



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

- Building a Trail 6 mile Creek completing Black Diamond
- Entertainment
- Community Centers and Conference Facility
- Housing/Community Development
 - Not homogenous (Urban versus Rural)
 - Take Account
- Revitalize using existing building stock
- Overarching criteria
 - Triple bottom line
 - Economic/Environmental/Social Equality
- Live/workspaces
- Cultural Anchor Institutions “Our Town”\$ plus Downtown Family Entertainment Center
- Affordable Living -> Transportation --->Energy Costs-->Criteria
- Focus on distributed energy
- Funding for rehabilitation/improvements for housing (retrofit)
- Scoring is not up to the task
- Urban agriculture – community gardens; farms, edible landscapes/roof top
- Align state-federal rehabilitation tax credits (historic buildings)
- Local currencies/bartering
- Maintains strong non-profits create center/”spaces”/collaborations

- Enhanced residential
 - Walkable/livable community
 - Safe streets
- Mixed use/mixed income eliminate silos and barriers
- Support locally-owned business job fund – “buy local” \$4M sustainable
- Incubator ---→\$200M Economic Activity/1900 jobs
- “Free” Broadband
- Green Collar job training
- Green Projects