

Town of Schuyler,  
New York

# Community Development Strategic Plan

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# I. Introduction

## A. Town of Schuyler Profile

The Town of Schuyler includes 3,420 persons and 1,590 households according to the 2010 Census. There are 1,259 owner occupied, 208 renter occupied, and 123 vacant housing units in the Town. These persons and housing units are spread over 40.2 square miles. Since 1960, the Town's population has increased by almost 80 percent. Almost 40 percent of the Town's population is low income and 46 percent of the housing units are mobile homes.

Commercial uses are concentrated along the State Route 5 corridor. This corridor includes a mix of restaurants, heavy and highway commercial operations, and lodging facilities. Intermixed among the commercial uses are agricultural operations and residences. The Schuyler Business Park is also located in the geographic center of the Route 5 corridor.

Agricultural and low density residential uses comprise much of land uses in the Town outside the Route 5 corridor.

## B. The Need for a *Community Development Strategic Plan*

The preparation of a *Community Development Strategic Plan* in the Town of Schuyler is long overdue. Growth over the past 30-40 years has not been guided by any up-to-date planning document or strategy. The Town's *Master Plan* was completed 53 years ago in 1965. Community needs in the areas of economic development, housing, parks and recreation have been sensed but never inventoried and/or prioritized. No strategy for addressing needs has been developed over the past 50 years.

The Schuyler Town Board and Planning Board have developed this *Community Development Strategic Plan* to help focus improvement efforts and identify community development grant opportunities. The Town of Schuyler has not undertaken any grant-in-aid efforts - primarily because there has been no identification of needs, no prioritization of these needs, and no identification of potential funding sources that might help the Town address its community development needs.

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## C. **Anticipated Benefits of the *Community Development Strategic Plan***

The Town of Schuyler's *Community Development Strategic Plan* has been developed with the following anticipated accomplishments:

1. Develop a "vision" for the Town with a focus on the Route 5 commercial corridor;
2. Inventory existing community and economic conditions, development and improvement opportunities, problems, and community preferences with respect to future development;
3. Identify attainable goals;
4. Identify community and economic development projects and activities needed to attain community goals; and
5. Set forth a step-by-step process for implementing community and economic development projects, including potential State, Federal and private funding sources.

The preparation of this *Community Development Strategic Plan* has given the Town the opportunity to undertake a citizen participation process, gather data from a variety of sources, undertake appropriate surveys, formulate solutions to problems, identify and respond to community improvement opportunities, and improve the quality of life in the Town. The *Community Development Strategic Plan* has helped the Town prioritize needs and create a plan of action that will help the Town to focus its resources, guide Town efforts in obtaining Federal and State funds, and undertake initiatives that address the Town's most critical needs.

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# II. Existing Conditions

## A. Community Description

### 1. General Location

The Town of Schuyler is located in the southwest portion of Herkimer County in the heart of the Mohawk Valley region. The Town borders the City of Utica to the west and the Town of Herkimer to the east. The Town and Village of Frankfort border the Town to the south, with the Mohawk River being the Town's southern boundary.

### 2. Population

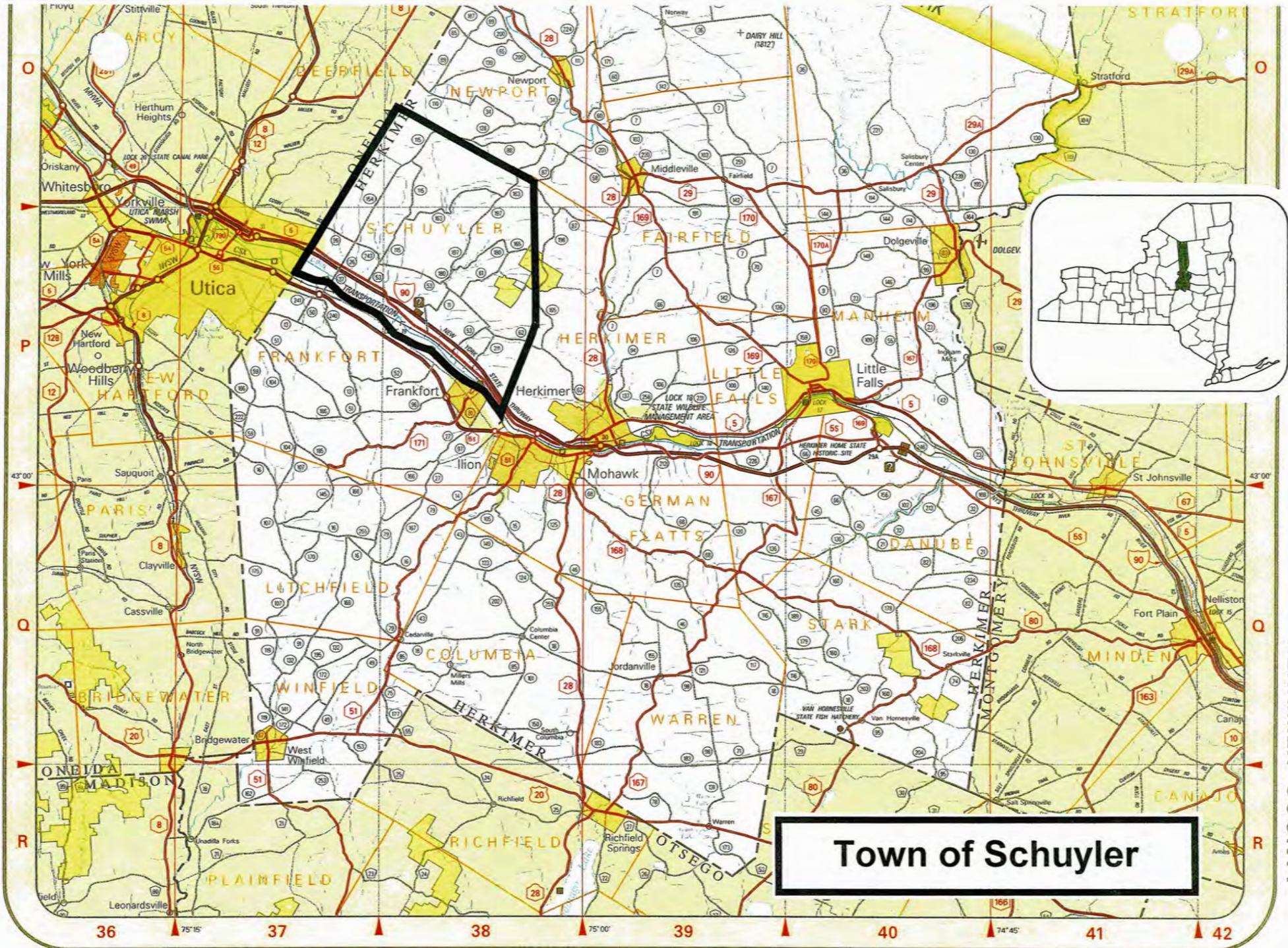
The Town has a population of 3,420 persons that are included in 1,590 households and 937 families. A total of 1,314 persons (31.7%) living in the Town are over the age of 65, and 1,032 (24.9%) are under the age of 18 according to the 2010 Census.

### 3. Development Pattern and Land Uses

The Town of Schuyler includes a mix of land uses and development densities. The southern portion of the Town along and adjacent to the Route 5 corridor is more densely developed than the rural northern portion of the Town.

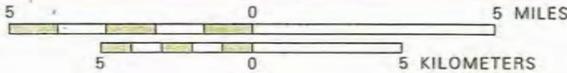
The Route 5 corridor includes three distinct development areas. "West Schuyler" includes a concentration of mobile home parks and highway and heavy commercial uses, including: lodging, restaurants, mobile home and auto sales operations, and the Town offices. West Schuyler also includes "Schuyler Corners" - a deteriorated enclave of residential and commercial uses around the intersection of Route 5 and Newport Road/Dyke Road.

The central portion of the Route 5 corridor includes the Schuyler Business Park, a 100 acre designated Empire Zone owned by the Herkimer County Industrial Development Agency (HCIDA). This park includes two major industries and has 30 acres of "vacant developable



**Town of Schuyler**

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land” available. The HCIDA currently has a one year option to purchase an additional 160 acres adjacent to the current Business Park.

The “East Schuyler” portion of the Route 5 corridor includes a higher concentration of single family homes and fewer and mostly smaller commercial operations than “West Schuyler” and two mobile home parks.

Intermixed along the entire Route 5 corridor are a number of agricultural operations and farm stands.

The southern portion of the Town of Schuyler is traversed by the New York State Thruway and the Erie Canal. As noted above, the free-flowing Mohawk River forms the Town’s southern border with the Town and Village of Frankfort. The Erie Canal can be accessed via the Lock 19 Erie Canal Park, located at the western end of East Schuyler. Lands immediately adjacent to the Erie Canal are natural wetland and agricultural areas.

The northern portion of the Town of Schuyler includes hilly terrain dominated by active and inactive farmland, wooded areas, and low density residential areas. Several small, hamlet-type areas are located along Cosby Manor Road.

The pattern of existing development in the Town is illustrated on the Community Characteristics Map.

#### **4. Community Facilities**

Community facilities in Schuyler include an attractive Town Office/Community Center complex in West Schuyler, volunteer fire company facilities in Schuyler Corners and East Schuyler, and a Town Garage on Windfall Road.

Recreation facilities include the Schuyler Town Park, a large park with a picnic pavilion, ball fields and play equipment located off Windfall and Bowie Roads in the Town’s northern reaches; a small recreation center with play equipment on Wood Lane; Valley Merchants Field (Youth Baseball facility) on Cosby Manor Road; and the Lock 19 Erie Canal Park. The Lock 19 Erie Canal Park provides limited picnic facilities in an attractive setting along the Erie Canal.

**Table 1.**  
**Town of Schuyler**  
**Key 2010 Census Statistics**

Population	3,420
Households	1,469
Household Size (Average)	2.32
Families	903
Family Size (Average)	2.93
White Persons	3,373
Black Persons	28
American Indian Persons	14
Hispanic Persons	48
Population over 65	184 / 5.4%
Population under 18	204 / 6.0%
Median Age	45.6
Low Income Persons	1,352 / 39.85% *
Persons in Poverty	318 / 9.4% *
Families in Poverty	60 / 6.4% *
Median Household Income	\$48,172
Per Capita Income	\$18,205 *
Housing Units	1,469
Occupied Housing Units	1,453 / 96% *
Owner Occupied Units	1,216 / 82.8%
Renter Occupied Units	253 / 17.2%
Vacant Units	121 / 7.6.0%
One Unit Structures	753 / 50.7% *
Two Unit Structures	25 / 1.7% *
Three/Four Unit Structures	7 / 0.6% *
Five-Nine Unit Structures	1 / — *
Mobile Homes	698 / 47.0% *

\* According to 2000 U S Census

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**5. Income Characteristics**

The Town of Schuyler includes 39.9 percent low income persons. These people include individuals and families with incomes less than 80 percent of the median income for the Utica-Rome Metropolitan Statistical Area.

**6. Housing Characteristics**

The Town of Schuyler includes 1,590 housing units. Of these units, 753 (50.7%) are single unit detached homes and 698 (47%) are mobile homes. There are only 8 structures in Town with 3 or more units. There are 253 renter occupied units in Town with a median rent of \$463 in 2010. The median value of owner occupied units was \$83,600 in 2010.

Housing density is generally greatest within the Route 5 corridor. This corridor includes eight (8) mobile home parks that range in size from 40 to over 100 units.

Of the 1,590 total units in the Town, 123 (7.7%) are vacant.

**7. Natural and Other Features**

The Town of Schuyler includes extensive wetland areas in the extreme southern section of the Town between the NYS Thruway and the Mohawk River. The Town also includes a number of streams that generally flow north to south through hilly, undeveloped and/or agricultural terrain and empty into the Erie Canal.

The northern portion of Town includes heavily wooded areas, and rolling hills that include active and inactive farms.

Two major power lines extend east-west through the Town approximately two miles north of Route 5.

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## **B. Route 5 Business Corridor**

### **1. General Description**

State Route 5 (Herkimer Road) extends in an east-west direction through the southern portion of Schuyler. This heavily traveled roadway provides access to the metropolitan Utica/Rome area to the west and the Central Mohawk Valley communities of Herkimer and Little Falls to the east.

Farmlands along Route 5 have gradually been replaced by mobile home parks, a variety of highway commercial uses, lodging facilities, manufactured housing sales and service operations, heavy construction contractors, auto sales establishments, single family homes and several churches. Route 5 is the last major roadway leading to or from the City of Utica that has not been fully developed with shopping malls and/or other large scale commercial development.

A former drive-in movie property along Route 5 has been redeveloped as the Schuyler Business Park by the Herkimer County Industrial Development Agency. This park geographically divides East Schuyler from West Schuyler. This park currently encompasses 100 acres but has the potential for expansion.

The western portion of Route 5 (Utica to the Schuyler Business Park) is served by natural gas, a 10 inch water main, and fiber optic cable but no sanitary sewer.

Route 5 generally parallels the New York State Thruway - crossing the Thruway near the Business Park. Access to the Thruway is provided by Herkimer Exit 30, approximately two miles to the east of the Schuyler town line and Utica Exit 31, approximately two miles west of the town line.

Besides the Schuyler Business Park (described more fully in section 2. below) another noteworthy feature along Route 5 is "Schuyler Corners" at the intersection of Newport and Dyke Roads. This small hamlet area includes the Dari-Del grocery store, the Schuyler Corner Exchange consignment shop, the Schuyler Bar and Grill, residential uses in need of rehabilitation, and the Schuyler Volunteer Fire Company. This strategically located hamlet area requires significant revitalization.

Surveys that will be described in detail in other sections of this *Community Development Strategic Plan*, as well as input from the

# Route 5 Corridor



Highway commercial uses



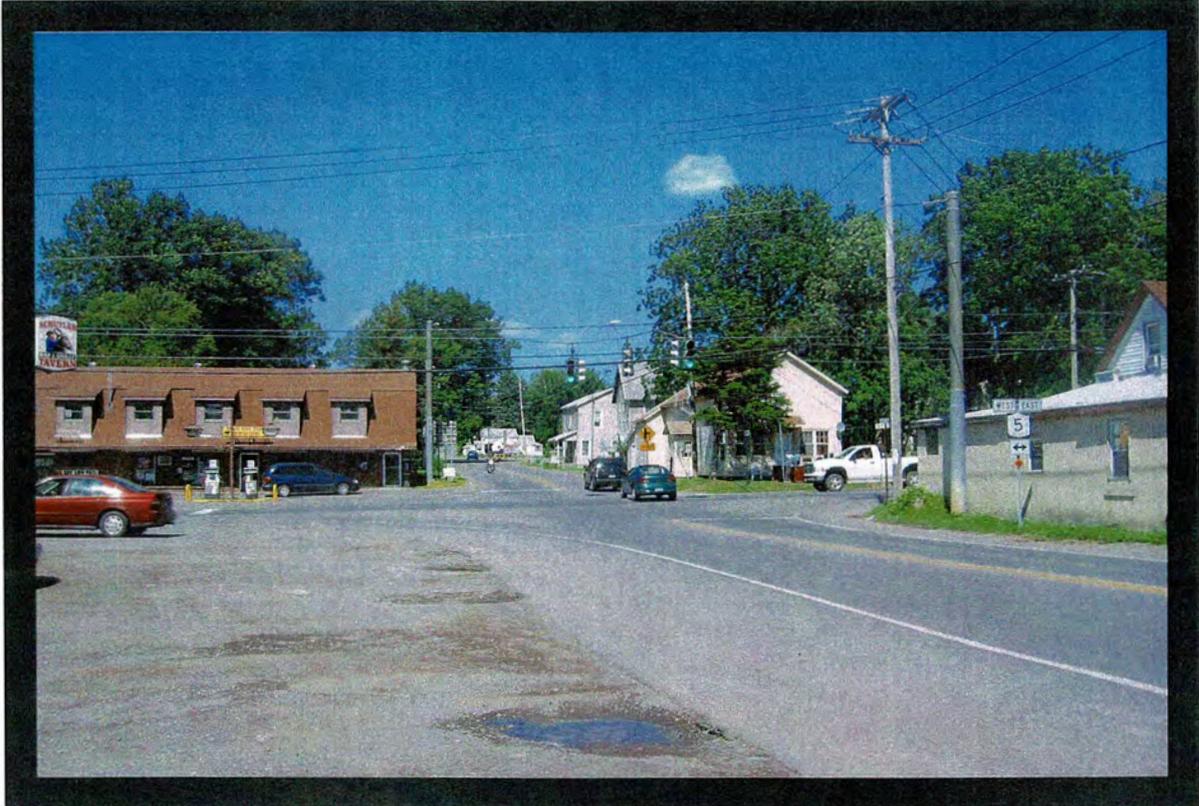
Residential uses



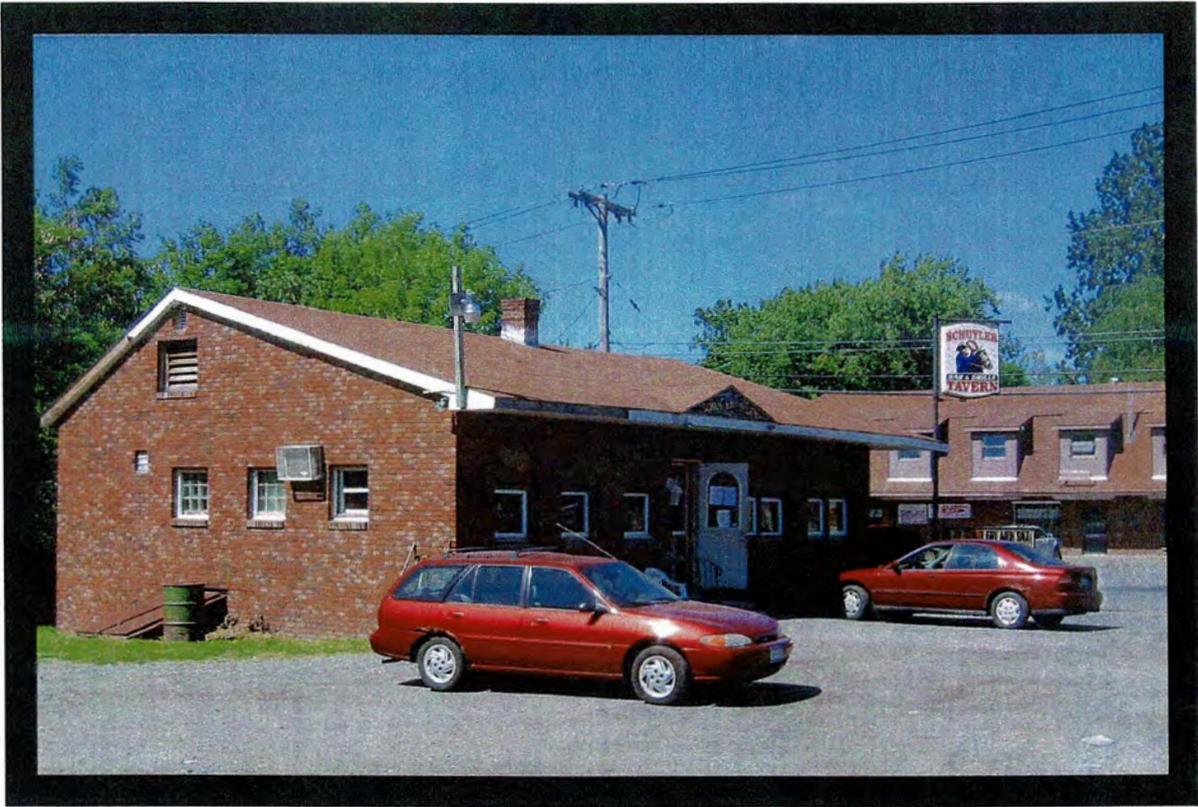
Farms and farm stands



# Schuyler Corners

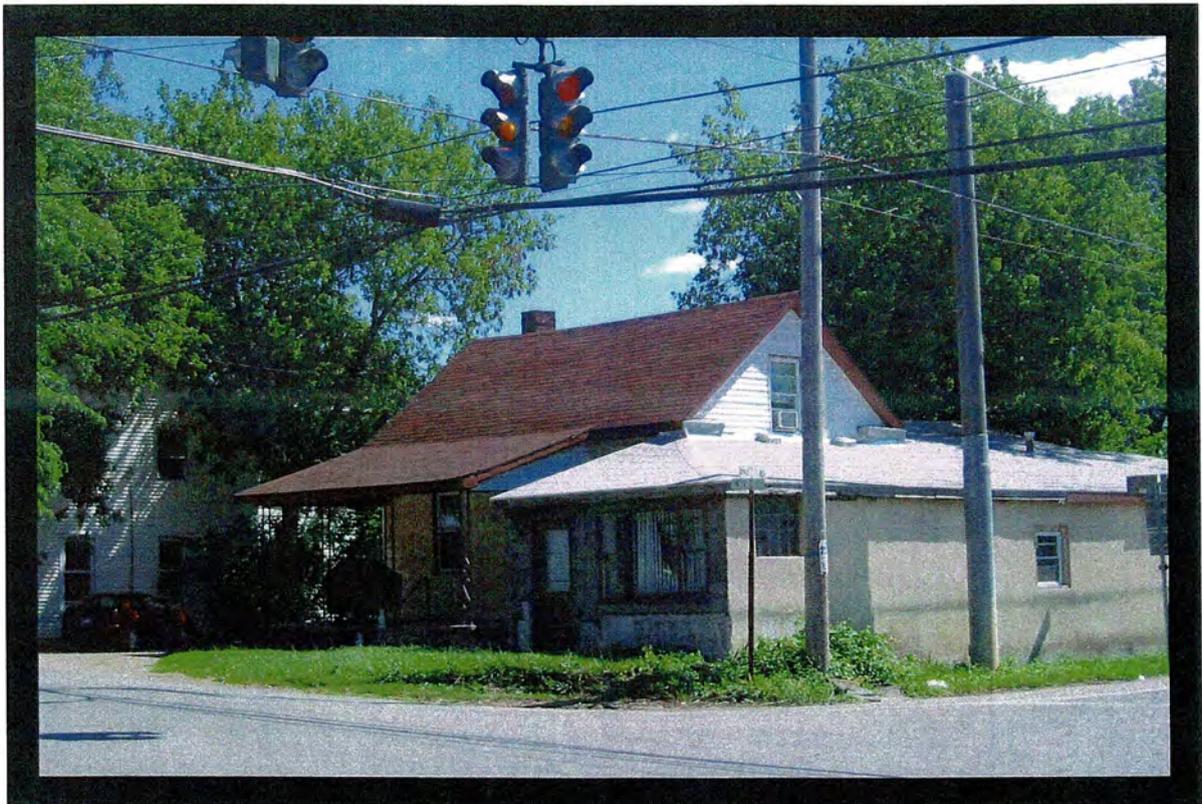


Commercial

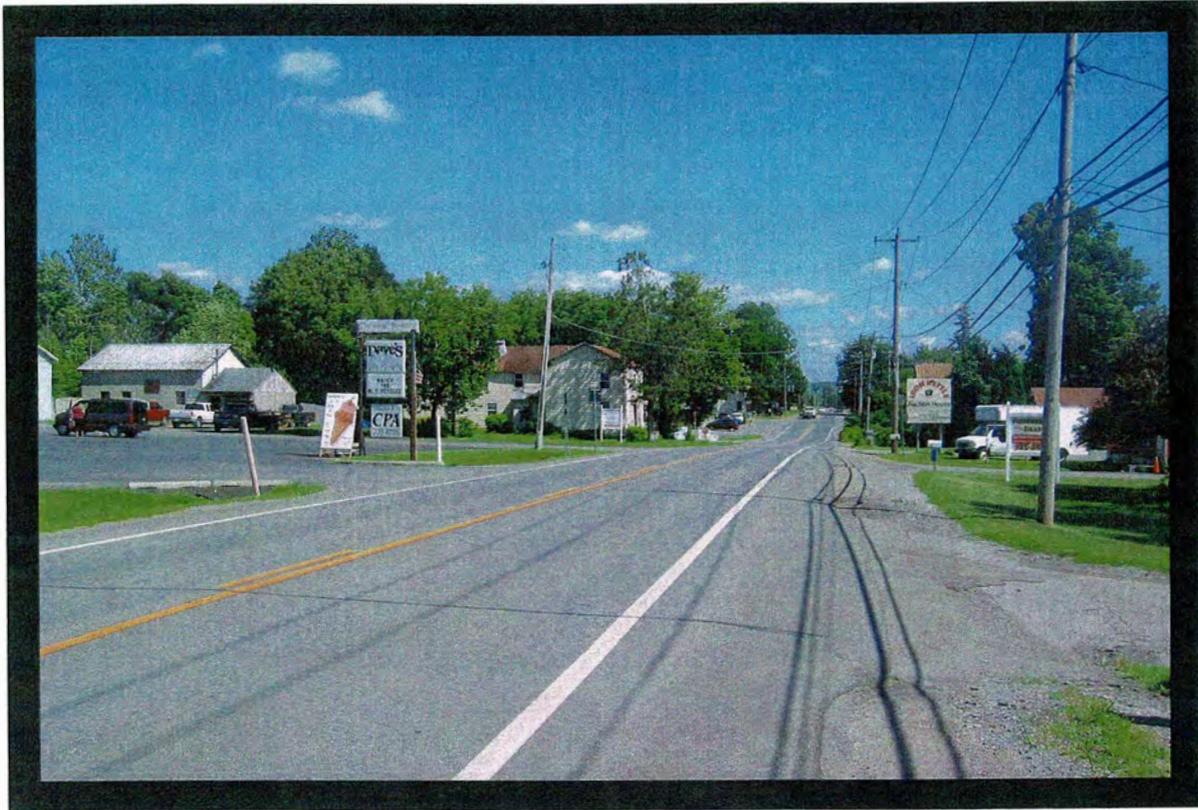




Residential



# Streetscape and Landscape Needs



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public, have documented a high need for a sanitary sewer line along Route 5 and for a program of business loans and grants in Schuyler.

Surveys returned by Schuyler business owners also support the Route 5 infrastructure and business assistance needs identified by the general public. Businesses also generally support the development of a “Grant Assistance Program” and the need for demolition of dilapidated buildings in the Town’s business district.

### **Schuyler Business Park**

2. The Schuyler Business Park currently includes 100 acres of land, of which approximately 60 acres is developable. Of the 60 developable acres, 15 acres are occupied by Wilcor International and 13 acres are occupied by the Schuyler Wood Pellet Company. A total of two (2) parcels and 30 acres remain to be developed.

The Herkimer County Industrial Development Agency (HCIDA) is currently installing a new access road, water line and storm drainage at the park. The HCIDA also has an option to purchase an additional 180 plus acres adjacent to current Business Park site. The provision of sanitary sewer service to the Business Park is critically important to the park’s long term growth potential.

The Schuyler Business Park has Empire Zone designation, and has received Build Now-NY Shovel Ready Certification.

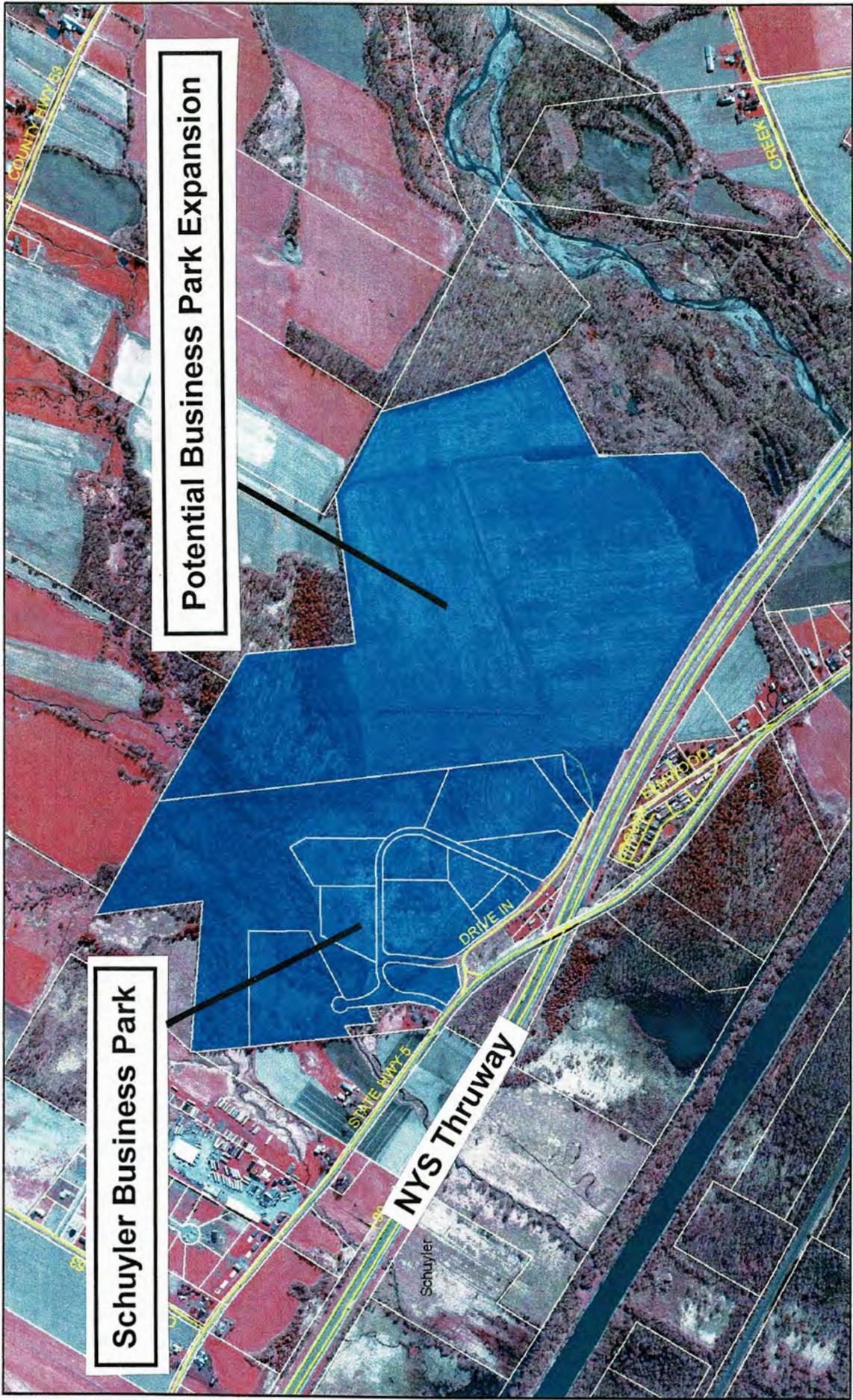
# Schuyler Business Park

Wilcor International



Schuyler Wood Pellet Company





Potential Business Park Expansion

Schuyler Business Park

NYS Thruway

Schuyler Business Park

# Light Industry and Office Uses

Computer Connections on Cosby Manor Road



U.S. Materials Handling on Route 5



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## D. Agricultural Uses

The Town of Schuyler includes a variety of agricultural uses and farming operations within its borders, namely: dairy and livestock farms, vegetable crop farms, and greenhouse and horse farm operations. There is also an apple orchard and an apiary operation.

According to the *Herkimer County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Plan*, there are two Agricultural Districts in the Town of Schuyler that safeguard farmers from unreasonable local regulations, place limits on eminent domain, require coordinated land use decisions, and enhance right-to-farm protection. The two districts are the least contiguous of the five districts in Herkimer County, but cover significant acreage in the southern and eastern portions of the Town.

Key issues and challenges to agriculture as identified in the *Herkimer County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Plan* include the low profitability of farms, the conversion of farmland to residential use, a lack of knowledge about agriculture on the part of local planning boards, and the fact that local planning efforts do not adequately consider agriculture.

Large and small scale farm operations are scattered throughout the Town of Schuyler, and supporting these farms with business loans and grants should be one of the Town's highest priorities based on Town-wide surveys. Surveys returned by farmers themselves indicate loan and grant assistance, barn restoration, and stream and erosion control improvements are high priority needs. Surveys and Project Advisory Committee input indicate the Schuyler community cares about agriculture in the Town to a degree much greater than the County population in general.

## E. Community Facilities

### 1. Parks and Recreation Facilities

The Town has four parks/recreation facilities, including the Lock 19 Erie Canal Park, Schuyler Town Park, the Schuyler Recreation Center and Valley Merchants Field. These facilities are generally well maintained, and expending and improving these facilities is a priority for the residents who returned a Community Needs and Priorities Survey as part of the planning process for this *Strategic Plan*.

The Town of Schuyler will also be the location of a segment of the Erie Canalway Trail. When completed, the 348 mile Erie Canalway

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Trail will be part of the statewide Canalway Trail system encompassing canal trails along the Erie, Cayuga-Seneca, Champlain and Oswego Canals.

In Schuyler, the Canalway Trail will utilize State Route 5 from the Village of Frankfort (Railroad Street Bridge) to the Lock 19 Erie Canal Park (eastern segment). The western segment of the Canalway Trail through Schuyler will generally follow the Canal banks through wooded and agricultural lands.

## **2. Roadways**

Most residents also expressed support for improving Town and County roads. Roads identified as needing the most improvements are Miller's Grove Road and Windfall Road - two roads maintained by Herkimer County.

# Agricultural Uses



Horse Farms



Livestock



Greenhouses, produce farms and stands.



# Schuyler Town Park



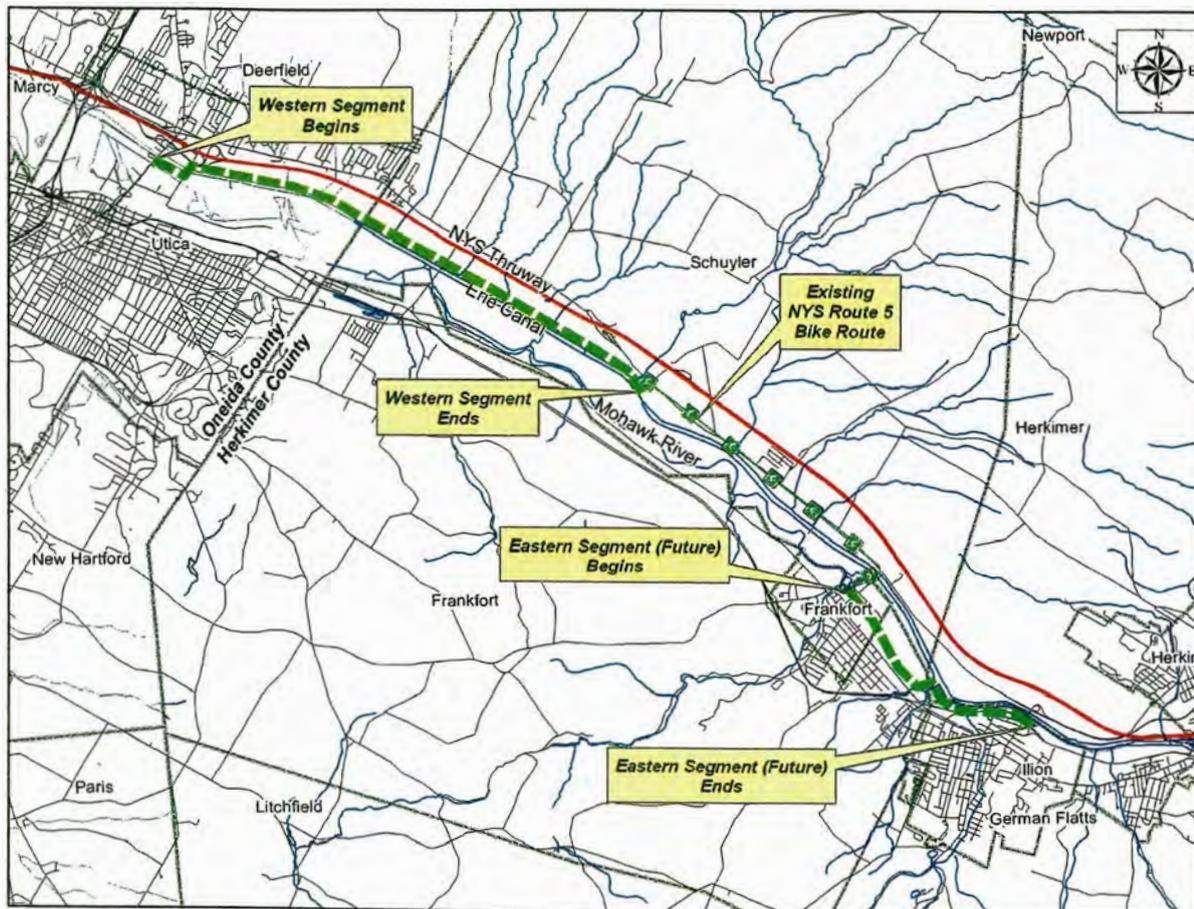
Ball fields, picnic and play areas.



# Community and Recreation Center



Figure 2. Project Location Map



**Canalway Trail Location**

From: Draft Design Report  
Canalway Trail T-31  
NYS Thruway Authority  
Canal Corporation

## Lock 19 Park



Picnic area on the Erie Canal.



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# III. Town Surveys

## A. Introduction

The Town of Schuyler distributed three (3) separate surveys to determine community development, business, and farm-related needs and priorities.

The surveys were constructed by the Planning Board and were distributed via the Schuyler Town Newsletter to residents, farms, and businesses. Complete results of the three “Needs” surveys are included in Appendix B. The results of all surveys are summarized in the paragraphs below.

## B. Community Needs and Priorities Survey

The Planning Board developed a list of projects and needs related to economic and business development, infrastructure, and others that did not fit any of the other categories. The survey also allowed space for the identification of other needs and comments by respondents.

A total of 151 surveys were returned. Although the response rate was approximately over ten (10) percent (1,300 Newsletters were distributed), the completed surveys reflected in-depth thought and generated a significant amount of comments. The Community Needs and Priorities Survey documented very strong support for the following projects/needs:

- Support Farms;
- Improve Town roads;
- Demolish vacant, dilapidated buildings;
- Improve Town identity;

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- Address Abandon gas station

Other projects/needs that received at least moderate support included the following:

- Improving/expanding sewer and water lines ;
- Fixing zip code;
- Loans grants to businesses;
- Improving recreation center;
- Improving housing rehabilitation
- Installing sidewalks
- Recognizing historical features;
- Expanding community and cultural events

Low support was expressed for the following:

- Installing banners and a community events board;
- Business facade improvement and improving business landscape
- Improve Merchants ball field

Comments were diverse and often pointed. In general, comments expressed a desire to keep Schuyler's rural character while at the same time strengthening the Route 5 business corridor. Many comments reflected a desire to demolish and/or clean up deteriorated properties and eliminate nuisances and junk. Many comments urged the Town to, in effect, expand trash pick up service. Another common feeling was that Schuyler needed to establish its own identity, which emanates from the fact that the Town does not have its own zip code or a single school district.

### **C. Business "Needs" Survey**

The need to install water and sewer service along Route 5 was one of the highest priority project among Business "Needs" Survey respondents. Loan and grant assistance was strongly supported by businesses.

Like residents, businesses also commented on the need to remove eyesores, clean up Schuyler Corners, and improve the Town's identity.

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## D. Farm/Agricultural Needs Survey

Farming and agriculture are important to Schuyler residents. Farmers themselves placed a high priority on developing a grant and/or loan assistance program that would help them with operational costs and equipment purchases. Farmers also identified the need to complete stream and erosion control improvements and barn restoration improvements. The need for silo, access, ponds and signage improvements were not strongly supported by farmers.

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# IV. Community Vision, Goals, Objectives and Priority Projects

## A. Community Vision

The Planning Board developed the following vision statement:

**“The Town of Schuyler desires to maintain its rural, agricultural character while facilitating and encouraging a strengthened and diversified civic and commercial corridor along State Route 5. The Town vision is to create a high quality living environment for its residents and a positive atmosphere for its farms and businesses.”**

## B. Goals, Objectives and Priority Projects

A goal is a broad, long term aim or intent which can be achieved through certain specific actions. Objectives represent well-defined programs, initiatives, or projects that will obtain the desired result over time.

The purpose of this *Community Development Strategic Plan* is to define these goals and objectives and, most importantly, describe a plan of action for the Town of Schuyler.

The *Town of Schuyler Community Development Strategic Plan* has three primary goals that reflect the community vision statement above:

- Maintain the Town’s rural character;
- Strengthen the Route 5 business corridor; and
- Improve the quality of life for residents and the atmosphere for farm and business operations.

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Community development objectives by general category include the following:

**1. Town's Vision for Economic and Business Development**

- Make business aware of public sector business programs and financial incentives.
- Encourage and assist local businesses in completing business expansion and/or improvement projects, including facade improvements.
- Maintain farming as a primary industry in the Town.
- Pursue installation of water and sewer lines in the Route 5 business corridor.
- Support full development and expansion of the Schuyler Business Park.
- Revitalize Schuyler Corners.
- Upgrade the appearance of the Route 5 business corridor.

**2. Town's Vision for Housing and Community Development**

- Pursue and utilize available Federal and State assistance programs to implement housing rehabilitation programs.
- Encourage the development of additional housing that is in keeping with the Town's rural character.
- Vigorously enforce local building codes, and strengthen these codes as they relate to property maintenance and public nuisances.
- Improve the quality and quantity of recreational resources and facilities.
- Continue to improve and maintain Town and County roadways to the highest standards possible.
- Recognize the Town's historic features.
- Remove blighting influences that detract from the quality of life in the Town.
- Pursue initiatives that will help the Town establish a public identity.
- Continue to improve and maintain Town roadways.

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### 3. Town's Vision for Agriculture

- Encourage, support and preserve agricultural uses.
- Develop new agricultural programs and make the farm community aware of existing programs that could be of assistance.

#### 4. Priority Projects

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# V. Community Development Strategic Plan

## A. Introduction and Background

The Town of Schuyler has undertaken a number of actions to determine community development needs and identify and prioritize improvement projects. These actions include:

- Formation of representatives comprised of the Town Board and representatives of the Town Planning Board.
- Review of a previous 2007 windshield survey of housing and general infrastructure conditions on a Town-wide basis;
- Distribution of Town-wide surveys covering the following areas:
  - **Community Needs and Priorities**
  - **Business Needs**
  - **Farm/Agricultural Needs**
- Publication of all survey results and *Strategic Plan* recommendations in the Schuyler Town Newsletter; and
- Review of proposed needs and projects at advertised meetings of the Strategic Plan Committee, Planning Board and regular Town Board meetings.

In the paragraphs that follow, a variety of improvement projects are identified that will enable the Town to improve its housing, economic, community and agricultural conditions and the overall quality of life.

Proposed projects are illustrated on the Projects and Activities Map. The list of projects is not intended to be all inclusive or static. New ideas and

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opportunities will present themselves in the future, and the *Community Development Strategic Plan* should be amended as appropriate.

## **B. Community Development Projects and Initiatives**

### **1. Economic Development**

#### **a. Route 5 Sanitary Sewer Expansion**

State Route 5 is the business corridor through and within the Town of Schuyler. Economic growth along Route 5 and at the Schuyler Business Park requires that sanitary sewers be extended west along Route 5 from West Schuyler to the Schuyler Business Park, a distance of 2.6 miles.

This project requires service laterals, manholes, pump stations and approximately 130 property easements.

*Estimated Cost: To be determined*

#### **b. Schuyler Business Park Infrastructure**

The 100 acre Schuyler Business Park has undergone phased development. Second phase road, water and storm drainage improvements have recently been extended to the Schuyler Wood Pellet Company site using a combination of funding sources.

Future roadway, sewer and water extensions are needed within the Business Park to maximize its development potential.

Within the existing limits of the park, infrastructure needs to be extended to the East. *Estimated Cost: To be determined*

#### **c. Schuyler Business Park Expansion**

The Herkimer Industrial Development Agency currently holds an option to acquire an additional 160 acres of land adjacent to the existing Schuyler Business Park.

This plan supports the acquisition of this additional land and the extension of infrastructure needed to develop this land. Herkimer County needs additional, build-ready business park

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sites to attract new industries and provide locations for existing area industries to grow.

*Estimated Cost: To be determined*

**d. Business Assistance Program**

Providing assistance in the form of loans and/or grants to local industries is generally the responsibility of County, regional, and State economic development agencies. Towns such as Schuylers, however, can work cooperatively with these larger, more experienced agencies by sponsoring applications for assistance where appropriate, outreaching to local businesses, and encouraging and supporting economic development initiatives that will help businesses in the Town.

Smaller retail, service and other nonmanufacturing businesses have less access to loan and grant programs offered by the State and Federal governments. They must rely more on Revolving Loan Funds and innovative grants provided to counties and municipalities. Several communities in the Mohawk Valley have received funding to provide grants and loans for business and building improvement projects that are based on the creation of jobs by the grant/loan recipient.

*Estimated Cost: To be determined*

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**e. Schuyler Corners Revitalization Program**

The intersection of Route 5 and Newport Road (north) and Dyke Road (south) and the hamlet area surrounding this intersection is characterized by poor housing and commercial use conditions, questionable property maintenance, and a resulting blight. Community Needs and Business Surveys indicate strong support for a focused, coordinated improvement of the Schuyler Corners area.

A Schuyler Corners Revitalization Program should include housing rehabilitation, facade, and business and building improvement components.

**f. Route 5 Sidewalk and Streetscape Improvements**

The highway commercial nature of the Route 5 business corridor is not pedestrian friendly. Installing sidewalks, lighting, and landscaping was a project that received 30% support in Town-wide surveys.

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The Town's vision would be to develop sidewalks from the Utica city line to Schuyler Corners. This would establish Town identity.

One means by which an identity can be improved is to establish a unique, thematic streetscape/landscape design. This *Strategic Plan* proposes that such a design be developed and implemented incrementally over time. A Quality Communities grant could provide funds to complete basic streetscape designs and plans. The design could be coordinated with the Facade Improvement Project described above. Future improvements to Route 5 could also incorporate elements of the design scheme.

## 2. Housing and Community Development

### a. **Town-wide Housing Rehabilitation Program**

A 2007 housing condition survey indicated that almost 40 percent of the housing structures in the Town outside mobile home parks were substandard.

In 2007 110 households responding to a Town survey, 74 or 67 percent supported the implementation of a Town-wide Housing Rehabilitation Program. Distribution of a Preapplication/Survey indicated over 30 households wanted to participate in a program if it were available. Although this rate of interest is surprisingly low given the housing conditions in the Town, the number of different surveys distributed may have confused or discouraged respondents and potential participants. The *Strategic Plan* recommends that, in the future, the Town Newsletter be used to further explain the benefits of a Housing Rehabilitation Program and re-survey the Town. This effort should produce a far more positive response - more consistent with the physical need for such a program. Based on experience in neighboring communities, there is an untapped demand and need for a Housing Rehabilitation Program in the Town. ***Estimated Cost:***

### b. **To be Determined Code Enforcement**

Improved property maintenance and attention to health, safety, nuisance and blighting conditions are important to maintaining

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the Town's housing stock and quality of life over the long term. Active and effective code enforcement is critical to maintaining a safe and attractive housing and living environment in the Town.

Strong enforcement and continued strengthening of property maintenance codes should be considered in future years.

***Estimated Cost: Annual budget for Codes Enforcer***

**c. Demolition of Vacant, Dilapidated Structures**

The Community Needs survey, including the "Comments" section of the survey, indicated extraordinary support for the removal of vacant, blighting structures throughout the Town. This is normally a very difficult project for a community to undertake due to legal, site control and cost complications. The Restore NY Program; however, could provide funding for this activity provided simple permission is granted by the owner to demolish the building. A detailed inventory of dilapidated structures, including abandoned farm structures, would aid the preparation of an application for funding to address this need.

**d. Improvements to Lock 19 Erie Canal Park**

Facilities at Lock 19 are currently limited to picnic tables. This park, however, links the Town with the Erie Canal and will soon function as a Trail Head of the Canalway Trail. Needed improvements include signage related to facilities along Route 5, restroom facilities and rustic play equipment, and a gazebo/picnic pavilion. These facilities would enable Town residents to enjoy the beautiful setting of the Erie Canal and provide needed facilities for boaters and bikers.

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**e. *Improvements to Schuyler Town Park***

The Schuyler Town Park includes a large picnic pavilion, a series of ball fields, play apparatus, basketball court and volleyball court. Ball field conditions and picnic facilities are showing signs of wear and will need to be upgraded in the next few years.

**f. *Improvements to the Schuyler Community and Recreation Center***

The small recreation center and play apparatus are in good condition. The graveled parking area needs paving, and landscape improvements would upgrade the facility significantly.

**g. *Improvements to Valley Merchants Field***

This field is no longer used for organized youth baseball and has fallen into a state of disrepair. Backstop, fencing and field conditions should be upgraded if the field is to be returned to active use.

**h. *Road Improvements***

Road conditions in the Town of Schuyler are, in general, exceptionally good. A review of road conditions indicate that roads in most need of improvement (including Shortlots and Miller's Grove Roads) are County, not Town roads.

The Town currently evaluates road conditions on an annual basis, and improvements are made to conditions on the basis of annual priority. A long term plan of road improvements could assist in long range budget requirements.

***Estimated Cost: To be determined***

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**i. Water Main Extensions and Water Service Expansion**

The Town of Schuyler has prepared and approved plans to extend water service along Brown, Graham and Newport Roads (Water District #5). This project would also include installation of a pumping station and water tank, and would address problems associated with dry wells and a lack of potable drinking water in the area. A four-town permit that includes this project has been submitted to DEC.

Implementation of this project has been delayed due to litigation involving the Mohawk Valley Regional Water Board (MVWA), the NYS Canal Corporation, and Brascan Powers (a power company that draws water from the Hinckley Reservoir over MVWA's ability to draw additional water from Hinckley Reservoir at an affordable price.

This *Town of Schuyler Community Development Strategic Plan* supports the Brown, Graham and Newport Road water expansion project as well as future efforts to extend MVWA water service eastward along State Route 5 (Herkimer Road) beyond the Schuyler Business Park. This expansion will require the involvement of nearby municipalities that currently maintain their own water supply systems.

*Estimated Cost: To be determined*

**3. Agriculture**

**a. Farm Assistance Program**

The Farm/Agricultural Needs survey documented the need to provide loan and/or grant assistance to farm operators for equipment purchases and business needs, barn restoration and stream/erosion control improvements. Many of these same farmers also have housing rehabilitation needs.

The Town, in concert with NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets, should develop a multifaceted Farm Assistance Program that would innovatively combine grant programs that could address farm needs on a comprehensive basis.

A Small Cities grant could be utilized to provide both housing rehabilitation and business loan assistance, with Agricultural

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and Markets proving technical, and perhaps financial, assistance as part of a demonstration program.

*Estimated Cost: To be determined*

**b. Farmland Protection**

While economic development along the Route 5 business corridor has been identified as a high priority by residents and the business sector, Schuyler residents also feel strongly about protecting farmlands and the rural nature of the Town.

State funding through the NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets is available to communities to develop local agricultural and farmland protection plans. These plans can help identify lands to be protected; analyze the value of protected lands; describe threats to productive farmland and the consequences of farmland conversion; and develop strategies to promote and maintain the stability of the local agricultural industry. A *Herkimer County Agricultural Farmland Protection Plan* was completed in 2002, but a local plan that deals specifically with conditions in Schuyler is recommended.

The Farm/Agriculture Needs survey completed as part of this *Community Development Strategic Plan* has documented interest and the need for economic development assistance on the part of farmers, but methods and options with regard to farmland protection need to be identified. The preparation of a Town of Schuyler Farmland Protection Plan is a key step in preserving Schuyler's rural character.

**4. Other Projects**

**a. Gateway Improvements**

The Town of Schuyler has an identity problem based on input from businesses and residents. Improving the Route 5 gateways into the Town from Utica to the west and Herkimer to the east

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and, to a lesser degree, from Frankfort to the south and Newport to the north with attractively landscaped signage would help to address this identity problem. In concert with streetscape-type improvements, a supporting facade program and coordinated beautification efforts, Schuyler could begin to establish its own municipal identity that would help businesses, industries and the general population.

**b. Unified Zip Code**

Another problem that impacts Schuyler’s identity problem is the fact that the Town has multiple zip codes. Town officials and residents have worked for years to obtain a unified zip code to no avail, but having a single zip code is a significant community development need and “project”. At a minimum, Schuyler needs to eliminate the Utica/Oneida County zip code and replace that zip code with one that will identify the Schuyler household as a Herkimer County resident.

**C. Implementation Plan**

**1. Implementation Factors and Phases**

The Town of Schuyler has many options with respect to implementing the projects and initiatives of the *Community Development Strategic Plan*.

A primary focus needs to be placed on the five (5) priority projects identified by the Strategic Plan Committee as part of the plan development process. These projects include the following:

- Install a sanitary sewer line along Route 5 from the Town Office to the Schuyler Business Park;
- Improve Town identity;
- Develop and implement a Town-wide Housing Rehabilitation Program;
- Demolish vacant and dilapidated buildings; and
- Support agri-business

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Implementation should also consider and reflect the following:

- The opportunity to implement the project using State and/or Federal grants;
- The likelihood of receiving State or Federal funds for the project, activity or program; and
- The degree of interest or support for a project or program from potential participants.

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## 2. **Next Steps**

The Town of Schuyler has identified a series of highest and high priority projects as well as other projects and initiatives that will help the Town address economic development, housing and community development, agricultural and other needs.

Deciding what next steps to take is difficult as implementation opportunities are ever-changing. Nevertheless, the Town and its various boards should take important “first steps” over the next 12 months that will help identified projects become realities.

### 1. **Work closely with the Herkimer County Industrial Development Agency, Empire State Development and the Mohawk Valley Economic Development District in the pursuit of funding for sewer installation along Route 5.**

Federal EDA and USDA Rural Development are prime funding sources for this project, and the cooperation and support of the above entities is critical to the implementation of this project.

### 2. **Establish a dialogue with the NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets relative to a Farm Assistance Program and discuss this project concept with the NYS Office for Small Cities.**

This project can be an excellent Small Cities demonstration project that will meet the multiple needs of the Schuyler agricultural community.

### 3. **Pursue “Quality Communities” grant funds to develop a Comprehensive Route 5 Business Corridor Improvement Plan.**

Apply for funds to prepare a Comprehensive Route 5 corridor study that could identify development and redevelopment opportunities, and

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agriculture preservation needs, and prepare landscape/streetscape/beautification plans and detailed cost estimates.

This plan could focus on Schuyler Corners and provide “typical” designs and renderings that would show how Route 5 could be improved and what improvements would cost.

#### **D. Potential Funding Sources**

Most elements of the *Town of Schuyler Community Development Strategic Plan* require an investment of local funds, but several can utilize a variety of State and Federal Assistance programs. Key funding sources may be described as follows.

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## **1 Small Cities Community Development Block Grants**

This program provides grant funds to small communities (the Town of Schuyler is an eligible “Small City”) for housing, public improvement, and economic development projects that benefit low and moderate income persons. This is a Federal program that is administered by the NYS Office for Small Cities (OFSC).

Small Cities funds may also be used for economic development projects. Projects can be submitted to the OFSC for consideration. While the Herkimer County IDA is normally the sponsor of such projects, the Town is also eligible to act as a project sponsor if the County cannot do so. Communities are eligible to participate each year in Small Cities “Economic Development” funds. This funding source could be used for infrastructure at the Schuyler Business Park as well as direct assistance to industries.

## **2. Home Investment Partnerships Program**

This program also provides funds for housing programs. The “HOME Program” is administered by the NYS Division of Housing and Community Renewal (DHCR). Annual applications are due in February.

The HOME Program focuses on moderate-type rehabilitation and the needs of the very low income and certain “special needs” populations. This program does not allow substantial rehabilitation of extremely deteriorated structures, which differentiates it from the Small Cities program. Grants of varying amounts are available.

## **3. Legislative Member Items**

Local State representatives can provide funding for a variety of community improvement-type projects including, but not necessarily limited to, community centers, parks, fire protection, and public improvement projects. Schuyler has most recently received a member item grant for access improvements at the Schuyler Business Park.

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4. **Environmental Protection Fund (EPF)/Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)**

These programs are administered by the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP). Applications are generally due in the spring, and provide matching grant funds for park improvement and development projects.

5. **USDA Rural Development Programs**

The former Farmer's Home Administration provides Community Facilities Program grants for public buildings, Housing Preservation Grants for housing repair and rehabilitation, a variety of business assistance programs, and Water and Waste Disposal grants and loans. s ahead from OPRHP and/or the NYS Department of Transportation.

6. **Business Assistance Programs**

There are a variety of business assistance programs available to Town of Schuyler businesses. The Herkimer County IDA and Mohawk Valley Economic Development District (MVEDD) each have loan funds and the Empire State Development Corporation (ESD) also has funds available. Projects must create and/or retain jobs. These funds can be used in conjunction with Small Cities funds identified above. **Drinking**

7. **Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF)**

Limited low interest loan funds are available through the NYS Department of Health for water improvements, including transmission and distribution mains.

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**8. Restore NY \*\*\***

This program is offered by the Empire State Development Corporation and provides grants to communities to demolish vacant, dilapidated buildings and restore or rehabilitate buildings.

**9 Protection Planning Grants**

The NYS Department of Agriculture offers grants to complete Agricultural Protection and Agricultural Economic Development Planning. These grants can help towns evaluate codes and land use policies as they relate to farmland protection and agribusiness needs.

Funds can be used to develop GIS maps, evaluate farmlands and soils, and detail specific measures needed to protect priority farming areas.

**10. New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA)**

NYSCA provides small architecture, planning and design grants to municipalities and not-for-profit organizations to prepare plans and designs for public projects. This funding source could finance a Route 5 Business Corridor design plan or typical facade improvements.

**11. Transportation Enhancements Program**

This Federal program is administered by the New York State Department of Transportation and provides funds for transportation projects of cultural, aesthetic, historic and environmental significance. This funding source could provide grants for landscape and scenic beautification along Route 5.

# Appendices

**Appendix A - Summary of Strategic Plan  
Development Process**

**Appendix B - Community Development Strategic  
Plan Survey Results**

**Appendix C - Census Data**

**Appendix D - Herkimer County Farmland Protection  
Plan**

# Appendix A

## Summary of Strategic Plan Development Process

The Schuyler Town Board, and the Town Planning Board initiated joint discussions on community needs and potential grants in May 2018. These initial discussions involved community meetings and a town-wide survey.

Representatives from the Town Board included the following:

- Anthony Lucenti, Supervisor
- Joe Juliano, Councilman
- Rodney Dodge, Councilman
- Bette Szesny, Councilwoman
- Eric Kane, Councilman

Schuyler Planning Board members selected to serve on the Strategic Plan Committee included:

- Victor Constanza
- Michael Ritter
- Donna Salamone
- James DiGristina
- Jeannie Finster
- Dave Fusillo
- Daniel Tripoli
- Dale Dodge (alternate)

**Three separate surveys were prepared as follows:**

- **Community Needs and Priorities Survey**
- **Business “Needs” Survey**
- **Farm/Agricultural Needs Survey**

**Farm, Business and Needs Surveys were published in the Town Newsletter**

**The Strategic Plan Committee met subsequently in September to discuss survey results, identify priority projects, and develop a Community Vision. The results of all of the surveys were published in the October Newsletter.**

**All surveys and results are included in Appendix B of this Community Development Strategic Plan, Minutes and Summaries of committee meetings are attached.**



# Planning Board ★★★★★★★★★★

Chairwoman Donna Salamone called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM in the Board Room at the Schuyler Town Office, 2090 State Route 5, Utica, NY 13502. Other Planning Board members present were Vice Chair David Fusillo, Victor Costanza, Michael Ritter, Jean Finster, Daniel Tripoli, and Alternate Member Dale Dodge, who was seated. Absent was James Digristina. Mr. Fusillo was excused and left the meeting due to an emergency.

Other Town officials present were Supervisor Anthony J. Lucenti, Town Councilman Eric Kane, ZBA Member JoAnn Mammone, and Jeffrey Dingman, Administrative Assistant to the Supervisor, and Bette Szesny, who serves as Recording Secretary. Absent was Codes Officer Philip Green.

Also present were Town resident / Board of Assessment Review member Deborah Windecker, and Oneida County Planning - Mapping Dept. representative Jeff Quackenbush.

Mr. Lucenti introduced the Board to his newly appointed Administrative Assistant, Jeffrey Dingman, adding that he will be available to assist the Planning Board with any detail work, if needed.

### MINUTES: MARCH 7, 2018 REGULAR MEETING

Motion by Jean Finster, seconded by Victor Costanza to approve the minutes of the March 7, 2017 Meeting as presented; all in favor. Motion carried.

### TOWN MASTER PLAN & ZONING MAP UPDATES

The Planning Board members have been provided with copies of three (3) Herkimer County municipalities' recently developed master plans to serve as guidelines.

It was noted the Town's current Master Plan was developed in 1965, and since that time there have been many changes in the Town, with new residential neighborhoods, recreation amenities, cellular (communication) towers, power lines, creation of the Industrial Park, and some business development along Route 5, where municipal infrastructure such as public water and a limited line of public sewer are available.

Supervisor Lucenti introduced Mrs. Windecker and Mr. Quackenbush, whom he had invited to the meeting to provide information on updating the Town's Master Plan and Zoning Map.

Mr. Quackenbush spoke on ways the Planning Board might proceed in updating the Town's Zoning Map. He explained the services offered by the County Planning Mapping Dept., which can assist local municipalities in the development of an up-to-date zoning map that can be easily accessed electronically (on-line), as well as in hard copy format (such as for display at the Town Office). Mr. Quackenbush presented a copy of the Town's current zoning map he had prepared at his office, which he pointed out has some faults with regards to placement of zoning borders. He said a new map will provide accurate information for a number of uses, not only for Town officials, but for the public, as well, in accurately identifying a specific area with regards to zoning. It was pointed out that this is an essential tool for attracting new businesses to the Town. He stated the County Planning Dept. is available to assist the Planning Board in any degree in the development of their new zoning map, and they can easily provide the necessary updates whenever the need arises. Mr. Quackenbush invited the Board members to visit the Mapping Dept. to obtain a first-hand look at their mapping equipment and capabilities.

Mrs. Windecker, a professional Real Estate Appraiser, spoke on how the Planning Board might best proceed with its efforts to update the Town's Master Plan. She said a Master Plan should reflect the municipality's vision for the future, with a focus on what needs to be accomplished in order to reach its identified goals. As a Schuyler resident, she said she is interested in seeing the Town moving forward, and an up-to-date Master Plan is an essential tool in this process.

The Planning Board thanked Mrs. Windecker and Mr. Quackenbush for their presentations, also indicating to Mr. Quackenbush they will be discussing how the Board can best proceed with the zoning map update.

The Planning Board will resume its discussions on updating the Master Plan and Zoning Map at the next Regular Meeting.

### PROPOSED MASS GATHERING LAW

Copies of the final draft of the Mass Gathering Law were provided to all members. It was noted that all revisions have been incorporated into this copy. Chairwoman Donna Salamone asked the Board's pleasure, as to whether more revisions were required. No changes were recommended. It was therefore agreed the final draft included all the necessary revisions.

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# Planning Board ★★★★★★★★★★

Chairwoman Donna Salamone called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM in the Board Room at the Schuyler Town Office, 2090 State Route 5, Utica, NY 13502.

Other Planning Board members present were Vice Chair David Fusillo, James Digrissima, Jean Finster, Daniel Tripoli, and Alternate Member Dale Dodge, who was seated. Absent were Victor Costanza and Michael Ritter.

Other Town officials present were Supervisor Anthony J. Lucenti, Administrative Assistant to the Supervisor Jeff Dingman, Codes Officer Philip Green and Bette Szesny who serves as recording secretary.

Also present was Town resident Richard Finster.

### MINUTES

Motion by David Fusillo, seconded by Jean Finster to approve the minutes of the May, 2018 meeting as presented; all in favor. Motion carried.

### DISCUSSION: ZONING MAP UPDATE

Codes Officer Philip Green stated the new owner of Mohawk Valley GIS hasn't started work on the Little Falls project, so he is not able to provide any input on this company; however, he stated the previous owner had completed a good part of the mapping; therefore it could easily be updated rather than starting with a new company. The Planning Board will therefore hold up on retaining the services of any concern, pending receipt of further input from Mr. Green.

### TOWN MASTER PLAN UPDATE

Supervisor Anthony J. Lucenti reported he came across a copy of the Town's Comprehensive Plan that was completed in 2007 by the late Dave Carlson, a grant writer whose services were retained by the Town Board to assist with the Farm Grant. He then conferred with Kristin Campbell, HOCPP (County Planning), who advised this study can most likely serve as the Town's new master plan, with just a few updates. This process will require the SEQR process, with the Planning Board serving as Lead Agency. However, most involved agencies will merely include other Town Departments, streamlining the process to a minimum. The updated master plan will also need to be referred to HOCPP for their recommendation.

Ms. Salamone stated in light of this new information, there will be no need to form subcommittees among the Planning Board members.

### ANIMAL CONTROL LAW

Supervisor Lucenti presented an updated version of the Town's current "Animal Control Law," which has served as the Town's "Leash Law" since 1992. This update was prepared by the Town's attorney. The new version addresses control of additional animal species such as farm animals and the like. A discussion ensued among the Planning Board members, Mr. Green and Supervisor Lucenti, and it was ultimately decided to not combine the leash law with a law that controls wandering farm animals infringing on neighbors' properties. The current leash law will remain intact; a separate law will be underwritten to address control of other animal species, with violations to be handled by the codes officer, and specific fines set for first and repeated violations. Supervisor Lucenti will refer the

proposed law back to the Town's attorney and request the aforementioned changes to be undertaken. The Planning Board will resume discussion and action on this matter at the August meeting.

### GRANT WRITER / GRANT FUNDING

Supervisor Lucenti reported the Town Board has engaged the services of grant writer Jeremy Silverman, GEMS, to assist in obtaining grant funding for required maintenance to the Town's sewer system. As well, the services of G&G Consultants has been engaged to undertake an Income Survey of the residents in the Sewer District, which will be submitted to funding agencies in the hope of obtaining a grant that will offset or possibly eliminate costs of the required maintenance and/or repairs to be borne by the residents of the Town's Sewer District. If the median income level of residents in the Sewer District falls below \$45,000/year, there is a good chance funding will be granted. This survey will be undertaken in July, and will be completed by the end of that month.

Supervisor Lucenti also stated the Community Foundation is another possible source for grant funding for this and other projects undertaken by the Town of Schuyler.

### CANAL BIKE TRAIL

Supervisor Lucenti reported he attended a recent meeting held at the N. Utica Senior Citizens Center, and provided the Planning Board with a report on the Canal Corp's plans for development of the new portion of the trail that will go through Schuyler at Dyke Road, connecting the trail from Utica to Frankfort and on to Ilion.

### PROPOSED SOLAR FARM

Supervisor Lucenti reported an application is anticipated to be submitted in 2019 for a 300 acre solar farm, 150 acres to be sited in the eastern section of Town that will extend another 150 acres into the Town of Herkimer. The project will be overseen by NYSERDA.

### UPCOMING PRESENTATION BY RENEWABLE ENERGY FIRM

Supervisor Lucenti reported the Town Board will receive a presentation by Mike Beckner of Sun-East Development at their June 13th meeting. Mr. Beckner will be proposing a grant opportunity for the Town of Schuyler involving installation of a hybrid auto recharging station for an in-kind contribution of \$4,000, which, as an example, could involve construction of a small patch of pavement for the charging station. A discussion ensued with regard to the need for this commodity in an area where few people would likely be stopping to use the facility. It was noted most long-distance travelers passing through Schuyler do not travel in hybrid vehicles. Mr. Dingman stated he owns a cross-over vehicle (gas and renewable energy dependent), and he, like many others, utilizes the charging station at the Price Chopper Plaza in North Utica, whenever it becomes necessary to recharge his vehicle.

### ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business to come before the Planning Board; therefore, the meeting was adjourned at 6:52 PM on a motion by James Digrissima and seconded by Daniel Tripoli.

There will be no July meeting due to the Independence Day holiday.

Next meeting will be held on August 1st.

—Bette Szesny, Recording Secretary



## Planning Board ★★★★★★★

Chairwoman Donna Salamone called the meeting to order at 6:17 PM in the Board Room at the Schuyler Town Office, 2090 State Route 5, Utica, NY 13502.

Other Planning Board members present were Vice Chair David Fusillo, James Digristina, Jean Finster, Daniel Tripoli, Michael Ritter and Alternate Member Dale Dodge.

Absent was Victor Costanza.

Other Town officials present were Codes Officer Philip Green, and Bette Szesny, who serves as Recording Secretary. Supervisor Anthony J. Lucenti and Administrative Assistant to the Supervisor

Jeff Dingman joined the meeting later on.

Also present was Town resident Richard Finster.

Ms. Salamone led the Board and assembled persons in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

### MINUTES

Motion by David Fusillo, seconded by James Digristina to approve the minutes of the August 1, 2018 meeting, as presented; all in favor. Motion carried.

### MASTER PLAN UPDATE: REVIEW OF SURVEYS

A report reflecting residents' responses was reviewed by the Planning Board. Approximately 140 surveys were returned, including the 10 additional surveys that were received earlier this day; as well resident Brian Olds dropped off his survey just as the Board began their discussion.

Supervisor Lucenti stated there were 110 responses to our survey; currently there are 140 responses. Mr. Ritter stated a return number of only 140 surveys is very low, and suggested the survey should be repeated in a future edition of the Newsletter, with an announcement beforehand to alert residents to watch for it. Ms. Salamone suggested only the first top rated items be included. It was also noted that enactment of some of the suggestions are not within the power of the Town Board. Supervisor Lucenti stated

### ZONING MAP UPDATE

Supervisor Lucenti presented the updated "overlay" of the Town's zoning map, which was reconfigured by Jeff Quackenbush (County Planning Mapping Dept.). It was noted one change needs to be incorporated, concerning a small parcel near the Schuyler Industrial Park in East Schuyler that should be placed in the P-D (Planned Development) Zone, instead of C-H (Commercial Highway).

Upon further discussion between the Planning Board members and Supervisor Lucenti, it was learned this section also requires a zoning change from C-H to P-D.

Motion by James Digristina, second by Dan Tripoli, to make recommendation to the Town Board for consideration of the aforementioned zoning change, to be addressed at the upcoming 9/12/18 Town Board meeting; all in favor, as polled by voice vote. Motion carried. It was also noted that in accordance with Town Law, prerequisite for all zoning changes require a Public Hearing.

### ANNUAL TRAINING SEMINAR

Ms. Salamone called the Board's attention to the flyer included in their packets relating to the upcoming annual regional training seminar to be held on October 3rd from 6:00 to 10:00 PM, featuring Robert Freeman, CEO, NYS Committee on Open Government for Part 1, and "Renewable Energy Systems" presented by Taylor Kimbrell, Apex Solar for Part 2.

### SOLAR FARM PRESENTATION — PROPOSED SOLAR FARM IN SCHUYLER & HERKIMER

Supervisor Lucenti reported he has been contacted by NYSERDA, regarding a proposed 300- acre solar farm, 150 of which will be located on Watkins Rd., Schuyler, with the remaining adjacent 150 acres to be located in the Town of

**Appendix B**  
**Community Development Strategic Plan Survey**  
**Results**

**Town of Schuyler**  
**Community Development Strategic Plan**  
**September 4, 2018**  
**Surveys Returned**

<b>Community Needs and Priorities Survey</b>	-	<b>151</b>
<b>Business “Needs” Survey</b>	-	<b>18</b>
<b>Farm/Agricultural Needs</b>	-	<b>6</b>

# Community Needs and Priorities Surveys

## Needs and Issues

1. Most of Schuyler is still rural or semi-rural living. I love it that way and don't want it to become suburban in nature.
2. Town Park on Bowie Road is a great family location
3. Need more streetlights
4. Route 5 property needs to be cleaned up
5. Need a community event board/sign
6. Very important to keep our town identity and Court and get a town zip code for tax purposes
7. Fire hydrants needed on Millers Grove Road
8. Garbage/trash collection
9. Sewer expansion
10. Extend the Canal trail
11. Clear creeks of debris yearly to help prevent flooding
12. Put municipal water on the East side of Schuyler
13. Keep the community rural
14. Ditches on Windfall Road are not draining properly and need to be cleaned out
15. There is no traditional town center that could be walked to or even driven to comfortably. There are no side streets to connect to a backstreet and again to a side street back to main street
16. Sitting areas along the Canal
17. Let Lazzaro's clean their own mess, the property is small. Too much of a price to pay out of the Town budget just to erect a welcome to Schuyler sign.
18. Most town roads need attention
19. Town Board need to look for ways to save money and not look for more ways to spend money
20. To have a green waste pick-up schedule for early fall to come around say once a week
21. We should have own zip code – I can't believe the individuals should report sales tax spend in Oneida County. Bono has the ability to solve this.
22. Codes enforcement (property)
23. Improve Town reputation
24. Lighting at intersections
25. Schuyler Post Office vital
26. Incorporate mobile home ownership/town codes, regardless of part of individual lots
27. Town-wide garbage pick-up
28. Curbside waste pick-up at least twice a year as in all neighboring towns
29. We live in a town because we want to; if we wanted to live in the city we would move there

# Community Needs and Priorities Surveys

## Needs and Issues Cont'd.

30. Spend more money on East Schuyler improvements
31. Lower taxes
32. In order for Schuyler to have an identity, it's in need of a 'look'. A restructuring and beautification project – something like what Marcy did on River Street could do that. Now Schuyler's Route 5 'Downtown' lacks consistency or esthetic coherence. Schuyler could be the next place to grow in our area but it has to have some eye appeal to it.
33. Lower taxes
34. Demolish vacant and dilapidated buildings and bill the owners
35. I love Schuyler just the way it is – Small Town USA
36. Some roads could be widened
37. They are doing a good job with Town roads
38. Do something about unmowed property (access) next to well kept property
39. Make property owners clean up their property – enforce it
40. Strictly enforce codes especially for dilapidated properties. If people won't comply I feel it would be worth taxpayer dollars to have the Town clean it up and charge back property owner.
41. Extend bike path. Install bathrooms at lock.
42. Lower taxes
43. Public water throughout town
44. Clean up town
45. Unkept/plow roads of outlying areas better
46. Clean pipes by the main roads for water to run freely

# Farm/Agricultural Needs Survey

## Other/Comments

1. Water purification system
2. Keep taxes down – reassessment hurts farmers
3. Utilize the best land for farming and not development
4. Cattle underpass for access to pasture

# Schuyler Needs and Priorities Survey

	Ratings	
	High-Medium	Low-None
<b>Strong Support</b>		
Water and sewer along Route 5	57 (44)	30 (20)
Business loans and grants	54 (40)	36 (21)
Demolish vacant, dilapidated buildings	76 (33)	27 (15)
Unify Town zip code	51 (36)	38 (26)
Improve Town roads	55 (43)	24 (29)
Support farms/agriculture	77 (36)	27 (11)
Address Lazzaro gas station	55 (36)	32 (28)
Improve Town identity	60 (49)	23 (19)
<b>Moderate Support</b>		
Install sidewalks	49 (27)	50 (25)
Schuyler Recreation Center	45 (50)	35 (21)
Street lights	33 (55)	41 (22)
Canal Lock 19 Park	30 (44)	60 (17)
Expand community/cultural events	38 (62)	35 (16)
<b>Low Support</b>		
Install banners/community events board	25 (44)	55 (27)
Improve Town Park	29 (78)	32 (12)
Improve Merchants Field	25 (50)	55 (21)

( ) = Number of "High" Rating Scores

Project/Need	Priority Rating			
	High	Medium	Low	None
<b>Infrastructure</b>				
Expand/improve facilities at:				
• Canal Lock 19 Park	30	44	60	17
• Town Park	29	78	32	12
• Schuyler Recreation Center	45	56	35	15
• Merchants Field (Little League Field)	25	50	55	21
Improve Town owned roads	55	43	24	29
Address brownfield issue at former Lazaro gas station property	55	36	32	28
<b>Other Needs</b>				
Improve Town identity	60	49	23	19
Unify Town zip code	51	36	38	26
Expand community/cultural events	38	62	35	16
Recognize historic features	39	69	33	9
Support local farms/agriculture	77	36	27	10

## Town of Schuyler Business Improvement Project

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Project/Need	Priority Rating			
	High	Medium	Low	None
♦ Install water and sewer lines along Route 5 to further economic growth (Town Office to Business Park)	10	5	2	1
♦ Provide loan and/or grant assistance to businesses that create and/or retain jobs	9	8	1	0
♦ Develop a “Facade Assistance Program” to upgrade building conditions	3	7	8	0
♦ Install sidewalks along Route 5 between Utica City line and Schuyler Corners	6	2	9	1
♦ Enhance street lighting in Business District	3	8	6	1
♦ Install banners/ Community Events board at Schuyler Corners	3	5	9	1
♦ Landscape treatments in Business District	2	7	8	1
Other/Comments:				

# Town of Schuyler

## Farm/Agricultural Needs Survey

The Town of Schuyler is preparing a Community Development Strategic Plan. A general needs survey has been distributed in the Town Newsletter and a separate Business and building Improvement Project survey is being sent to Town businesses. The Town and the Strategic Plan Committee understand farms and agriculture are an important part of the Town and we need to understand needs and identify projects that can help the agricultural community.

Please give us your opinion by completing and returning this survey. In the far right column, please rank needed projects 1-7. Thank you.

Project/Need	Priority Rating			
	High	Medium	Low	Rank
♦ Provide loan and/or grant assistance to farm operations for equipment purchase and business needs	4	1	1	1
♦ Barn restoration	2	3	1	2
♦ Silo replacement/construction	1	1	4	7
♦ Pond construction	1	2	3	5
♦ Stream improvements/erosion control	1	2	3	4
♦ Driveway/access improvement	1	3	2	3
♦ Signage	1	1	4	6
♦ Other:				
♦				

**Please indicate whether you are an “Operating” (14) or “Non-Operating” (7) Farm.**  
An “Operating” Farm is one that has a gross income of at least \$10,000.

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**Survey Forms**  
**from**  
**Schuyler Town Newsletter**



## *Town of Schuyler*

### *Community Development Strategic Plan*

### *Community Needs & Priorities Surveys*

The Town of Schuyler is initiating the preparation of a Community Development Strategic Plan that would identify priority projects related to economic development, housing, recreation and infrastructure.

The Strategic Plan Committee has developed a preliminary list of issues, needs and potential projects. Please give your opinion as to the priority each need should receive and add any needs or projects you would like considered as part of the Strategic Plan.

PROJECT / NEED	PRIORITY RATING			
	High	Medium	Low	None
<b>Economic / Business Development</b>				
◆ Install water and sewer lines along Route 5 to further economic growth (Town Office to Business Park)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
◆ Provide loan and/or grant assistance to businesses that create and/or retain jobs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
◆ Develop a "Facade Assistance Program" to upgrade building conditions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
◆ Install sidewalks along Route 5 between Utica City line and Schuyler Corners	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
◆ Enhance street lighting in Business District	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
◆ Install banners / Community Events board at Schuyler Corners	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
◆ Landscape treatments in Business District	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Housing / Building Conditions</b>				
◆ Develop a "Housing Rehabilitation Program" to assist income eligible residents with home repairs on a Town-wide basis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
◆ If a "Housing Rehabilitation Program" were available and you met eligibility guidelines, what level of interest would you have in participating? <i>(If level of interest is "High" or "Medium," complete the following Preapplication/Survey)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
◆ Demolish vacant, dilapidated buildings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



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PROJECT / NEED	PRIORITY RATING			
	High	Medium	Low	None
<b>Infrastructure</b>				
◆ Expand / improve facilities at:				
➤ Canal Lock 19 Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
➤ Town Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
➤ Schuyler Recreation Center	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
➤ Merchants Field (Little League Field)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
◆ Improve Town-owned roads (Specify):	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
➤				
➤				
➤				
◆ Address Brownsfield issue at former Lazzaro Gas Station Property	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Other Needs</b>				
◆ Improve Town identity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
◆ Unify Town Zip Code	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
◆ Expand community / cultural events	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
◆ Recognize historic features	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
◆ Support local farms / agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Add Your Needs / Issues Here</b>				
◆	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
◆	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
◆	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
◆	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Additional Comments</b>				

**PLEASE RETURN THIS SURVEY IN THE ATTACHED ENVELOPE.**



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PROJECT / NEED	PRIORITY RATING			
	High	Medium	Low	None
◆ Install water and sewer lines along Route 5 to further economic growth (Town Office to Business Park)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
◆ Provide loan and/or grant assistance to businesses that create and/or retain jobs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
◆ Develop a "Facade Assistance Program" to upgrade building conditions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
◆ Install sidewalks along Route 5 between Utica City line and Schuyler Corners	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
◆ Enhance street lighting in Business District	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
◆ Install banners/ Community Events board at Schuyler Corners	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
◆ Landscape treatments in Business District	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other / Comments:				

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## *Town of Schuyler*

# *Farm / Agricultural Needs Survey*

The Town of Schuyler is preparing a Community Development Strategic Plan. The Town and the Strategic Planning Committee understand farms and agriculture are an important part of the Town, and we need to understand the needs and identify projects that can help the agricultural community.

Please give us your opinion by completing and returning this survey. In the far right column, please rank needed projects #1 to #7 (#1 = most important — #7 = least important).

Thank you!

PROJECT / NEED	PRIORITY RATING			
	High	Medium	Low	Rank (1 - 7)
◆ Provide loan and/or grant assistance to farm operations for equipment purchase and business needs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	# _____
◆ Barn restoration	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	# _____
◆ Silo replacement/construction	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	# _____
◆ Pond construction	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	# _____
◆ Stream improvements/erosion control	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	# _____
◆ Driveway/access improvement	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	# _____
◆ Signage	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	# _____
◆ Other:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	# _____
◆	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	# _____

Please indicate whether you are an "Operating" or Non-Operating Farm:     Operating     Non-Operating  
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# Important!

Please complete this Pre-Application if you are interested in participating in a Housing Rehabilitation Program that would provide grants for home improvements. This Pre-Application is optional and confidential.

## Pre-Application / Survey Town of Schuyler Housing Rehabilitation Program

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Work) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

I want to participate in the proposed grant program if I meet income eligibility and other program requirements.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Number of persons in Your Household: \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Age of Head of Household: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Current Annual Income (check the income category that corresponds to the number of persons in your household):

Persons	Under	Between	Between	Over
1	\$ 11,050 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$ 11,051 and \$ 18,400 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$ 18,401 and \$ 29,450 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$ 29,450 <input type="checkbox"/>
2	\$ 12,650 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$ 12,651 and \$ 21,050 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$ 21,051 and \$ 33,700 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$ 33,700 <input type="checkbox"/>
3	\$ 14,200 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$ 14,201 and \$ 23,650 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$ 23,651 and \$ 37,900 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$ 37,900 <input type="checkbox"/>
4	\$ 15,800 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$ 15,801 and \$ 26,300 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$ 26,301 and \$ 42,100 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$ 42,100 <input type="checkbox"/>
5	\$ 17,050 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$ 17,051 and \$ 28,400 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$ 38,401 and \$ 45,450 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$ 45,450 <input type="checkbox"/>
6	\$ 18,350 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$ 18,351 and \$ 30,500 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$ 30,501 and \$ 48,850 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$ 48,850 <input type="checkbox"/>

4. The most critical improvement needs to my house are (check all applicable):

- Electric:                       Heating:                       Insulation:                       Chimney:
- Plumbing:                       Septic:                       Foundation:                       Doors:
- Roof:                       Windows:                       Exterior:                       Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- Lead Paint:                       Water:                       Smoke Det.: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Mobile Home:  Yes                       No

6. Household Characteristics:                       Handicapped                       Female Headed  
(check if applicable)                       Single Parent                       Fixed Income

Please return this Pre-Application in the envelope provided.  
The Pre-Application will be reviewed by the Town's Consultants, NOT by Town Officials.  
Thank you from Supervisor Ken Dodge and Members of the Schuyler Town Board.

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# **Appendix C.**

## **Census Data**

# Schuyler, New York

*There is also a Schuyler County, New York.*

**Schuyler** is a town in Herkimer County, New York, United States. The population was 3,420 at the 2010 census.<sup>[3]</sup> The town is in the western part of Herkimer County and is east of Utica.

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## History

The area was first settled around 1765. The town of Schuyler was formed in 1792 from part of the town of Herkimer. In 1797, part of Schuyler was taken to form the newer town of Trenton. Schuyler was further reduced in 1798 to form the town of Deerfield (Oneida County) and in 1806 to form the town of Newport.

## Geography

According to the United States Census Bureau, the town of Schuyler has a total area of 40.2 square miles (104.2 km²), of which 39.9 square miles (103.3 km²) are land and 0.3 square miles (0.9 km²), or 0.89%, are water.<sup>[3]</sup>

### Schuyler, New York

Town



Location of Schuyler in Herkimer County



- Show map of New York
- Show map of the US
- Show all

Coordinates: 43°5′46″N 75°5′53″W﻿ / ﻿43.92944°N 75.09806°W﻿ / 43.92944; -75.09806

<b>Country</b>	United States
<b>State</b>	New York
<b>County</b>	Herkimer
<b>Government</b>	
• <b>Type</b>	Town Council
• <b>Town Supervisor</b>	Kenneth M. Dodge (R)
• <b>Town Council</b>	<b>Members' List</b>

The west town line is the border of Oneida County, and the south town line is marked by the Mohawk River.

The New York State Thruway (Interstate 90) and the Erie Canal pass across the south part of the town, and the Schuyler Travel Plaza is on the westbound side of the Thruway within the town.

## Demographics

As of the census<sup>[5]</sup> of 2000, there were 3,385 people, 1,418 households, and 937 families residing in the town. The population density was 85.0 people per square mile (32.8/km<sup>2</sup>). There were 1,541 housing units at an average density of 38.7 per square mile (14.9/km<sup>2</sup>). The racial makeup of the town was 97.96% White, 0.50% African American, 0.03% Native American, 0.44% Asian, 0.06% Pacific Islander, 0.15% from other races, and 0.86% from two or more races. Hispanic or Latino of any race were 0.62% of the population.

There were 1,418 households out of which 28.9% had children under the age of 18 living with them, 50.9% were married couples living together, 10.9% had a female householder with no husband present, and 33.9% were non-families. 28.4% of all households were made up of individuals and 12.4% had someone living alone who was 65 years of age or older. The average household size was 2.38 and the average family size was 2.93.

In the town, the population was spread out with 23.8% under the age of 18, 6.5% from 18 to 24, 28.9% from 25 to 44, 25.3% from 45 to 64, and 15.5% who were 65 years of age or older. The median age was 40 years. For every 100 females, there were 95.3 males. For every 100 females age 18 and over, there were 90.9 males.

<b>Area</b> <sup>[1]</sup>	
• <b>Total</b>	40.23 sq mi (104.20 km <sup>2</sup> )
• <b>Land</b>	39.87 sq mi (103.27 km <sup>2</sup> )
• <b>Water</b>	0.36 sq mi (0.93 km <sup>2</sup> )
<b>Elevation</b>	669 ft (204 m)
<b>Population</b> (2010)	
• <b>Total</b>	3,420
• <b>Estimate</b> (2016) <sup>[2]</sup>	3,352
• <b>Density</b>	84.06/sq mi (32.46/km <sup>2</sup> )
<b>Time zone</b>	UTC-5 (Eastern (EST))
• <b>Summer (DST)</b>	UTC-4 (EDT)
<b>ZIP codes</b>	13340, 13350, 13416, 13431, 13502
<b>Area code(s)</b>	315
<b>FIPS code</b>	36-043-65695
<b>GNIS feature ID</b>	0979473
<b>Website</b>	townofschuyler.com ( <a href="http://townofschuyler.com">http://townofschuyler.com</a> )

## Historical population

Census	Pop.	%±
<b>1820</b>	1,837	—
<b>1830</b>	2,074	12.9%
<b>1840</b>	1,798	−13.3%
<b>1850</b>	1,696	−5.7%
<b>1860</b>	1,715	1.1%
<b>1870</b>	1,558	−9.2%
<b>1880</b>	1,452	−6.8%
<b>1890</b>	1,259	−13.3%
<b>1900</b>	1,365	8.4%
<b>1910</b>	1,227	−10.1%
<b>1920</b>	1,007	−17.9%
<b>1930</b>	1,146	13.8%
<b>1940</b>	1,176	2.6%
<b>1950</b>	1,169	−0.6%
<b>1960</b>	1,893	61.9%
<b>1970</b>	2,808	48.3%
<b>1980</b>	2,886	2.8%
<b>1990</b>	3,508	21.6%
<b>2000</b>	3,385	−3.5%

The median income for a household in the town was \$35,375, and the median income for a family was \$42,500. Males had a median income of \$30,078 versus \$22,407 for females. The per capita income for the town was \$18,205. About 6.4% of families and 9.4% of the population were below the poverty line, including 14.8% of those under age 18 and 9.1% of those age 65 or over.

<b>2010</b>	3,420	1.0%
<b>Est. 2016</b>	3,352 <sup>[2]</sup>	−2.0%
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U.S. Decennial Census <sup>[4]</sup>		

## Communities and locations in Schuyler, New York

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- **Baker Corners** – A hamlet north of West Schuyler
- **Carey Corners** – A location in the northeast corner of the town
- **East Schuyler** – A hamlet in the southeast part of the town
- **Johnson Corners** – A location northwest of East Schuyler
- **Minott Corners** – A location near the east town line, north of Johnson Corners
- **Sheaf Corners** – A location northwest of Johnson Corners
- **West Schuyler** – A hamlet on Route 5 in the southwest corner of the town
- **Windfall** – A location northeast of Baker Corners

## References

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1. "2016 U.S. Gazetteer Files" ([https://www2.census.gov/geo/docs/maps-data/data/gazetteer/2016\\_Gazetteer/2016\\_gaz\\_place\\_36.txt](https://www2.census.gov/geo/docs/maps-data/data/gazetteer/2016_Gazetteer/2016_gaz_place_36.txt)). United States Census Bureau. Retrieved Jul 5, 2017.
2. "Population and Housing Unit Estimates" (<https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/popest/data/tables.2016.html>). Retrieved June 9, 2017.
3. "Geographic Identifiers: 2010 Census Summary File 1 (G001): Schuyler town, Herkimer County, New York" ([https://factfinder.census.gov/bkmk/table/1.0/en/DEC/10\\_SF1/G001/0600000US3604365695](https://factfinder.census.gov/bkmk/table/1.0/en/DEC/10_SF1/G001/0600000US3604365695)). *American Factfinder*. U.S. Census Bureau. Retrieved November 30, 2017.
4. "Census of Population and Housing" (<https://www.census.gov/prod/www/decennial.html>). Census.gov. Retrieved June 4, 2015.
5. "American FactFinder" (<http://factfinder2.census.gov>). United States Census Bureau. Retrieved 2008-01-31.

## External links

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- Town of Schuyler official website (<http://www.townofschuyler.com>)
  - Early history of Schuyler, NY (<http://www.rootsweb.com/~nyherkim/schuyler.html>)
  - Early history (1869) of Schuyler, NY (<http://history.rays-place.com/ny/herk-schuyler.htm>)
  - Herkimer County Historical Society (<https://herkimercountyhistory.org/>)
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GEOGRAPHIC IDENTIFIERS

2010 Census Summary File 1

NOTE: For information on confidentiality protection, nonsampling error, and definitions, see <http://www.census.gov/prod/cen2010/doc/sf1.pdf>.

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State/US-Abbreviation (USPS)	US	US
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Geographic Component	00	00
Characteristic Iteration	000	000
Characteristic Iteration File Sequence Number		
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<b>GEOGRAPHIC AREA CODES</b>		
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Division	2	2
State (FIPS)	36	36
County	043	043
FIPS County Class Code	H1	H1
County Size Code	17	17
County Subdivision (FIPS)	34132	65695
FIPS County Subdivision Class Code	T1	T1
County Subdivision Size Code	14	12
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Place Size Code		
Census Tract		
Block Group		
Block		
Internal Use Code		
Consolidated City (FIPS)		
FIPS Consolidated City Class Code		
Consolidated City Size Code		
American Indian Area/Alaska Native Area/Hawaiian Home Land (Census)		
American Indian Area/Alaska Native Area/Hawaiian Home Land (FIPS)		
FIPS American Indian Area/Alaska Native Area/Hawaiian Home Land Class Code		
American Indian Trust Land/Hawaiian Home Land Indicator		
American Indian Tribal Subdivision (Census)		
American Indian Tribal Subdivision (FIPS)		
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Tribal Census Tract		
Tribal Block Group		
Alaska Native Regional Corporation (FIPS)		

	Herkimer town, Herkimer County, New York	Schuyler town, Herkimer County, New York
FIPS Alaska Native Regional Corporation Class Code		
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Metropolitan Statistical Area/Micropolitan Statistical Area Size Code	19	19
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Combined Statistical Area	999	999
New England City and Town Area	99999	99999
New England City and Town Area Size Code	00	00
New England City and Town Area Division	99999	99999
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New England City and Town Area Principal City Indicator		
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Urban Area Size Code		
Urban Area Type		
Urban/Rural		
Congressional District (111th)		
State Legislative District (Upper Chamber) (Year 1)		
State Legislative District (Lower Chamber) (Year 1)		
Voting District		
Voting District Indicator		
Reserved		
ZIP Code Tabulation Area (5 digit)		
Subminor Civil Division (FIPS)		
FIPS Subminor Civil Division Class Code		
School District (Elementary)		
School District (Secondary)		
School District (Unified)		
AREA CHARACTERISTICS		
Area (Land)	82003396	103273375
Area (Water)	1466256	927026
Area Name-Legal/Statistical Area Description (LSAD) Term-Part Indicator	Herkimer town	Schuyler town
Functional Status Code	A	A
Geographic Change User Note Indicator	N	N
Population Count (100%)	10,175	3,420
Housing Unit Count (100%)	4,606	1,590
Internal Point (Latitude)	+43.0611604	+43.1125085
Internal Point (Longitude)	-075.0006182	-075.0964122
Legal/Statistical Area Description Code	43	43
Part Flag		
SPECIAL AREA CODES		
Reserved		
Urban Growth Area		
State (ANSI)	01779796	01779796
County (ANSI)	00974120	00974120
County Subdivision (ANSI)	00979064	00979473
Place (ANSI)		
Consolidated City (ANSI)		
American Indian Area/Alaska Native Area/Hawaiian Home Land (ANSI)		
American Indian Tribal Subdivision (ANSI)		
Alaska Native Regional Corporation (ANSI)		
Subminor Civil Division (ANSI)		
Congressional District (113th)		
Congressional District (114th)		
Congressional District (115th)		
State Legislative District (Upper Chamber) (Year 2)		

	Herkimer town, Herkimer County, New York	Schuyler town, Herkimer County, New York
State Legislative District (Upper Chamber) (Year 3)		
State Legislative District (Upper Chamber) (Year 4)		
State Legislative District (Lower Chamber) (Year 2)		
State Legislative District (Lower Chamber) (Year 3)		
State Legislative District (Lower Chamber) (Year 4)		
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Reserved		

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 Census.

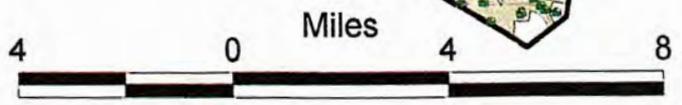
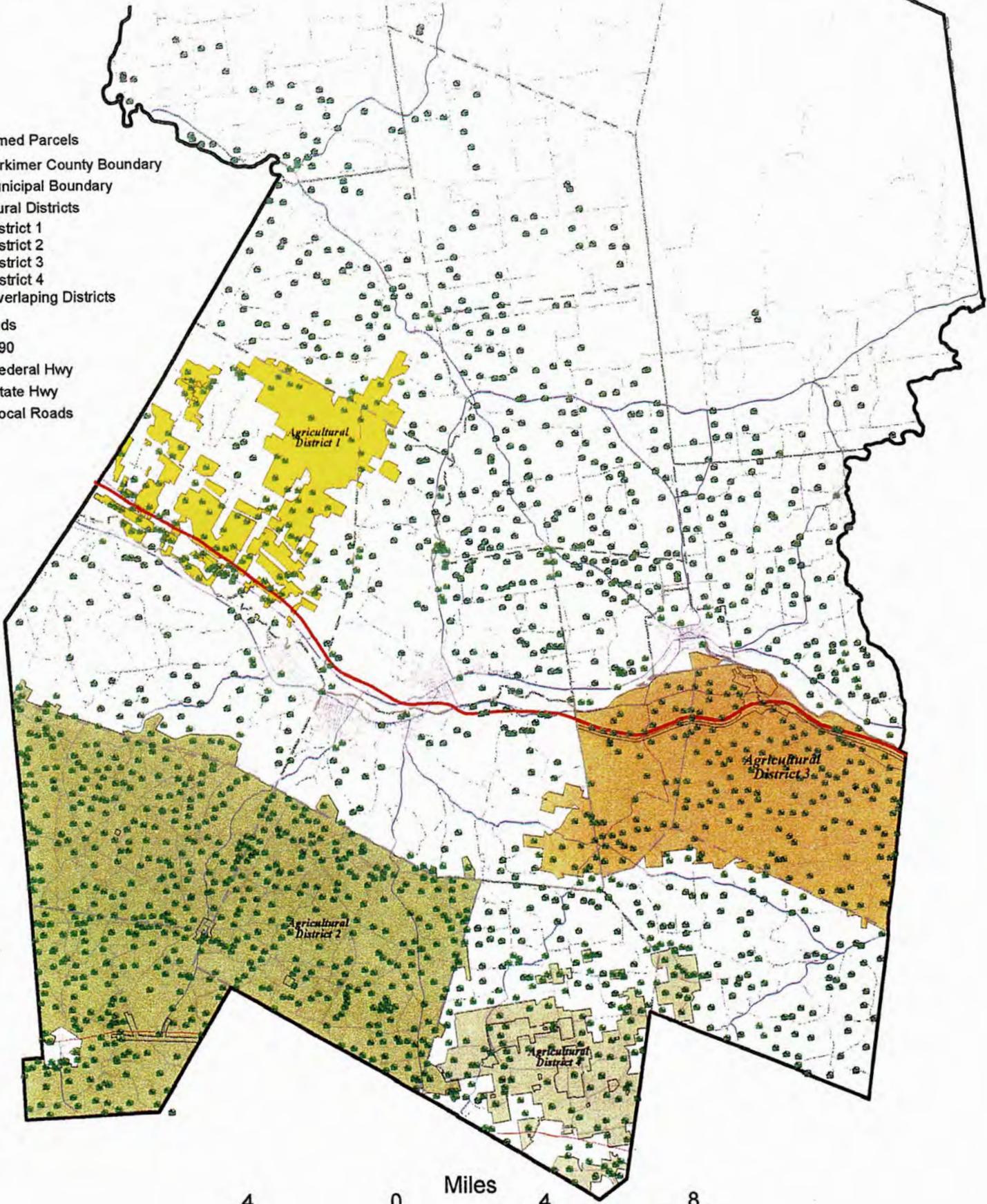
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**Appendix D.**  
**Herkimer County Farmland Protection  
Plan**

# Herkimer County Farmland Protection Plan Agricultural Districts and Farmed Parcels



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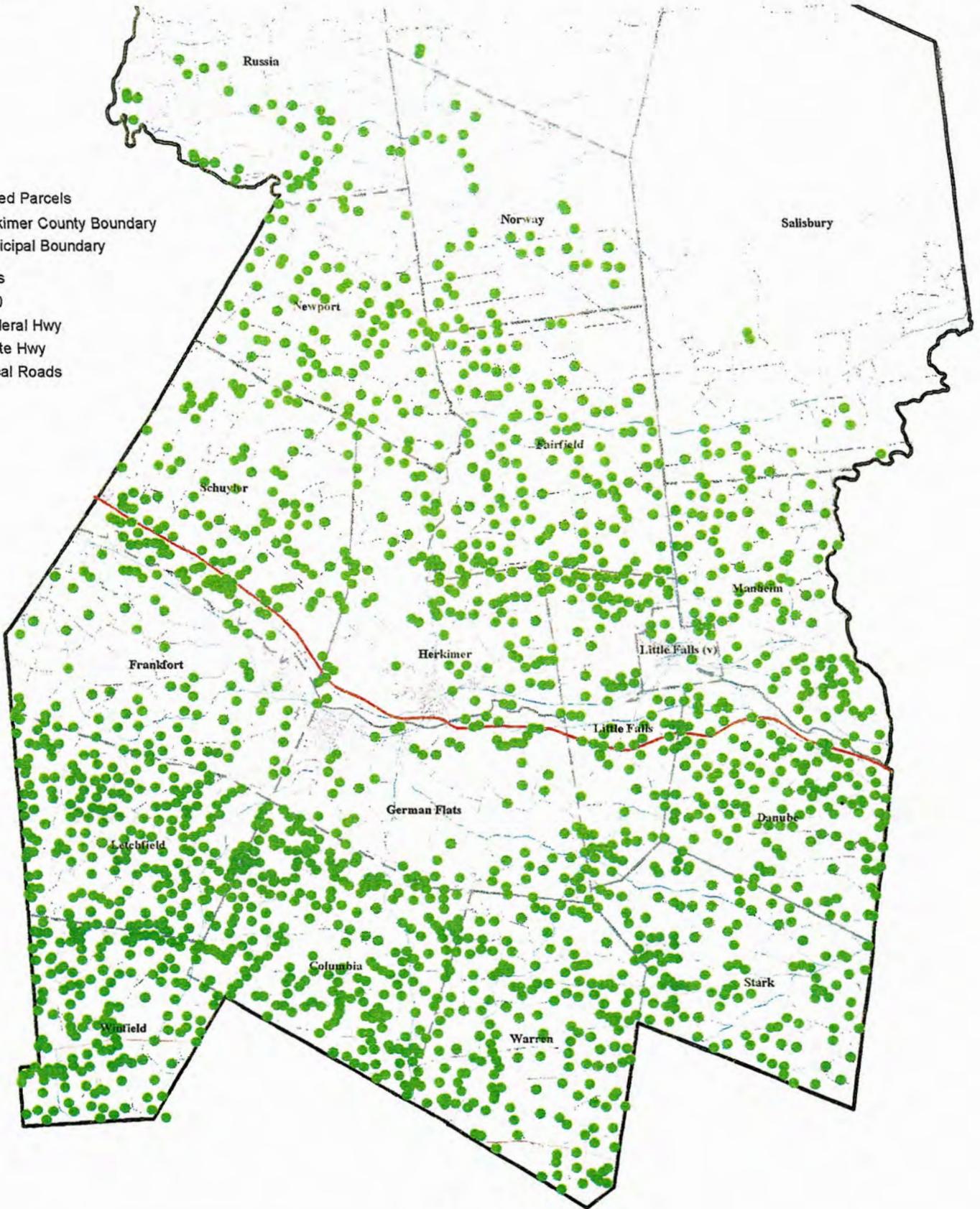
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## Farmed Parcels



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# Herkimer County Farmland Protection Plan

## Major Farm Types



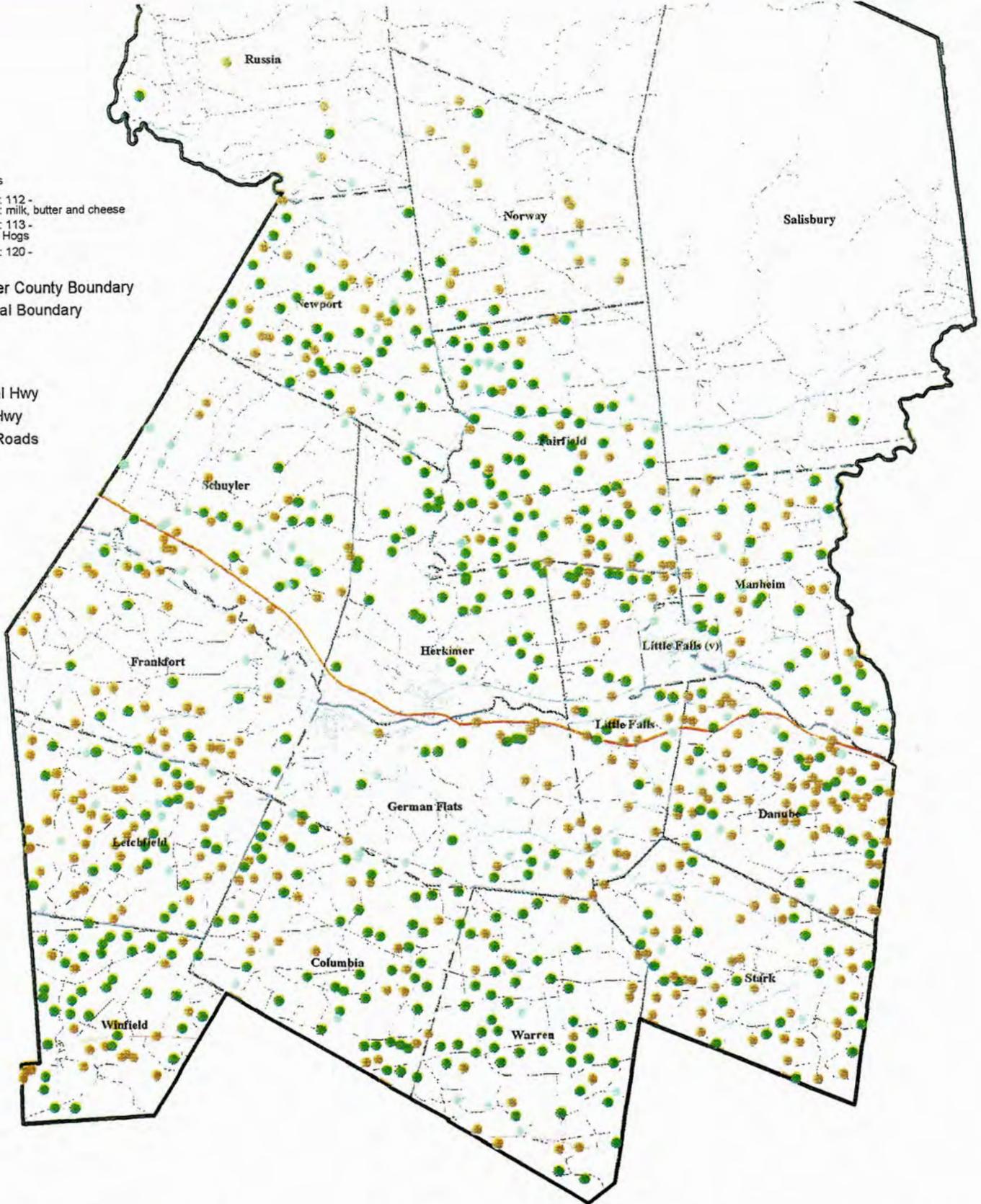
### Major Farm Types

- Property Class: 112 - Dairy Products: milk, butter and cheese
- Property Class: 113 - Cattle, Calves, Hogs
- Property Class: 120 - Field Crops

- ▭ Herkimer County Boundary
- ⋈ Municipal Boundary

### Roads

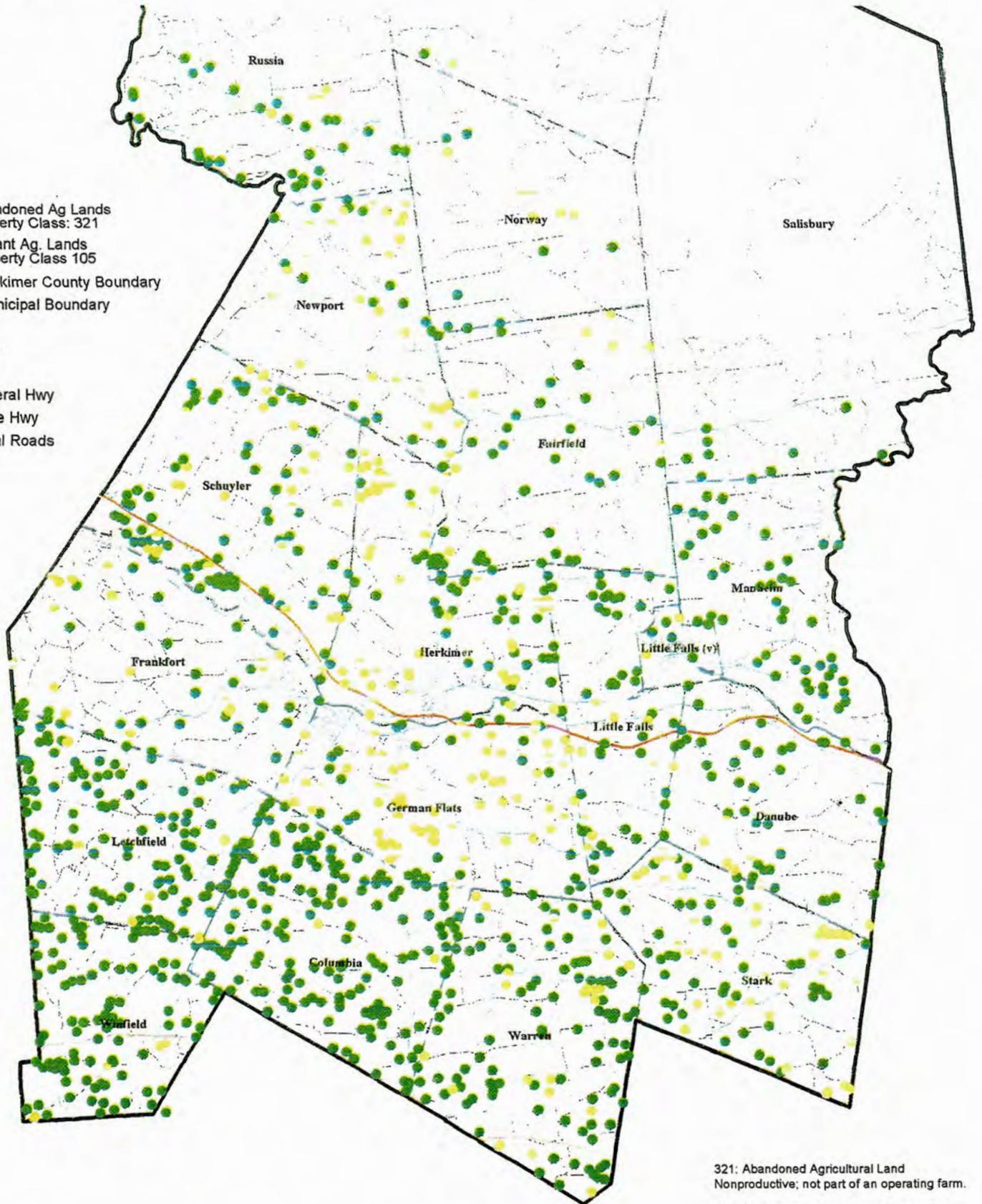
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# Herkimer County Farmland Protection Plan Vacant Lands



- Abandoned Ag Lands  
Property Class: 321
- Vacant Ag. Lands  
Property Class 105
- Herkimer County Boundary
- Municipal Boundary
  
- Roads
- I-90
- Federal Hwy
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321: Abandoned Agricultural Land  
Nonproductive; not part of an operating farm.

105: Agricultural Vacant Land (Productive)  
Land used as part of a operating farm  
It does not have living accommodations and  
cannot be specifically related to any of the  
other divisions in the agricultural category.  
Usually found when an operating farm is  
made up of a number of contiguous parcels

# **Quick Comparison between the Town of Schuyler and other surrounding towns**

## **Significance of median household income compared to other regions**

According to data provided by the 2010-2012 American Survey, Herkimer county's median household (90,538 households) income is recorded at \$44,304.00 compared to Oneida county's median household (29,951 households) income of \$48,703.00. Both regions have a very similar adjusted occupational breakdown as well as a very similar yearly earning scale breakdown. It should be noted, that the Town of Schuyler's 2010 median household income was recorded at 46,000 which is slightly higher than the county average. This may be attributed to the fact that the Town of Schuyler borders Oneida County and the city of Utica. Based on similar commute time of both counties at approximately 20 + minutes, we would expect to see Schuyler's household income continue to increase.

Estimated Future Trends: Based on the above data, we would expect the median household income of residents of the Town of Schuyler to continue to increase.

## **Economic Development compared to other regions**

The Herkimer County Industrial Development Authorities has completed development of the Frankfort Business Park and all vacant lots have been sold. Therefore, the IDA has recently announced that their attention will now be focused on the Schuyler Business Park, which will be expanded through the recent purchase of 188 acres for development. This is a shovel-ready economic development park with municipal water.

Estimated Future Trends: Based on the Herkimer County IDA's recent acquisition of land to expand the Schuyler Business Park and recent interest by commercial developers we would expect this park to continue to grow, bring jobs to the area, and satisfy the developers' expectations.

## **Major employers in town compared to other regions**

The major employers in town are Wilcore International, New England Wood Pellet, US Materials and Handling and G&I Homes. Due to the non-existence of municipal sewer along our commercial corridor, we have been limited in our ability to develop and attract any major fast-food franchises or other businesses that require the use of sewer infrastructure.

Estimated Future Trends: Based on recent development, we would expect a major manufacturer to locate in the Schuyler Business Park, yet limited development due to the lack of municipal sewer facilities.

## **Housing Windshield Survey compared to housing and other regions**

On February 23 and 24, 2019 a housing windshield survey was undertaken throughout the town. In West Schuyler, the major observation was that 2 out of 6 mobile home parks were in high need of housing improvement (i.e. needed siding, decking). The remaining 4 were commercially owned, and appeared to be in good condition. The Schuyler Corner intersection was noticeably the worst housing, as most of these properties were non-owner occupied and older construction. Most recently, the Town has seen development of higher end homes in the areas of Knapps Knolle, Alyssa Circle, Skyview Drive, and Cogar Drive and Lewis Circle. These homes have tremendously added to the aesthetics of the town.

Estimated Future Trends: Due to a current shortage in the housing market as well as significant growth in the Utica area, we could expect new home construction to continue, as evidenced by a future 32-home expansion of Westgate Development, which construction will begin in 2019.

In East Schuyler, a major observation was mostly older homes that had one time possibly been part of a farm estate. These homes tend to have more land with them and generally had larger lot sizes than West Schuyler. The windshield survey indicated that 20 percent were in some need of housing rehabilitation. There was one large mobile home park with 166 residences that was in good condition. A major issue and possible drawback in the East Schuyler area is the lack of municipal water. However, due to a recent effort by the Mohawk Valley Water Authority to bring water to the neighboring village of Ilion, water may become a possibility to the residents along this corridor.

Estimated Future Trends: If municipal water is established in this corridor, there will be future housing development in many of the vacant fields and unoccupied lots in this area.

## **Stormwater in town compared to other regions**

The Town of Schuyler is part of Oneida County's MS4 Stormwater Region. Our MS4 area runs along Route 5 from the Utica City line to the Schuyler Industrial Business Park. Currently the Town's code officer enforces all stormwater rules and regulations. Schuyler was chosen to be part of this region due to its proximity to the Mohawk River.

Estimated Future Trends: If future development continues, we would expect the stormwater district to be expanded.

## **Flood Plain in town compared to other regions**

Schuyler's southern border is the Mohawk River, which resides in a major floodplain area. Most of our property from the Mohawk River running North to Route 5 is within the federal floodplain area. Also within this floodplain area is the New York State Canal and the New York State Thruway. Schuyler has recently undertaken a review of its floodplain area and participated in a workshop hosted by FEMA.

Estimated Future Trends: Schuyler will continue to work with state and federal authorities to establish appropriate floodplain boundaries.

## **Sewer in town compared to other regions**

Schuyler is part of the Oneida County Sewer District, and owns 5300 feet of sewer line which travels from the city of Utica approximately a half-mile into the town. The town is currently applying for grants to fund an estimated \$463,000 rehabilitation of our lines. Without rehabilitation, the request for a future line expansion would be denied. Recently, the Town has been awarded \$235,000 through the Water Quality Improvement Program.

Estimated Future Trends: Based on additional funding, we anticipate a complete rehabilitation of the sewer line by 2025. At this time, based on economic development we would explore the possibility of a sewer line expansion. (See Map A)

## **Mohawk River and New York State Canal in town compared to other regions**

The Mohawk River runs through Schuyler and is enjoyed by many for recreational purposes. This river also acts as an overflow for the New York State Canal system. The New York State Canal parallels the Mohawk River and does have a navigational lock (Lock 19) within the Town of Schuyler. This lock area has picnic table and a parking area, and is enjoyed by fishermen and picnickers alike.

Estimated Future Trends: With the new development of the Canal Bike Path in 2019, we would expect use of both the Mohawk River and New York State Canal system to increase.

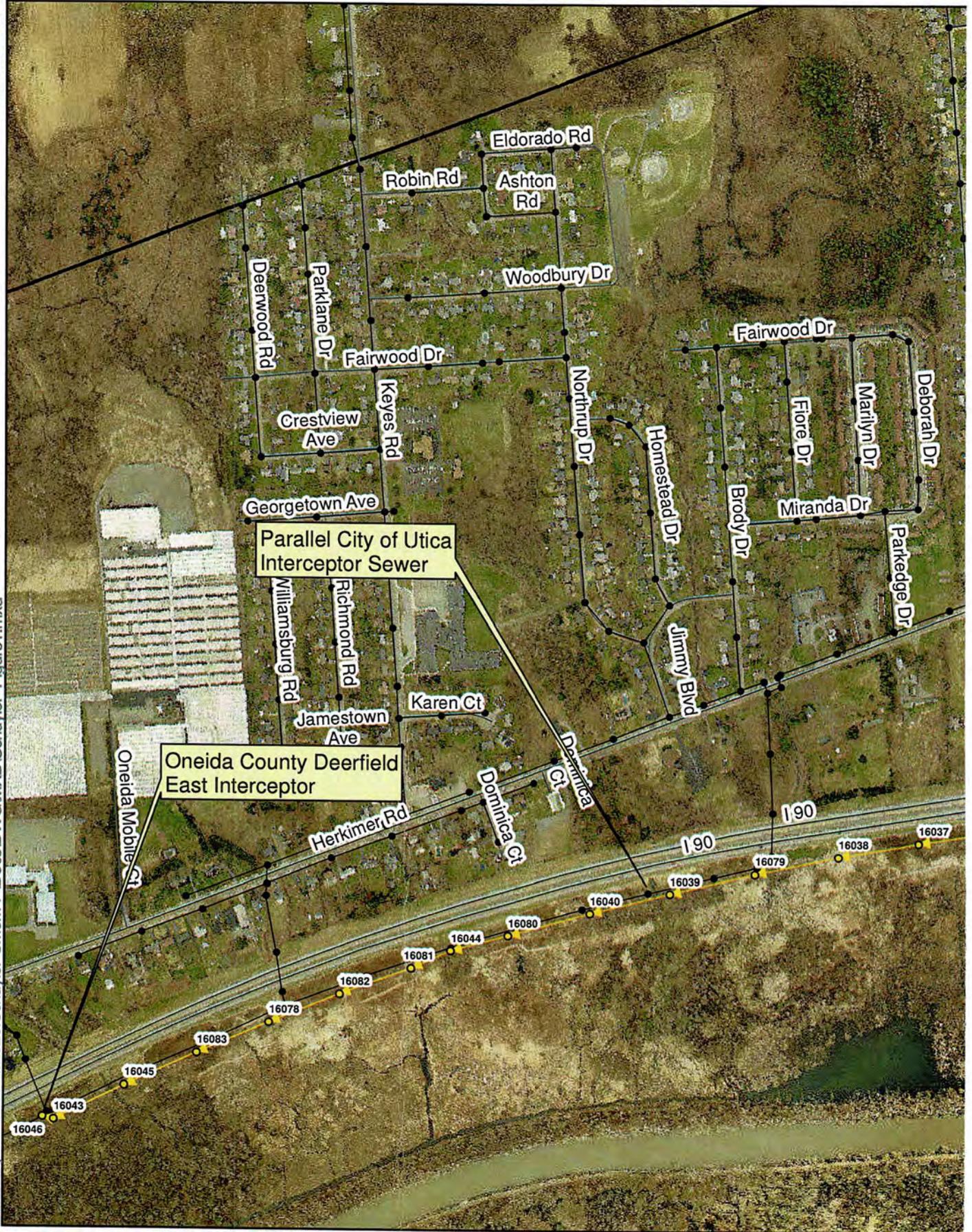
## **Conditions of Roads and Streams in town compared to other regions**

In the Town of Schuyler, the majority of roads are Herkimer County highways which are plowed by the Town during the winter months, but maintained by the County in the summer months. The Town has a very small amount of town-owned roads (i.e. Bull Road, Sullivan Road, Mcgraw Road, Knapps Knolle, Moss Road, Sterling Drive). New York State maintains Route 5, which is a major corridor through the town. The overall conditions of our town, county, and state roads are good. The Town of Schuyler has numerous streams and tributaries which run from the higher elevations to the Mohawk River. The town regularly meets with DEC to discuss maintenance and needed work to be performed on these waterways.

## **Emergency Services in town compared to other regions**

The Town of Schuyler receives fire services through the Schuyler Volunteer Fire Company. This is a volunteer company which services both East and West Schuyler, providing ambulance and fire protection. The fire department operates two firehouses – one on the West side and the other on the East side of town. The Town of Schuyler receives police protection through the New York State Police. The police maintain a barracks on Gros Boulevard in East Herkimer and regularly patrols the Schuyler highways and responds to emergencies as needed. Services for both fire and police can be activated through the 911 emergency system. (See Map B)





Parallel City of Utica Interceptor Sewer

Oneida County Deerfield East Interceptor

16046

16043

16045

16083

16078

16082

16081

16044

16080

16040

16039

16079

16038

16037

190

190

190

Oneida Mobile Ct

Herkimer Rd

Dominica Ct

Dominica Ct

Jimmy Blvd

Georgetown Ave

Crestview Ave

Deerwood Rd

Keyes Rd

Fairwood Dr

Robin Rd

Eldorado Rd

Ashton Rd

Woodbury Dr

Fairwood Dr

Fiore Dr

Marilyn Dr

Deborah Dr

Miranda Dr

Brody Dr

Homestead Dr

Northrup Dr

Karen Ct

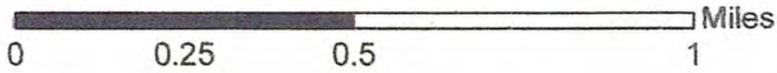
Jamestown Ave

Williamsburg Rd

Richmond Rd

Parkedge Dr

# Schuyler Fire Hydrants





# Schuyler Hydrants

June 2014



STREET	ADDRESS	LOCATION	NEAREST CROSS STREET
Allyssa Cir	108	205' S of Westgate Dr	Westgate Dr
Allyssa Cir	126	740' S of Westgate Dr	Westgate Dr
Austin Rd	5685	840' N of Beverly Rd	Beverly Rd
Beverly Rd	0	NE cor Mapleton Dr	Mapleton Dr
Cosby Manor Rd	11018	30' E of Aspen Dr	Aspen Dr
Cosby Manor Rd	0	1280' W of Wood Ln	Wood Ln
Cosby Manor Rd	11169	SE cor Wood Ln	Wood Ln
Cosby Manor Rd	11206	940' W of Newport Rd	Newport Rd
Cosby Manor Rd	0	SE cor Newport Rd	Newport Rd
Cosby Manor Rd	11369	900' W of Knapps Knolle Rd	Knapps Knolle Rd
Cosby Manor Rd	11459	100' E of Sterling Dr	Sterling Dr
Cosby Manor Rd	0	NW cor Windfall Rd	Windfall Rd
Dodge Ln	0	SE cor State Route 5	State Route 5
Drive in Rd	0	160' NE of State Route 5	State Route 5
Drive in Rd	0	890' NE of State Route 5 (opp #138)	State Route 5
Drive in Rd	0	1680' NE of State Route 5	State Route 5
Knapps Knolle Rd	0	SE cor Cosby Manor Rd	Cosby Manor Rd
Knapps Knolle Rd	144	895' S of Cosby Manor Rd	Cosby Manor Rd
Mapleton Dr	5624	NE cor State Route 5	State Route 5
Mapleton Dr	5720	1185' N of Beverly Rd	Beverly Rd
Newport Rd	0	520' N of Herkimer Rd (@ firehouse)	State Route 5
Newport Rd	0	985' N of Herkimer Rd	State Route 5
Newport Rd	246	1810' S of Cosby Manor Rd	Cosby Manor Rd
Newport Rd	0	1200' S of Cosby Manor Rd (opp #277)	Cosby Manor Rd
Newport Rd	312	535' S of Cosby Manor Rd	Cosby Manor Rd
Newport Rd	402	1300' N of Cosby Manor Rd	Cosby Manor Rd
PROW	0	1475' SE from end of Drive In Rd	
PROW	0	1960' W of Schuyler Thruway Plaza	
PROW	0	@ Schuyler Thruway Plaza	
Shortlots Rd	0	SE cor Windfall Rd	Windfall Rd
State Route 5	0	20' W of Winsor Cir (opp) @ county line	Winsor Cir
State Route 5	2069	90' E of Country Rd (160' W of creek)	Country Rd
State Route 5	0	160' E of Rodeo Dr	Rodeo Dr
State Route 5	2128	1060' W of Wood Ln	Wood Ln

STREET	ADDRESS	LOCATION	NEAREST CROSS STREET
State Route 5	0	25' W of Wood Ln	Wood Ln
State Route 5	2231	1035' E of Wood Ln	Wood Ln
State Route 5	0	185' W of Newport Rd	Newport Rd
State Route 5	2323	880' E of Newport Rd	Newport Rd
State Route 5	0	2000' W of Dodge Ln (opp #2418)	Dodge Ln
State Route 5	2435	1675' W of Dodge Ln	Dodge Ln
State Route 5	0	930' W of Dodge Ln (opp #2472)	Dodge Ln
State Route 5	2537	285' W of Windfall Rd	Windfall Rd
State Route 5	2605	245' E of Windfall Rd	Windfall Rd
State Route 5	0	1050' E of Windfall Rd	Windfall Rd
State Route 5	0	1635' E of Windfall Rd	Windfall Rd
State Route 5	2649	1960' E of Windfall Rd	Windfall Rd
State Route 5	0	2500' E of Windfall Rd	Windfall Rd
Sterling Dr	131	600' N of Cosby Manor Rd	Cosby Manor Rd
Westgate Dr	123	255' E of Windfall Rd	Windfall Rd
Westgate Dr	133	260' E of Alyssa Cir	Alyssa Cir
Windfall Rd	128	670' N of Herkimer Rd	State Route 5
Windfall Rd	0	1380' N of Herkimer Rd	State Route 5
Windfall Rd	327	950' N of Cosby Manor Rd	Cosby Manor Rd
Windfall Rd	366	1800' N of Cosby Manor Rd	Cosby Manor Rd
Windfall Rd	411	2650' N of Cosby Manor Rd	Cosby Manor Rd
Wood Ln	135	700' N of Herkimer Rd	State Route 5
Wood Ln	0	1530' N of Herkimer Rd	State Route 5
Wood Ln	0	1965' S of Cosby Manor Rd	Cosby Manor Rd
Wood Ln	275	1050' S of Cosby Manor Rd	Cosby Manor Rd