



Upcoming . . .

October 25, 2023

Webinar - An Intro to the National Flood Insurance Program

1-2:30 p.m. Hosted by STW

November 15 & 16, 2023

Fall Planning & Zoning Training

4-8:30 p.m.

15th @ JCC Jamestown Campus

16th @ STW BOCES Center

Local Government Program

The Fall Planning & Zoning Training is scheduled for November 15th at JCC, Jamestown Campus and November 16th at the STW BOCES Center. Registration begins at 3:30 p.m. followed by Planning & Zoning: An Intro (2 hours PZ Credit) 4-6 p.m.; Joint Boards (1 Hour PZ Credit) 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.; and Short-Term Rentals (1 Hour PZ Credit) 7:30 - 8:30p.m. Christopher Eastman and Paula Gilbert from NYS Department of State will be presenting the classes.

The first webinar in the Floodplain Management Training Series is being held October 19th, entitled "Flood Insurance Rate Maps, Elevation Certificates, and Letters of Map Change" being presented by Brad Wenskoski, CFM, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation. Two hours of code credit are being offered to attend this webinar.

Staff has been doing records management at the City of Salamanca.

Southern Tier Extension Railroad Authority (STERA)

STERA, in conjunction with WNYPRR, submitted an application in the 2023 NYSDOT PFRAP funding cycle for a Bridge and Tie and Rail Replacement PFRAP Project. The STERA Board authorized submission of an application for \$1,947,550 of NYS DOT PFRAP grant funds, to be matched by \$834,664 of WNYPRR funds. STERA also had undertaken the SEQRA review and issued a negative declaration on the project.

The project as initially proposed involved replacement of 8,400 ties, replacement of some worn rail, and surfacing between Allegany (Cattaraugus County) to Niobe (Chautauqua County), between MP JC-397.86 to MP CE-1.55 (Niobe).

WNYPRR's current project proposal includes:

1. Replacement of timber decks and installation of welded rail across up to 18 bridges between Allegany, NY and Niobe, NY (PA State line).
2. Installation of up to 8,000 new crossties at various locations across the Freight Main Line between Falconer, NY and Niobe, NY.
3. Ballasting, alignment, and surfacing of all areas which receive new ties.
4. Proper disposal of all replaced bridge timbers and crosstie.

Economic Development Administration

Economic development staff submitted the region's 2023-2028 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy to the EDA in October. The plan lays out a vision for the region's progress using five strategic pillars of Natural Environment, Built Environment, Business and Industry, Human Capital, and Vibrant Communities. The final draft of the plan is available for the public to read at www.southerntierwest.org, and will also be printed in November for distribution to libraries and municipalities across the region.

Southwestern New York State Economic Plan

Charting a Course for Regional Prosperity 2023-2028



Paddle Fest, photo by Chautauqua County Partnership for Economic Growth

Southern Tier West Regional Planning and Development Board Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) September 2023

Going forward in November, the CEDS focus groups will begin to reconvene as working groups to make progress on specific projects and goals from the CEDS. To learn more about joining the working groups, contact Stephanie Beneng at sbeneng@southerntierwest.org or call 716-945-5301 ext. 2208.

Cattaraugus County Career Academy

Dr. Palmer is working with area businesses and Salamanca High School for the 2nd Workforce Development Extravaganza taking place on October 13, 2023.

- non-profit organizations) have committed with more on the way.
- Professionals from waste management and manufacturing to Farming and funeral services will be sharing their expertise with Salamanca Youth
- We're especially excited to be joined by Buffalo State's Art Conservation Program (#1 in the nation, if not world!).
- Counsellors from other schools have also been invited to see how the WDE works and how it can be replicated in their schools.

September 29th Dr. Palmer attended the HS counsellor meeting to recruit for the CCCA Program.

- October 30 is the start date for this next cohort of youth.
- It will run for 7 weeks through December 20.

ARC Area Development Grants are being sent to NYS Department of State.

Sustainability Planning

Water Quality

- The Village of Portville's Drinking Water Source Protection Program (DWSP2) Plan is in the process of final review with NYSDEC.
- Drafting a DWSP2 Plan with the Village of Cattaraugus.
- Webinar on DWSP2 by NYSDEC coming up – Oct 25th. Accepting applications till Nov 14th.
- Organizing Floodplain Management Webinars for October – Flood Insurance Rate Maps & Intro to the NFIP.

Climate Smart Communities

- Finalized an outline of the Village of Portville's Climate Change Adaptation and Resilience Plan (CCARP). Community scenario planning in November.
- Started up Portville's Sustainability Committee – students are very interested in getting involved!
- Planning Allegany's Sustainability meetings as well because the students are engaged too!
- Planning a transportation listening session in January.

GIS Program

At the request of Chautauqua County DPF, STW created high-definition base maps of a region in Niobe where beaver dams and flooding have been an ongoing issue. These maps were created utilizing our DJI Mavic Pro Enterprise drone system and Pix4D mapping software. STW's drone and mapping capabilities allow a municipality access to areas that would normally be too remote or inaccessible for inspectors to reach by conventional means. The data acquired from these missions is crucial for municipal officials to assess the situation and build a roadmap for rectifying it.



Full Extent of Base Map Created by STW



Beaver Dam Formation Located by STW Drone