



Upcoming Opportunities



Save the Date!

NTRPDC Annual Meeting

October 18th

Wysox Firehall

More Information Coming Soon!

NTRPDC Program Highlight: Transportation



Click the video above to learn more about the Northern Tier Rural Planning Organization (Northern Tier RPO), the transportation planning division of the NTRPDC! The Northern Tier RPO is a regional organization that serves as a bridge between local governments, transportation agencies, and the

communities. Our mission is to facilitate collaborative decision-making to plan and develop transportation infrastructure and services for the specific demands of the Northern Tier region.

For more information about the Northern Tier RPO, check out our [website](#), or contact Regional Planning Program Manager Brian Baker at baker@northerntier.org.

NT Manufacturing Industry Partners Meet



On Thursday, July 25, 2024, Northern Tier Regional Planning and Development Commission (NTRPDC), in coordination with Northeastern Pennsylvania Industrial Resource Center (NEPIRC), hosted the second Manufacturing Industry Partnership meeting in Towanda, PA. NTRPDC and NEPIRC were joined by manufacturers across our region. Leo Gilroy, NEPIRC's Director of

Leadership and Organizational Development, gave an engaging presentation entitled *Building a Corporate Culture That Works*. Leo explained how trust within an organization supports the rest of the structure. Without it, an organization is unable to build strong professional relationships, which are key to increased productivity. Manufacturers left energized and motivated to bring back these, and other key points, to their places of business.

The Manufacturing Industry Partnership meets quarterly and is open to any manufacturer in the area. The next meeting is scheduled for October 24, 2024 at 8AM, location to be determined. The topic of focus for October's meeting will be on recruitment and retention. If you are interested in learning more about the partnership or would like to attend, please contact Melissa Fleming, NTRPDC's Workforce Director, at fleming@northerntier.org. If you are interested in learning more about the leadership training opportunities that NEPIRC offers please contact Ashley Tice at ashley@nepirc.com

TTAP Partners Meeting

On July 22, 2024, The Twin Tiers ARISE Program (TTAP) partners met in-person for the second time since being awarded \$4.5 million in ARC funding last October. The whole group meets virtually every other month, with some partners meeting more often. Representatives from Northern Tier Regional Planning and Development Commission (NTRPDC), Southern Tier Central Regional



Planning and Development Board (STC), Corning Community College (CCC), the Career Development Council (CDC), Greater Southern Tier Board of Cooperative Education Services (GST BOCES), and Chemung, Schulyer,

Steuben Workforce NY (CSSWFNY) were all in attendance. Topics such as marketing initiatives, reporting, challenges faced in year one, and year-to-date outcomes were discussed. As the program enters its second year of implementing initiatives, partners are excited to see further expansion of programs and more positive impacts on youth, businesses, and organizations.

This project was awarded by ARC to impact youth within an eight-county region of the Northern Tier of Pennsylvania and the Southern Tier of New York (the "Twin Tiers") to increase career education, work experience opportunities, employer connections and positive employment outcomes. NTRPDC and its partners are expanding successful programs, like the Business Education Partnership and the Accelerated College Education, to new school districts and coordinate the efforts of youth-focused workforce/career/educational providers currently serving the area. The project will serve 3,460 students, 355 businesses, and 148 organizations over the course of five years.

Business Financing



Troy Car Wash

Congratulations to the Jones family on the purchase and renovation of Troy Car Wash in Troy, PA!

Beyond Addiction at New Hope

Partnering owners, James DuBell, Charles Galat, Richard Para, and Stanley Blondek, are expanding their business, Beyond Addiction, in Tunkhannock, PA. Beyond Addiction is a refuge for people who seek to understand and recover from their addictions in a warm and welcoming environment. Thank you for your service in the region, and we wish you success in your expansion!



Stacey Urban, Loan Program Manager

If you are interested in business financing for your new or existing business, please contact Loan Program Manager, Stacey Urban at 570-265-1510 or urban@northerntier.org.

2024 Bradford-Tioga Equipment Show



On Thursday, August 22nd over 170 municipal officials and 33 vendors attended the 29th Annual Tioga/Bradford Equipment show held at Island Park in Blossburg, PA. Attendees enjoyed a morning of networking, attending product sessions, viewing vendor displays, and roundtable discussions.

NTRPDC Supports PA Camp Cadet



Local cadets from Bradford, Sullivan, and Wyoming Counties wrapped up their intensive week at the Pennsylvania State Police Troop P Camp Cadet on August 9th. Throughout the program, cadets engaged in hands-on sessions led by various State Police units including Forensics, K-9, Artillery, and the Bomb Squad. External speakers such as PPL, Pennsylvania Chief Deputy Attorney General Angela Sperazza, Senator Lisa Baker, and Wyoming County District Attorney Joe Peters also contributed insights into public service. Located at Camp Kresge in White Haven, PA, the camp offered unique activities such as daily scenic

runs around the lake, a high ropes course, and swimming, providing experiences not typically available to State Trooper cadets.

NTRPDC strongly supports this initiative, recognizing its role in providing practical education in public safety, a vital career path in Pennsylvania. Cadets gained invaluable soft skills, leadership abilities, and a sense of accountability. NTRPDC's career coaches played a crucial role in recruiting cadets throughout the school year, ensuring attendance at mandatory parent orientations over the summer, and arranging transportation for 17 cadets who would have otherwise been unable to participate.

This year, 53 out of 93 applicants hailed from the counties under Troop P's jurisdiction, making up over half of the camp's attendees. Representing our region were 33 cadets from Athens, Canton, Towanda, Troy, Tunkhannock, Sullivan County, and Wyalusing School Districts. At the August 9th graduation ceremony, eight cadets were selected as Junior Counselors for next year, with five from our region.

Congratulations to all participants on completing the camp! Your newly acquired skills and experiences will undoubtedly shape your future career paths. NTRPDC and its career coaches are proud of your representation of

our region and commend your achievements.
For more details about NTRPDC's involvement in Camp Cadet Troop P,
please contact Jody McCarty at mccarty@northerntier.org.

Students from the Northern Tier Attend Appalachian STEM Academy at Oak Ridge



Established in 1990, the Appalachian STEM Academy at Oak Ridge is a residential, hands-on learning experience for Appalachia's middle and high school students, as well as high school teachers in STEM-related fields.

Hosted by Oak Ridge Associated Universities in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, this program is a gateway to science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) in the Appalachian Region. Many participants come from economically distressed counties and often gain their first exposure to applied science and STEM education through this experience.

Through this program, high school and middle school participants work with award-winning scientists at Oak Ridge National Laboratory, one of the largest U.S. Department of Energy research facilities in the United States. Students conducted guided group science, math, and computer science technology research projects, while high school teachers work with science practitioners to develop STEM-related curriculum. The program then culminates in a graduation ceremony where participants showcase their work.

This year, 3 students from across the Northern Tier Region participated.
Congrats to all 2024 Participants!

LAUNCH! Your Success



The LAUNCH! Your Success program is a federally funded program for young adults that provides assistance in achieving academic and employment success. LAUNCH! can help with obtaining a GED, providing year-round education and employment opportunities, including summer work experiences. For more information go to [LAUNCH! Your Success](#).

BST Employer Newsletters



The Northern Tier Business Services Team distributes a monthly employer newsletter with county specific information. Click on the link for your county

below to read information on local PA CareerLink® events, DEIA, and other employer specific topics.

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