



**Southern Tier Regional Economic Development Council  
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**Downtown Revitalization and Community Development**

- Reinststitute Restore NY
- Energy Conservation – rehabbing historic buildings is ultimate green building
- Tax incentives for developing buildings
- Extension of current HP Tax credits and expand to include all historic properties
- Urge municipalities/counties to work together effectively with incentives for collaborative work
- Clearing house at state level to bring together different tax credit opportunities
- Flexibility to fund rural as well as urban (?) communities
- Developing upper floor housing and more incentives to encourage their development
- Downtown transportation to access downtown services and housing
- Downtown residential units to encourage business retention and quality employees
- Create a housing trust fund to offer funding that is unrestricted (not just affordable)
- Sales tax to be earmarked for downtown development (1/4% or ½%)
- Land banks
- Incentives for young entrepreneurs