



AG/Planning/Environmental

Committee Meeting

60 Central Ave.
Cortland, NY 13045
<https://www.cortlandcountyny.gov>

~ Minutes ~

Thursday, June 13, 2024

10:00 AM

Room 302

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:08 AM by Committee Chair Beau Harbin

Attendee Name	Organization	Title	Status	Arrived
Sandra Price	Cortland County, NY	Committee Member	Present	
Beau Harbin	Cortland County, NY	Committee Chair	Present	
Paul Heider	Cortland County, NY	Committee Member	Present	
Susan Wilson	Cortland County, NY	Committee Member	Present	
Mitchel Eccleston	Cortland County, NY	Committee Member	Present	
William McGovern	Cortland County, NY	Committee Member	Present	
Reed Cleland	Cortland County, NY	Committee Member	Present	
Kevin Fitch	Cortland County, NY	Chair of the Legislature	Present	
Savannah Hempstead	Cortland County, NY	Clerk of the Legislature	Present	
Rob Corpora	Cortland County, NY	County Administrator	Present	
Rebecca Ireland-Perry	Cooperative Extension		Present	
Cathy Bischoff	Cortland County, NY	Board Member	Present	
Kim Cameron	Cortland County, NY	Planning Board Member	Present	
Margaret Mellott	Cortland Standard	Reporter	Present	
Jessica Leet	Cortland County, NY	Executive Administrative Officer	Present	
Christopher Newell	Cortland County, NY	Board Member	Present	
Melanie Vilardi	Cortland County, NY	Deputy County Administrator	Present	
Ronald J. Van Dee	Cortland County, NY	Board Member	Late	10:25 AM
Mark Meyerhofer		ECC Technologies	Present	
David Bottar	Central New York Regional Planning Development Bo	Executive Director	Present	
Tracy Verrier		MRB Group	Present	
Amy Buggs	Cortland County, NY	Grants Administrator	Remote	
Brendan O'Bryan	Cortland County Business Development Corporation	Executive Director	Remote	
Nicole Compton	Cortland County, NY	Paralegal	Remote	
Ashley Millard	Cortland County, NY	Deputy Clerk of the Legislature	Remote	

MINUTES

1. Ag/Planning/Environmental - Committee Meeting - May 9, 2024 10:00 AM

RESULT:	APPROVED
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RESOLUTIONS

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – Amend 2024 Budget/Accept New York State Operating Assistance (STOA) SFY 2023-24 Additional “Clean Up” Funding - New York State Department of Transportation - Planning Department

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
	Next: 6/27/2024 6:00 PM
MOVER:	Sandra Price, Committee Member
SECONDER:	Susan Wilson, Committee Member
AYES:	Price, Harbin, Heider, Wilson, Eccleston, McGovern, Cleland

ON MOTION OF HARBIN

RESOLUTION NO.

Amend 2024 Budget/Accept New York State Operating Assistance (STOA) SFY 2023-24 Additional “Clean Up” Funding - New York State Department of Transportation - Planning Department

WHEREAS, the Public Transportation Bureau has sent vouchers to the New York State Comptroller that distributes the SFY 2023-2024 State Wide Mass Transportation Operating Assistance (STOA) “Clean Up” payments to the upstate formula bus systems; AND

WHEREAS, these payments distribute the remaining 2023-2024 STOA appropriation balances for the upstate formula bus systems; AND

WHEREAS, Cortland County has received a SFY 2023-2024 STOA “Clean-Up” payment in the amount of \$243,205.66 from New York State Department of Transportation under the Federal Section 511 for transit operating assistance, which will be paid to Cortland County’s public transportation operator, First Transit, Inc.; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, the 2024 budget be amended as follows:

INCREASE:	<u>CURRENT</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>	<u>REVISED</u>
Revenue: A563044-43589	\$540,000	\$243,205.66	\$783,205.66
Expenditure: A56305.54815	\$540,000	\$243,205.66	\$783,205.66

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 – Authorize Agreement with New York State Department of Transportation Federal 5311 Federal Transit Operating Assistance Agreement Contract Number C005976 for 2023 Operating Assistance (CRRSAA), and 2023 Operating Assistance (ARPA) – Cortland County Planning Department

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
	Next: 6/27/2024 6:00 PM
MOVER:	Susan Wilson, Committee Member
SECONDER:	Sandra Price, Committee Member
AYES:	Price, Harbin, Heider, Wilson, Eccleston, McGovern, Cleland

ON MOTION OF HARBIN

RESOLUTION NO.

Authorize Agreement with New York State Department of Transportation Federal 5311 Federal Transit Operating Assistance Agreement Contract Number C005976 for 2023 Operating Assistance (CRRSAA), and 2023 Operating Assistance (ARPA) – Cortland County Planning Department

WHEREAS, the Cortland County Legislature adopted Resolution No. 244-22, which authorized the County of Cortland to submit a request for the consolidated grant funds to the New York State Department of Transportation, pursuant Federal Section 5311, Title 49 United States Code, for project(s) to provide public mass transportation service for fixed route and demand responsive service throughout the County, with limited service in contiguous counties by Transdev, Cortland County's public transportation provider and the purchase of capital equipment that would consist of transportation facility, new buses, other equipment, that would be used by Cortland County's public transportation provider; AND

WHEREAS, New York State Department of Transportation has revised their Federal Transit Operating Assistance Agreement statewide to have a contract period of 1/1/2023-3/31/2029 for limited reimbursement of Project Eligible Costs actually incurred and in no event to exceed \$5,068,248; AND

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Transportation is requesting a resolution to indicate Cortland County's acceptance of the Federal Transit Operating Assistance Agreement under Contract Number C005976 to include specific PIN Numbers:

PIN Number 3790.03.402	2023 Operating Assistance (ARPA)
PIN Number 3790.04.40B	2023 Operating Assistance (CRRSAA)

; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the total project cost is \$227,857; AND BE IT FUTHER

RESOLVED, that the County Administrator, upon review and approval by the County Attorney or designee, be and is hereby authorized to sign the New York State Department of Transportation Federal Transit Operating Assistance Agreement Contract C005976 for specific PIN Numbers stated above.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – Authorize County Support to the Cortland County Junior Fairgrounds for Infrastructure

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
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	Next: 6/25/2024 9:00 AM
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MOVER:	Paul Heider, Committee Member
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SECONDER:	Sandra Price, Committee Member
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AYES:	Price, Harbin, Heider, Wilson, Eccleston, McGovern, Cleland
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ON MOTION OF HARBIN

RESOLUTION NO.

Authorize County Support to the Cortland County Junior Fairgrounds for Infrastructure

WHEREAS, the Cortland County Junior Fair is a staple of the Cortland County community and promotes agriculture and the youth of the County; AND

WHEREAS, the Agriculture, Planning and Environmental Committee recommends supporting infrastructure improvements for the Cortland County Junior Fairgrounds; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Cortland County Legislature be and hereby authorizes the County to provide support in the amount of \$7,000 to the Cortland County Ag Corporation for infrastructure repairs at the Cortland County Junior Fairgrounds; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the 2024 Cortland County Budget be modified as follows:

INCREASE:

A87505.54815 Contracted Agencies \$7,000

A359900 Appropriated Fund Balance \$7,000

MONTHLY REPORTS

1. Planning Department Monthly Report

RESULT:	COMPLETED
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2. SPCA Monthly Report

RESULT:	COMPLETED
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3. Soil & Water Conservation District Monthly Report

RESULT:	COMPLETED
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DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Broadband and CNY MIP Grant Opportunity - David Bottar, Executive Director of the Central New York Regional Planning and Development Board

RESULT:	COMPLETED
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2. MRB Group - Cortland County Strategic Plan

RESULT:	COMPLETED
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ACTION ITEMS

1. Committee Recommendation to Direct the County Administrator to Put Money Aside, in Addition to the Cooperative Extension Budget, in the 2025 Budget for the Fairgrounds in the Amount of \$10,000

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Susan Wilson, Committee Member
SECONDER:	Reed Cleland, Committee Member
AYES:	Price, Harbin, Heider, Wilson, Eccleston, McGovern, Cleland

2. Request the Chair of the Legislature to Hold Special Meeting in August to Discuss the Broadband Request and Authorize Legislator Harbin to Work with the County Administrator and Chair of the Finance and Administration Committee to Look at Ways of Funding the Broadband Request

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Beau Harbin, Committee Chair
SECONDER:	Susan Wilson, Committee Member
AYES:	Price, Harbin, Heider, Wilson, Eccleston, McGovern, Cleland

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was closed at 11:16 AM



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10:00 AM

Room 302

CALL TO ORDER

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Attendee Name	Organization	Title	Status	Arrived	Departed
Sandra Price	Cortland County, NY	Committee Member	Present		11:02 AM
Beau Harbin	Cortland County, NY	Committee Chair	Present		
Paul Heider	Cortland County, NY	Committee Member	Excused		
Susan Wilson	Cortland County, NY	Committee Member	Present		11:02 AM
Mitchel Eccleston	Cortland County, NY	Committee Member	Present		
William McGovern	Cortland County, NY	Committee Member	Present		
Reed Cleland	Cortland County, NY	Committee Member	Present		
Savannah Hempstead	Cortland County, NY	Clerk of the Legislature	Present		
Ashley Millard	Cortland County, NY	Deputy Clerk of the Legislature	Present		
Rob Corpora	Cortland County, NY	County Administrator	Present		
David Rutherford	Cortland County, NY	Executive Director, Cornell Cooperative Extension	Present		
Tiffany Ackerman	Cortland County, NY	Cortland County SPCA	Present		
Bill Carr	Cortland County, NY	Cortland County SPCA	Present		
Jen Gregory		Southern Tier 8	Present		
Melissa Potter	Cortland County, NY	Mobility Manager	Present		
Jessica Leet	Cortland County, NY	Executive Administrative Officer of the Planning B	Present		
Kim Cameron	Cortland County, NY	Planning Board Member	Present		
Christopher Newell	Cortland County, NY	Board Member	Present		
Amanda Barber	Cortland County, NY	Soil & Water Conservation Manager	Present	10:02 AM	
Kevin Fitch	Cortland County, NY	Chair of the Legislature	Remote		
Donald Chu	Cortland	Resident	Remote		

Minutes Acceptance: Minutes of May 9, 2024 10:00 AM (MINUTES)

	County, NY				
Cathy Bischoff	Cortland County, NY	Board Member	Remote		

MINUTES

1. Ag/Planning/Environmental - Committee Meeting - Apr 11, 2024 10:00 AM

RESULT: APPROVED

RESOLUTIONS

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – Appoint Member to the Transportation Advisory Committee

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

Next: 5/23/2024 6:00 PM

MOVER: Sandra Price, Committee Member

SECONDER: Susan Wilson, Committee Member

AYES: Price, Harbin, Wilson, Eccleston, McGovern, Cleland

EXCUSED: Paul Heider

ON MOTION OF HARBIN

RESOLUTION NO.

Appoint Member to the Transportation Advisory Committee

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 289-19 authorized the formalization of the Transportation Advisory Committee as a Citizen's Advisory Committee, AND

WHEREAS, the Transportation Advisory Committee, as a formal subcommittee of the Agriculture, Planning, and Environmental Committee, will consist of a membership from a wide variety of community service agencies and government agencies, AND

WHEREAS, the Cortland County Legislature approved changes to the Bylaws of the Transportation Advisory Committee, which include staggering terms of members, NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Cortland County Legislature be and hereby appoints the following to the Transportation Advisory Committee:

NAME	AGENCY/CAPACITY	TERM ENDING
Beau Harbin	Legislative Representative	12/31/2024

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 – Local Law "C" of 2024, a Local Law Authorizing 12 and 13 Year Old Licensed Hunters to Hunt Deer with a Firearm or Crossbow During Hunting Season with the Supervision of an Adult Licensed Hunter

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

Next: 5/23/2024 6:00 PM

MOVER: Mitchel Eccleston, Committee Member

SECONDER: Reed Cleland, Committee Member

AYES: Price, Harbin, Wilson, Eccleston, McGovern, Cleland

EXCUSED: Paul Heider

ON MOTION OF HARBIN

RESOLUTION NO.

Local Law "C" of 2024, a Local Law Authorizing 12 and 13 Year Old Licensed Hunters to Hunt Deer with a Firearm or Crossbow During Hunting Season with the Supervision of an Adult Licensed Hunter

BE IT ENACTED by the Cortland County Legislature as follows:

Section 1. Legislative Intent

The intent of this Local Law is to authorize Cortland County to permit 12 and 13 year old individuals to participate in the new and safe hunting opportunities in accordance with Environmental Conservation Law § 11-0935. The enacted 2021-2022 New York State Budget, included a pilot program, allowing the opportunity for young hunters, ages 12 and 13, to hunt deer with firearms and crossbow through 2023 if a county authorizes such action within their municipality. In 2023, the New York State Legislature extended the authorization through 2025. Cortland County is passing this local law as hunting is a valued tradition for many families, and this new opportunity allows experienced, adult hunters to introduce the value of hunting to the next generation. Furthermore, teaching young people safe, responsible, and ethical hunting practices will ensure a rewarding experience for the youth, while providing quality food to families and contributing to important deer management population control practices.

Section 2. Pilot Program Authorization

Pursuant to Environmental Conservation Law, ECL 11-0935, Cortland County elects to participate in the temporary program to allow for young hunters, ages twelve (12) and thirteen (13) years, to hunt deer with a firearm, to include rifles, shotguns, and muzzle loaded firearms or crossbow through 2025.

Section 3. State Requirements to Adhere Once Authorized

Twelve (12) and thirteen (13) year old licensed hunters shall be allowed to hunt deer with the following requirements to be followed:

- Twelve (12) and thirteen (13) year old licensed hunters shall be under the supervision of a licensed adult hunter, age 21 years or older, with a rifle, shotgun, or muzzle loading firearm in areas where and during the hunting season in which such firearms may be used; and
- Twelve (12) and thirteen (13) year old licensed hunters shall be allowed to hunt deer under the supervision of a licensed adult hunter, age 21 years or older, with a crossbow during the times when other hunters may use crossbows; and
- Supervision of a licensed adult hunter, age twenty-one (21) years or older, with at least three (3) years of experience who exercises dominion and control over the youth hunter at all times is required; and
- All licensed twelve (12) and thirteen (13) year old hunters as well as their adult supervisors shall be required to wear fluorescent orange or pink clothing while engaged in hunting to an extent and covering so designated pursuant to the law, rules, and regulations promulgated by the State of New York; and
- All licensed twelve (12) and thirteen (13) year old hunters shall remain at ground level while hunting deer with a crossbow, rifle, shotgun, or muzzleloader; and
- Notwithstanding any State or Federal Law to the contrary, this local law shall not authorize the hunting of bear by twelve (12) and thirteen (13) year old with a firearm or crossbow.

Section 4. Local Law Filing Requirements

A copy of this local law shall be sent to the New York State Department of Conservation as well as the NYS Department of State.

Minutes Acceptance: Minutes of May 9, 2024 10:00 AM (MINUTES)

Section 5. Severability

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section or part of this law, or the application thereof to any person, individual, corporation, firm, partnership, entity or circumstance shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such order or judgment shall not affect, impair, effect or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section or part of this law or in its application to the person, individual, corporation, firm, partnership, entity or circumstance directly involved in the controversy in which such order or judgment shall be rendered.

Section 5. Effective Date

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing and publication in accordance with Section 27 of the Municipal Home Rule.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. SPCA Updates

RESULT:	COMPLETED
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2. Southern Tier 8 Regional Board Update - Broadband

RESULT:	COMPLETED
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MONTHLY REPORTS

1. SPCA Monthly Report

RESULT:	COMPLETED
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2. Cooperative Extension Monthly Report

RESULT:	COMPLETED
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3. Soil & Water Conservation District Monthly Report

RESULT:	COMPLETED
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4. Planning Monthly Report

RESULT:	COMPLETED
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Harbin appointed himself, Paul Heider and Susan Wilson to a working group for transportation.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was closed at 11:04 AM



Strategic Development Plan

On Time & On Budget

- Six Public Meetings completed
- Four Focus Group Meetings completed
- Follow-up Homelessness meeting – Solution Focused completed
- Data from meetings and events being digitized
- Summit structure being drafted
- Monday June 17th – COMMUNITY SUMMIT



****Additional details provided at the end of report****

Administration

CNY Regional Planning Board

- Application resubmitted to the NYS Municipal Infrastructure Program for middle mile broadband build out – More information being provided soon

Southern Tier 8

- IRT – DOD reviewing applications
- Sustainability Group
- Tech Hub designation
- CEDS
- Opportunity Zone Collaboration
- Work on Planning Committee Regional Strategies
- Launch of Regional Portal - <https://www.so-tier.com/>

Snowmobile Grant

- 2022 – 2023 NYS Parks Audit results received
- Club meeting was held May 9th
- 2023 – 2024 Phase III completed
- 2024-2025 Phase I completed

Education and Outreach

- Social media's being populated with content

DEC Open Space Plan being finalized

GIS

ESRI Online Portal – See attached press release

- Link: <https://cortland-county-gis-portal-cortlandplanning.hub.arcgis.com/>

Mapping Projects

- On-line address assignment process
- Conservation Easement information

Energy

NYSERDA Clean Energy Communities program

- Awarded \$15,000 Clean Energy Grant – Battery powered landscaping Equipment

Mobility

RFP opening on June 6th, 2024

- Operation & Management of Cortland County Public Transportation System

Transportation Advisory Committee

- Next meeting in July

RFPs in progress:

- Rebranding
- Transportation Facility –Engineering and Design Services
- Transportation Study
- Technology
- Electronic Farebox

Grant Application:

- NADTC (National Aging and Disability Transportation Center) Planning Grant (approx. \$35k)

RTAP Funded Conferences Attended:

- Transportation Retreat – Erie PA
- Community Transportation Association of America - Florida

Cortland County Planning Board Meeting – May 15th, 2024

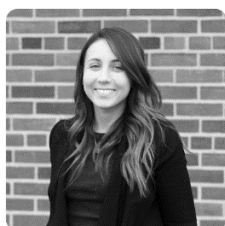
GML 239 Reviews: (12 Returned for Local Determination)

- **Town of Cincinnatus - GML # 123.05-01-15.000**
Special Permit, Site Plan Review
- **City of Cortland –55 Tompkins St, LLC/Paul Armideo – GML # 86.74-01-01.000**
Area Variances, Special Use Permit
- **Town of Cortlandville – GML #95.16-02-50.000 & # 95.16-02-43.200**
Lot Line Adjustment, Area Variance, Special Permit, Site Plan Review
- **Town of Cortlandville – Carrols for Burger King - GML # 86.13-01-57.100 & # 86.13-01-57.200**
Site Plan Review, Area Variance, Special Permit, Subdivision

OUR TEAM:



Trisha Hiemstra, PE
Director
of Planning



Melissa Potter, MPH
Mobility
Manager



Jessica Leet
Executive
Administrative Officer



Gina Cassidy
Land Use
Planner



Laura Herrling
GIS
Planner



Alicia Stevens
Mobility
Coordinator

- ❖ Consultant is conducting municipal leaders interviews
- ❖ Community summit scheduled for June 17th (Flyer attached)
- ❖ Data from public meetings, focus groups, and homelessness meeting being compiled
 - Identifying trends for concerns, wants, needs, and solutions
- ❖ Transportation, energy, and housing data being compiled

Who | What | Why

Who is involved in the planning process?

Local Lead: Cortland County Planning Department

Consultant Team: MRB Group, EDR

Steering Committee:

Melanie Vilardi
Deputy County Administrator, Cortland County

Trisha Hiemstra
Planning Director, Cortland County

Beau Harbin
County Legislator, Cortland County

Brendan O'Bryan
Executive Director, Cortland County
Business Development Corporation,
and Industrial Development Agency

Michelle Enright
Executive Director, Cortland County
Convention & Visitors Bureau

Bob Haight
President/CEO, Cortland Area Chamber of
Commerce

Amy Buggs
Workforce Development Director, Cortland
County

What is the Strategic Development Plan?

Cortland County is creating a Strategic Development Plan that will outline a vision, goals, and strategies to advance the county forward. The plan will act as a guiding document for county policy making and will direct strategies to attract new investment and negotiate development deals that enhance residents' quality of life.

Why create the Strategic Development Plan?

The planning process will engage residents to develop goals and strategies that will foster increased community resilience and generate positive economic impacts. With increasing amounts of funding opportunities available, now is the time to create a vision for Cortland County growth. The plan will support workforce development, create more affordable housing options, update infrastructure, and promote sustainable growth to Elevate Cortland.



Elevate Cortland Community Summit

The Community Summit is an opportunity to learn more about the initial public feedback, key findings, and core themes of the Elevate Cortland Strategic Development Plan.

Monday, June 17th 2024
Homer Center For the Arts
72 S Main St, Homer, NY 13077

The event is free to attend and does not require registration in advance.

Summit Schedule

10:30-12 PM– Economic & Workforce Development

Tracy Verrier, MRB Group

12-2 PM– Housing

Grace Grissett, MRB Group

2-3:30 PM– Open Space & Environment

Kyle Hatch, EDR

3:30-5 PM– Connectivity & Coordinated Growth

Presenter(s) TBD

6-7:30 PM– Public Presentation of Strategic Development Plan

Progress & Direction (Child care will be available on-site)

Sam Gordon, EDR & Tracy Verrier, MRB Group

Visit, www.elevatecortland.com for more information





Cortland County Planning Department has launched a **New Geographic Information Systems (GIS)** data portal for the county.



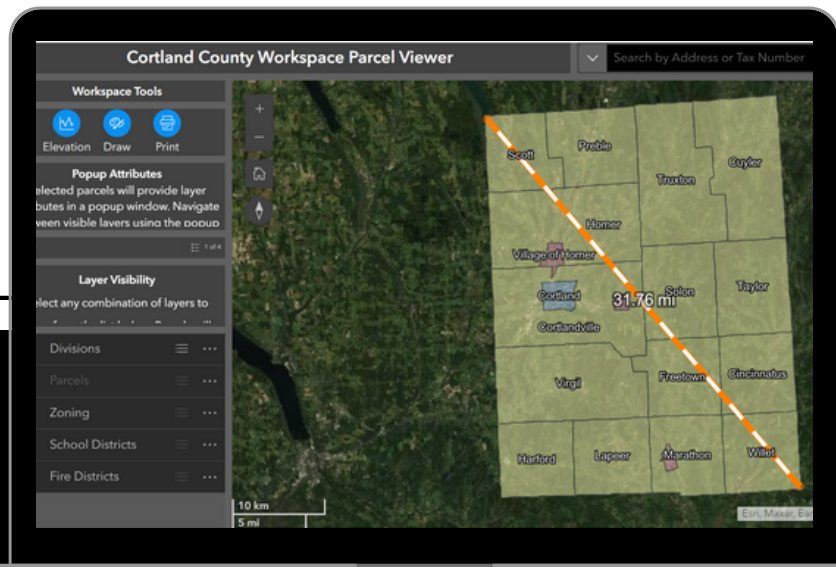
With two options for a parcel viewer:

A. The Parcel Viewer Instant App

This option is a simple web app that allows users to explore Cortland County parcels. Users can both measure distances and print simple maps. It is lightweight, fast, and mobile friendly.

B. The Workspace Parcel Viewer

This option is more robust. It contains extra tools for elevation profiles and in-app drawing. Additionally, this parcel viewer contains extra layers to enable more in-depth analysis. It is recommended that this parcel viewer is accessed through a desktop.

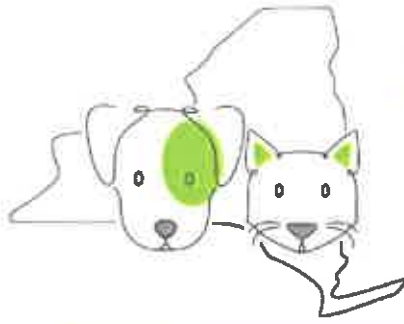


Contact Our Office at:

planning@cortlandcountyny.gov

or (607) 753-5043

Check back regularly in the GIS data portal as more content will be uploaded to this frequently. The data portal will contain all publicly available data from the planning department, including interactive web maps, static maps, and downloadable shape files.



CORTLAND COUNTY SPCA

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Cortland, NY 13045
(607) 753-9386
www.CortlandSPCA.org

Cortland County Report • May 2024

(5/1/24 - 5/31/24)

Impounding and Boarding (excluding Article 7/Local Ordinance - Dog Control)

		# of Days	Cost
Canine	Impounded - Day 1	3	\$90.00
	Boarded Current Month	220	\$1,100.00
	Total Canine	223	\$1,190.00
Feline	Impounded - Day 1	9	\$270.00
	Boarded Current Month	1000	\$5,000.00
	Total Feline	1009	\$5,270.00
Other	Impounded - Day 1	0	\$0.00
	Boarded Current Month	0	\$0.00
	Total Other	0	\$0.00
Total Impounding and Boarding		1232	\$6,460.00

Cortland County SPCA - Humane Law Enforcement Report

May 2024 (5/1/24 - 5/31/24)

*Prior month(s) - entered after previous month report

Town of Cincinnatus

Complaints This Month	0
Complaints YTD	2

Animal Cruelty:

*Prior
Month(s)

Dog/Cat Abandonment	0	
Dog/Cat Neglect or Abuse	0	
Unable to Care For	0	
Displaced Animal/Person	0	
Dog/Cat Sick or Injured	0	
Other Neglect or Cruelty	0	
Inadequate Shelter	0	
Hot/Cold Vehicle	0	
Loose Farm Animal/Public Safety	0	
NY AGM 377 Dead Animal/Disposal	0	
NY AGM 373-4 Seizure	0	
Wildlife Sick/Injured	0	
Humane Education	0	

Dispositions:

Completed/Follow Up	0
Notice to Comply	0
Compliance	0
No Violation/Unfounded	0
Animal Picked Up/Impound	0
Unable to Catch/Locate	0
Animal Transported for Medical Care/DOA	0
Owner Surrender	0
Safe Keeping	0
Necessary Advice Rendered	0
Referral/Turned Over to Appropriate Party	0
Open/Pending Investigation	0
Tickets/Charges/Arrest	0

Narrative: No complaint responses for animal cruelty this month.

Town of Cortlandville

Complaints This Month	6
Complaints YTD	25

Animal Cruelty:

*Prior
Month(s)

Dog/Cat Abandonment	0	
Dog/Cat Neglect or Abuse	0	
Unable to Care For	0	
Displaced Animal/Person	1	
Dog/Cat Sick or Injured	1	
Other Neglect or Cruelty	0	
Inadequate Shelter	0	
Hot/Cold Vehicle	2	
Loose Farm Animal/Public Safety	0	
NY AGM 377 Dead Animal/Disposal	0	
NY AGM 373-4 Seizure	0	
Wildlife Sick/Injured	2	
Humane Education	0	

Dispositions:

Completed/Follow Up	3
Notice to Comply	0
Compliance	0
No Violation/Unfounded	2
Animal Picked Up/Impound	0
Unable to Catch/Locate	0
Animal Transported for Medical Care/DOA	0
Owner Surrender	0
Safe Keeping	0
Necessary Advice Rendered	0
Referral/Turned Over to Appropriate Party	1
Open/Pending Investigation	0
Tickets/Charges/Arrest	0

Narrative: Report of ducklings trapped in a storm drain - one, lone duckling was found, Cortlandville Highway Dept. assisted with grate removal, duckling removed and transported to wildlife rehabber. Dog in vehicle - vehicle was temped and not in violation. Sick/Injured Bald Eagle - DEC responded and determined the bird was disoriented, it flew off on its own. Dog hit by car - the dog was DOA upon arrival, owner arrived and retrieved dog.

Cortland County SPCA - Humane Law Enforcement Report

May 2024 (5/1/24 - 5/31/24)

Town of Cuyler

Complaints This Month	0
Complaints YTD	2

Animal Cruelty:

*Prior
Month(s)

Dog/Cat Abandonment	0	
Dog/Cat Neglect or Abuse	0	
Unable to Care For	0	
Displaced Animal/Person	0	
Dog/Cat Sick or Injured	0	
Other Neglect or Cruelty	0	
Inadequate Shelter	0	
Hot/Cold Vehicle	0	
Loose Farm Animal/Public Safety	0	
NY AGM 377 Dead Animal/Disposal	0	
NY AGM 373-4 Seizure	0	
Wildlife Sick/Injured	0	
Humane Education	0	

Dispositions:

Completed/Follow Up	0
Notice to Comply	0
Compliance	0
No Violation/Unfounded	0
Animal Picked Up/Impound	0
Unable to Catch/Locate	0
Animal Transported for Medical Care/DOA	0
Owner Surrender	0
Safe Keeping	0
Necessary Advice Rendered	0
Referral/Turned Over to Appropriate Party	0
Open/Pending Investigation	0
Tickets/Charges/Arrest	0

Narrative: No complaint responses for animal cruelty this month.

Town of Freetown

Complaints This Month	1
Complaints YTD	3

Animal Cruelty:

*Prior
Month(s)

Dog/Cat Abandonment	0	
Dog/Cat Neglect or Abuse	1	
Unable to Care For	0	
Displaced Animal/Person	0	
Dog/Cat Sick or Injured	0	
Other Neglect or Cruelty	0	
Inadequate Shelter	0	
Hot/Cold Vehicle	0	
Loose Farm Animal/Public Safety	0	
NY AGM 377 Dead Animal/Disposal	0	
NY AGM 373-4 Seizure	0	
Wildlife Sick/Injured	0	
Humane Education	0	

Dispositions:

Completed/Follow Up	0
Notice to Comply	0
Compliance	0
No Violation/Unfounded	1
Animal Picked Up/Impound	0
Unable to Catch/Locate	0
Animal Transported for Medical Care/DOA	0
Owner Surrender	0
Safe Keeping	0
Necessary Advice Rendered	0
Referral/Turned Over to Appropriate Party	0
Open/Pending Investigation	0
Tickets/Charges/Arrest	0

Narrative: Report of dog in crate on porch all day - dog is crated for short periods of time, no violation.

Cortland County SPCA - Humane Law Enforcement Report

May 2024 (5/1/24 - 5/31/24)

Town of Harford

Complaints This Month	2
Complaints YTD	12

Animal Cruelty:

*Prior
Month(s)

Dog/Cat Abandonment	0	
Dog/Cat Neglect or Abuse	0	
Unable to Care For	0	
Displaced Animal/Person	0	
Dog/Cat Sick or Injured	1	
Other Neglect or Cruelty	1	
Inadequate Shelter	0	
Hot/Cold Vehicle	0	
Loose Farm Animal/Public Safety	0	
NY AGM 377 Dead Animal/Disposal	0	
NY AGM 373-4 Seizure	0	
Wildlife Sick/Injured	0	
Humane Education	0	

Dispositions:

Completed/Follow Up	0
Notice to Comply	0
Compliance	0
No Violation/Unfounded	1
Animal Picked Up/Impound	0
Unable to Catch/Locate	0
Animal Transported for Medical Care/DOA	1
Owner Surrender	0
Safe Keeping	0
Necessary Advice Rendered	0
Referral/Turned Over to Appropriate Party	0
Open/Pending Investigation	0
Tickets/Charges/Arrest	0

Narrative: Sick/injured cat lying on its side, unable to move - complainant brought cat to shelter, SPCA transported cat to local vet and was humanely euthanized due to fatal injuries. Report of livestock out in the rain - not in violation of NYS livestock law.

Town of Homer

Complaints This Month	3
Complaints YTD	13

Animal Cruelty:

*Prior
Month(s)

Dog/Cat Abandonment	0	
Dog/Cat Neglect or Abuse	0	1
Unable to Care For	1	
Displaced Animal/Person	0	
Dog/Cat Sick or Injured	0	
Other Neglect or Cruelty	0	
Inadequate Shelter	0	
Hot/Cold Vehicle	0	
Loose Farm Animal/Public Safety	0	
NY AGM 377 Dead Animal/Disposal	0	
NY AGM 373-4 Seizure	1	
Wildlife Sick/Injured	0	
Humane Education	0	

Dispositions:

Completed/Follow Up	0
Notice to Comply	0
Compliance	0
No Violation/Unfounded	0
Animal Picked Up/Impound	1
Unable to Catch/Locate	0
Animal Transported for Medical Care/DOA	0
Owner Surrender	1
Safe Keeping	0
Necessary Advice Rendered	0
Referral/Turned Over to Appropriate Party	0
Open/Pending Investigation	0
Tickets/Charges/Arrest	0

Narrative: Seizure upon eviction, during eviction Sheriff's found cat in residence - cat transported to shelter for impound/safe keeping.

Cortland County SPCA - Humane Law Enforcement Report

May 2024 (5/1/24 - 5/31/24)

Town of Lapeer

Complaints This Month	0
Complaints YTD	3

<u>Animal Cruelty:</u>		*Prior Month(s)
Dog/Cat Abandonment	0	
Dog/Cat Neglect or Abuse	0	
Unable to Care For	0	
Displaced Animal/Person	0	
Dog/Cat Sick or Injured	0	
Other Neglect or Cruelty	0	
Inadequate Shelter	0	
Hot/Cold Vehicle	0	
Loose Farm Animal/Public Safety	0	
NY AGM 377 Dead Animal/Disposal	0	
NY AGM 373-4 Seizure	0	
Wildlife Sick/Injured	0	
Humane Education	0	

<u>Dispositions:</u>	
Completed/Follow Up	0
Notice to Comply	0
Compliance	0
No Violation/Unfounded	0
Animal Picked Up/Impound	0
Unable to Catch/Locate	0
Animal Transported for Medical Care/DOA	0
Owner Surrender	0
Safe Keeping	0
Necessary Advice Rendered	0
Referral/Turned Over to Appropriate Party	0
Open/Pending Investigation	0
Tickets/Charges/Arrest	0

Narrative: No complaint responses for animal cruelty this month.

Town/Village of Marathon

Complaints This Month	2
Complaints YTD	8

<u>Animal Cruelty:</u>		*Prior Month(s)
Dog/Cat Abandonment	0	
Dog/Cat Neglect or Abuse	1	
Unable to Care For	0	
Displaced Animal/Person	0	
Dog/Cat Sick or Injured	0	
Other Neglect or Cruelty	1	
Inadequate Shelter	0	
Hot/Cold Vehicle	0	
Loose Farm Animal/Public Safety	0	
NY AGM 377 Dead Animal/Disposal	0	
NY AGM 373-4 Seizure	0	
Wildlife Sick/Injured	0	
Humane Education	0	

<u>Dispositions:</u>	
Completed/Follow Up	0
Notice to Comply	0
Compliance	0
No Violation/Unfounded	1
Animal Picked Up/Impound	0
Unable to Catch/Locate	0
Animal Transported for Medical Care/DOA	0
Owner Surrender	1
Safe Keeping	0
Necessary Advice Rendered	0
Referral/Turned Over to Appropriate Party	0
Open/Pending Investigation	0
Tickets/Charges/Arrest	0

Narrative: Social media post stating owner giving away two dogs that tangled with a porcupine - owner provided veterinary/medical care for one dog, the other was owner surrendered. Report of goat in an area too small - goat has appropriate space, in shade with food/water available.

Cortland County SPCA - Humane Law Enforcement Report

May 2024 (5/1/24 - 5/31/24)

Village of McGraw

Complaints This Month	0
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Complaints YTD	3
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Animal Cruelty:

*Prior
Month(s)

Dog/Cat Abandonment	0	
Dog/Cat Neglect or Abuse	0	
Unable to Care For	0	
Displaced Animal/Person	0	
Dog/Cat Sick or Injured	0	
Other Neglect or Cruelty	0	
Inadequate Shelter	0	
Hot/Cold Vehicle	0	
Loose Farm Animal/Public Safety	0	
NY AGM 377 Dead Animal/Disposal	0	
NY AGM 373-4 Seizure	0	
Wildlife Sick/Injured	0	
Humane Education	0	

Dispositions:

Completed/Follow Up	0
Notice to Comply	0
Compliance	0
No Violation/Unfounded	0
Animal Picked Up/Impound	0
Unable to Catch/Locate	0
Animal Transported for Medical Care/DOA	0
Owner Surrender	0
Safe Keeping	0
Necessary Advice Rendered	0
Referral/Turned Over to Appropriate Party	0
Open/Pending Investigation	0
Tickets/Charges/Arrest	0

Narrative: No complaint responses for cruelty this month.

Town of Preble

Complaints This Month	0
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Complaints YTD	4
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Animal Cruelty:

*Prior
Month(s)

Dog/Cat Abandonment	0	
Dog/Cat Neglect or Abuse	0	
Unable to Care For	0	
Displaced Animal/Person	0	
Dog/Cat Sick or Injured	0	
Other Neglect or Cruelty	0	
Inadequate Shelter	0	
Hot/Cold Vehicle	0	
Loose Farm Animal/Public Safety	0	
NY AGM 377 Dead Animal/Disposal	0	
NY AGM 373-4 Seizure	0	
Wildlife Sick/Injured	0	
Humane Education	0	

Dispositions:

Completed/Follow Up	0
Notice to Comply	0
Compliance	0
No Violation/Unfounded	0
Animal Picked Up/Impound	0
Unable to Catch/Locate	0
Animal Transported for Medical Care/DOA	0
Owner Surrender	0
Safe Keeping	0
Necessary Advice Rendered	0
Referral/Turned Over to Appropriate Party	0
Open/Pending Investigation	0
Tickets/Charges/Arrest	0

Narrative: No complaint responses for animal cruelty this month.

Cortland County SPCA - Humane Law Enforcement Report

May 2024 (5/1/24 - 5/31/24)

Town of Scott

Complaints This Month	0
Complaints YTD	2

<u>Animal Cruelty:</u>		*Prior Month(s)
Dog/Cat Abandonment	0	
Dog/Cat Neglect or Abuse	0	
Unable to Care For	0	
Displaced Animal/Person	0	
Dog/Cat Sick or Injured	0	
Other Neglect or Cruelty	0	
Inadequate Shelter	0	
Hot/Cold Vehicle	0	
Loose Farm Animal/Public Safety	0	
NY AGM 377 Dead Animal/Disposal	0	
NY AGM 373-4 Seizure	0	
Wildlife Sick/Injured	0	
Humane Education	0	

<u>Dispositions:</u>	
Completed/Follow Up	0
Notice to Comply	0
Compliance	0
No Violation/Unfounded	0
Animal Picked Up/Impound	0
Unable to Catch/Locate	0
Animal Transported for Medical Care/DOA	0
Owner Surrender	0
Safe Keeping	0
Necessary Advice Rendered	0
Referral/Turned Over to Appropriate Party	0
Open/Pending Investigation	0
Tickets/Charges/Arrest	0

Narrative: No complaint responses for animal cruelty this month.

Town of Solon

Complaints This Month	1
Complaints YTD	10

<u>Animal Cruelty:</u>		*Prior Month(s)
Dog/Cat Abandonment	0	
Dog/Cat Neglect or Abuse	1	
Unable to Care For	0	
Displaced Animal/Person	0	
Dog/Cat Sick or Injured	0	
Other Neglect or Cruelty	0	
Inadequate Shelter	0	
Hot/Cold Vehicle	0	
Loose Farm Animal/Public Safety	0	
NY AGM 377 Dead Animal/Disposal	0	
NY AGM 373-4 Seizure	0	
Wildlife Sick/Injured	0	
Humane Education	0	

<u>Dispositions:</u>	
Completed/Follow Up	0
Notice to Comply	0
Compliance	0
No Violation/Unfounded	1
Animal Picked Up/Impound	0
Unable to Catch/Locate	0
Animal Transported for Medical Care/DOA	0
Owner Surrender	0
Safe Keeping	0
Necessary Advice Rendered	0
Referral/Turned Over to Appropriate Party	0
Open/Pending Investigation	0
Tickets/Charges/Arrest	0

Narrative: Report of a dog that has broken teeth - the dog must be crated while the owner is not home due to severe anxiety, does not like the crate and tries to "eat" his way out, being only the tips, does not cause any issues, owner is taking the dog for dental check, no violation.

Cortland County SPCA - Humane Law Enforcement Report

May 2024 (5/1/24 - 5/31/24)

Town of Taylor

Complaints This Month	0
Complaints YTD	2

<u>Animal Cruelty:</u>		*Prior Month(s)
Dog/Cat Abandonment	0	
Dog/Cat Neglect or Abuse	0	
Unable to Care For	0	
Displaced Animal/Person	0	
Dog/Cat Sick or Injured	0	
Other Neglect or Cruelty	0	
Inadequate Shelter	0	
Hot/Cold Vehicle	0	
Loose Farm Animal/Public Safety	0	
NY AGM 377 Dead Animal/Disposal	0	
NY AGM 373-4 Seizure	0	
Wildlife Sick/Injured	0	
Humane Education	0	

<u>Dispositions:</u>	
Completed/Follow Up	0
Notice to Comply	0
Compliance	0
No Violation/Unfounded	0
Animal Picked Up/Impound	0
Unable to Catch/Locate	0
Animal Transported for Medical Care/DOA	0
Owner Surrender	0
Safe Keeping	0
Necessary Advice Rendered	0
Referral/Turned Over to Appropriate Party	0
Open/Pending Investigation	0
Tickets/Charges/Arrest	0

Narrative: No complaint responses for animal cruelty this month.

Town of Truxton

Complaints This Month	0
Complaints YTD	1

<u>Animal Cruelty:</u>		*Prior Month(s)
Dog/Cat Abandonment	0	
Dog/Cat Neglect or Abuse	0	
Unable to Care For	0	
Displaced Animal/Person	0	
Dog/Cat Sick or Injured	0	
Other Neglect or Cruelty	0	
Inadequate Shelter	0	
Hot/Cold Vehicle	0	
Loose Farm Animal/Public Safety	0	
NY AGM 377 Dead Animal/Disposal	0	
NY AGM 373-4 Seizure	0	
Wildlife Sick/Injured	0	
Humane Education	0	

<u>Dispositions:</u>	
Completed/Follow Up	0
Notice to Comply	0
Compliance	0
No Violation/Unfounded	0
Animal Picked Up/Impound	0
Unable to Catch/Locate	0
Animal Transported for Medical Care/DOA	0
Owner Surrender	0
Safe Keeping	0
Necessary Advice Rendered	0
Referral/Turned Over to Appropriate Party	0
Open/Pending Investigation	0
Tickets/Charges/Arrest	0

Narrative: No complaint responses for animal cruelty this month.

Cortland County SPCA - Humane Law Enforcement Report

May 2024 (5/1/24 - 5/31/24)

Town of Virgil

Complaints This Month

3

Complaints YTD

9

Animal Cruelty:*Prior
Month(s)

Dog/Cat Abandonment	0	1
Dog/Cat Neglect or Abuse	0	1
Unable to Care For	0	
Displaced Animal/Person	0	
Dog/Cat Sick or Injured	0	
Other Neglect or Cruelty	0	
Inadequate Shelter	0	
Hot/Cold Vehicle	0	
Loose Farm Animal/Public Safety	1	
NY AGM 377 Dead Animal/Disposal	0	
NY AGM 373-4 Seizure	0	
Wildlife Sick/Injured	0	
Humane Education	0	

Dispositions:

Completed/Follow Up	1
Notice to Comply	0
Compliance	0
No Violation/Unfounded	0
Animal Picked Up/Impound	0
Unable to Catch/Locate	0
Animal Transported for Medical Care/DOA	0
Owner Surrender	0
Safe Keeping	0
Necessary Advice Rendered	0
Referral/Turned Over to Appropriate Party	0
Open/Pending Investigation	0
Tickets/Charges/Arrest	0

Narrative: Complainant's relative was chased home by a loose pig, then called for SPCA assist - pig was picked up and held safely by owner's friend until owner retrieves.

Town of Willet

Complaints This Month

2

Complaints YTD

7

Animal Cruelty:*Prior
Month(s)

Dog/Cat Abandonment	0	
Dog/Cat Neglect or Abuse	1	
Unable to Care For	0	
Displaced Animal/Person	0	
Dog/Cat Sick or Injured	1	
Other Neglect or Cruelty	0	
Inadequate Shelter	0	
Hot/Cold Vehicle	0	
Loose Farm Animal/Public Safety	0	
NY AGM 377 Dead Animal/Disposal	0	
NY AGM 373-4 Seizure	0	
Wildlife Sick/Injured	0	
Humane Education	0	

Dispositions:

Completed/Follow Up	1
Notice to Comply	0
Compliance	0
No Violation/Unfounded	0
Animal Picked Up/Impound	0
Unable to Catch/Locate	0
Animal Transported for Medical Care/DOA	0
Owner Surrender	0
Safe Keeping	0
Necessary Advice Rendered	0
Referral/Turned Over to Appropriate Party	0
Open/Pending Investigation	1
Tickets/Charges/Arrest	0

Narrative: Report of constantly loose Boxer limping - complainant attempting to obtain accurate address, insufficient information to proceed. Report of unhealthy/unsanitary conditions in residence - open/pending due to uncooperative parties.

Complaint Totals this Month:

20

After Hour Calls this Month:

6

Complaints YTD:

106

After Hour Calls YTD:

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SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT MONTHLY REPORT - JUNE

From: Amanda Barber, SWCD Manager

June 6, 2024

AGRICULTURE AND PRIVATE LAND CONSERVATION

Agricultural Environmental Management (AEM) –Staff continue work on the annual Chesapeake Bay best management practice (bmp) data entry and verification process. We submitted a request for funding to continue support for cover crops on local farms this fall. Planning assistance continues with some new landowners/ag producers.

Agricultural Nonpoint Abatement and Control Program (AGNP) –We continue design work for grants funded in Round 28 and 29. We have a site showing for the final Round 27 project on Friday June 7th. One of the Round 28 projects is under construction and staff are on-site regularly to monitor progress and perform engineering construction checks and oversight. We are still awaiting landowner approval on a Round 28 design before seeking estimates.

Climate Resilient Farming – The RFP was recently released for Round 8 of the Program and we have five landowners interested in applying. We are working through project descriptions and budgets and they will be ranked and approved by the Board at their meeting on June 11th. We are also still working on projects from previous Rounds – everything from contracting to implementation.

COMMUNITY NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT AND PLANNING

Little York Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District (LYLPRD) – Harvesting will begin on the lake June 10th for the entire week, weather permitting. We anticipate a return visit for a few days in August as well, depending on vegetation growth and species present.

AIS Spread Prevention – We received an award of a grant from NYSDEC to support boat stewards and AIS spread prevention activities for another three years in Cortland County. The focus of this grant will be increasing stewarding at Skaneateles Lake and expanding our education and outreach efforts to Song Lake and Melody Lake, as well as continuing our efforts at Tully Lake and Little York Lake.

Skaneateles Lake Watershed and Skaneateles Lake 9E Plan – A DRAFT version of the Skaneateles Watershed 9E Plan is now available for public review. The draft document and its appendices can be accessed at: <https://skaneateles9e.cnyrpdb.org/> Comments on this draft plan will be accepted through **June 21, 2024**. Send comments via email to: amckeon@cnyrpdb.org or via mail to:

Aaron McKeon, Environmental Program Manager

CNY RPDB

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Stream Restoration and Culvert Rehabilitation – We are purchasing materials for the two final projects planned for 2024 construction in Virgil Creek watershed. We are working on a permit and culvert size for a replacement project in Freetown. The Grout Brook culvert replacement may be cancelled and funds returned to

the state. We were unable to obtain any quotes for the concrete box culvert. Companies are unable to meet the delivery date required for installation given the design and stream/permit constraints. County highway has the work on Brackel Creek scheduled for August. We will be issuing an RFP for engineering proposals for the McGraw stream corridor stabilization work.

Forestry – We have fencing materials on-hand now to finish planting the large potted stock at the waterworks and other city areas.

Our Spring Seedling Sale was successful with over 12,000 seedlings sold directly from the SWCD program and over 17,000 more provided from other programs. That's 29,000 trees and seedlings planted in the local community this year!

CONSERVATION EDUCATION AND PROGRAMS

A team from Homer Central School won the Cortland County Envirothon on May 13th and competed at the NYS Envirothon on May 22 and 23. They ranked 20th out of 41 teams – a great job for their first time competing! A special thanks to Gutchess Lumber facilities for giving a tour to teachers and chaperones, and to all the local volunteers who participated over the two day competition.

The 2024 Water Festival was June 1st at the City Waterworks. We had nearly 400 guests sign in and attendance is estimated at approximately 600 people. It was a beautiful day with tons of fun and educational exhibits, displays and activities to enjoy. Understanding and appreciating our water resources is the first step in protecting them! We thank all the attendees, volunteers and local staff who make this water education event possible. Experience Cortland was a tremendous help in advertising and helping attendees navigate access with all the local construction near the Waterworks.

ADMINISTRATION

We continue to work our way through contract paperwork for several projects the Statewide Financial System (SFS).



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 Paul W. Pinckney, Chairman David V. Bottar, Executive Director

May 29, 2024

MEMORANDUM

TO: Central New York Regional Planning and Development Board
FROM: David Bottar, Executive Director
SUBJECT: CNY RPDB – NYS CAO MIP Broadband Infrastructure Funding Application

**NYS CONNECTALL OFFICE (CAO)
 MUNICIPAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM (MIP)**

**CNY RPDB CAO MIP APPLICATION
 CFA APPLICATION #135293**

CNY BROADBAND NETWORK

- In December 2021, the CNY RPDB completed a study that assessed broadband service in Central New York. The study was prepared by ECC Technologies. The report is titled – Central New York Regional Telecommunications Broadband Infrastructure Inventory and Community Survey Report.
- The CNY Broadband Study was completed by ECC Technologies based on actual field observations completed by ECC staff driving all roads outside of urban areas in CNY. The report documented the actual number of road miles and addresses in each county that does not have modern broadband fiber infrastructure in place.
- The CNY Broadband Study provided the basis for the CNY RPDB's application to the State's ConnectAll Office (CAO) for a major grant through the CAO Municipal Infrastructure Program. <https://broadband.ny.gov/municipal-infrastructure-program>.

The funding application to CAO MIP program is for a \$29.5 million grant that would be used to build out an open access fiber optic network in Cayuga, Cortland, and Oswego County with main connecting routes through Onondaga County and to Madison County. The application was submitted on March 8, 2024. On April 12, 2024, the agency received notification from the

CAO the application was being provided a conditional funding reservation and would be considered for a grant award pending further review. A final funding decision is expected in June-July 2024.

- In evaluating the proposed location of the CNYNET broadband network – primarily in Cayuga, Cortland, and Oswego County, it is important to note that Madison County received a major grant from the USDA Reconnect program in 2017 and is currently engaged in a public-private partnership with Empire Access to build a robust fiber network in Madison County. This project is currently under construction.

Based on the CNY Broadband Study, Onondaga County has entered into an agreement with Verizon Telecommunications to build out fiber optic service in the unserved rural areas in Onondaga County. Verizon initiated construction on this project in 2023 and work is scheduled for completion by December 2024.

- The proposed CNY RPDB's CNYNET broadband infrastructure project consists of approximately 335 miles and is estimated to cost \$29.5 million. The major route for this network has been mapped. Assuming a timely funding award, work on the project would begin in Q3 2024 and scheduled for completion by December 2026.
- To implement the project, the NYS CAO is requiring that the CNY RPDB provide evidence that it can secure \$15 million of interim construction financing for the project. The agency has approached Cayuga, Cortland, and Oswego Counties to secure the interim financing. Discussions are also progressing with LiveOak Bank, NC for \$5million of interim financing. LiveOak Bank has a niche business line providing financing for broadband projects across the county.
- The interim finance request to each county is based on a pro rata allocation of cost based upon the number of roads miles of broadband fiber proposed for each county. The allocation includes:

-Cayuga County: 139 miles – 46.89% - \$7,033,500

-Cortland County: 50 miles – 20.08% - \$3,012,000

-Oswego County: 93 miles - 33.03% - \$4,954,500

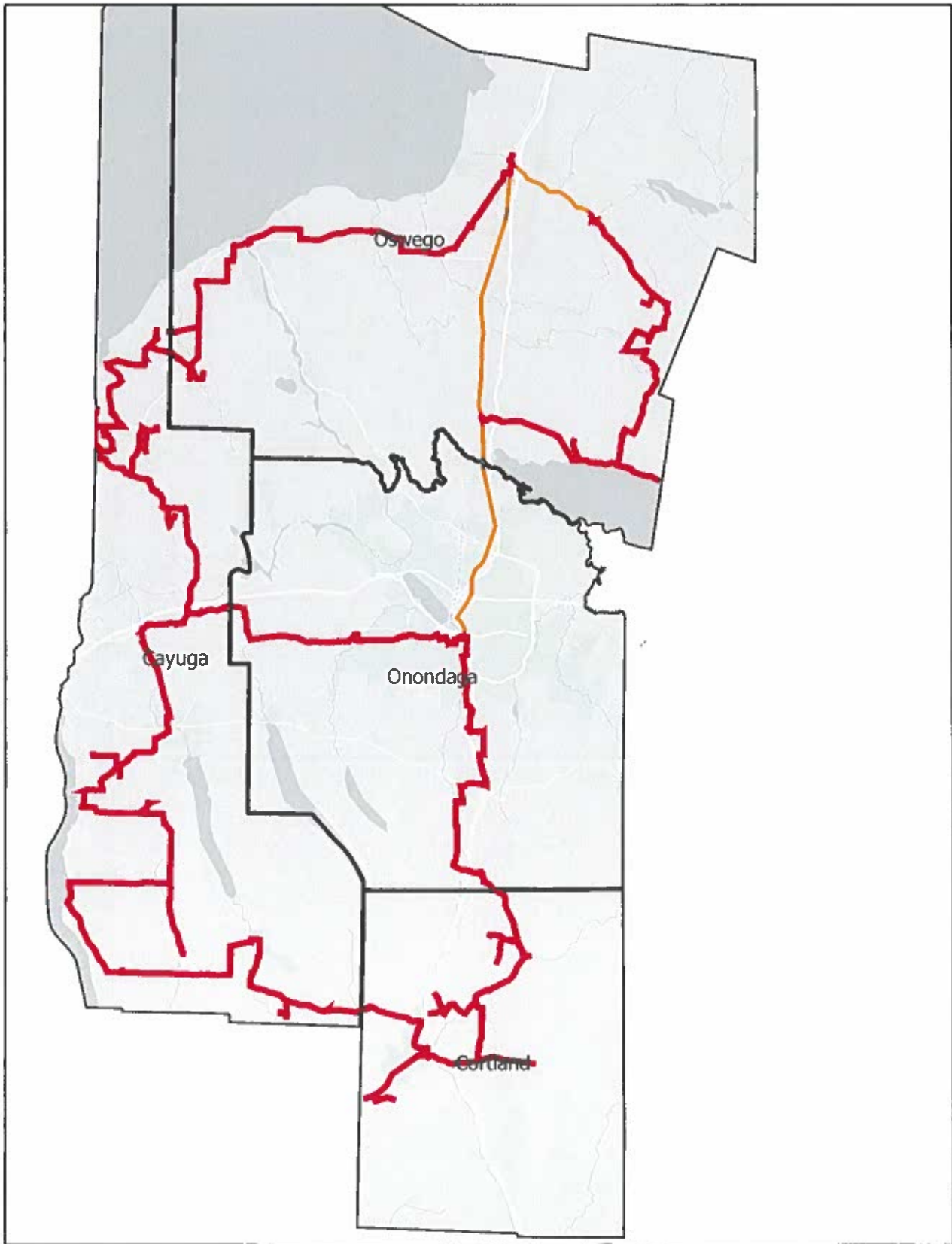
In addition to this funding allocation by county, Madison and Onondaga Counties will also be approached with a funding request of \$ 1 million each to support network connections in each county and to improve the overall operating capacity of the regional fiber optic network across Central New York.

- The NYS CAO MIP program is a 100% reimbursement grant program. The interim financing will be used to advance the project from the design stage, through procurement of fiber equipment, and the start of construction.
- As currently structured, \$10 million of the initial interim financing of \$15 million would be repaid to the counties following completion of the project in December 2026. This repayment is estimated to take place by July 2027. The remaining \$5 million of interim financing will be rolled over into an operating reserve fund for the project. The \$ 5 million will be repaid over a five-year operating period from 2027-2032. Funds to make these payments will be generated from the projects projected operating revenue.
- The CNY program is based on two very successful regional models including the Southern Tier Network (<https://southerntiernetwork.org/>) and the Development Authority of the North Country (<https://www.danc.org/departments/Telecommunications>).

It is anticipated that the CNY RPDB would establish a non-profit corporation to be the owner/operator of the CNYNET once the project is completed.

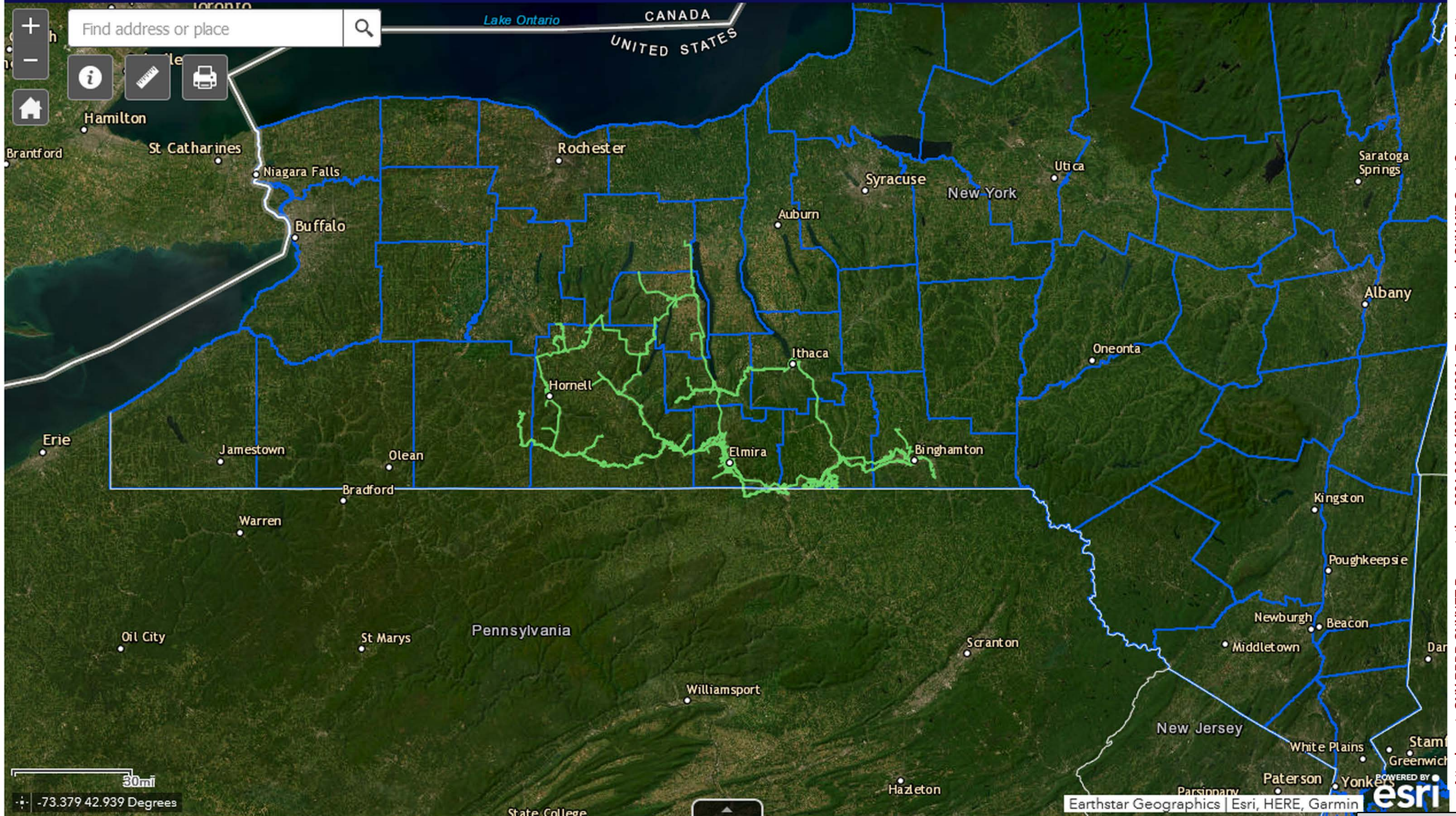
- The CNY RPDB anticipates entering into a consultant contract with ECC Technologies to provide the necessary technical services to design, construct, and operate CNYNET - <https://www.ecctec.com/>
- Information about CNYNET and the agency's grant application to the CAO has been discussed at meetings of the CNY RPDB Executive Committee over the past six months. The Executive Committee recommended at a meeting on May 29th, to advance this proposal to the full board for further discussion and consideration at a meeting scheduled for June 12, 2024.
- The proposed CNYNET fiber network map is attached to this memorandum.

CNY Proposed Network



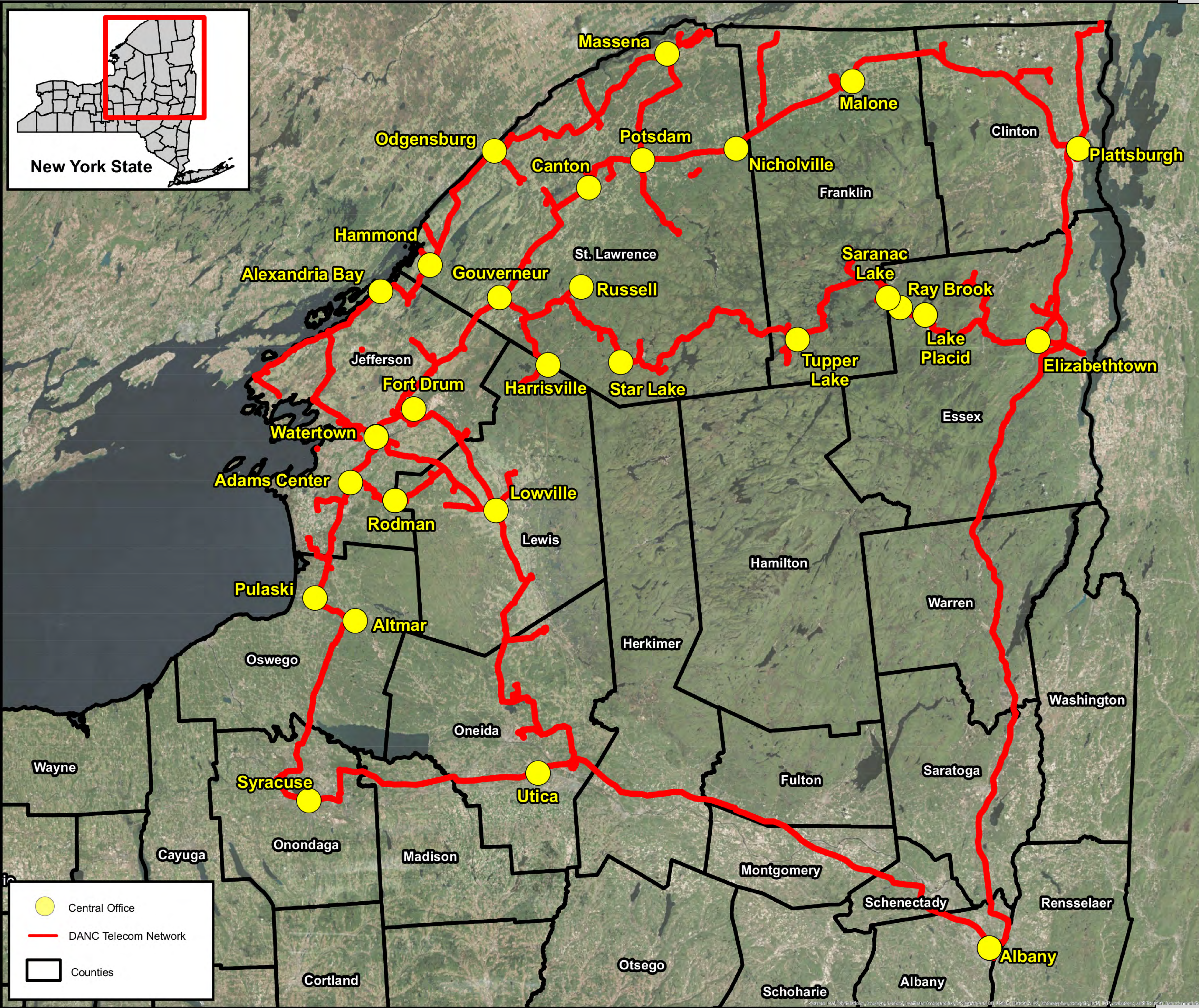


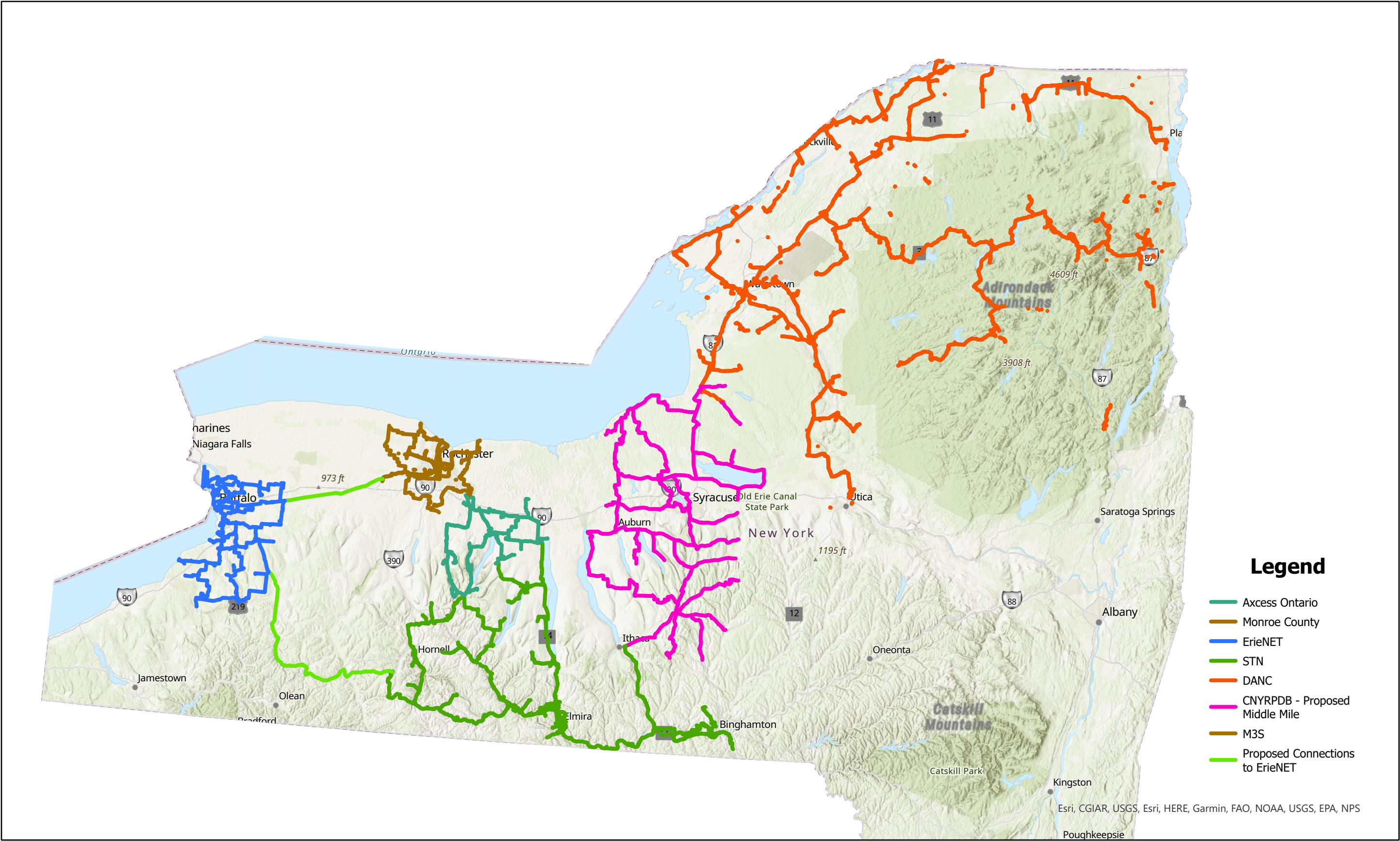
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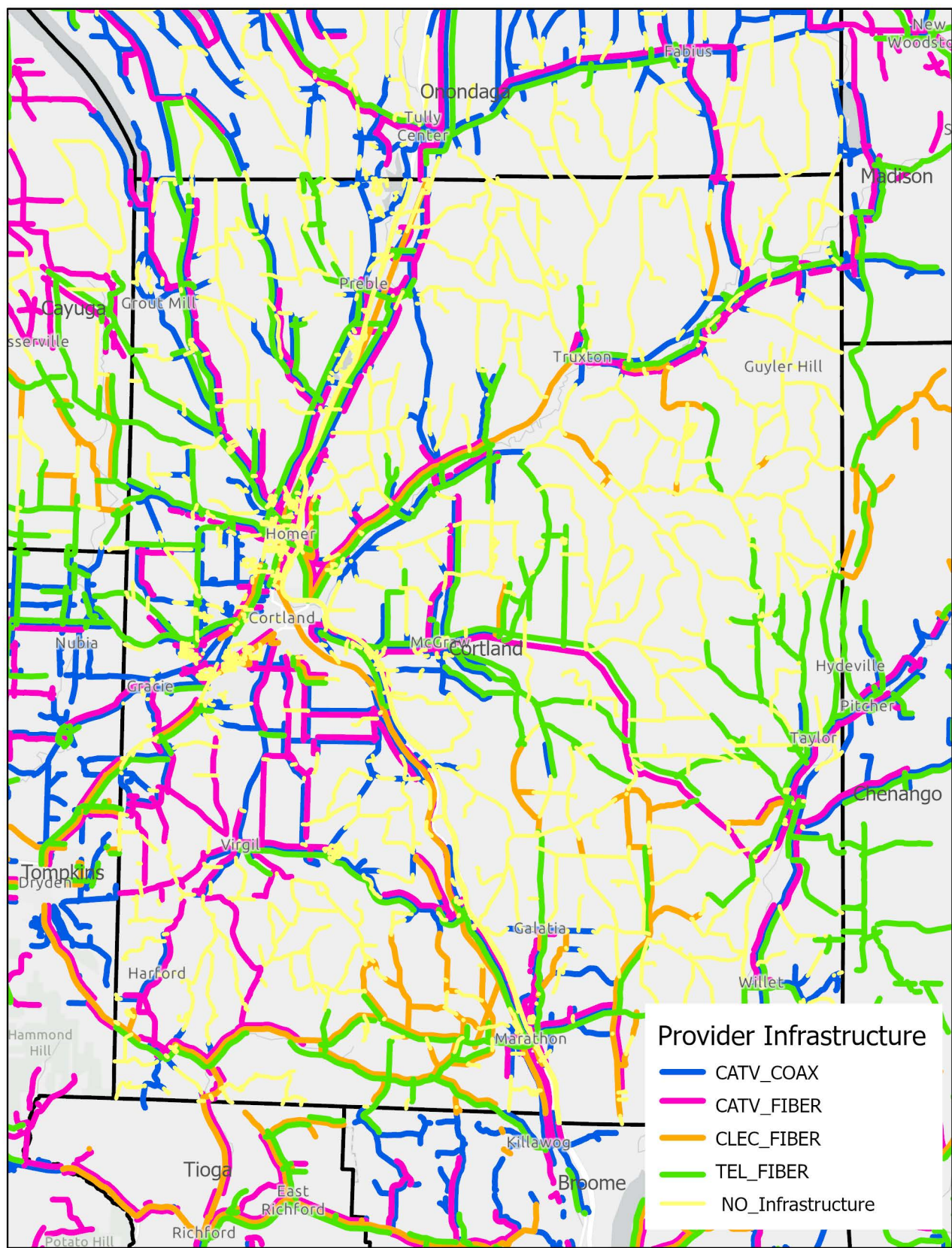




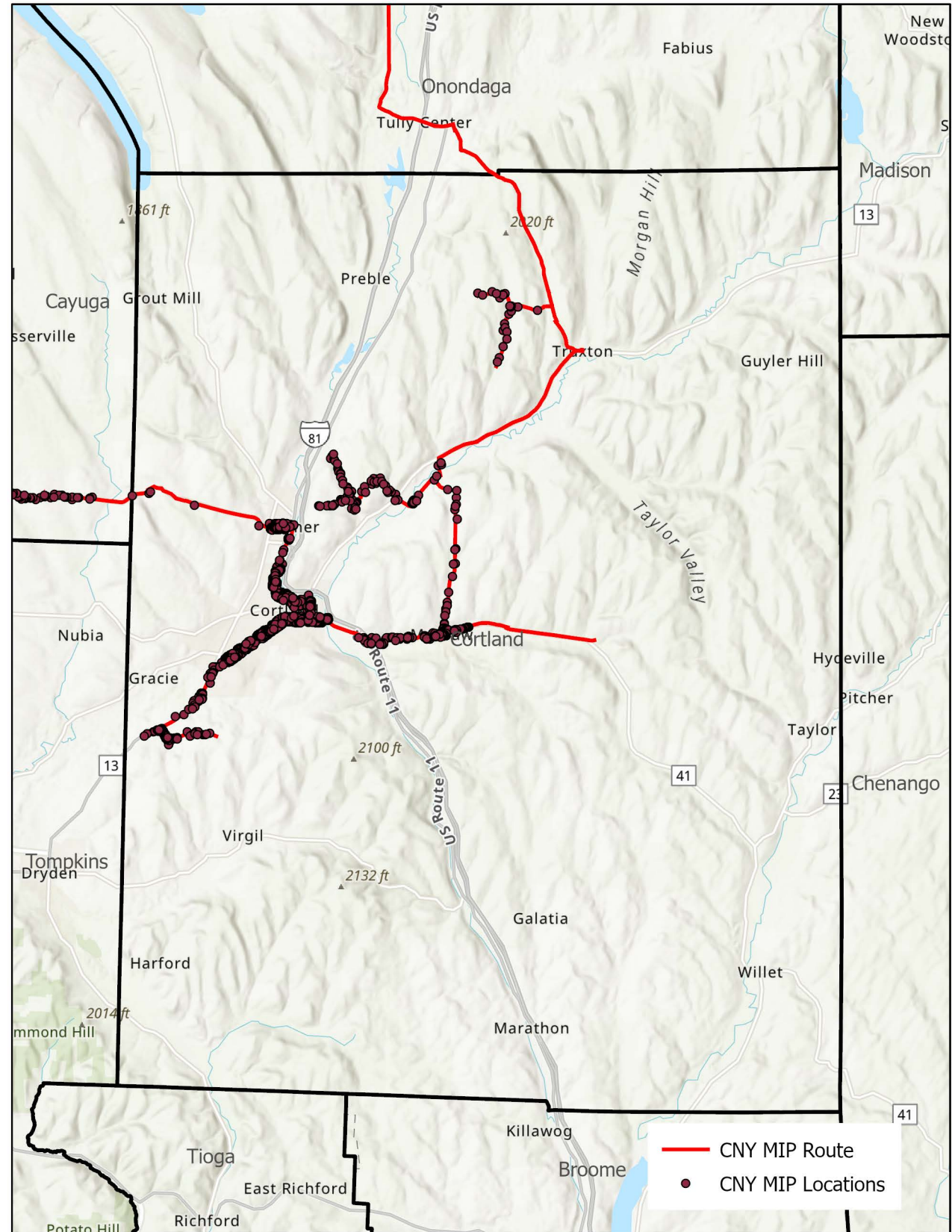
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- Access Ontario
- Monroe County
- ErieNET
- STN
- DANC
- CNYRPDB - Proposed Middle Mile
- M3S
- Proposed Connections to ErieNET

CNY Proposed MIP Network in Cortland County



CNY Proposed MIP Network in Cortland County



Cortland County
County Strategic Development Plan
Updated 6/12/2024

Proposed Plan Structure

Executive Summary

Introduction

- Background
- Community Engagement Overview
- Introduce Pillars – define them
- Vision – articulate a vision to Elevate Cortland grounded in the pillars

Community Profile

Strategic Focus Area Sections (x4)

- Current Condition/Overview
- Vision
- Pillars – how the pillars impact or are impacted by the focus area
- Strategies (3-6) – high level initiatives
 - Actions (5-10) – specific activities, including partners, potential funding resources, timing, etc.

Conclusion

- Summarize strategies and actions
- Tie to vision
- Recommendations for next steps

Appendices

- Economic Base Report
- Summary of public engagement input

Proposed Pillars and Strategic Focus Areas

Note that wording/titles will still be adjusted as we continue to develop the plan.

Pillars: Key themes that are addressed throughout the plan sections and constitute the foundation of the plan's goals and vision.

- **Collaboration/Coordination** – among entities, between municipalities, between municipalities and residents, with SUNY Cortland, etc.
 - Strong focus on the strength and opportunity offered by the full array of community and human services agencies.
- **Vibrant Communities** – as defined locally. Vibrancy doesn't need to mean lights and action and a million people, it can be open spaces and strong recreational assets with connectivity to active downtowns/main streets bolstered by small businesses, public art, and cultural amenities. (Placemaking, sense of place)
 - Rural communities seek to maintain open spaces and agricultural landscapes and leverage these and other natural assets to strengthen quality of life based on outdoor recreation and a sense of peace.
 - Downtowns and Main Streets in villages and hamlets create vibrancy centered on small business development, walkability, public art and events, and strong and connected surrounding neighborhoods.
 - The City of Cortland aligns with and adds to the downtown/main street model, incorporating a greater level of community amenities, services, and infrastructure.
- **Aligned Future Growth** – County residents love their communities and want to see growth they can enjoy and be proud of. That means growth that both matches their style of vibrancy, provides economic opportunities, and enhances affordability and quality of life. This can be accomplished by attracting new development, residents and visitors in a coordinated way so that new opportunities can meet county-wide needs but also align with individual community character and vision.

Strategic Focus Areas: topical areas that cover themes we heard from the public meetings and focus groups.

- **Open Spaces & Environment** - outdoor recreation, preservation of open spaces/farmland, water/aquifer protection, intentional balance between renewable energy and land preservation, etc.
- **Housing** - enhancing housing options across the housing continuum, geographic differences, collaborative approach to balancing student vs. permanent housing, addressing cost burden, etc.
- **Economic Development & Workforce** - childcare and early childhood education, health care (mental health, substance treatment, access, etc.), strong educational resources across levels and ages, wages, talent attraction/retention, small business development, agricultural economy, tourism, human services workforce? etc.

- **Connectivity & Coordinated Growth** (*working title*) – transportation, water and sewer infrastructure, broadband, policy/coordination needed to meet cross-community goals and visions.
 - Include a map as a visual tool to show what a coordinated approach to policy and physical infrastructure might look like. This should reflect the County's priorities, as well as what we heard from public engagement and discussions with local leaders. This will provide a higher level and visual look at how communities can coordinate to achieve strategic goals, such as:
 - areas targeted for specific types of developments (residential, industrial, mixed use, recreational, etc.)
 - areas targeted for preservation (open spaces, farmland, etc.)
 - current or future corridors (natural, recreational, transportation)
 - key community assets

Community Summit Proposed Structure

The Community Summit will take place at the Center of the Arts in Homer on June 17, 2024.

During the day, there will be four sessions to cover each of the strategic focus areas. Each session will be up to one and a half hours, and will include:

- Introduction of pillars and strategic focus areas
- Presentation of findings related to the specific focus area for that session
- Presentation of initial strategies developed for that focus area
- Open Discussion (Q&A, feedback, ideas)

Each session will be open to the public, but invitations will be targeted to individuals and organizations that participate in the specific focus area.

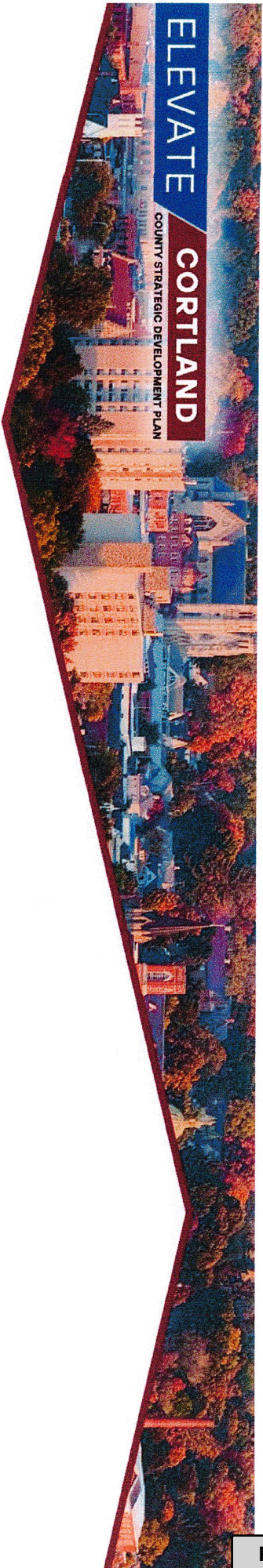
In the evening, there will be a public presentation that will include:

- Purpose of plan and process to date
- Introduction of pillars
- Summary overviews of each strategic focus area
- Open Discussion (Q&A, feedback, ideas)

We will also have comment sheets or index cards available for written comments and questions. After the summit, we can develop and post an FAQ that addresses additional questions and comments that were provided in writing. This provides an opportunity for attendees to provide feedback anonymously, as well as comfortably for those that do not want to speak in front of a group.

Schedule:

- 10:30-12 – Economic Development & Workforce– Tracy Verrier
- 12:30-2 – Housing – Grace Grissett
- 2-3:30 – Open Space & Environment – Kyle Hatch
- 3:30-5 – Connectivity & Coordinated Growth (working title) – Eric Cooper and Sam Gordon
- 6-7:30 – Public Presentation of Strategic Development Plan Progress & Direction – Sam Gordon & Tracy Verrier



Cortland County's Vision

Together, we envision a prosperous and sustainable future for Cortland County that offers expanded economic opportunities, fosters a welcoming environment, and embraces a quality of life centered on our natural assets, recreation, and neighborly spirit.

We will **Elevate Cortland** by amplifying collaboration, vibrancy, and growth while honoring our community's unique character, ensuring residents and businesses are proud of the progress made and visitors always wish for more time to explore.

