC Planning School

STC's Planning School is underway, with representatives from several municipalities around the STC region attending the first four classes. The first two classes covered 1) the extent of public involvement necessary in the planning process and 2) the sources and uses of data available to communities in the STC region. At the November 5 class, participants discussed long term budgeting and cost savings for municipalities, with a representative from the NYS Department of State giving an excellent presentation on long term financial analysis for communities. The class covered budget projections, planning to avoid budgetary short-falls, and long term financial impacts for the community. The December class focused on infrastructure needs. Geoff Scott from Cornell Local Roads discussed planning and budgeting for road maintenance. James Johnson, Executive Director, Steuben County IDA, gave a short presentation on the importance of infrastructure for development activities.

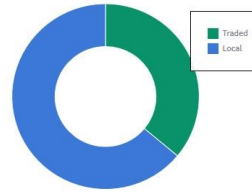
Please join us for the next class on **Tuesday, January 6th, 2015**. The classes begin at **5:30pm** in the STC office, and dinner is provided.

Class #5 1/6/2015	Stormwater Management and Green Infrastructure
Class #6 February	Educating your public, discussing budgets, and media outreach
Class #7 March	Long term budget analysis and shared services for Villages
Class #8 April	Using SEQR

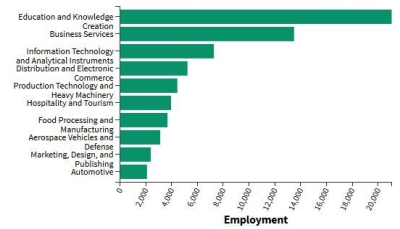
Class participants have expressed strong enthusiasm about each lecture and appreciation for the class materials.

Cluster Analysis

Traded vs. Local Clusters



Top Clusters by Employment



STC is updating the region's cluster analysis with Economic Development Administration (EDA) funding to promote cluster-based economic development strategies. A cluster is a regional concentration of related industries in a particular location. Clusters are a striking feature of economies, making regions uniquely competitive for jobs and private investment. They consist of companies, suppliers, and service providers, as well as government agencies and other institutions that provide specialized training and education, information, research, and technical support.

An analysis of the 8-county Southern Tier Regional Economic Development Council area has identified 11 distinct economic clusters. Based on data from the EDA-funded www.clustermapping.us, significant economic clusters are:

- Education
- Business Services
- IT and Analytical Instruments
- Production Technologies
- Food Processing
- Marketing and Printing
- Aerospace and Defense
- Metals and Metalworking Technology
- BioPharma and Medical Devices
- Automotive and
- Resource Extraction

Sustainable Keuka Lake - Annual Training & Summer Interns



STC provided land use training for residents in the Keuka Lake Watershed in April 2014 at the annual LULA (Land Use Leadership Alliance) training in Penn Yan. The training covered strategies for protecting water quality, agriculture, and scenic viewsheds throughout the Keuka Lake area. A workshop class from the regional planning department at Cornell gave presentations on their spring 2014 field work that addressed *Farmland and Agricultural Protection* as well as *Waterfront Revitalization and Scenic Viewshed Protection Plans*.

Having Trouble with Your Computer? You Can Call STC!



STC is now equipped to help you with your computer issues directly from our office to your location. Through a remote session, STC utilizes software to connect to your computer through the internet. STC's technical representative then can assess your issue and take steps to resolve it. You need no special hardware or software. A secure password is issued to grant the technician access.

The initial process begins with a phone call to STC. A remote access session can be started for the first stage, which costs the customer a flat fee for one half hour of exploration and problem-solving. If more time is required, there will be a charge for each additional half hour. A resolution to the process means a course of action unique to your issue is suggested, followed by a remote session that could repair your issue or point you in the right direction if the situation demands specialized treatment.

Charges: \$30 per half hour for municipalities and \$45 per half hour for non-governmental users.

Your rights: You, the customer, must permit an STC technician to use each function (Remote Control, Desktop View, File Transfer, System Information, and Reboot and Reconnect); you, as customer, can choose to terminate the session at any time; all traces of the Customer Applet disappear from your computer when the session is finished.

Our secure remote sessions employ end-to-end, 256-bit SSL encryption – the same security levels used and trusted by major banking institutions.

If you wish to know more about this service, please contact STC at (607)962-5092.

Municipal Survey

The First Annual Municipal Survey was a big success. STC is already using the results to guide our planning programs for 2014 and 2015. Based on a need outlined in the survey, STC is inviting a Census data trainer to the region to provide training in the use of American Fact Finder, American Community Survey, and 2010 Census data. STC has used the results of the survey to guide the Planning School Curriculum, and the survey results will improve the 2015 CEDS. The results have been very interesting and highly informative about the economic conditions in the STC region. A formal report of the results will be completed in the coming months.

Regional Leadership Conference

The Regional Leadership Conference Planning Committee has been hard at work since September to line up classes, speakers and vendors for the 2015 Regional Leadership Conference. This conference is an excellent opportunity to obtain training, network with municipal officials from around the region, and promote the services of businesses in the region. The 2015 conference will be held on April 1st and 2nd at Corning Community College, with over 400 people expected. Attendees include Clerks, Court Clerks, Justices, Code Enforcement Officers, Highway Superintendents, Supervisors, Planning Boards, Zoning Board of Appeals, County Officials and Town and Village Board members.

FOR VENDORS: Potential vendors will receive a packet in the mail by the end of the year to sign up for booth space at the conference, sponsorship of the conference and to purchase advertisements in the conference booklet.

FOR ATTENDEES: Attendees can expect to receive notice from their municipal Clerks or via email as to registration no later than February 15th. Here is a sneak peak at some topics to be covered in April, 2015:

- Wind Energy Development
- Site Plan and Stormwater Prevention Pollution Plan for Planning Boards
- Fire Inspections and Hazardous Material Awareness for Code Officers
- Managing Rural Roads
- Budgeting in NYS
- Procurement Procedures in NYS
- Tax Caps and Shared Services
- Ethics for Justices
- State Archives for Court Clerks
- Sealing of Records for Court Clerks

For more information about this year's conference, see our website at: www.regionalleadershipconference.info or call Chelsea Robertson at 607-962-5092.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

for the

19th Annual Regional Leadership Conference

April 1 and 2, 2015

at Corning Community College

Please join us for food, training, and networking! Visit our website for more information at:

www.regionalleadershipconference.info

Community Planning Updates

STC offers technical planning assistance to communities within the region:

Town of Big Flats has worked with STC recently to receive planning support and review applications for compliance with local zoning law on applications for subdivision and site plan approvals.

Town of Caton has appointed a Comprehensive Plan committee, with members receiving training at STC's planning school. Caton also welcomes a new business and improvements to the hamlet with the rehabilitation of an old building into a small used car sales lot.

Town of Corning has received a recent floodplain development application. The Town conducted training of the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals on how to handle Floodplain Development Permits, FEMA requirements, and how to safely manage minor changes that require a permit within the floodplains. The Town has also been tirelessly working to update and revise the Town Zoning ordinance based on recommendations from their Comprehensive Plan.

Town of Campbell worked with STC to evaluate grant opportunities for the Town, specifically asking STC to assist in implementation of some of their comprehensive plan objectives, such as more outdoor recreation and river trail potential along the Cohocton River. Campbell and STC are reaching out to other Cohocton River municipalities to gauge similar interest.

Village of Painted Post is happy to have received a proposal for a Monroe Tractor retail business on the former foundry site on West Water Street. Monroe Tractor has presented a concept plan that has been accepted by the planning board.

If your Town is interested in receiving technical planning assistance, training or grant writing expertise, contact Senior Planner Chelsea Robertson at plan@stny.rr.com.



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