Appalachian New York
A Region?

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Designated Appalachian Counties and Subregions

Map by: Appalachian Regional Commission, November 2000.
Appalachian New York
ARC Region in NY

**Mission:** To be a strategic partner and advocate for sustainable community and economic development.

- 14 counties
- Three Regional Planning Boards
- Population & Area
- Spending ~$10 million over 4 years
Regional Efforts

- “Large” - formal government consolidation. Two tiered systems, etc.
- “Small” - organizational structures
  - COGs
  - Regional Planning Boards (LDDs)
  - Tug Hill Commission
One Kind of “Small” Regional Organization in NYS

- Mere administrative “chunking” of geography? or
- Regions with natural, social, economic or political affinity

Regional efforts that have nurtured cooperative leaders and administrative structures addressing regional themes:
- Community (local government) and
- Economic Development
ARC Priority Program Areas

- Economic Development
- Infrastructure Improvement: Water, Sewer, Roads, and Broadband
- Workforce Development (enhanced education and job related skills)
- Job Creation
- Entrepreneurship
- Improved Energy Efficiency
- Local Government Management and Capacity Building
Improving Regional Assistance & Administration

- Better cooperation with other state programs
  - Reduce paperwork for low capacity applicants
  - Better state agency administrative coordination

- Nurturing Project Ideas & Improving Applications
  - Pre-app, enhanced community contact and outreach
Effective Regional Work: Themes and Barriers

- Documentation & Communication of Innovation & Program/Project Success
- County organization of legislative and administrative functions
- Previous analysis indicates that:
  - Number of Counties in a grouping matters
  - Group Size and Similarity