



Upcoming ...

January 18, 2024

Southern Tier West Board Mtg
1:00 p.m. @ STW Offices

February 29, 2024

Powers & Duties of Newly
Elected Officials Webinar
6:00 - 8:00 PM

Register at:

https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/WN_sf4oZXNiT66x6YwXvBgraw#/registration

Local Government Program

The 2024 Community Assistance Program Membership renewal was sent to municipalities.

The Annual Local Government Conference Agenda for June 6, 2024 at Houghton University is complete. Registration is open for Conference Sponsors and Exhibitors. There are currently 10 Exhibitors registered. Registration will open to municipalities in March 2024.

Records Management was completed for the City of Salamanca.

Weebly websites were uploaded for Towns of North Collins, Yorkshire, and Mansfield.

A Powers & Duties of Newly Elected Officials Webinar is scheduled for Thursday, February 29, 2024 from 6:00 - 8:00 PM. Katie Hodgdon from Association of Towns will be the presenter.

NYSERDA Clean Energy Communities Program

NEW LARGE DOLLAR, ZERO MATCH GRANT OPPORTUNITY!!

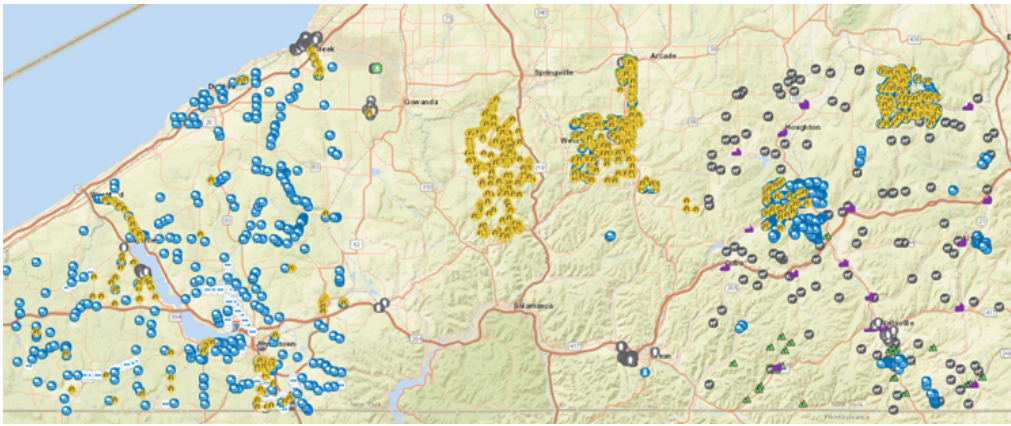
Last month NYSERDA announced the launch of the Clean Energy Communities (CEC) 3.0 grant program. This new CEC program builds from the foundation laid during CEC 1.0 and 2.0 but expands upon them by offering more opportunities for municipalities to participate, lower barriers to entry for the communities, and MUCH LARGER, MATCH-FREE grant awards! Even the smallest communities in our region can take advantage of this new and improved program to access up to \$600,000+/municipality in MATCH-FREE grant funding! In addition to that, if a municipality participated in a previous rendition of the CEC program and has already been designated a Clean Energy Community, there is a very good chance that they already qualify to receive a \$10,000 match-free grant under the new program! NYSERDA has re-funded the CEC program and these match-free grants are perfect for municipalities that would like to move forward with a clean energy project but don't have the available funds to do so. 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.

Economic Development Administration

Economic development staff have planned the first working group meeting to begin action items from the new CEDS plan. The working groups will meet at Southern Tier West on Wednesday, January 17 from 9:30 —11 a.m. and will be comprised of two of last year's focus groups: the Natural Environment group and the Agriculture, Farmland, and Local Food Systems group. Those interested in participating can RSVP to Stephanie Beneng at 716-945-5301 ext. 2208 or sbeneng@southerntierwest.org.

Southern Tier West is participating in the Small Business Development Center's rotating "pop-up" business resource nights. These events welcome small business owners to meet representatives of multiple business resources at one time and form personal connections with them. The next pop-up business resource events will be Wednesday, January 24 from 4—6 p.m. in the village of Cattaraugus and Tuesday, February 13 from 4—5:30 in the Village of Portville.





Community GIS Program

The 2024 Community GIS Membership renewal was sent to municipalities. The entire STW Community GIS (CGIS) system has been updated and all surveys and maps are up and running! Some of you may notice that you now get a send error when trying to submit data points in Survey123. If this happens there are a few simple steps you can take to fix the issue. This is a one-time process that will update all of your surveys and render them usable again.

- Log into Survey123 and tap on any of the available surveys.
- On the next screen where you have the “collect/inbox” options, tap on the top right corner with the 3 bars.
- Select “Delete Survey” (DO NOT WORRY, THIS HAS NO AFFECT ON YOUR DATA)
- Repeat this step for all of your surveys until your home screen is empty.
- Once the home screen is blank tap on the top right corner of it, where it has the circle with your user initials, and tap “Download Surveys”
- Click the download icon next to all of the surveys that you wish to use.
- Return to home screen and resume use as normal.

You are invited to a joint meeting of the
Regional Working Groups on

Natural Environment & Agriculture, Farmland, & Local Food Systems

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17

9:30 - 11:00 AM
SOUTHERN TIER WEST
4039 ROUTE 219, SUITE 200
SALAMANCA, NY

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Taking action on the
region's new economic plan

- coordinated regional strategic mapping
- preservation of wild lands
- conservation of farmland and accessibility to new farmers
- waterways protection
- source water protection
- stormwater and erosion planning

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CATTARAUGUS COUNTY | CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY

PLANNING A THRIVING FUTURE FOR SOUTHWESTERN NYS

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

Climate Smart Communities

- Second Extreme Weather Event meeting for the Village of Portville's Climate Change Adaptation and Resilience Plan (CCARP) at the end of January
- Coordinating Portville's Sustainability Committee – students, residents, and local government working towards sustainable actions for their community
- Planning a Transportation Listening Session for the City of Olean on January 16th

Over the past year municipalities have utilized the Southern Tier West Community GIS (CGIS) program to collect over 4,500 data points of municipal assets such as signs, culverts, shut-offs, hydrants, and cross-pipes. In addition to municipal assets, STW has created municipal surveys for points of interest such as open space inventories, main street analysis, active farms, streams, and cemeteries; as well as a tracking tool for code enforcement officers.