

STC REGION TODAY

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Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) FY 2014 Applications Received



STC received six ARC applications for Fiscal Year 2014 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 \$555,705.

The projects submitted are as follows:

STEM Deployment Project - sponsored by GST BOCES, to transform regional STEM education in order to 1) actively engage students in scientific and engineering practices; 2) build critical knowledge and skills; and 3) ensure that students are on college and career ready trajectory in STEM disciplines.
ARC - \$150,000 Total - \$1,041,333

Construction of Southern Tier Regional Farmers' Market Building - sponsored by the Chemung County Agricultural Society, for the construction of a 16,486 square foot, one story, timber frame building upon land leased from Chemung County at the Chemung County Fairgrounds.
ARC - \$150,000 Total - \$1,100,000

Pathways to School Readiness and Success: Planning Project - sponsored by Pro Action of Steuben and Yates, Inc., to map formal and informal early childhood interventions to guide the development of strategic action recommendations which support 1) healthy child development; 2) school readiness and success; and 3) smarter use of public funds and existing resources.
ARC - \$20,705 Total - \$49,129

IT Disaster Recovery Project at Schuyler Hospital - sponsored by Schuyler Hospital, Inc., this project will include a separate redundant failover data center complete with self-contained generator backup power and full fiber connectivity between existing primary and new redundant failover data centers.
ARC - \$150,000 Total - 300,100

Steuben County Local Agricultural Markets Plan - sponsored by Steuben County IDA, this project will enhance the Steuben County Farmland Preservation Plan by assessing local agriculture markets and consumer demands to develop strategies for the advancement of agricultural based economic development opportunities.
ARC - \$40,000 Total - \$140,000

Hammondsport/Urbana Waterfront Revitalization Plan and Trail Design - sponsored by the Steuben County IDA, for the creation of a plan to guide the land development and water uses of the Keuka Lake waterfront on the southern tier of the lake. The plan will include public input on the current and future uses of property along and adjacent to the waterfront as well as development of a design for future multi-modal recreational trails to interconnect existing trails and parks into a cohesive recreational destination.

ARC - \$45,000 Total - \$90,000

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 that uses the internet to connect to your computer; an STC technical representative then can assess your concern and take steps to resolve your issue. No special hardware or software is needed by you. 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. This can include exploration and problem-solving. If that lasts for longer than one half hour, there will be an additional charge for each additional half hour. A resolution to the process means a suggested course of action unique to your issue is stated, followed by a remote session that could repair your issue or point you in the right direction if the situation demands specialized treatment.

Charges:	Each	
	First Half Hour	Additional Half Hour
Governments	\$30	\$30
Other	\$45	\$45

Your rights: You, the customer, must permit an STC technician to use each function (Remote Control, Desktop View, File Transfer, System Information, and Reboot & Reconnect); you, as customer, can choose to terminate the session at any time; all traces of the Customer Applet disappear from the remote PC 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, please contact STC at (607)962-5092.

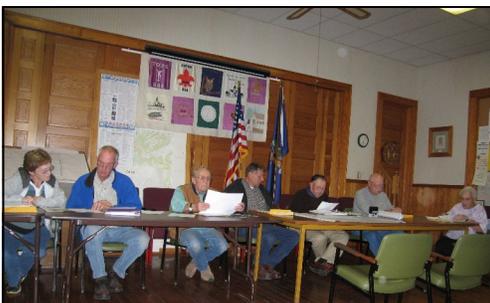
Assisting Municipalities

STC contracts with a handful of municipalities for planning, computer and GIS assistance. These municipalities are then able to receive the technical assistance they need without hiring additional staff or contracting with expensive for-profit companies. STC staff serves as a shared service between the participating municipalities. Some of STC's recent activities within these municipalities include:

- The Town of Veteran has spent the last year finishing up their draft of their updated Town of Veteran Comprehensive Plan. Since 2011, regular bi-monthly meetings have been held to comb through survey results, draft chapters for the plan and present drafts to the public. Expected adoption of the plan will be early in 2014. Find plan information at: www.VeteranComprehensivePlan.org.
- The Village of Painted Post has re-evaluated their sign law and has been working with STC and their code enforcement officer to revise the law to be more clear and easier to enforce.
- The Village of Riverside has been working on some larger projects over the past year, including the site plan for the new Tops grocery store and gas station to open late this year in Pulteney Plaza.
- STC GIS worked with several municipalities on mapping projects. Some of the projects that were completed included work for the Towns of Horseheads, Veteran and Southport. STC worked with the Town of Southport to complete an updated zoning map for the town. STC also completed mapping for the Town of Veteran's comprehensive plan. STC assisted the Town of Horseheads with mapping of snow plow routes, emergency service areas and updated zoning.
- STC served as a member of the regional application evaluation committee for the Transportation Enhancement Program for Region 6 DOT. The committee reviewed and ranked the applications.



If your municipality could use professional planning, computer or GIS assistance, please call STC and see what we may be able to do for you. Ongoing and temporary contracts to fit your needs are always available. STC is available for grant writing, zoning law revisions, comprehensive planning, training, regular monthly planning board assistance, map making, and technical computer assistance.



Town of Caton
Planning Board
Meeting

Is Your Municipality Using the New SEQR Forms?

If not, you should be! On October 7, 2013 the new State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) forms came into effect. Since 1978 SEQR is required of most Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals decisions. Recently New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) revised the forms that should be filled out with every application and also produced guidance on their website on how they should be completed. The new short form (the form most commonly used) is now 4 pages long and there is a requirement for the applicant to complete a section and then the Town (or appropriate board) to complete a section, along with an area for a short narrative and description and justification of the SEQR decision made. For more information on these forms, visit: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/permits/357.html>.

At the April 2 & 3, 2014 Regional Leadership Conference there will be a training session on SEQR. If you need assistance before then, contact Chelsea at STC at plan@stny.rr.com.

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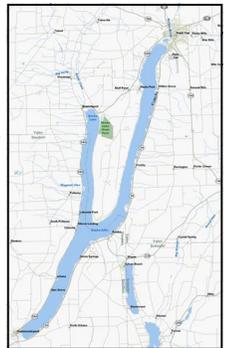
18th Annual
Regional Leadership Conference
April 2 and 3, 2014
at Corning Community College

Please join us for food,
training and networking!

Visit our website for more information at:
www.regionalleadershipconference.info

Sustainable Keuka Lake Project Update

Funded through a Department of State (DOS) LWRP grant, the Sustainable Keuka Lake project is moving forward on watershed protection for Keuka Lake. Recently, the project contractor and subcontractors met with a representative from the DOS to discuss contract execution. In addition to this meeting, the group has been holding monthly meetings to discuss moving forward on tasks and garnering support.



Over the summer, two interns began conducting a survey to gauge community views on Keuka Lake water quality and their overall perception of the area. The survey will continue electronically throughout the year, and the internship program will restart in summer 2014. More information about the survey and project are available at www.sustainablekeuka.net.

Water Will Go Somewhere - Stay Out of the Way!

Flooding occurs somewhere in the STC Region almost every year—Some years it happens several times. This summer it occurred on “race weekend” when a system of intense thunderstorms caused flash flooding, primarily in the Towns of Hornby, Catlin, and Veteran. Houses were flooded, yards were damaged, and roads washed out. Because this was a localized event, the total amount of property damage did not meet the threshold for federal disaster assistance. This is not to say that damages were not very significant for those who experienced them. People were displaced from their homes, property was lost, traffic was diverted, and local governments struggle with the costs of repairing roads.

The STC region benefits from numerous efforts to address flooding:

- Flood control dams and levees protect population centers along the rivers and major streams.
- New development in mapped floodplains is regulated to federal and state standards.
- Highway departments maintain bridges and roadside drainage systems.
- County Soil and Water Conservation Districts provide training and assistance for effective stream management.
- The National Weather Service continues to improve the accuracy of storm and flood warnings.
- A local network of stream and precipitation gauges supplements federally-collected data to enable improved forecasts and response.
- Emergency responders are trained and equipped.
- Individuals assume responsibility by insuring their property and having family emergency plans.
- And after a flood, communities pull together. Neighbors help neighbors.

Without these and other efforts, flood losses and suffering would be even greater.

But floods still happen and people’s lives are disrupted. The difficult message is that we can’t stop the flooding and we can’t make everybody whole again after it happens. Some places truly belong to Mother Nature and should not be developed.



A family was rescued from this house by boat and unable to return for many days. (Photograph courtesy of Chemung County Soil and Water Conservation District)

Association of State Floodplain Managers



The STC Flood Mitigation Specialist, Janet Thigpen, was elected to the Board of Directors for the Association of State Floodplain Managers (ASFPM). Ms. Thigpen is serving a two-year term as a Chapter director, representing State Chapters from the northeastern states. ASFPM is a professional organization with a mission “to promote education, policies, and activities that mitigate current and future losses, costs, and human suffering caused by flooding, and to protect the natural and beneficial functions of floodplains - all without causing adverse impacts.”

Approval of 2013 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)

The 2013 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy was approved by STC’s Board on June 20th. The CEDS was updated to meet all the Economic Development Administration (EDA) requirements.

The 2013 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.

Erwin/Painted Post/ Riverside Brownfield Opportunity Areas (BOA) Program Finalization is Underway

The Erwin/Painted Post/Riverside Brownfield Opportunity Areas Nomination Study has been completed, and project close-out is underway. The nomination process has been a huge success; the nomination study has resulted in updated zoning recommendations, a business retention and recruitment strategy, and a completed feasibility analysis of the West Water Street Access Bridge. Each of the communities (Erwin/Painted Post/Riverside) is prepared to go forward with the implementation phase, as soon as the application is released by the state.

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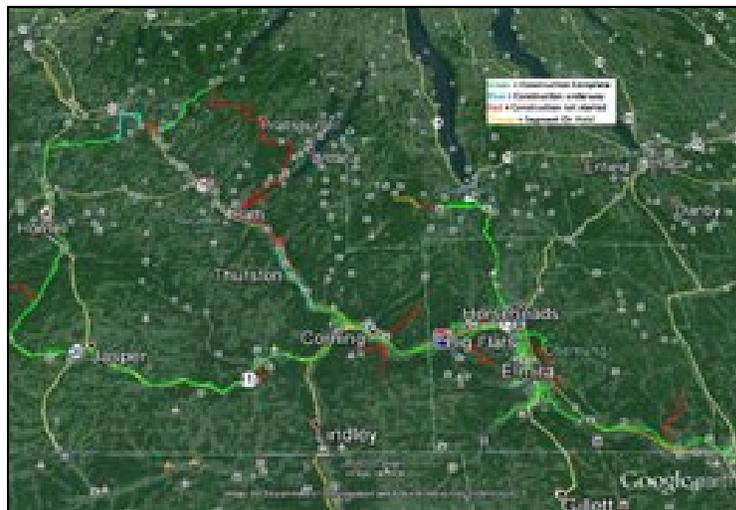


The optical fiber network that is tying our three counties together while enabling them to access the world is on track to be completed by the end of 2013.

Schools, health care facilities, public safety departments, county buildings, and businesses are already connected to the fiber or are contracting with STN to connect them to the fiber.

STN has tied in to Access Ontario, a similar network in Ontario County, and has plans to connect to the recently-funded Yates County network.

Southern Tier Network is working with carriers and service providers to use the STN infrastructure to introduce new and enhanced services into the communities. At the same time, they are reaching out to technology-based and other business and industry that need the high speed bandwidth offered by the STN fiber. For more information, please visit the website at southerntiernetwork.org.



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