

**Upcoming . . .****September 21, 2023**

STW Annual Board Mtg
1 p.m., STW Offices

October 19, 2023

Webinar - Flood Insurance
Rate Maps, Elevation
Certificates, and Letters of
Map Change 1-3:15 p.m.
Hosted by NYS DEC

October 25, 2023

Webinar - An Intro to the
National Flood Insurance
Program 1-2:30 p.m.
Hosted by STW

Local Foods (NYSAWG)

New York Sustainable
Agriculture Working Group
(NYSAWG) is a 501(c)(3) affiliate
organization of Southern Tier
West with a mission to develop
a strong, resilient, inclusive and
economically vibrant regional
food system. We invite you to
keep up with our progress as
we launch Food Future WNY
following an 18-month
assessment of the food system
across nine counties of
Western New York. Please visit
our website at
www.FoodFutureWNY.org and
subscribe to our newsletter.

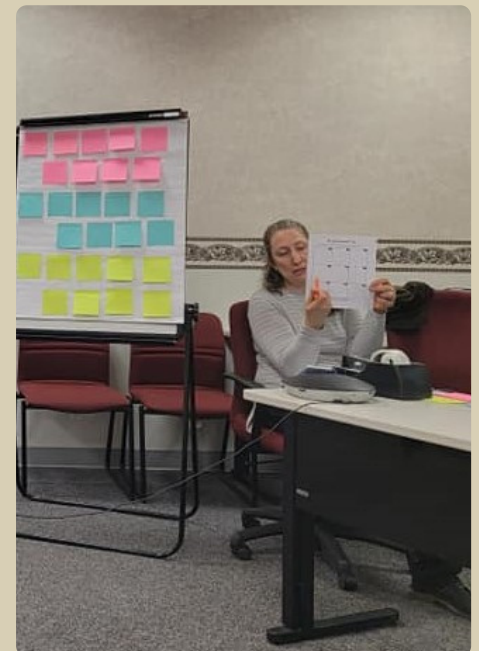
Local Government Program

Southern Tier West is hosting a
**Floodplain Management
Training Series**. The first class
in the series is "Flood Insurance
Rate Maps, Elevation
Certificates, and Letter of Map
Change" being held on
October 19th on GoToWebinar
from 1- 3:15 p.m. hosted by NYS
Department of Environmental
Conservation. The second class
is "An Intro to the National
Flood Insurance Program"
being held on October 25th
from 1- 2:15 p.m., hosted by
Southern Tier West. There will
be two more webinars
scheduled in the Spring to
complete the series. Code
Enforcement Officers can earn
4 credit hours for attending
these webinars.

Registration is available for the
**2023 Fall Planning & Zoning
Training** taking place on
November 15th at Jamestown
Community College,
Jamestown Campus and on
November 16th at Salamanca
BOCES Center from 4:00 - 8:30
p.m. Training topics include:
Planning & Zoning - A
Refresher; Joint Boards; and
Short Term Rentals.
Christopher Eastman and
Patricia Burke will be coming
down from NYS Department of
State to present these classes.

**Economic Development
Administration**

Economic development staff
completed a draft of the
region's CEDS, which is a five-
year economic plan, on August
22. CEDS (pronounced "seds")
stands for Comprehensive
Economic Development
Strategy. The plan's content
was created by over 110
participants in focus groups
and phone calls, envisioning
the region's progress over the
next five years. All focus group
participants have been notified
that the plan has been released
for its 30-day public comment
period. The public is invited to
share feedback on the plan,
which is available on Southern
Tier West's website at
www.southerntierwest.org, or
by postal mail upon request.

**Staff at CEDS Focus Group Meeting**

ARC Funding Program

Applicants are gathering their final signatures and support letters to be sent for state review on October 1. Projected approval and start of the projects is June 2024; 3 of the 4 projects are construction based and USDA's Rural Development is stepping up to oversee as the Basic Agency administrator.

Chautauqua and Allegany Counties are working on finalizing their applications that will work on preliminary stages of an Industrial Park and developing sewer and municipal water to promote growth and attract commercial interest. Seneca Nation and Cattaraugus County are on track to tap into their funding for projects with meaningful regional impact.

Dr. Palmer and organizational partners at STHCS and CA-Dream It Do It have laid preliminary plans for the 2nd cohort of **Cattaraugus County Career Academies**. One major change to the program is that youth will meet over an 8-week period in the fall, instead of the elongated calendar stretching from October to June.

Sustainability Planning

Water Quality Planning

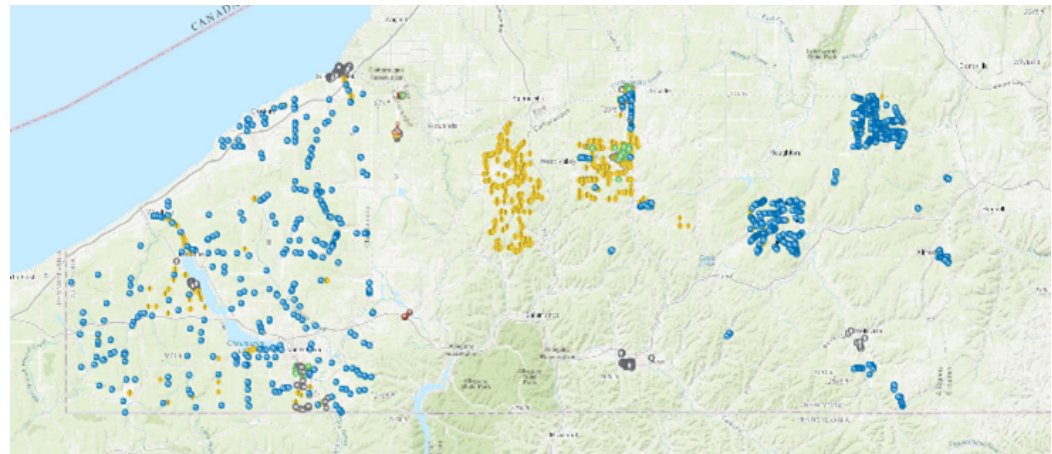
- Completed a Drinking Water Source Protection Program (DWSP2) Plan with the Village of Portville and is in the process of final review from NYSDEC.
- Starting a DWSP2 Plan with the Village of Cattaraugus.
- Organizing Floodplain Management Webinars
- Collaboration with other local water quality organizations (CWC, LEWPA, Waterkeepers, Genesee RiverWatch, and DEC Great Lakes Program)

Climate Smart Communities (CSC) Program

- Working on a Climate Change Adaptation and Resilience Plan (CCARP) with the Village of Portville.
- Assisting local communities with the CSC Program
- Planning a transportation listening session for December
- The CSC Program is always welcoming municipalities to participate in the program. Contact Sarah Swinko for details!

GIS Program

STW currently has 37 communities actively participating in the Community GIS program and over 3,000 data points have been collected using the program. As of September 1, 2023 the program has 15 unique surveys available for municipalities to utilize including Active Farms, Cemeteries, Code Enforcement, Cross Pipes, Culverts, Drop Inlets, Forestry, Guard Rails, Hydrants, Main Street Analysis, Manhole/Sewer, Water Shutoff, Signage, Streams/Rivers, and Road Tiles. STW is also working with municipal highway departments and soil and water conservation districts to incorporate new surveys into the system. STW continues to hold monthly training and Q&A sessions concerning the CGIS program. These trainings are open to anybody interested in the CGIS program and are held on the 4th Wednesday of the month from 11:00 AM until 1:00 PM at the STW offices.



Data points collected using the CGIS Program