



Upcoming . . .

April 10, 2024

Small Business Event
Valley Outdoors, Inc.
Cassadaga (Chautauqua Co.)
4-5:30 PM

April 18, 2024

NYSERDA Energy Code
Enforcement Training
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Salamanca BOCES Center

(For more info contact Jon Mayr
at jmayr@southerntierwest.org)

Local Government Program

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Elected Officials Webinar was held on Thursday, February 29, 2024 from 6:00 - 8:00 PM. Katie Hodgdon and Sarah Brancatella from Association of Towns made the presentation.

Registration for the **29th Annual Local Government Conference** is open. The Conference will be held at Houghton University on June 6, 2024 from 7:30 AM - 4:00 PM. Education Credits are obtainable for municipal clerks, planning and zoning board members, code enforcement officers, justices, and court clerks. Currently there are 21 Exhibitors participating. On-line registration is available at www.southerntierwest.org/lgc-registration.html.

Municipal Websites were completed for the Town of Centerville and the Village of Sinclairville.

NYSERDA Clean Energy Communities Program

Southern Tier West would like to congratulate the Town of Busti, Town of Harmony, Town of Humphrey, and Village of Lakewood who have all successfully submitted High Impact Action Items to NYSERDA over the last month. These municipalities will now be awarded MATCH-FREE \$10,000 grants to use on clean energy projects of their choosing!

NYSERDA's Clean Energy

Communities Program is offering large dollar, zero-match grants to local municipalities that want their communities to benefit from the new clean energy economy but struggle with tight budgets and limited support. Southern Tier West and NYSERDA are helping local governments save money, grow the local economy, and improve the environment by providing grants, coordinator support, and clear guidance for implementing a range of High Impact Action Items.

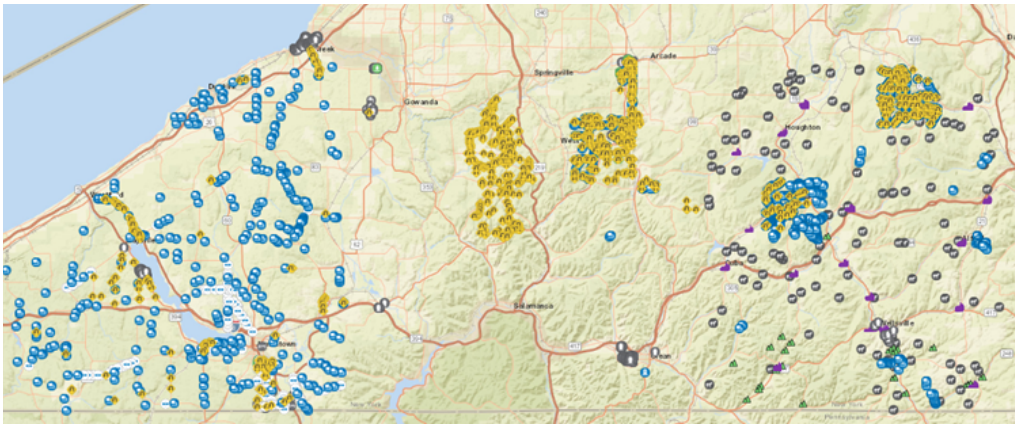
If you would like more information about how your municipality could participate in the NYSERDA Clean Energy Communities program please contact Johnathon Mayr at jmayr@southerntierwest.org, or call (716) 945-5301, ext. 2232.

Appalachian Regional Commission Funding

The next round of ARC Area Development funds are open and accepting Letters-of-Intent.

- The two-page LOIs are due April 15th. They will be reviewed by staff and feedback provided on May 15 with invitations to move forward with the application.
- Dr. Palmer led a webinar for interested parties on March 13 and March 19th for eligible applicants.
- Final applications will be due September 22, 2024.
- INSPIRE grants were due March 8.
 - Winners will be announced in September 2024 with programs to start in October.
- POWER grants
 - Multiple local organizations submitted LOIs for funding that will support implementation projects totaling \$5,430,000.00.
- ARISE special funding under Investment in Infrastructure & Jobs Act
 - Available until FY 2026
 - Concept papers for the 3rd round due April 30th

For more information on ARC funding, contact Dr. Fileve Palmer at fpalmer@southerntierwest.org or 716-945-5301 Ext. 2205.



Community GIS Program

It's Drone Season!!!

STW is currently accepting drone project ideas and proposals for spring/summer/fall 2024! Our capabilities include high definition basemap creation, elevational data collection, site inspection, and much more! We have a wide array of drones and cameras at our disposal including high-definition, infrared, thermal, and 10-band multi-spectral imaging capabilities. If you would like to discuss a project or would like more information about the STW GIS department's drone program, please contact Johnathon Mayr at jmayr@southerntierwest.org or call (716)945-5301, ext. 2232.

Over the past year, the **STW CGIS Program** has been a great success and we are looking for more communities to participate!! Local municipalities have utilized the CGIS program to collect over 4,500 data points of municipal assets such as signs, culverts, shut-offs, hydrants, and cross-pipes. These inventories have proven vital to these communities for asset management and planning purposes. Southern Tier West currently has open CGIS enrollment spots available and we would love to set up an appointment with your community to further discuss the program, its' capabilities, and what benefits your municipality could garner from utilizing it. If you would like more information about the STW CGIS program or would like to enroll your municipality in the program please contact Johnathon Mayr at jmayr@southerntierwest.org or call (716) 945-5301, ext. 2232.

Sustainability Planning

Water Quality

- Completed the Village of Portville's Drinking Water Source Protection Program (DWSP2) Plan and we are now working on implementation actions from the plan
- Drafting a DWSP2 Plan with the Village of Cattaraugus
- Drafting a DWSP2 Plan with the Village of Westfield

Climate Smart Communities

- Finishing the Village of Portville's Climate Change Adaptation and Resilience Plan (CCARP) for extreme weather planning
- Drafting a CCARP with the Town of Pomfret for extreme weather planning
- Coordinating Portville's Sustainability Committee – students, residents, and local government working towards sustainable actions for their community

For more information about how your community could participate in the NYSDEC Climate Smart Communities Program or Water Quality Planning please contact Sarah Swinko at sswinko@southerntierwest.org, or call (716) 945-5301, ext. 2207.

Economic Development

Southern Tier West welcomes Megan Hageney, Economic Recovery Corps Fellow, to southwestern New York State! The Economic Recovery Corps (ERC) is a new initiative in partnership with the US Economic Development Administration (EDA) and the International Economic Development Council (IEDC) that places fellows with host entities in economically distressed areas across the US. ERC Fellows work to spearhead catalytic projects that will advance new ways of doing economic development that will lead to more resilient, inclusive, and equitable economies. Southern Tier West was chosen as a host organization and, through an application and interview process, we were matched with ERC Fellow Megan Hageney. Her area of focus will be to understand barriers that prevent equitable access to business support services and design a place-based strategy that incorporates a playbook approach that could include a dynamic 6-10 week "boot camp" program tailored to the unique needs and assets of Allegany, Cattaraugus, & Chautauqua Counties and the Seneca Nation of Indians. More updates to follow; contact Kimberly LaMendola, Regional Economic Development & Food System Coordinator for more information, klamendola@SouthernTierWest.org or 716-945-5301, x2211.