

# Long Path Protection Plan



New York-New Jersey Trail Conference plan to protect the Long Path, extending 400+ miles between New York City and the Adirondack Park.



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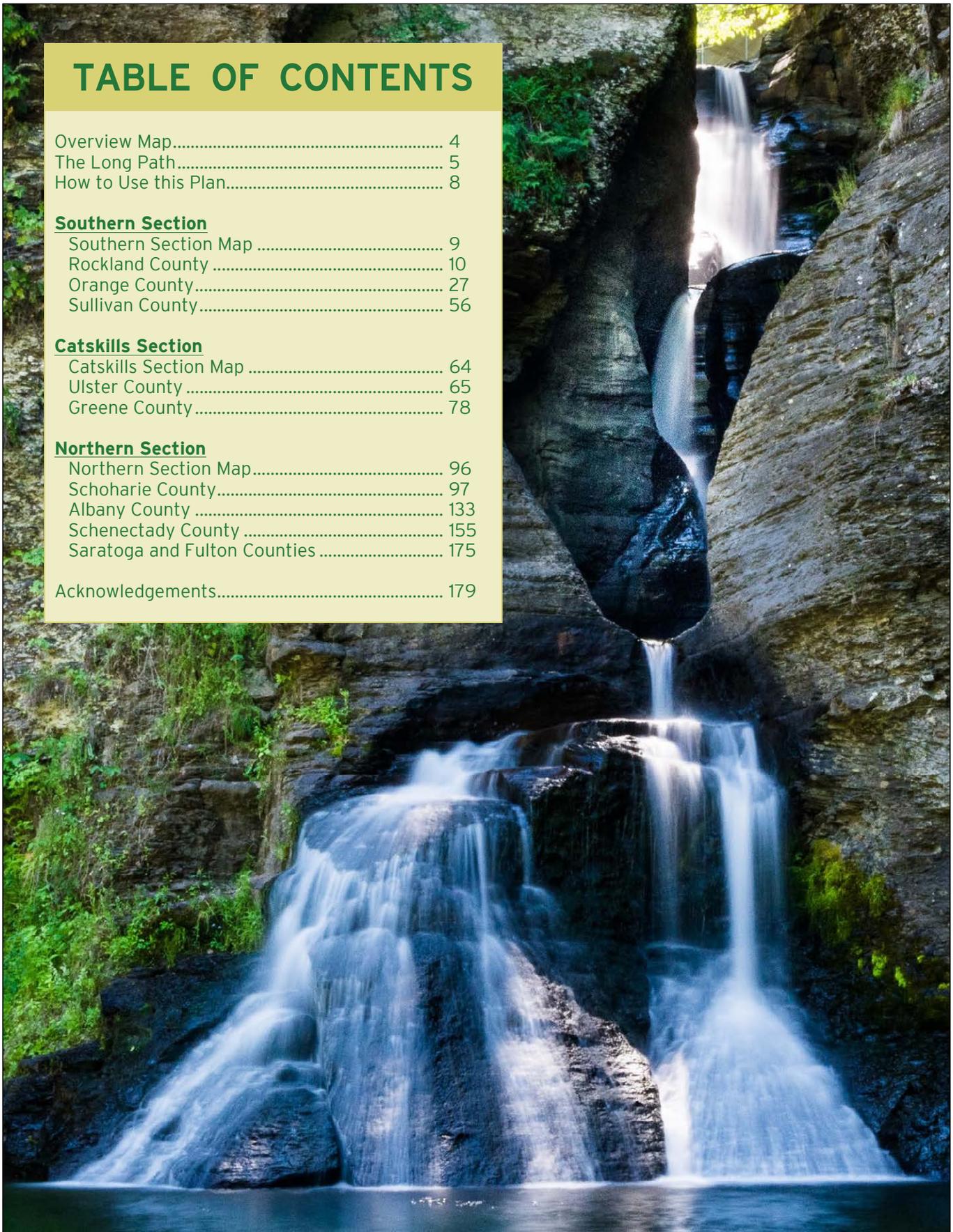
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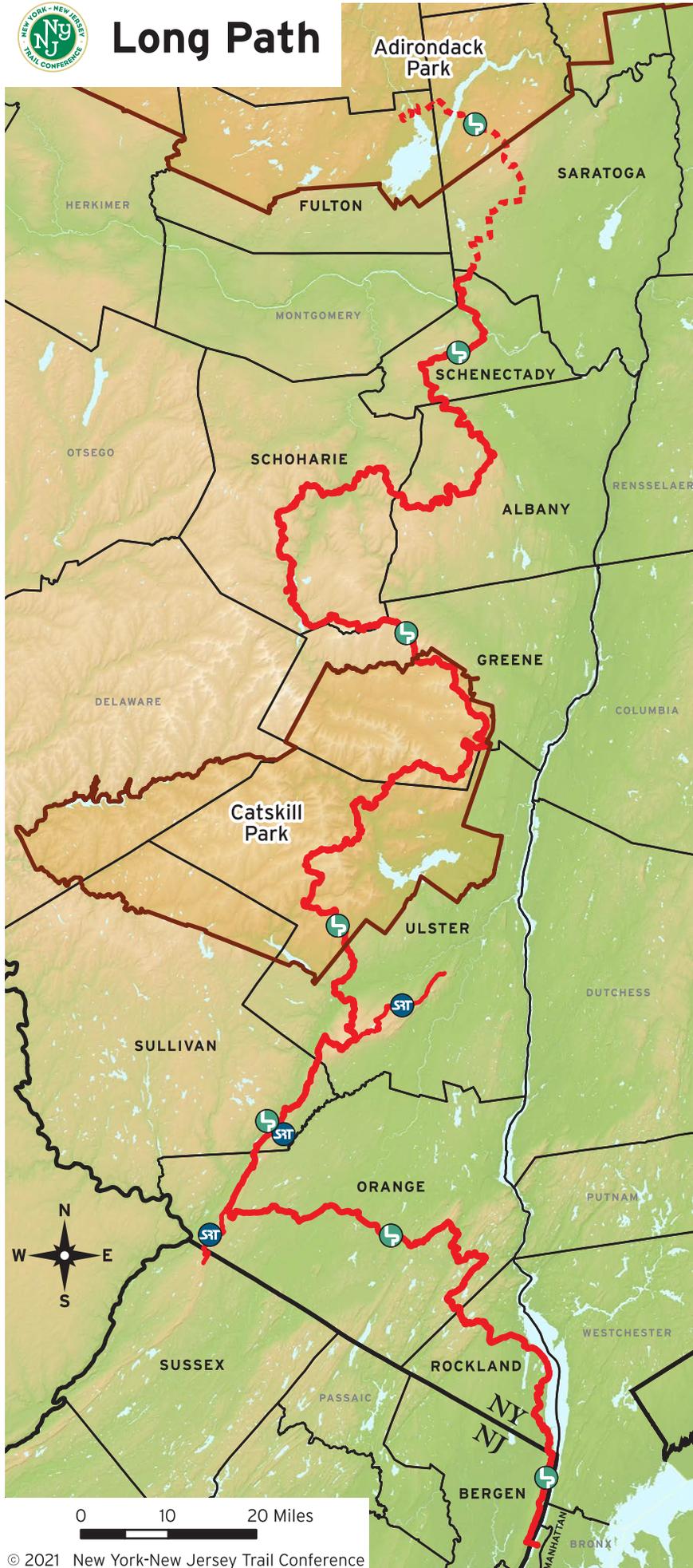
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# Long Path



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## The Long Path

The **Long Path (LP)** is a trail that extends nearly 360 miles as a completed trail from near the 175<sup>th</sup> Street Subway Station in New York City to John Boyd Thacher State Park near Albany, New York, the current official terminus. The trail continues northward with blazed roadwalks and some off-road sections to the Mohawk River, and then a mostly unblazed roadwalk to reach Northville in the Adirondack Park for a total Long Path length of more than 425 miles; there are ongoing efforts to move more of these sections off the roads. The aqua-blazed Long Path traverses many scenic and historic regions of varied geologic setting on the west side of the Hudson River, including the Palisades, Harriman State Park, the Shawangunk Ridge, the Catskills, and the Helderberg Escarpment.

The New York-New Jersey Trail Conference has been championing the Long Path for decades, with more aggressive protection work beginning in the late-1990s and early-2000s. Efforts have largely been piecemeal, with progress made slowly but surely to close or narrow gaps in protected lands. Assembling a 400+-mile-long trail corridor is a labor-intensive, multi-decade campaign that largely does not fit the missions of most other land conservation organizations, so the experiences and many small achievements has led to the Trail Conference acquiring institutional knowledge of how to create minimalist linear corridors where necessary and state forest-sized corridors where possible.



The Trail Conference has learned that providing a vision and a plan for trail corridor protection can be an extremely useful resource. This Long Path Protection Plan (LPPP), with detailed maps and descriptive priority parcel protection narratives, will serve as a roadmap for partnerships and engagements. The Trail Conference already works with many great partners at all levels of involvement, but this LPPP will advance shared missions and open space goals and ultimately help expedite the goal of creating a protected Long Path corridor from New York City to the Adirondacks.

The following testimonial from Kylie Yang, Long Path End-to-End #190 and former Trail Conference NY Program Coordinator, encapsulates the importance of protecting the Long Path:

*The Long Path is a truly unique and beautiful trail. After joining the Trail Conference in 2020, I decided to section hike the Long Path over a few months. While I had experience with long-distance hiking on the Appalachian Trail, I was shocked at the swiftly changing scenery the Long Path provided. Winding through Palisades Interstate Park, over cliffs in Minnewaska, with sweeping views throughout the Catskills and views of Albany from John Boyd Thatcher State Park, I cannot think of another trail that encompasses so many diverse parks in so few miles. Walking through small communities I would've otherwise not seen, and being greeted by livestock on road walks was a truly unique experience. The trail was often remote, but it was always marked and maintained well. While I regularly went several days without seeing other hikers, I was grateful for the rugged, beautiful, and often solitary experience that many other long-distance trails cannot provide. The Long Path is a true gem, and deserves protection to ensure it lasts for generations of hikers to come!*

### History of the Long Path:

In 1931, Vincent J. Schaefer of the Mohawk Valley Hiking Club put forth an idea for "New York's Long Path." Unlike other trails, the Long Path was to be a path without any clearing or marking, where one would just wander using a compass and maps to reach pre-determined destinations, which he labeled as points. This trailless path had a predetermined starting point of "Towers of the George Washington Bridge" and an ending point of "Whiteface Mountain."

With the help of W. W. Cady, he took this one step further to scout the complete route. On March 27, 1934, Raymond Torrey began to print a section of the Long Path every Tuesday in his article "The Long Brown Path." This was done every Tuesday through August 26, 1935. There were soon some efforts to create a marked trail, including by Alexander Jessup who marked the trail into the Catskills by 1943, but the timing of World War II led to the idea soon fading away.

In 1960, Robert Jessen and Michael Warren revived the idea as a cleared, marked and maintained path. By this time both housing developments and private property postings prevented a hiker from wandering wherever they wanted. Without a planned route or permission from private landowners, an off-road bush whacking route would have been difficult to achieve. Through the 1960s, 1970s and 1980s the Trail Conference worked to refine the path and protect it through advocacy efforts. In the 1990s, the Trail Conference began to get more aggressive with moving the Long Path off roads while also extending the Long Path north into Schoharie and Albany counties. The Trail Conference also began to purchase properties to protect the Long Path.

By the turn of the century, the Trail Conference was aggressively working to protect the Long Path north of the Catskill Park. Here the Trail Conference's 30-year effort has permanently protected 14.3 miles of the Long Path with the protection of more than 1,000 acres, which was instrumental in the creation of Mount Hayden State Forest. By 2000, the Trail Conference also began to aggressively preserve the Shawangunk Ridge Trail (SRT) from High Point State Park in New Jersey to Sam's Point Preserve, now part of Minnewaska State Park Preserve. This mammoth effort required assistance from numerous partner organizations and buy in from New York State. Over the last 30 years, Trail Conference efforts have helped protect more than 4,000 acres along the southern Shawangunk Ridge to help create a protected corridor for the Long Path and Shawangunk Ridge Trail. In 2012, the Long Path route through Orange County was significantly moved to align it with the Shawangunk Ridge Trail for nearly 36 miles, from the Town of Greenville in Orange County northward to Sam's Point.

## Land Protection Steps:

The strategy used by the Trail Conference in planning and pursuing protected corridors has largely consisted of the following steps:

### 1. Identify corridor priority parcels

- These are parcels that protect critical areas, parcels that connect to other protect lands, parcels that provide a protected land buffer, or parcels that could provide additional trail opportunities. These parcels are largely identified through a combination of on-the-ground assessment, GIS mapping, and county/municipal tax maps.

### 2. Identify which parcels may be feasible to protect

- The Trail Conference and its partners may attempt to identify which parcels may actually be feasible for protecting with some form of protection, starting with landowner agreements and progressing to trail or conservation easements and outright acquisition. This process can involve establishing relationships and lines of communication with landowners, negotiating potential costs of the land, and working with park partners to understand whether potential acquired lands would ultimately be transferred.

### 3. Work to complete the protection

- Once a parcel is considered feasible for protection, the Trail Conference and its partners work to line up everything needed to complete the protection. For an acquisition, this process can involve working with the landowner to finalize a purchase price and other terms, obtaining funds needed to acquire the parcel, and conducting surveys and performing legal reviews and title searches. These steps eventually lead to a closing date, when the land is transferred to the Trail Conference or other land trust partner and becomes protected!

### 4. If land is acquired, transfer the acquisition to New York State or another partner

- The Trail Conference is not a land trust, so we prefer to not hold on to protected land and instead transfer it to either New York State or a land trust partner. The timeframe for when a transfer occurs depends on several variables, including the parcel's significance and priority in comparison with potential acquisitions statewide, as well as the amount of funding New York State or other land trust partners has available to purchase these lands.

The situations surrounding any particular parcel vary greatly, such that the timeframe between the first step and last step can involve only 1-2 years of work, or require 10-20 years of persistence!

## Conservation Corridor Protection:

The Long Path Protection Plan aims to link conservation and recreation goals by preserving land adjacent to the Long Path to contribute to interconnected conservation corridors that support habitat connectivity and combat landscape degradation. The strategic protections outlined in the Long Path Protection Plan aim to create a fully protected corridor that would benefit recreational and environmental resources from New York City to the Adirondack Park.

The protection of ecological corridors is a strategy that land managers, planners, and interest groups utilize to reduce habitat fragmentation and degradation. Anthropogenic disturbances such as urbanization and development disrupt wildlife interactions and movement, resulting in a decline of biodiversity in developed areas. Clearing of native vegetation creates patches or islands of habitats, isolating plants and animals and interrupting ecological processes like migration, dispersal, pollination, and mating.

Ecological or conservation corridors link vegetated areas and water bodies, enabling habitat connectivity that allows plants and animals to migrate and disperse in the face of changing seasons, degraded ecosystems, and changing climate. Wildlife moves daily and seasonally to reach food, water, shelter, and breeding sites and are more frequently relying on corridors to locate their needs. A study in Tensas River Basin, Louisiana found that bears moved more regularly through wooded patches connected by corridors than wooded areas fragmented by agricultural land, indicating corridors supported the idea that habitat connectivity is necessary to sustain black bear population (USDA 1999). Additionally, Aziz & Rasidi (2014) found that greater species richness is likely in wider corridors with more forest.

In addition to habitat connectivity to wildlife, corridors play a substantial role in improving watershed conditions by reducing the impact of agricultural runoff into riparian zones, decreasing erosion and flooding, and improving water and air quality (USDA 1999; Lynch 2019).

Investment in corridor protection adjacent to recreational trail systems offers an opportunity to promote ecological conservation that is compatible with human activity. There is a growing body of research that indicates physical and psychological human health benefit from the presence of biodiversity and natural landscapes (Russell et al. 2013; Seymour 2016; Frumkin et al. 2017). Therefore, by integrating regional trail networks with ecological corridors, the Long Path will serve as a multipurpose corridor that protects functioning ecosystems and promotes human health.

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## How to Use this Plan

This **Long Path Protection Plan** examines individual Project Areas that are largely focused on unprotected property between already-protected lands. These Project Areas are organized by county, starting in Rockland County at the New York/New Jersey state border and proceeding northward toward Adirondack Park. The initial section in New Jersey is not included here because once the Long Path crosses the George Washington Bridge, it is routed entirely through protected Palisades Interstate Park land in New Jersey with one small exception that occurs as the Long Path crisscrosses the border at Rockland County.

The counties are grouped into the following sections, with an overview section map proceeding each section in the Plan:

- **Southern Section:** Rockland, Orange, Sullivan
- **Catskills Section:** Ulster, Greene
- **Northern Section:** Schoharie, Albany, Schenectady, Saratoga, Fulton

The first eight counties are structured in the following way:

- **Overview and History** of the Long Path in that county
- **County Map** showing the route of the Long Path and specific project area locations
- **Project Area Descriptions** and **Action Items**
- **Project Area Parcel Lists** of protection priority parcels within the desired corridor
- **Project Area Maps** showing protected lands and preferred Long Path routes

The northernmost counties of Saratoga and Fulton are represented by descriptions of potential routes and rough maps of these routes, but they do not yet include specific Project Areas. The section for Orange County also includes information and project areas for the related Shawangunk Ridge Trail.

While this Long Path Protection Plan is designed to show all the priority areas along the trail, each section and county can also be looked at individually. The hope is that this plan will assist interested Long Path stakeholders in engaging in actions to preserve and protect the Long Path in any given Project Area or County.

Each Project Area Map includes a legend showing the manager level of protected lands (i.e., state, county, municipal, land trust). Note that orange-shaded Corridor Priority Parcels are parcels for which some form of protection should be secured, so that could include direct acquisition as well as other easements or agreements that could provide protection for the corridor.

County	Number of Project Areas	Number of Priority Parcels
Rockland	6	31
Orange	9	96
Sullivan	2	9
Ulster	4	18
Greene	6	33
Schoharie	13	79
Albany	7	46
Schenectady	6	64
Saratoga	Work is underway to further develop a potential protected corridor through these two counties.	
Fulton		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>376</b>



# Long Path

## Southern Section



# Rockland County



# Rockland County

## Protection Overview:

There are **6 Project Areas** within Rockland County. Protecting a corridor in each of these areas would completely protect the Long Path in Rockland County, which runs **35.5 miles** through the county.

- After leaving Bergen County, New Jersey, the Long Path continues within the Palisades Interstate Park, as it has been for the last 12 miles since leaving the George Washington Bridge.
- The Long Path then enters **Project Area 1** onto land owned by Columbia University, briefly dips down into New Jersey, and then quickly returns to New York State. It continues through Columbia University land and extends to US Route 9W before following that road a short distance to Tallman Mountain State Park.
- Recently, the Bergson family donated 4.2 acres to the New York-New Jersey Trail Conference. With this donation in place, the trail will be moved off a dangerous section of Route 9W and through this parcel, which connects directly with Tallman Mountain State Park.
- The Long Path then passes through the Piermont area, where it remains unprotected across a few different properties in **Project Area 2**. The trail then passes through multiple state, county and town parks all the way to Nyack, where it crosses the New York State Thruway (NY Route 87).
- Beyond the Thruway, the Long Path traverses protected lands and unprotected lands alike through **Project Area 3** and **Project Area 4**, before reaching the protection of Hook Mountain State Park.
- Past Hook Mountain State Park, the Long Path traverses through its last unprotected area within Rockland County in **Project Area 5**. After reaching High Tor State Park, the Long Path is fully protected all the way to the Orange County line within Harriman State Park, with **Project Area 6** highlighting one property that barely encroaches on the Long Path corridor.

# Rockland County

## History:

The Trail Conference became involved with the Long Path after Robert Jessen proposed it in 1960 as a marked and maintained hiking trail. This was a big difference from Vince Schaefer's 1931 concept, a path without an actual trail. Volunteers from the Trail Conference began building the trail in the 1960s, starting from the George Washington Bridge and heading north. By 1970 the basic trail construction through Rockland County was complete.

During the 1970s the route was refined and on occasion relocations were performed. In 1973 the Long Path became part of Rockland County's Open Space and Recreation Program. The state, county and local municipalities have all helped to protect this project which was started by the Trail Conference.

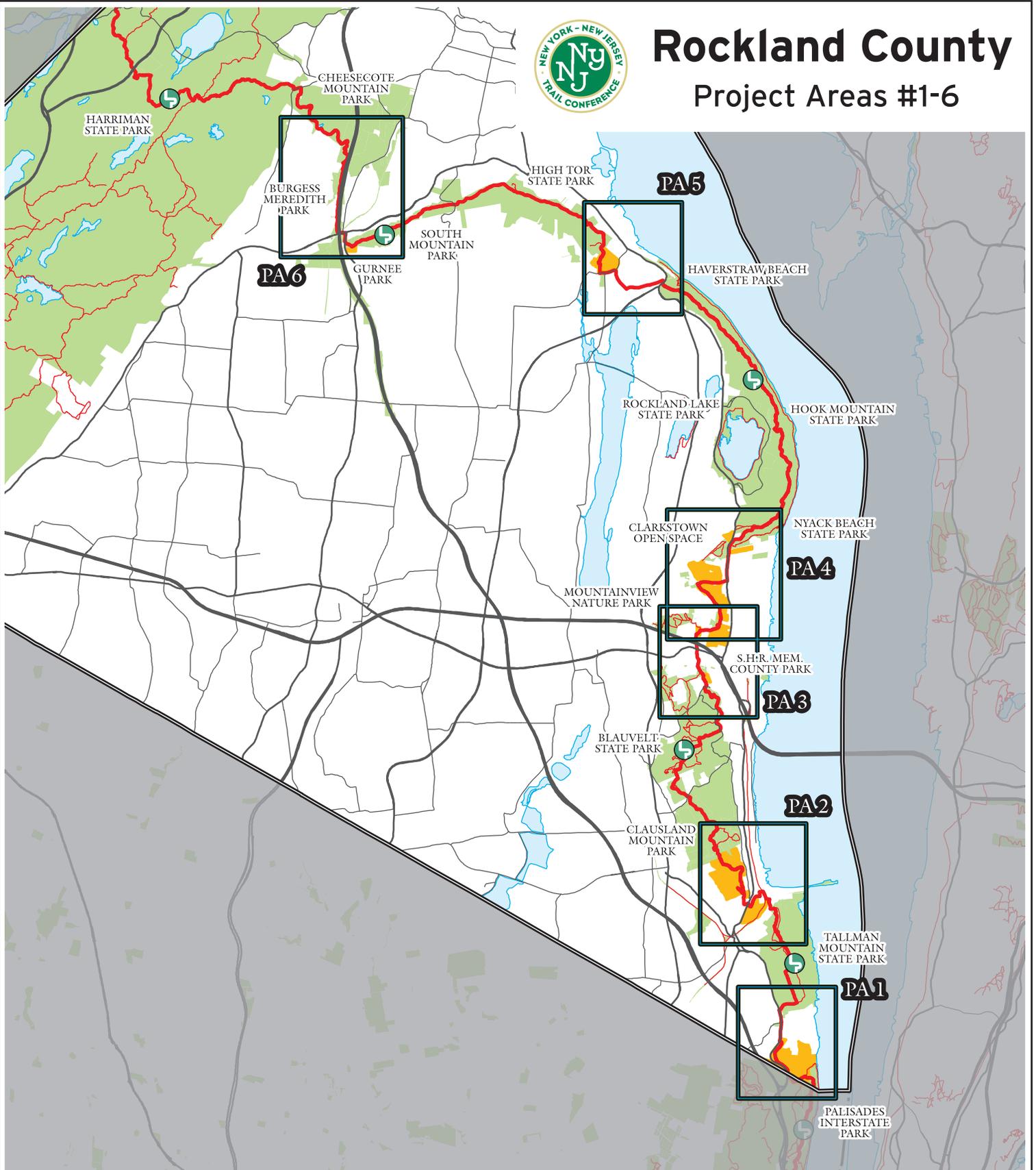
In 1989 Rockland County put the Long Path on their official map. This helped to significantly elevate the status of the Long Path, as this action advises the Trail Conference both when a project first comes to a planning board and if a proposed project is located within 500 feet of the Long Path. Through the years, this has been beneficial to the Long Path as property owners have donated trail easements and, on rare occasion, actual property.

While there is still work left to protect the Long Path through Rockland County, it is largely agreed that the effort to protect the Long Path in Rockland County is a model that should be adopted by other counties along the Long Path corridor. There are no long road walks within the county, and a high percentage of the trail has been permanently protected.



# Rockland County

## Project Areas #1-6



-  Protected land
-  Corridor priority parcel
-  Long Path
-  Other trail
-  Project Area Outline



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## Rockland County

### Project Area #1

#### Palisades Interstate Park to Tallman Mountain State Park

### Project Area Description:

- Within this project area, the Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory owns parcels on both sides of the New York-New Jersey border. Columbia University has provided written documentation that they support the Long Path and agree that the link across their land is important. They are reluctant to encumber their deed with an easement.
- This project area includes a proposed route for the Long Path through the recent Bergson donation and acquisition. The Long Path Committee is currently putting together a plan to implement this relocation, as of late November 2021.

### Action Needed:

- Build the new section of trail on the Bergson acquisition.

### Priority Parcels:

<b>Parcels:</b> 202-151-2, 202-151-3, 202-151-4	<b>Landowner:</b> COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY	<b>Municipality:</b> ALPINE
<b>Acres:</b> 1.11, 2.25, 6.29	<b>Description:</b> Three vacant and wooded parcels contiguous with the Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory grounds just over the state border. The Long Path passes through one parcel.	

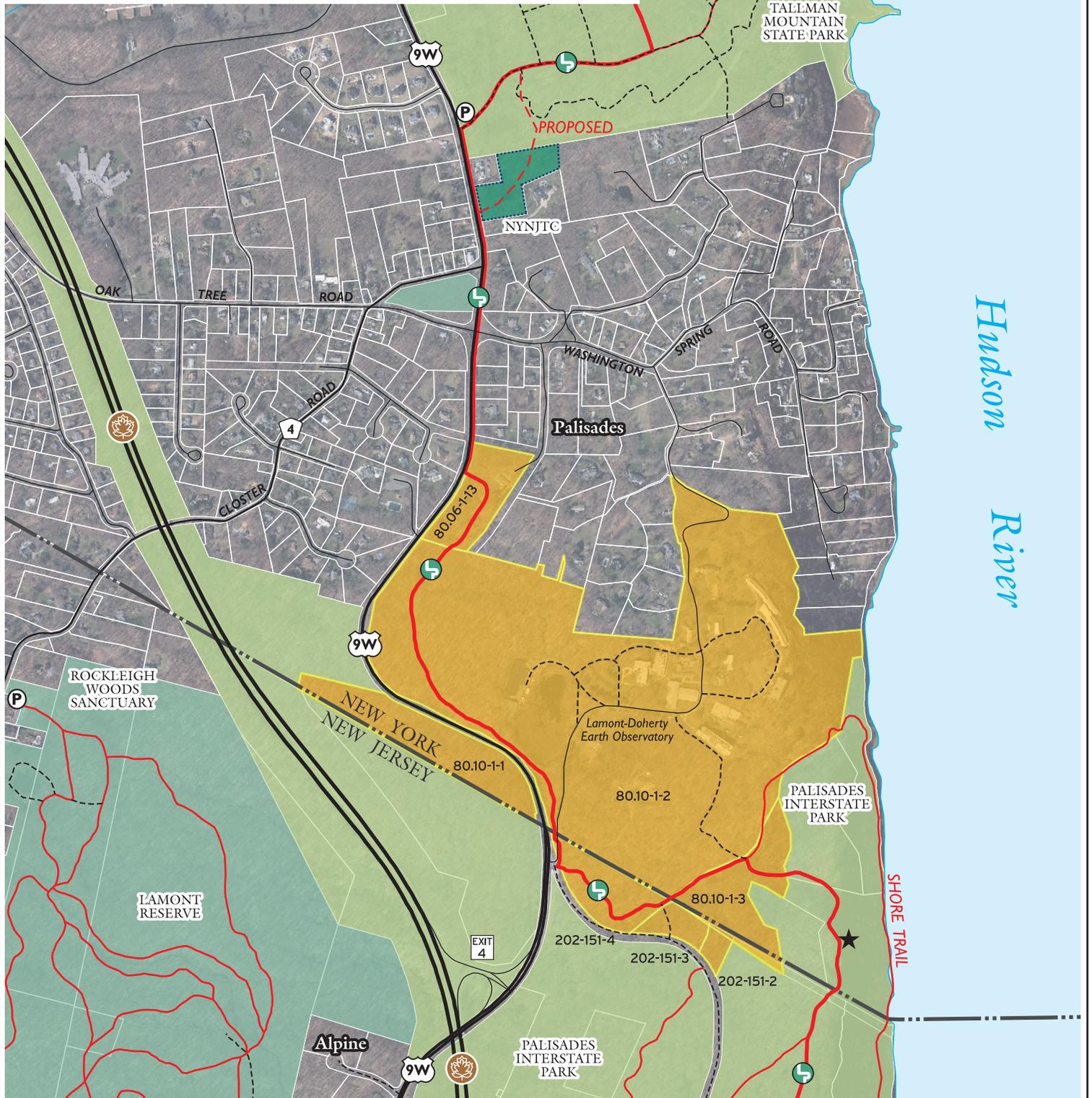
<b>Parcels:</b> 80.10-1-3, 80.10-1-2, 80.06-1-13	<b>Landowner:</b> COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY	<b>Municipality:</b> ORANGETOWN
<b>Acres:</b> 20.00, 136.28, 6.50	<b>Description:</b> Parcels east of Route 9W that include the Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory. Combined, these parcels are roughly 60% developed and 40% wooded. The Long Path passes through the wooded portions.	

<b>Parcel:</b> 80.10-1-1	<b>Landowner:</b> COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY	<b>Municipality:</b> ORANGETOWN
<b>Acres:</b> 11.5	<b>Description:</b> Vacant wooded parcel west of Route 9W that is also part of the Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory and adjacent to Palisades Interstate Parkland.	



# Palisades Interstate Park to Tallman Mountain SP

## Rockland County Project Area #1



- State land
- County land
- Land trust land
- Municipal land
- Owned by NYNJTC
- Transferred by NYNJTC
- Assisted by NYNJTC

- Corridor priority parcel
- Threatened parcel
- Maintained trail
- Proposed trail
- Long Path
- Shawangunk Ridge Trail

- Parking area
- Viewpoint



0 0.05 0.1 0.2 Miles



## Rockland County

### Project Area #2

#### Tallman Mountain State Park to Clausland Mountain Park

#### Project Area Description:

- The Long Path currently leaves Tallman Mountain State Park and follows local roads for nearly 0.75 mile to the intersection of Route 9W and Castle Road. Although a private road, Castle Road has a deeded right of way for the Long Path, with the exception of the last parcel.
- The landowner of the last parcel has actually built a trail for the Long Path across their land. The trail then passes through Rockland Cemetery to reach Clausland Mountain County Park.

#### Action Needed:

- The road walk between Tallman Mountain State Park and Route 9W could be eliminated by crossing the Griff Construction and South Orangetown School District parcels in conjunction with the popular Old Erie Path Rail Trail.
- A permanent right of way for the Long Path is needed through the Ouroussoff parcel.
- A wooded ravine runs through the developed area of the Rockland Cemetery, and this would be a more desirable route for the Long Path. A trail easement is needed through the cemetery.

#### Priority Parcels:

##### Tallman Mountain State Park to Route 9W & Castle Road

<b>Parcels:</b> 75.62-1-39, 75.62-1-22	<b>Landowner:</b> GRIFF CONSTRUCTION	<b>Municipality:</b> PIERMONT
<b>Acres:</b> 0.50, 4.50	<b>Description:</b> Two connected wooded parcels. The smaller parcel has road frontage. The larger parcel is between two old rail beds, including the Old Erie Path Rail Trail.	

<b>Parcel:</b> 75.70-1-1	<b>Landowner:</b> SOUTH ORANGETOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT	<b>Municipality:</b> PIERMONT
<b>Acres:</b> 39.30	<b>Description:</b> The main office of the South Orangetown School District. The northern portion includes a large undeveloped and wooded area. The Old Erie Path Rail Trail, Route 9W, and local roads are connected with this parcel.	

##### Route 9W & Castle Road to Clausland Mountain Park

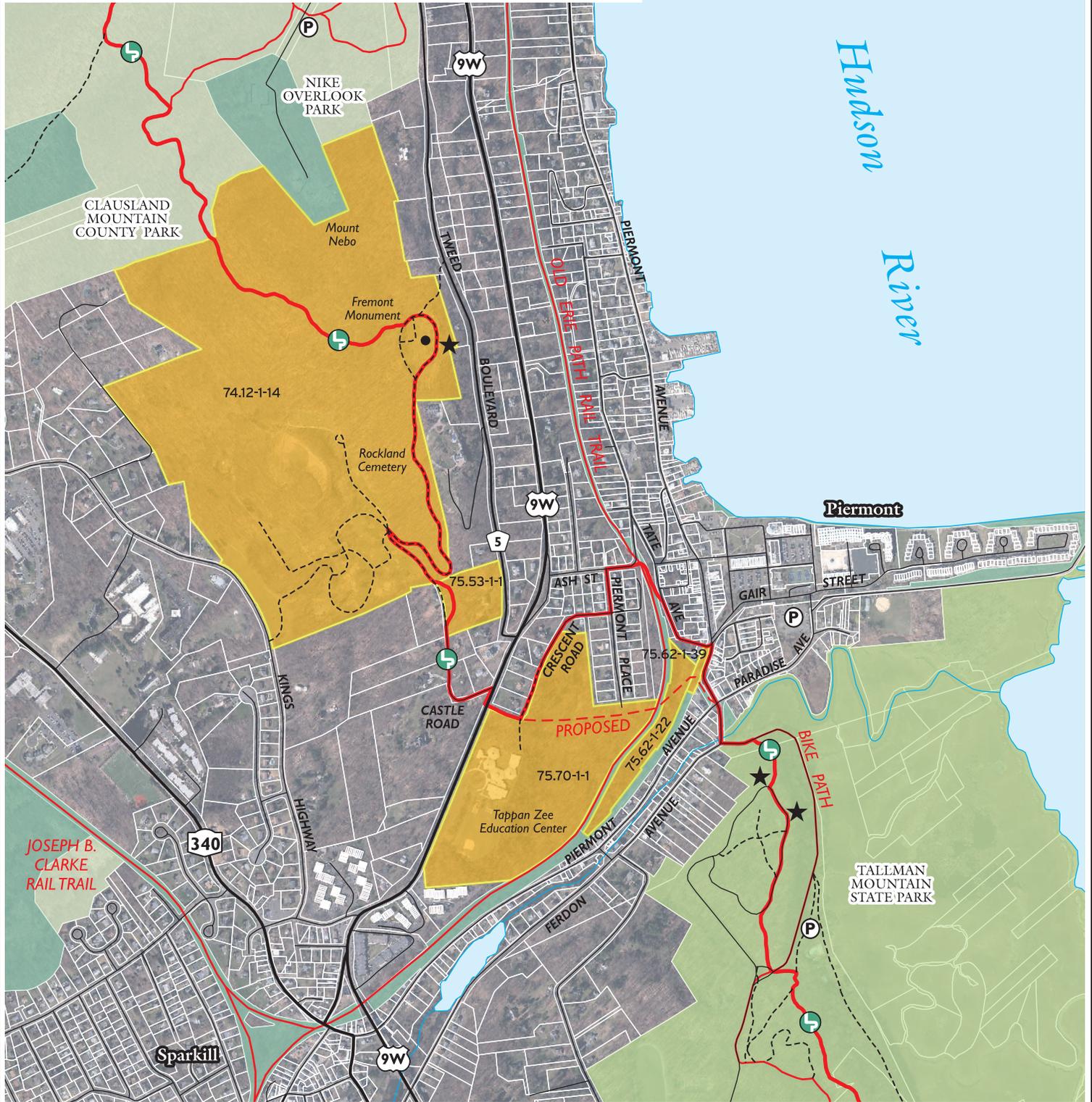
<b>Parcel:</b> 75.53-1-1	<b>Landowner:</b> OUROUSSOFF	<b>Municipality:</b> ORANGETOWN
<b>Acres:</b> 4.79	<b>Description:</b> Includes a home is accessed from Tweed Boulevard, but the backside of the parcel along Castle Road is wooded and includes the route of the Long Path.	

<b>Parcel:</b> 74.12-1-14	<b>Landowner:</b> ROCKLAND CEMETERY ATT: EILEEN KUNKEL	<b>Municipality:</b> ORANGETOWN
<b>Acres:</b> 157.40	<b>Description:</b> A cemetery with a substantial amount of woodlands, which include some steep slopes. The parcel directly connects with Clausland Mountain County Park and Nike Overlook Park.	



# Tallman Mountain SP to Clausland Mountain Park

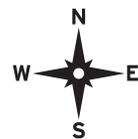
## Rockland County Project Area #2



- State land
- County land
- Land trust land
- Municipal land
- Owned by NYNJTC
- Transferred by NYNJTC
- Assisted by NYNJTC

- Corridor priority parcel
- Threatened parcel
- Maintained trail
- Proposed trail
- L Long Path
- SRT Shawangunk Ridge Trail

- P Parking area
- ★ Viewpoint



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## Rockland County

### Project Area #3

#### Blauvelt State Park to Mountainview Nature Park

#### Project Area Description:

- This project area is divided into two areas by the New York State Thruway. The Long Path crosses the Thruway on the Mountainview Avenue overpass.
- South of the Thruway, the Long Path leaves Blauvelt State Park and enters Rockland County-managed Sean Hunter Ryan Memorial Park. The south end of this park is narrow, so the trail runs along private land. The Long Path leaves the park and follows local roads for 0.75 mile to reach Mountainview Avenue and cross the Thruway.
- Once across the Thruway, the Long Path continues on the sidewalk for 0.1 mile before turning into the woods. The trail soon reaches the Rockland County-managed Mountainview Nature Park. This portion of the park is long and skinny as it passes between two condo complexes. The trail leaves the county park and passes through the corner of the Oak Hill Cemetery, then follows an access road uphill to a village water tower.

#### Action Needed:

- South of the Thruway, preserve the two former Nyack College parcels on the ridge to protect the trail corridor.
- Beyond Sean Hunter Ryan Memorial Park, the trail follows sidewalks through a developed area. It is a short stretch and the best option for reaching the Thruway crossing.
- North of the Thruway, additional land needs to be added to the Mountainview Nature Park to protect and enhance the trail corridor. The undeveloped land between Mountainview Avenue and the Warren Hills Condo Complex is **extremely important** for the Long Path corridor. The northwest corner of the Oak Hill Cemetery contains steep slopes, and it would be beneficial to preserve those.

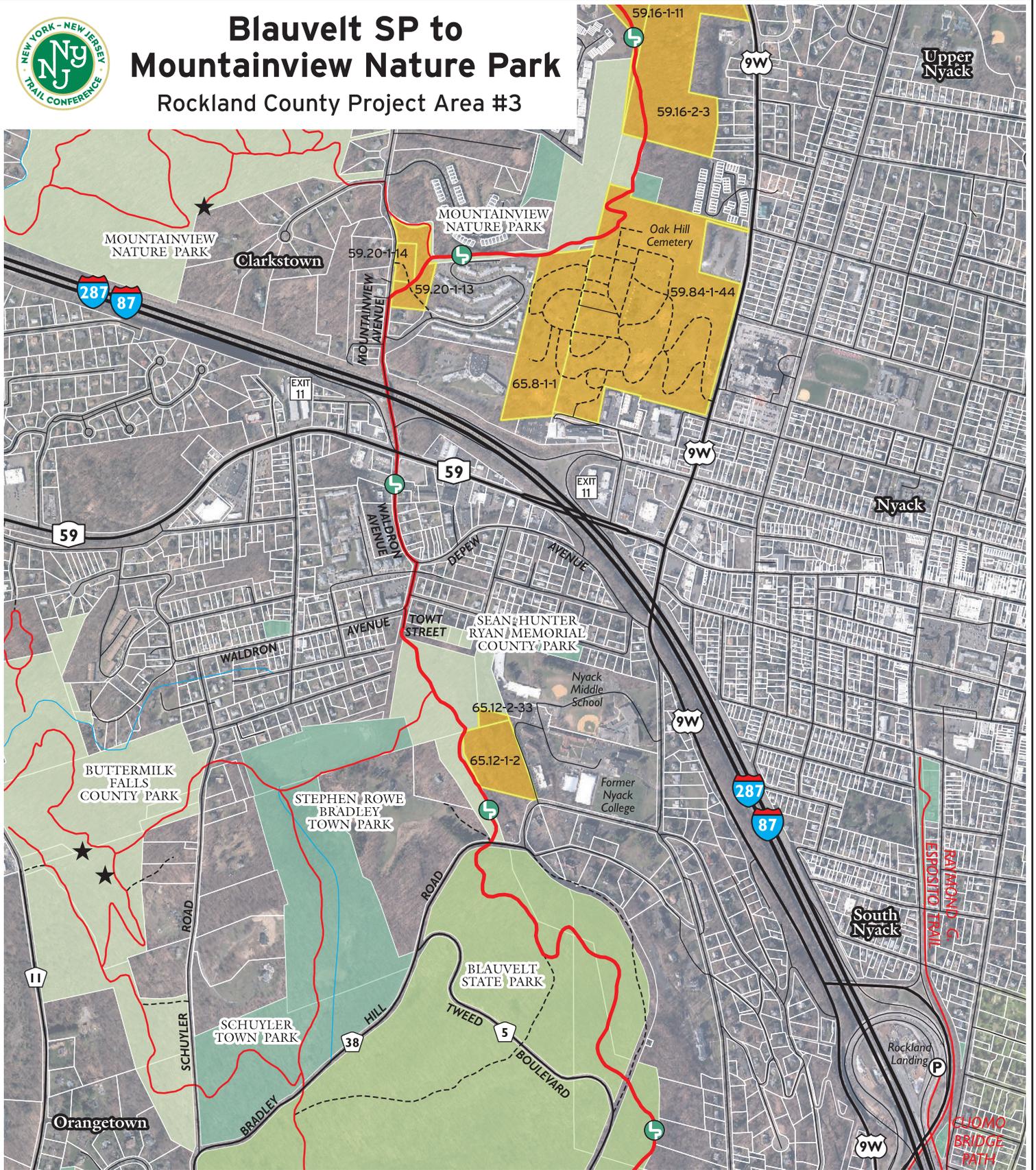
#### Priority Parcels:

<b>Parcels:</b> 65.12-1-2, 65.12-2-23	<b>Landowner:</b> YESHIVATH YIZNITZ DKHAL TORATH CHAIM INC.	<b>Municipality:</b> ORANGETOWN, CLARKSTOWN
<b>Acres:</b> 5.60, 0.38	<b>Description:</b> Part of the former Nyack College complex, these parcels extend steeply to the top of the cliff near where the Long Path is located. This portion of the complex is completely undeveloped and extends to the top of the Palisades cliff.	
<b>Parcel:</b> 59.20-1-13	<b>Landowner:</b> WARREN HILLS ASSOC - PW FUNDING INC.	<b>Municipality:</b> CLARKSTOWN
<b>Acres:</b> 3.00	<b>Description:</b> Vacant wooded parcel that contains the access road for the Warren Hills Condo Complex to the east.	
<b>Parcel:</b> 59.84-1-44	<b>Landowner:</b> OAK HILL CEMETERY	<b>Municipality:</b> ORANGETOWN
<b>Acres:</b> 36.80	<b>Description:</b> An active cemetery. The village has an access road on the cemetery property which leads to a water tower.	



# Blauvelt SP to Mountainview Nature Park

## Rockland County Project Area #3



- State land
- County land
- Land trust land
- Municipal land
- Owned by NYNJTC
- Transferred by NYNJTC
- Assisted by NYNJTC

- Corridor priority parcel
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- ★ Viewpoint

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## Rockland County

### Project Area #4

#### Mountainview Nature Park to Hook Mountain State Park

#### Project Area Description:

- This area has various open space parcels located throughout it. The first is located at the eastern border of Mountainview Condominiums. Although narrow, there is permanent protection for the Long Path and the area directly around this parcel at the east end of the condo complex.
- Leaving the protection of the Mountainview easement, the Long Path crosses the western boundary of Nyack High School land before reaching the Christian Herald Road Open Space parcel. The trail then follows Christian Herald Road and Route 9W to Hook Mountain State Park.
- North of the Christian Herald Road Open Space is the West Hook Mountain Open Space parcel. Both are owned by the Town of Clarkstown and were preserved for the Long Path. A planned relocation of the Long Path is shown in the project area map through West Hook Mountain Open Space.
- Once Christian Herald Road is reached, the Long Path could follow a sidewalk to Old Stone Road to reach the West Hook Mountain Open Space. A significant obstacle to this route is the crossing of Route 9W to Hook Mountain State Park, as this area includes steep cliffs.

#### Action Needed:

- The permanently protected trail corridor in this area should be extended across the western boundary of the Nyack High School. The forested slope through this area is on average over 500 feet wide, and preservation here would increase the width of the entire trail corridor from Mountainview Nature Park to the Christian Herald Road Open Space and would securely protect the trail.
- Currently, users can access West Hook Mountain by walking Old Stone Road. Preservation of the Camp Ramah and Blinn parcels would move the trail off of the road.
- The eastern exit of West Hook Mountain is currently a problem for the Long Path. One solution would be to build a bridge from the cliff to the east shoulder of Route 9W. A site has been identified and construction of a bridge at this location is possible.
- Another option is to preserve the Weinberger parcel at the north corner of the West Hook Mountain Open Space. The parcel is suitable for a trail route from the mountaintop, down to Route 9W.

#### Priority Parcels:

##### Mountainview Nature Park to Christian Herald Road Open Space

<b>Parcels:</b> 59.16-2-3, 59.16-1-11	<b>Landowner:</b> YESHIVATH YIZNITZ DKHAL TORATH CHAIM INC.	<b>Municipality:</b> UPPER NYACK, CLARKSTOWN
<b>Acres:</b> 21.45, 14.43	<b>Description:</b> Some development along the highway, but otherwise a steep wooded slope of the Palisades. Located in two different communities.	

<b>Parcels:</b> 59.16-1-4, 59.16-1-5	<b>Landowner:</b> MOUNTAINVIEW CONDOMINIUM	<b>Municipality:</b> CLARKSTOWN
<b>Acres:</b> 2.88, 54.9	<b>Description:</b> Condo complex on the Palisades Escarpment approved in 1972, includes dedicated 6-foot-wide walking easement for the Long Path.	

<b>Parcel:</b> 59.16-1-3	<b>Landowner:</b> UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT #4	<b>Municipality:</b> CLARKSTOWN
<b>Acres:</b> 33.70	<b>Description:</b> Site of Nyack High School. The complex is located on the eastern flat portion, with wooded steep slopes to the west where the Long Path is located.	

**West Hook Mountain Open Space Southern Access**

<b>Parcel:</b> 59.12-1-11	<b>Landowner:</b> JEWISH THEOL SEMINARY	<b>Municipality:</b> CLARKSTOWN
<b>Acres:</b> 35.69	<b>Description:</b> Day camp known as Camp Ramah. The entire camp operation is located on the eastern portion, with wooded steep slopes to the west.	

<b>Parcel:</b> 59.12-1-12.1	<b>Landowner:</b> OLIVE M BLINN REVOCABLE TRUST	<b>Municipality:</b> CLARKSTOWN
<b>Acres:</b> 27.18	<b>Description:</b> Mostly vacant mountain top parcel, with one residence in the southeast portion. Access roads traverse this parcel to various residences and the West Hook Mountain Open Space.	

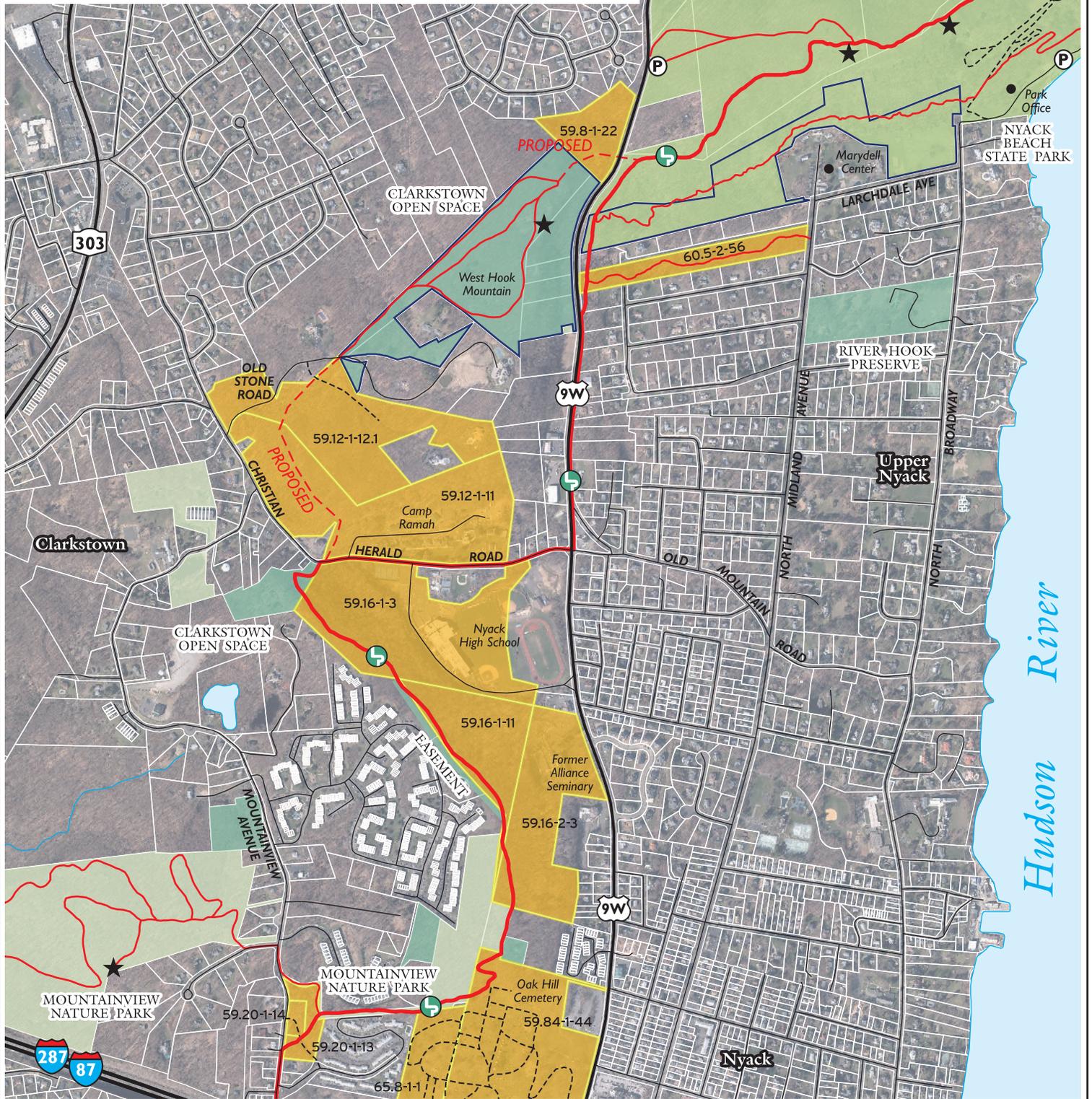
**West Hook Mountain Open Space Northern Access**

<b>Parcel:</b> 59.8-1-22	<b>Landowner:</b> WEINBERGER	<b>Municipality:</b> CLARKSTOWN
<b>Acres:</b> 7.70	<b>Description:</b> Wooded parcel with steep rocky slopes that could be suitable for a trail. It is adjacent to the northeast corner of the West Hook Mountain Open Space.	



# Mountainview Nature Park to Hook Mountain SP

## Rockland County Project Area #4



- State land
- County land
- Land trust land
- Municipal land
- Owned by NYNJTC
- Transferred by NYNJTC
- Assisted by NYNJTC

- Corridor priority parcel
- Threatened parcel
- Maintained trail
- Proposed trail
- Long Path
- Shawangunk Ridge Trail

- Parking area
- Viewpoint



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## Rockland County

### Project Area #5

#### Hook Mountain State Park to High Tor State Park

### Project Area Description:

- Leaving Hook Mountain State Park, the Long Path first follows abandoned Landmark Road. Although the road was abandoned, it was preserved as a permanent right of way for the Long Path. The abandoned road is next to the active Tilcon Quarry operation. The trail continues around the quarry on local roads. The Long Path then climbs High Tor Mountain, passing through land owned by Tilcon to reach High Tor State Park.
- The roads around the quarry are public roads. Even if they were abandoned, the roads would remain public right of ways for the Long Path.

### Action Needed:

- The most critical need is to preserve the existing Long Path route through Tilcon-owned parcel 35.09-1-5 between County Route 90 and High Tor State Park.
- Long term action is needed for this entire project area. This quarry area should be preserved once it reaches its useful life as a quarry, as Tilcon owns all of the land between Hook Mountain State Park and High Tor State Park.
- Prior to the quarry's end-of-life, a different route through Tilcon-owned land could improve both the Long Path and Tilcon's operation.

### Priority Parcels:

<b>Parcel:</b> 35.15-1-1	<b>Landowner:</b> TILCON MINERALS INC.	<b>Municipality:</b> CLARKSTOWN
<b>Acres:</b> 4.3	<b>Description:</b> Includes an office building, located along abandoned Landmark Drive.	

<b>Parcel:</b> 35.10-1-1	<b>Landowner:</b> TILCON MINERALS INC.	<b>Municipality:</b> HAVERSTRAW
<b>Acres:</b> 68.9	<b>Description:</b> Contains the eastern portion of the existing quarry excavation and the remaining ridge along Route 9W, which faces the Hudson River.	

<b>Parcel:</b> 35.10-2-2	<b>Landowner:</b> TILCON MINERALS INC.	<b>Municipality:</b> CLARKSTOWN
<b>Acres:</b> 106.8	<b>Description:</b> Contains the western portion of the existing quarry excavation.	

<b>Parcel:</b> 35.10-2-1	<b>Landowner:</b> TILCON MINERALS INC.	<b>Municipality:</b> CLARKSTOWN
<b>Acres:</b> 21.3	<b>Description:</b> Contains the Maintenance building and yard for Tilcon's operation west of the quarry.	

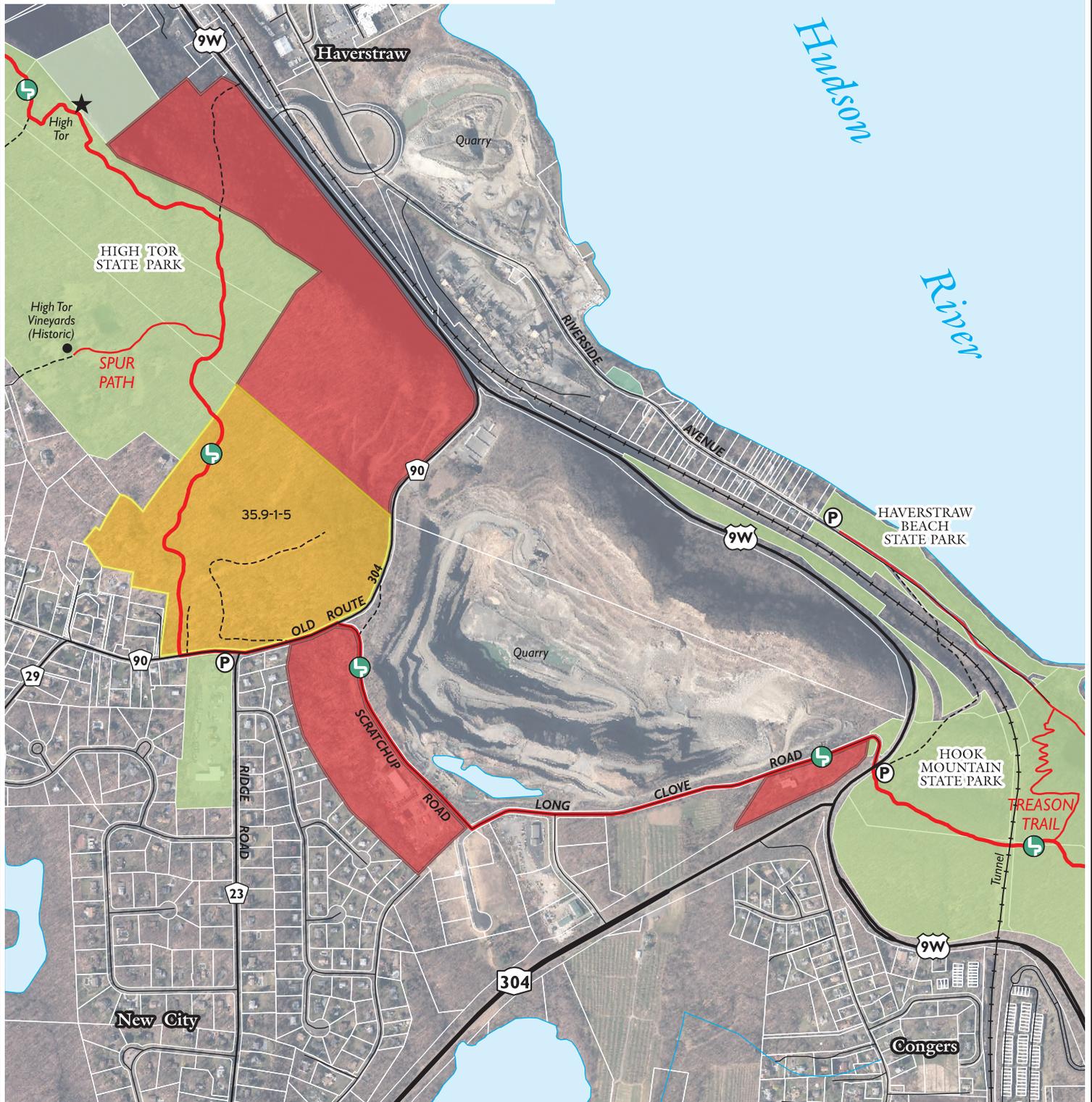
<b>Parcel:</b> 35.09-1-5	<b>Landowner:</b> TILCON MINERALS INC.	<b>Municipality:</b> CLARKSTOWN
<b>Acres:</b> 57.00	<b>Description:</b> Vacant wooded parcel that is part of High Tor Mountain. The Long Path crosses the western boundary.	

<b>Parcel:</b> 35.06-1-1	<b>Landowner:</b> TILCON MINERALS INC.	<b>Municipality:</b> HAVERSTRAW
<b>Acres:</b> 65.9	<b>Description:</b> Part of High Tor Mountain, it faces south and east and is visible from the Hudson River.	



# Hook Mountain SP to High Tor SP

## Rockland County Project Area #5



- State land
- County land
- Land trust land
- Municipal land
- Owned by NYNJTC
- Transferred by NYNJTC
- Assisted by NYNJTC

- Corridor priority parcel
- Threatened parcel
- Maintained trail
- Proposed trail
- L Long Path
- SRT Shawangunk Ridge Trail

- P Parking area
- Viewpoint



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## Rockland County

### Project Area #6

Gurnee Park to Cheesecote Mountain Park

#### Project Area Description:

- With the exception of a short road walk to get under the Palisades Parkway, this project area has a protected trail corridor. One parcel south of Gurnee Park is extremely close to the trail corridor and should be preserved.
- The Long Path continues along the Palisades Parkway through Palisades Interstate Parkland before reaching Cheesecote Mountain Town Park.

#### Action Needed:

- Preserve the northern portion of the lone private parcel in the trail corridor.

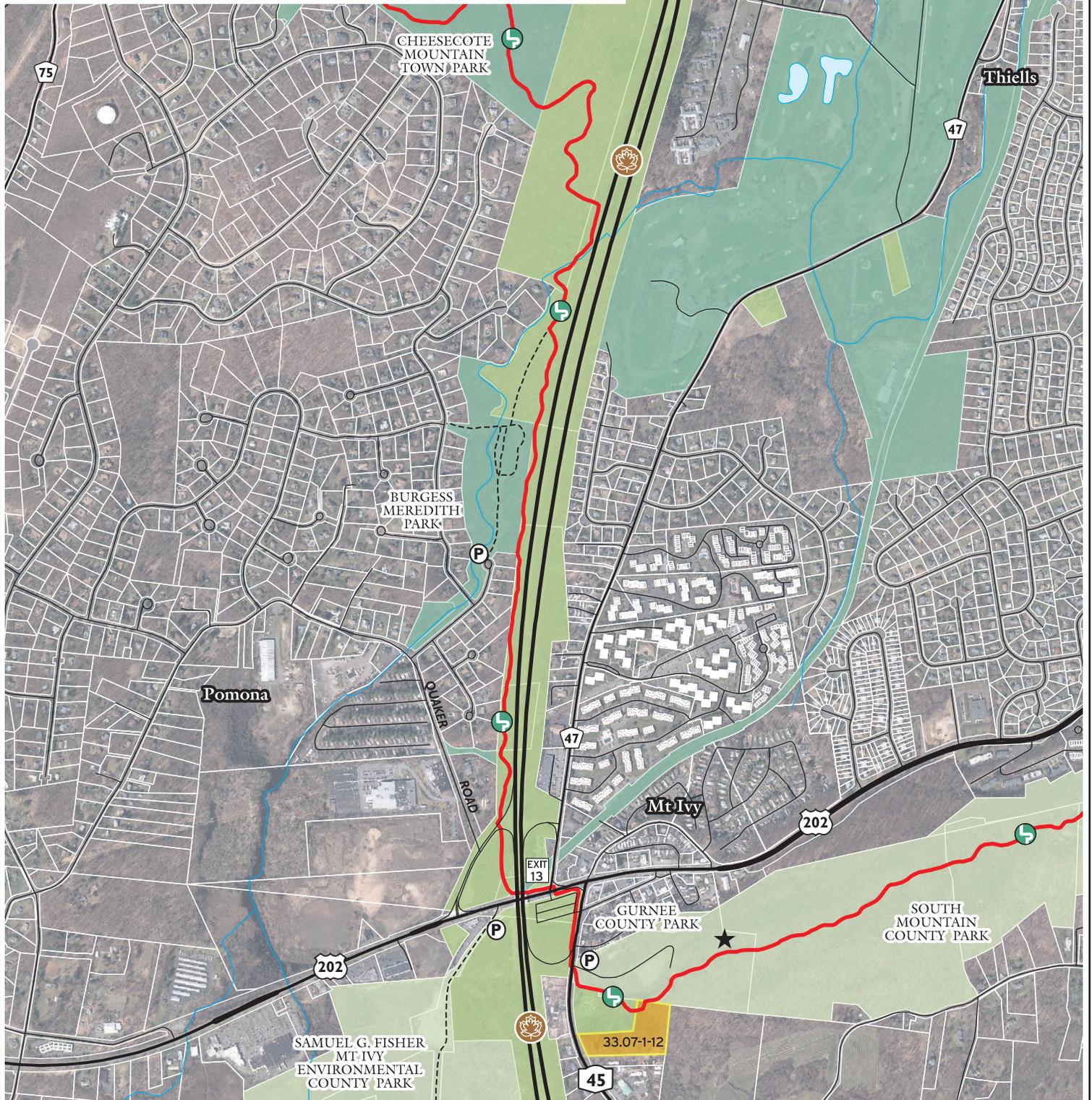
#### Priority Parcels:

<b>Parcel:</b> 33.07-1-12	<b>Landowner:</b> STUARTS OUTDOOR LIVING INC	<b>Municipality:</b> RAMAPO
<b>Acres:</b> 5.4	<b>Description:</b> Mostly wooded parcel with a residence along NY Route 45. The Long Path passes through the most northern portion.	



# Gurnee Park to Cheesecote Mountain Park

Rockland County Project Area #6



- State land
- County land
- Land trust land
- Municipal land
- Owned by NYNJTC
- Transferred by NYNJTC
- Assisted by NYNJTC

- Corridor priority parcel
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# Orange County



# Orange County

## Protection Overview:

There are **7 Project Areas** within Orange County. Protecting a corridor in each of these areas would completely protect the Long Path in Orange County, which runs **66.5 miles** through the county. Additionally, there are **2 Project Areas** along the Shawangunk Ridge Trail between High Point State Park in New Jersey and the Long Path.

- Leaving Rockland County, the Long Path weaves westward. Starting in Harriman State Park and exiting Orange County into the Bashakill Wildlife Management Area along the Shawangunk Mountains, large portions of the Long Path in Orange County remain unprotected.
- Within Harriman State Park, the Long Path provides sweeping views of the surrounding Hudson Valley and Harriman-Bear Mountain State Parks from atop Long Mountain. This location also includes a memorial to Raymond H. Torrey, a founding member of the Trail Conference.
- The first three project areas are in the east side of the county, where there is intense development pressure. In **Project Area 1**, there are barriers that need to be resolved for a permanent off-road, year-round route. The West Point Military Reservation is both a barrier and a possible solution to a year-round permanent Long Path route.
- In **Project Area 2** and **Project Area 3**, a corridor aims to connect a state park, four separate Town of Woodbury parklands, and two county parks. Barriers to success include private landowners, intense development pressures, and lack of a permanent trail corridor across land owned by Orange and Rockland Utilities.
- The project areas in the east are separated from the west by the Heritage Trail, a 25-mile trail corridor. Currently, the Long Path is co-aligned with the Heritage Trail for 12.7 miles. The Heritage Trail is an Orange County Park. It is a multi-use rail trail that has a 10-foot wide, paved surface and a wide grass surface available to walk on.
- **Important Note:** Currently, the Long Path leaves the Heritage Trail at County Route 50 and follows public roads for 13.25 miles to Huckleberry Ridge State Forest on the Shawangunk Ridge. This entire route will eventually be abandoned for a more favorable option, presented in Project Area 4, Project Area 5 and Project Area 6.
- Orange County has extended the Heritage Trail beyond Route 50 into the City of Middletown. The City is currently working to extend the Heritage Trail to the northwest side of the city at Fancher Davidge Park. The City of Middletown recently opened their Reservoir lands for public use and also built a network of trails. The area between Fancher Davidge Park and the Reservoir Trails is 0.75 mile and is **Project Area 4**.
- **Project Area 5** is entirely within the watershed lands owned by the City of Middletown, which contains the Reservoir Trails. Recently, the City of Middletown has agreed to allow for the Long Path to be routed here. **Project Area 6** is predominantly the County of Orange Indigot Watershed, additional Middletown watershed lands, and then private land for the last mile.
- **Project Area 7** includes a 4.5 mile stretch of the abandoned Erie railbed that is a critical piece of coaligned Long Path and Shawangunk Ridge Trail to be preserved.
- **Project Area 8** and **Project Area 9** cover sections of the Shawangunk Ridge Trail to the south.

# Orange County

## History:

In Orange County, establishing a permanent route has eluded Long Path advocates for six decades. In 1960, the Long Path left Harriman State Park, went through West Point and over Storm King Mountain, and then followed roads and the New York City aqueduct north. In 1962, the Long Path was relocated to the northwest side of Harriman State Park and routed over Florence Mountain to Schunemunk Mountain. It then went over Woodcock Mountain and followed the abandoned O&W rail bed from Station Road all the way beyond Route 207 to the Stewart Airport Buffer land (currently Stewart State Forest). From Maybrook, the Long Path followed roads into Ulster County to the Shawangunk Ridge. With some minor changes this route was in place for 33 years. The O&W railbed has mostly been replaced with housing developments through New Windsor.

In 1992 & 1993, the Shawangunk Ridge Trail was built between High Point State Park in New Jersey and Sam's Point in Ulster County. This route avoided the big road walks through Orange County, and it became known as "the Backpacker's Route" for the Long Path.

In 1995, the Long Path needed to move due to encroaching housing developments. At Salisbury Mills, the trail now followed the abandoned Erie railbed through Washingtonville to Tomahawk Lake. It then followed roads through Hamptonburgh and Scotchtown, finally reaching Highlands Lakes State Park just north of Route 211. Beyond the undeveloped state park was a 17-mile road walk to Wurtsboro Ridge State Forest on the Shawangunk Ridge in Sullivan County. As time progressed, the trail could no longer follow the old Erie railbed, which resulted in an 18-mile road walk to reach Highland Lakes State Park.

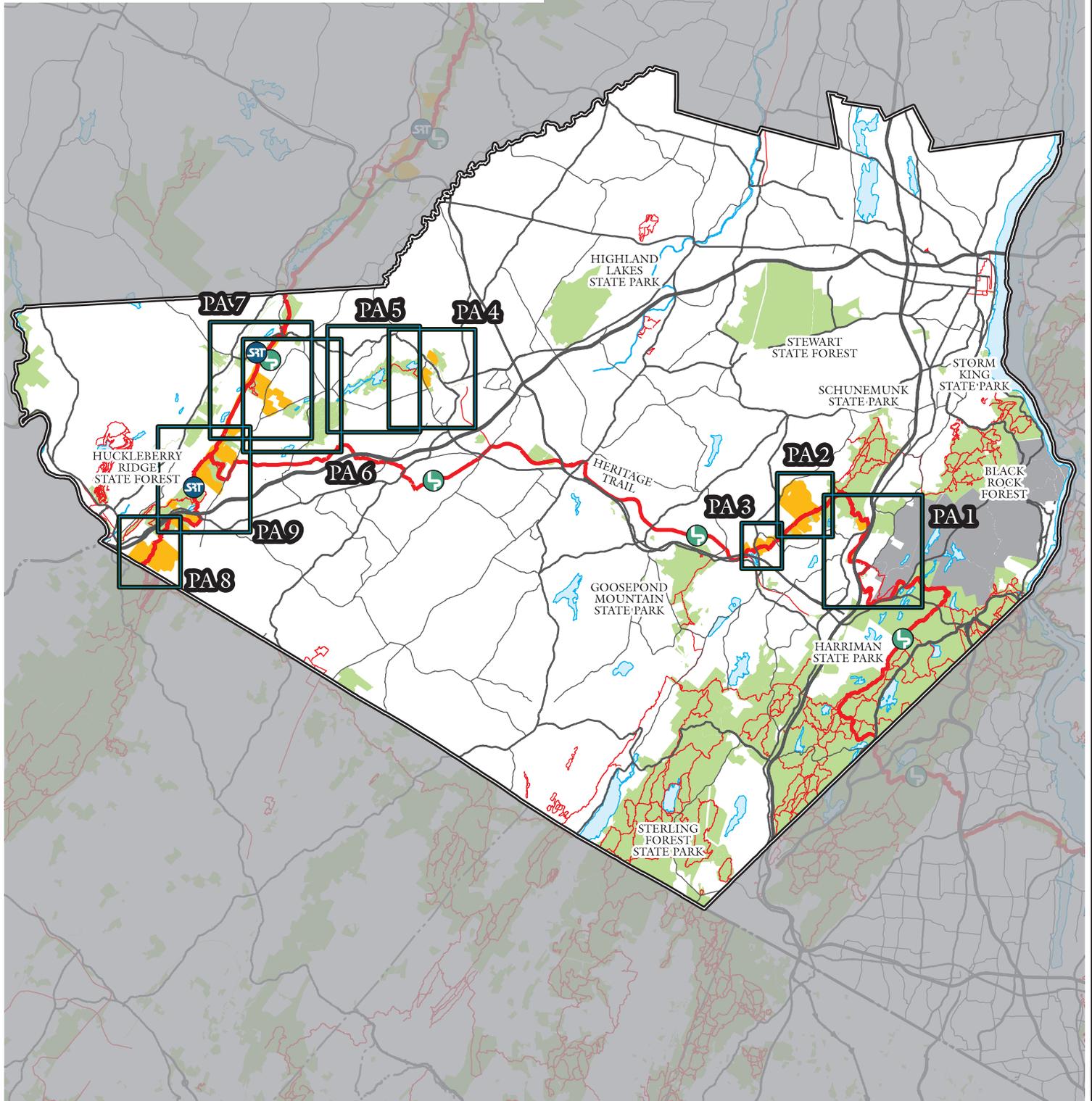
By 2011, the farms and open spaces along the existing route had been replaced with housing developments. The Long Path Committee again had to scout a new route. New mapping resources like Google Earth helped make this work a little easier, and in 2012, the Long Path was rerouted to its present location. Today, the Long Path travels southwest on Schunemunk Mountain and then follows the Orange Heritage Trail (former Erie mainline) for 14 miles. The trail then follows local roads to reach Huckleberry Ridge State Forest on the Shawangunk Ridge in Greenville.

The Heritage Trail has now been extended into the City of Middletown, and work is ongoing to extend it further through the city. The city has also graciously opened public hiking trails on their reservoir land. The City of Middletown has given permission for the Long Path to use these trails, and history-in-the-making is occurring right now in Project Areas 4, 5, and 6.



# Orange County

## Project Areas #1-9



- Protected land
- Corridor priority parcel
- Long Path/Shawangunk Ridge Trail
- Other trail
- Project Area Outline



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## Orange County

### Project Area #1

Harriman State Park to Schunemunk State Park

#### Project Area Description:

- The Long Path leaves the protection of Harriman State Park and follows roads for 3.35 miles before reaching an abandoned railbed which it follows toward Schunemunk State Park. Currently hikers can follow a seasonal route through the West Point Training Reserve; this route is open to users for around six months annually. This reduces the present road walk to just 1 mile. A permanent route through the West Point land is desired. The trail enters Schunemunk State Park at the end of this project area.
- An alternate option for the Long Path would be to continue through the West Point land along Smith Clove Road and then through Legacy Ridge; state parkland managed by the Open Space Institute.
- The underground aquifer which runs below the Woodbury Creek contains wells for both the Woodbury and Kiryas Joel water districts. Protecting the land along the Woodbury Creek will protect the water supply for these communities.

#### Action Needed:

- Considering the current conditions, developing a permanently protected trail corridor completely off roads will be a difficult task through this area. The current obstacles are the West Point Training Area, and housing developments between Harriman State Park and the Woodbury Creek.
- **Option 1** would be to use the current route combined with a permanent route through the West Point land and preserving a corridor along Woodbury Creek. Across Route 32 a corridor needs to be preserved through the abandoned quarry along the active Railroad right of way.
- **Option 2** is an alternate option which avoids a 1-mile road walk and abandoned railbed along the Woodbury Creek. The trail would need to be routed along Smith Clove Road on West Point land and through Legacy Ridge (State Park land managed by OSI). The trail would then follow route 32 to where the existing Long Path crosses the road.
- Route 32 could be avoided if a pedestrian bridge or tunnel was built to route the trail across the Thruway between Legacy Ridge and the current trail crossing at route 32 at Woodbury Creek.

#### Priority Parcels:

<b>Parcel:</b> 232-1-1	<b>Landowner:</b> WEST POINT	<b>Municipality:</b> WOODBURY
<b>Acres:</b> 960.76	<b>Description:</b> This mostly forested parcel is a training area for the military academy. The Long Path is routed through it seasonally.	

<b>Parcel:</b> 218-2-18	<b>Landowner:</b> NORFOLK SOUTHERN CORPORATION	<b>Municipality:</b> WOODBURY
<b>Acres:</b> 27.68	<b>Description:</b> Includes an active railbed which the Metro North RR uses. A gas pipeline ROW runs along an abandoned railbed on this parcel. The Long Path follows the gas pipeline through this parcel.	

<b>Parcel:</b> 218-2-2	<b>Landowner:</b> CEMETERY OF THE HIGHLANDS, INC	<b>Municipality:</b> WOODBURY
<b>Acres:</b> 44.65	<b>Description:</b> This is a cemetery which is located west of the Woodbury Creek. The pipeline which the Long Path follows runs next to a portion of this property located east of the Woodbury Creek.	

<b>Parcel:</b> 207-1-1.2	<b>Landowner:</b> CENTRAL HUDSON GAS & ELECTRIC	<b>Municipality:</b> WOODBURY
<b>Acres:</b> 5.71	<b>Description:</b> This is an abandoned railbed which now contains a gas pipeline. The old railbed runs between the active RR and the Woodbury Creek.	

<b>Parcels:</b> 207-1-1.162, 207-1-1.163	<b>Landowner:</b> GROSS	<b>Municipality:</b> WOODBURY
<b>Acres:</b> 15.90, 4.80	<b>Description:</b> These wooded parcels are divided by the active RR, the abandoned railbed (pipeline) and the Woodbury Creek. Routing the Long Path across this property would eliminate the current unbridged trail crossing at Woodbury Creek.	

<b>Parcel:</b> 207-1-2.2	<b>Landowner:</b> NORFOLK SOUTHERN CORPORATION	<b>Municipality:</b> WOODBURY
<b>Acres:</b> 20.23	<b>Description:</b> Norfolk Southern is a 20.23-acre parcel with the Metro North RR on it. The pipeline ROW enters this parcel downhill from the RR. The trail crosses Woodbury Creek and route 32 and then re-enters this parcel.	

<b>Parcels:</b> 202-1-4, 203-1-9.2	<b>Landowner:</b> NORFOLK SOUTHERN CORPORATION	<b>Municipality:</b> WOODBURY
<b>Acres:</b> 3.31, 5.5	<b>Description:</b> The Long Path is routed through the forested land which runs adjacent to the active RR on these parcels.	

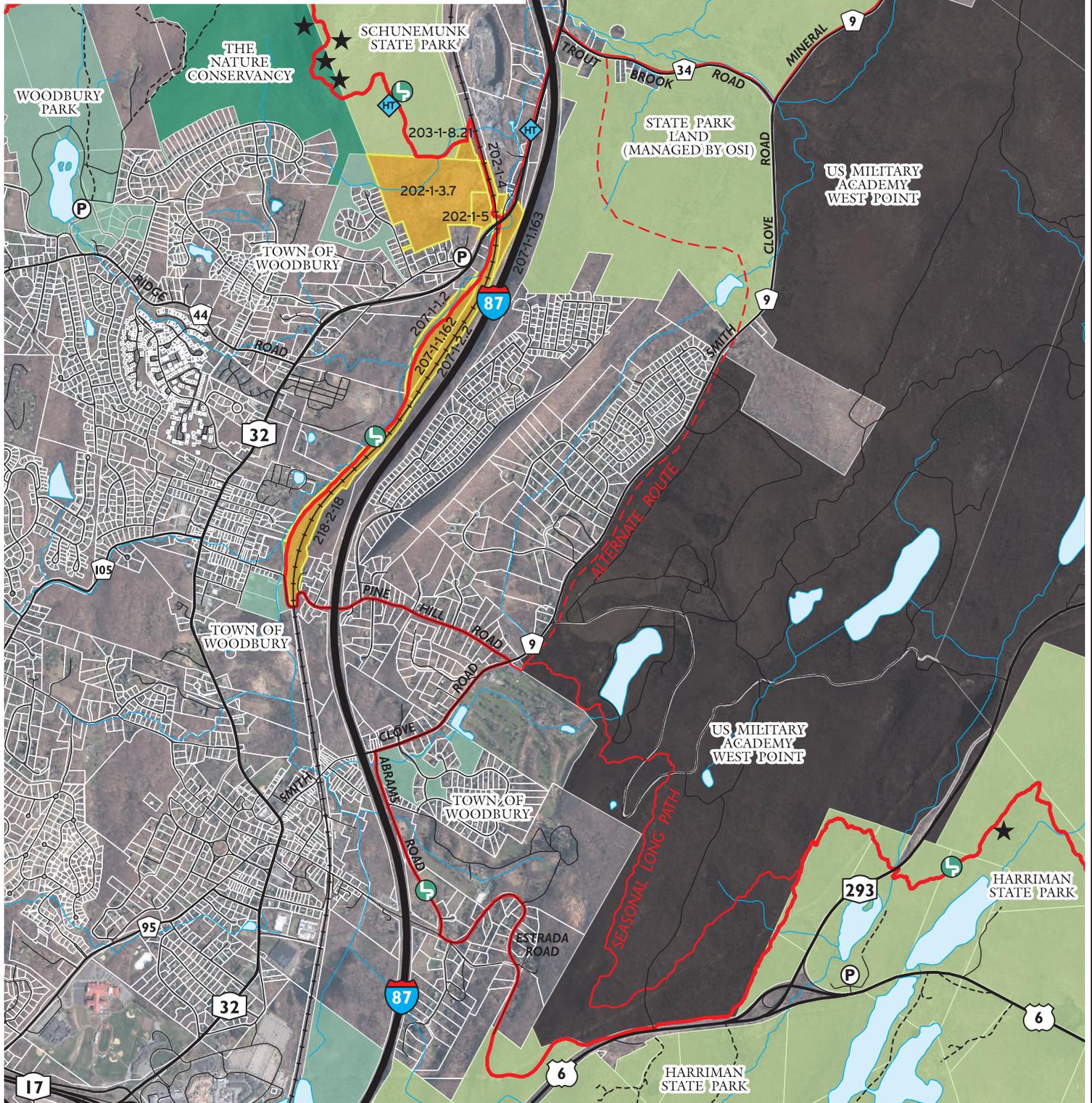
<b>Parcels:</b> 202-1-3.7, 202-1-5	<b>Landowner:</b> SPEYSIDE HOLDINGS LLC	<b>Municipality:</b> WOODBURY
<b>Acres:</b> 63.4, 5.5	<b>Description:</b> These parcels are both part of an old quarry that is now covered with vegetation. Both parcels would be more suitable for the Long Path. They would also be suitable for a parking lot to serve the adjacent State Park.	

<b>Parcel:</b> 203-1-8.21	<b>Landowner:</b> CEM III LLC	<b>Municipality:</b> WOODBURY
<b>Acres:</b> 30.6	<b>Description:</b> This wooded parcel is part of the large active quarry east of the RR. The Long Path currently runs along the western boundary of this parcel in the woods along the active RR.	



# Harriman SP to Schunemunk SP

## Orange County Project Area #1



- State land
- County land
- Land trust land
- Municipal land
- Owned by NYNJTC
- Transferred by NYNJTC
- Assisted by NYNJTC

- Corridor priority parcel
- Threatened parcel
- Maintained trail
- Proposed trail
- L Long Path
- HT Highlands Trail

- P Parking area
- ★ Viewpoint



## Orange County

### Project Area #2

Schunemunk State Park to Gonzaga Park

#### Project Area Description:

- The Long Path and Highlands Trail are co-aligned through this project area. The trail leaves Schunemunk State Park and crosses a mix of town parkland and private land. The region is under intense development pressure on both sides of the ridgeline. At the other end of this project area, the Long Path enters Gonzaga Park, an Orange County park. New York State Parks has a 200 foot wide Long Path easement through Gonzaga Park. This entire stretch of the Long Path is on the ridgeline and is lined with steep slopes. This provides many far-reaching views along the trail.
- The 1923 New York Walk Book describes Schunemunk Mountain as running more than 8 miles from its southwestern end at Monroe on the Erie mainline to its northeastern point east of Salisbury Mills. It further describes a trail running 6 miles from the northern trail network to Monroe. Meaning the trail that runs through this protection area is at least 100 years old.

#### Action Needed:

- Permanently protecting the entire ridgetop between Gonzaga Park (County of Orange) and Schunemunk State Park. Due to the steep slopes the corridor should be no less than 500 feet. At minimum, a trail easement extending New York State Parks trail easement from Gonzaga Park across the entire ridgetop would permanently protect this 100+ year old trail corridor.

#### Priority Parcels:

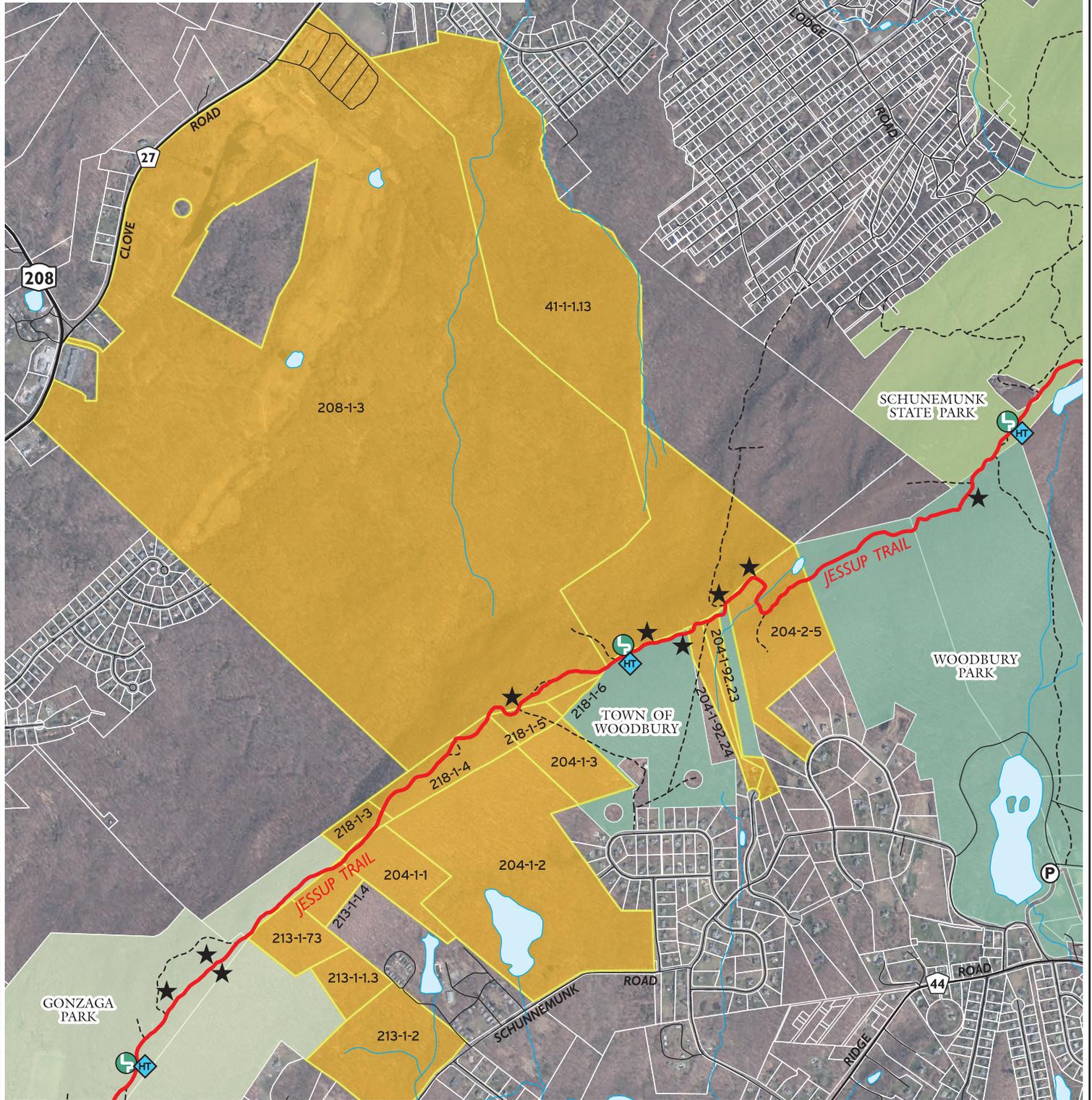
<b>Parcel:</b> 202-1-58.2	<b>Landowner:</b> WOODBURY FIELD & STREAM CLUB	<b>Municipality:</b> WOODBURY
<b>Acres:</b> 119.60	<b>Description:</b> This property is used as a hunting preserve. It is desirable to protect the extreme ridgetop portion of this parcel as parkland.	
<b>Parcels:</b> 202-1-57, 202-1-56, 204-1-30	<b>Landowner:</b> TOWN OF WOODBURY	<b>Municipality:</b> WOODBURY
<b>Acres:</b> 106.30, 17.10, 113.00	<b>Description:</b> This is a 236-acre town park. It is unknown if the parkland is permanently protected. The Long Path and Highlands Trail currently cross this park at the ridgetop.	
<b>Parcel:</b> 20-2-2.2	<b>Landowner:</b> A&M DEVELOPMENT CORP	<b>Municipality:</b> BLOOMING GROVE
<b>Acres:</b> 143.3	<b>Description:</b> This wooded parcel reaches up to the ridgeline near the trail. It is desirable to preserve the ridge top portion of this parcel and protect the trail corridor.	
<b>Parcel:</b> 204-2-205	<b>Landowner:</b> 20 APPLE HILL LLC	<b>Municipality:</b> WOODBURY
<b>Acres:</b> 31.7	<b>Description:</b> The approved subdivision map restricts any construction above the build line shown on the map. Most of the property falls within that restricted area. The Long Path and Highlands Trail currently cross this parcel.	

<b>Parcels:</b> 41-1-1.13, 208-1-3	<b>Landowner:</b> KEENE EQUITIES "CLOVE DEVELOPMENT"	<b>Municipality:</b> BLOOMING GROVE, SOUTH BLOOMING GROVE
<b>Acres:</b> 158, 655.7	<b>Description:</b> This 814-acre parcel starts in the valley and stretches to across the western slope to the ridgeline. There is currently a development proposal for the site. In the proposal they suggest preserving the ridge top.	
<b>Parcels:</b> 204-1-92.3, 247-5-1, 218-1-6	<b>Landowner:</b> TOWN OF WOODBURY	<b>Municipality:</b> WOODBURY, BLOOMING GROVE
<b>Acres:</b> 5.8, 42.7, 1.5	<b>Description:</b> These three parcels were preserved as open space by the town when they approved the individual subdivisions.	
<b>Parcel:</b> 204-1-92.23	<b>Landowner:</b> ROSENFELD	<b>Municipality:</b> WOODBURY
<b>Acres:</b> 5	<b>Description:</b> Has a house located on the eastern boundary near the roadside. This long skinny parcel climbs steeply to the ridgetop. The Long Path and Highlands Trail are on the ridgetop here.	
<b>Parcel:</b> 204-1-92.24	<b>Landowner:</b> HEIMANN	<b>Municipality:</b> WOODBURY
<b>Acres:</b> 5.3	<b>Description:</b> This parcel has a house located on the eastern boundary near the roadside. This long skinny parcel climbs steeply to the ridgetop. The Long Path and Highlands Trail are on the ridgetop here.	
<b>Parcels:</b> 218-1-5, 218-1-4, 218-1-3, 204-1-3, 204-1-2, 204-1-1, 213-1-1.4, 213-1-73, 213-1-1.3	<b>Landowner:</b> SYW PROPERTY HOLDINGS LLC	<b>Municipality:</b> BLOOMING GROVE, WOODBURY
<b>Acres:</b> 4.8, 13, 4.4, 14.1, 105.4, 16.1, 6.6, 11.4, 8	<b>Description:</b> This property is around 215 acres and stretches from the top of the ridge down to Schunnemunk Road. Most of the property is in the Town of Woodbury. The Long Path and Highlands Trail cross this land at the ridge top. This single owner owns the entire stretch between Gonzaga Park and a 42.7-acre Town of Woodbury open space parcel.	
<b>Parcel:</b> 218-1-2	<b>Landowner:</b> MOUNTAINSIDE DEVELOPMENT	<b>Municipality:</b> BLOOMING GROVE
<b>Acres:</b> 159.3	<b>Description:</b> This wooded parcel stretches from intense development on the lower western slope to the ridgetop. It is extremely close to the trail corridor.	



# Schunemunk SP to Gonzaga Park

## Orange County Project Area #2



- State land
- County land
- Land trust land
- Municipal land
- Owned by NYNJTC
- Transferred by NYNJTC
- Assisted by NYNJTC

- Corridor priority parcel
- Threatened parcel
- Maintained trail
- Proposed trail
- LP Long Path
- HT Highlands Trail

- P Parking area
- ★ Viewpoint



## Orange County

### Project Area #3

Gonzaga Park to Heritage Trail

#### Project Area Description:

- The Long Path is co-aligned with the Highlands Trail through this entire project area. This short stretch is under intense development pressure. The parcels listed below are the last remaining lineal wooded strip through this project area. The project area is 1.6 miles in length. The existing trail connects two Orange County Parks.
- The current off-road portion of the trail is 1.15 miles and completely on land owned by Orange and Rockland Utilities. Pictured below is the O&R land east of route 208 and behind their office/maintenance building and yard. The trail crosses 208 and runs along the shore of a lake on another O&R parcel.

#### Action Needed:

- Orange and Rockland Utilities own the land that the trail currently follows between Seven Springs Road and Route 208. This is a critical link for the trail that we need to protect permanently. A closure of the trail here would result in a long road walk along an extremely dangerous road to reach 208. O&R also owns the land between Route 208 and Museum Village Road. Preserving a permanent trail core across O&R's land is the highest priority in this project area.
- Preserving a trail corridor across the additional land listed and shown would provide further protection from the encroaching heavy development.

#### Priority Parcels:

<b>Parcel:</b> 1-1-25.3	<b>Landowner:</b> AM SEVEN SPRINGS LLC	<b>Municipality:</b> MONROE
<b>Acres:</b> 3.06	<b>Description:</b> A vacant, completely wooded parcel attached to Gonzaga Park.	

<b>Parcels:</b> 367-1-9.2, 1-1-23.2	<b>Landowner:</b> BAKERTOWN RD HOLDING LLC	<b>Municipality:</b> PALM TREE (KJ), MONROE
<b>Acres:</b> 29.10, 1.5	<b>Description:</b> Most of this land is in the Village of Kiryas Joel. A portion of this parcel runs along the other side of the road in the Town of Monroe. The Long Path and Highlands Trail run along the road adjacent to this parcel.	

<b>Parcel:</b> 1-1-25.4	<b>Landowner:</b> 7 SPRINGS VILLAS LLC	<b>Municipality:</b> MONROE
<b>Acres:</b> 62.1	<b>Description:</b> This vacant wooded parcel is predominantly covered by trees. We would like to preserve a trail corridor across this parcel.	

<b>Parcel:</b> 1-1-39	<b>Landowner:</b> PORT ORANGE HOLDINGS LLC	<b>Municipality:</b> MONROE
<b>Acres:</b> 20.15	<b>Description:</b> A vacant wooded parcel directly next to the trail and part of the existing trail corridor.	

<b>Parcel:</b> 224-1-3	<b>Landowner:</b> DAULAN FUNDING LLC	<b>Municipality:</b> SOUTH BLOOMING GROVE
<b>Acres:</b> 35.9	<b>Description:</b> A vacant, wooded parcel directly next to the trail and part of the existing trail corridor.	

<b>Parcel:</b> 1-1-40	<b>Landowner:</b> ORANGE & ROCKLAND UTL INC	<b>Municipality:</b> MONROE
<b>Acres:</b> 43.60	<b>Description:</b> The parcel is completely wooded and lined by rock walls. It is an important trail connector between Seven Springs Road and the additional land O&R owns on route 208.	

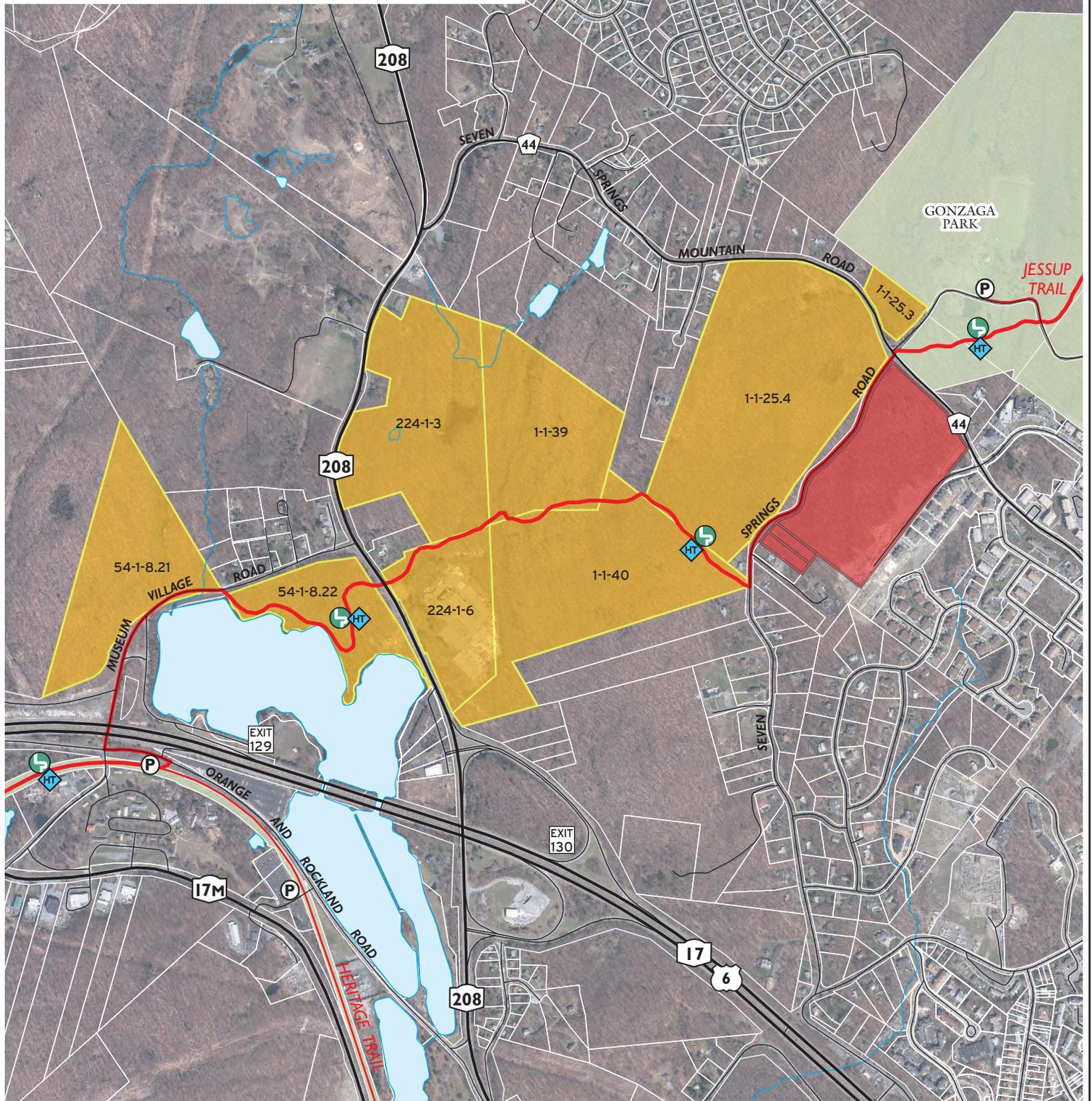
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<b>Acres:</b> 18.60, 16.90	<b>Description:</b> The trail drops through a series of cliffs on the SBG parcel then passes along the boundary passing by O&R's office and maintenance facility.	

<b>Parcel:</b> 54-1-8.21	<b>Landowner:</b> MEDIACOM REALTY LLC	<b>Municipality:</b> BLOOMING GROVE
<b>Acres:</b> 27.10	<b>Description:</b> An undeveloped wooded parcel. The trail currently passes by it on the road.	



# Gonzaga Park to Heritage Trail

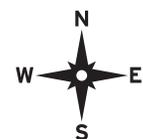
## Orange County Project Area #3



- State land
- County land
- Land trust land
- Municipal land
- Owned by NYNJTC
- Transferred by NYNJTC
- Assisted by NYNJTC

- Corridor priority parcel
- Threatened parcel
- Maintained trail
- Proposed trail
- L Long Path
- HT Highlands Trail

- P Parking area
- Viewpoint



0 0.075 0.15 0.3 Miles



## Orange County

### Project Area #4

Heritage Trail to Middletown Watershed

#### Project Area Description:

- **Project Areas 4, 5, and 6** depend on the completion of the Heritage Trail extension through Middletown. Recently, The Heritage Trail was extended from Hartley Road in Goshen to Palmer Avenue in the City of Middletown. The City of Middletown is replacing bridges and clearing the old railbed in various places throughout the city. They are confident that the Heritage Trail will be completed from Palmer Avenue to Fancher Davidge Park, the beginning of this project area.
- It is only  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a mile in a straight line between Fancher Davidge Park and the recently opened Middletown Reservoir Trails. This being an urban area does not offer forested off-road routes within this project area. In addition to the 108.1-acre city park, the City of Middletown owns another 96.5 acres which is directly connected with the Fancher Davidge Park. The Heritage Trail will run directly through this park

#### Action Needed:

- **Option 1** - Leaving the Heritage Trail, the Long Path could be routed through vacant wooded parcels owned by the City of Middletown to reach Route 211. Across the highway, the trail could follow Emma Ave and Ashley Ave through the former State of New York Hospital grounds. It could then either cross the open to reach Dorothea Dix Drive, or just follow the road. Dorothea Dix Drive has a barrier to prevent vehicles from passing through, but pedestrians are able to use it. The road reaches Route 78 where the access to the Middletown Reservoir Trails is directly across the street. This would be the preferred route as traffic volumes are low through this area.
- **Option 2** - Route the trail on New York state Route 211 and Orange County Route 78. The distance is about 0.35 mile. Both of these routes are busy highways.

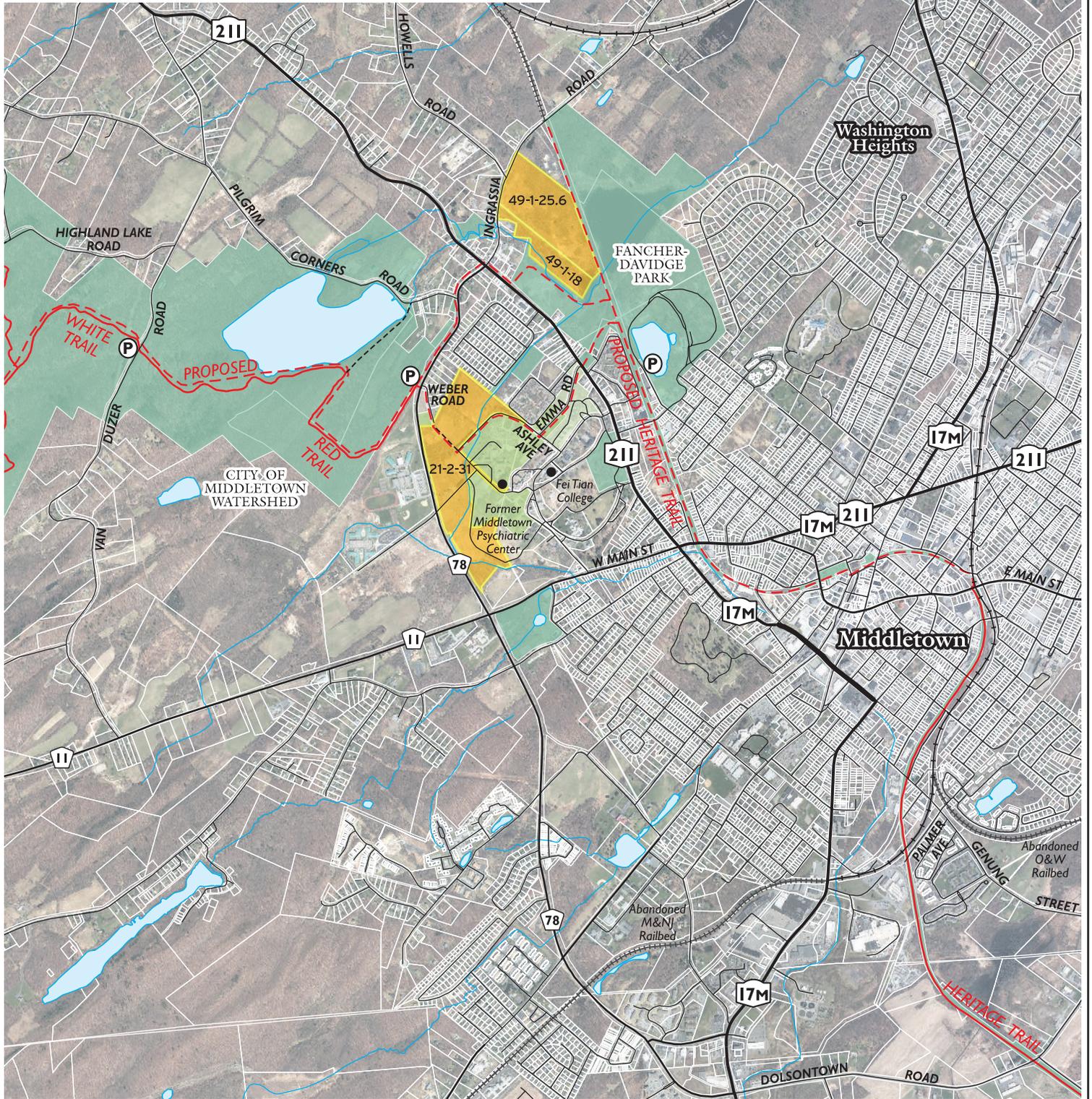
#### Priority Parcels:

<b>Parcel:</b> 21-2-31	<b>Landowner:</b> FEI TIAN COLLEGE	<b>Municipality:</b> MIDDLETOWN
<b>Acres:</b> 62.1	<b>Description:</b> Vacant fields owned by the College	



# Heritage Trail to Middletown watershed

## Orange County Project Area #4



- Corridor priority parcel
- Threatened parcel
- Maintained trail
- Proposed trail
- P Parking area
- Long Path
- SRT Shawangunk Ridge Trail

- P Parking area
- Viewpoint



## Orange County

### Project Area #5

#### Middletown Watershed to Orange County Watershed

#### Project Area Description:

- This project area has turned into a success story. In addition to the Heritage Trail extension through the City of Middletown, the city made a decision to open up their reservoir land with multi-use, non-motorized trails. The Long Path was included within the feasibility study created by the city, leading to the opening of this land.
- After a bit of research, we found the North Country Scenic Trail. Although much longer than the Long Path, we quickly realized the two trails have a lot in common. They both link towns with open space areas.
- The Long Path Committee has been working for decades to resolve the long consecutive road walks through Orange County. In 2012, we did a major reroute of the Long Path which moved the trail into western Orange County. We were still troubled about how to preserve land along the present 13-mile road walk through two towns.
- In 2020, the City of Middletown cleared and marked trails in their reservoir watershed. They quickly built new parking areas and opened the trail system for public use. It's a beautiful area that has rolling hills which are forested. This 1465 acres contains three of the city's reservoirs which at times the trails pass nearby

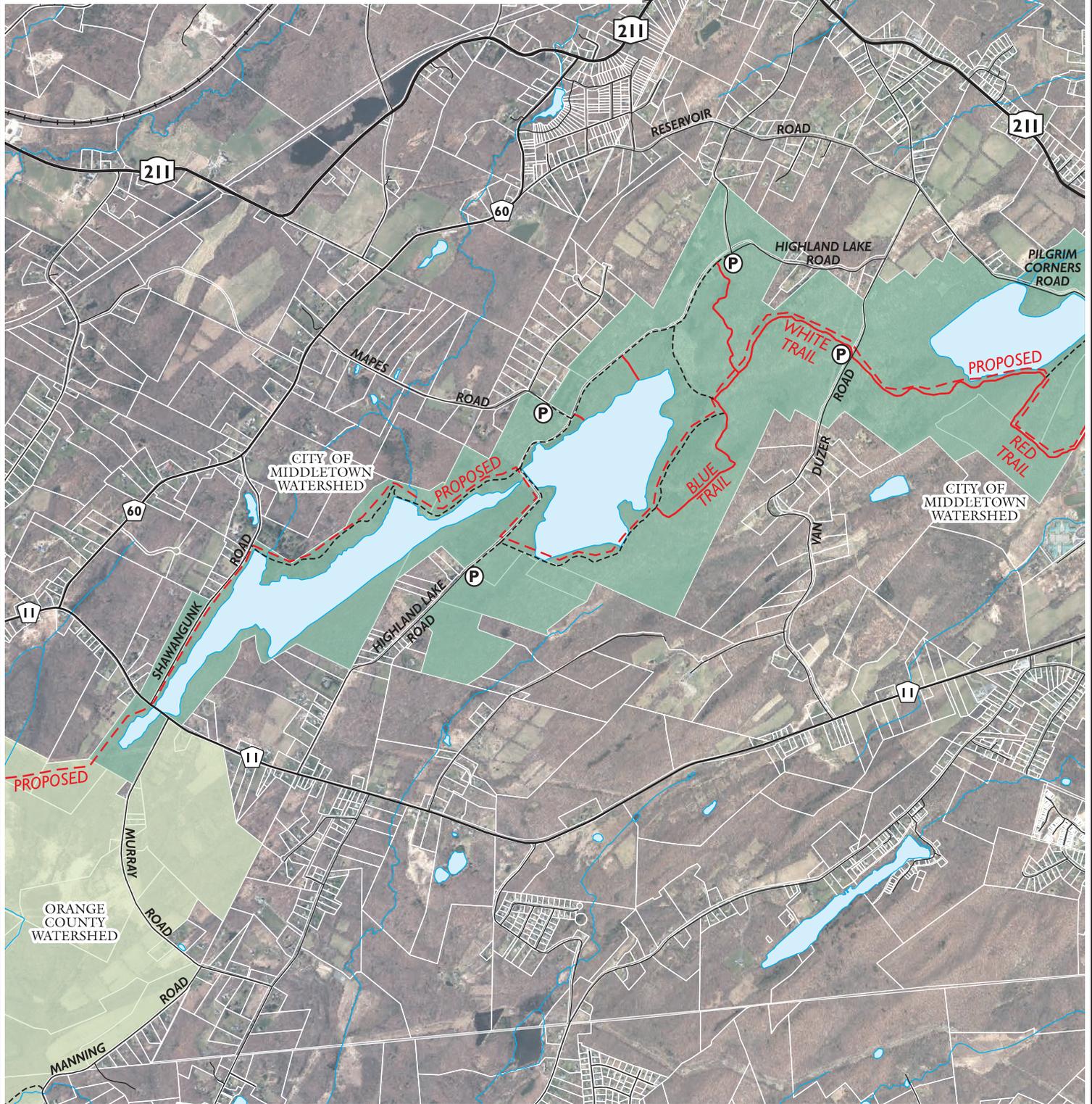
#### Action Needed:

- At this point, the construction of the Heritage Trail between Palmer Avenue and Fancher Davidge Park is in process. Once that section is opened, the plan is to move the Long Path onto it. As noted above, reaching the Middletown Reservoir Trails will be simple.
- Beyond the reservoir trails, we still need to gain access to the Indigot Watershed and additional Middletown reservoir land. Extensive trail construction would be needed to cross these watershed properties.
- It is 3.4 miles from the Reservoir Trails to the Graham Mountain State Forest. The Long Path could be routed on the roads prior to trail construction beyond the Reservoir Trails. That would be 9.85 miles shorter than the current road walk the Long Path follows.



# Middletown watershed to Orange County watershed

## Orange County Project Area #5



- State land
- County land
- Land trust land
- Municipal land
- Owned by NYNJTC
- Transferred by NYNJTC
- Assisted by NYNJTC

- Corridor priority parcel
- Threatened parcel
- Maintained trail
- Proposed trail
- Long Path
- Shawangunk Ridge Trail

- Parking area
- Viewpoint



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## Orange County

### Project Area #6

Orange County Watershed to Graham Mountain State Forest

#### Project Area Description:

- This project area is around 3.6 miles in length yet separated by two separate issues. For the first 2.6 miles, all of the land is municipally owned. Orange County owns 1280 acres which it preserved as the Indigot Watershed; they never developed a water system on it. To the west, the City of Middletown owns 264 acres that contains an additional city reservoir. These two watershed properties are directly connected together along with the City of Middletown, 1465 acres in Project Area 5. Together, this totals approximately 6.8 trail miles and a total of 3,009 acres which are all connected and municipally owned.
- The last mile is an area mixed with residential development, vacant land and a dairy farm. Two potential options to access Graham Mountain State Forest from the City of Middletown lands are presented.

#### Action Needed:

- The County of Orange needs to be convinced to open the Indigot Watershed and allow public trails. The public land is currently leased and posted by private hunting clubs. Beyond the county's land there is additional City of Middletown Reservoir land. The city has been much easier to work with and is very willing to allow routing the Long Path across this land. We have been talking to the county about routing the Long Path through the Indigot Watershed for a decade now. We will continue conversations as this is the best option for the Long Path through Orange County.

#### Priority Parcels:

<b>Parcels:</b> Numerous	<b>Landowner:</b> COUNTY OF ORANGE	<b>Municipality:</b> MOUNT HOPE, GREENVILLE
<b>Acres:</b> 1,280	<b>Description:</b> This nearly 1,300-acre tract was reserved for the County of Orange's Indigot Watershed.	

<b>Parcels:</b> Numerous	<b>Landowner:</b> CITY OF MIDDLETOWN	<b>Municipality:</b> MOUNT HOPE
<b>Acres:</b> 264	<b>Description:</b> Flat wooded land with a reservoir, stream and some wetlands.	

#### Option 1

<b>Parcel:</b> 16-1-73.11	<b>Landowner:</b> GOOD DADA INCORPORATED	<b>Municipality:</b> MOUNT HOPE
<b>Acres:</b> 37.8	<b>Description:</b> The vacant parcel is partially wooded and partially open with the Marcy South Powerline at the division line.	

<b>Parcel:</b> 16-1-18.2	<b>Landowner:</b> EVANS	<b>Municipality:</b> MOUNT HOPE
<b>Acres:</b> 11.2	<b>Description:</b> Wooded parcel with house at one corner and the Marcy South Powerline crossing another corner.	

<b>Parcel:</b> 16-1-11.1	<b>Landowner:</b> JENS H ARTUS PROTECTION TRUST	<b>Municipality:</b> MOUNT HOPE
<b>Acres:</b> 35	<b>Description:</b> A wooded vacant parcel with two access points to Homestead Lane.	

<b>Parcel:</b> 16-1-9	<b>Landowner:</b> KETCHAM FAMILY PROP LLC	<b>Municipality:</b> MOUNT HOPE
<b>Acres:</b> 36.4	<b>Description:</b> This parcel is part of a dairy farm. The parcel is partially open and partially wooded. It has road frontage on Homestead Lane and Mountain Rd.	

<b>Parcel:</b> 16-1-3.22	<b>Landowner:</b> 42 REALTY HOLDINGS LLC	<b>Municipality:</b> MOUNT HOPE
<b>Acres:</b> 45.8	<b>Description:</b> Partially wooded and partially open with a house in the open area. There is an access to the state forest through this property.	

**Option 2**

<b>Parcel:</b> 16-1-72	<b>Landowner:</b> MOUNT HOPE REALTY HOLDINGS	<b>Municipality:</b> MIDDLETOWN
<b>Acres:</b> 80.1	<b>Description:</b> Vacant wooded parcel that connects Guymard Turnpike and Mountain Rd.	

<b>Parcel:</b> 16-1-23.3	<b>Landowner:</b> CAPURRO	<b>Municipality:</b> MOUNT HOPE
<b>Acres:</b> 28.2	<b>Description:</b> Partially wooded vacant parcel with a pond.	

<b>Parcel:</b> 16-1-6.2	<b>Landowner:</b> ZAHANG	<b>Municipality:</b> MOUNT HOPE
<b>Acres:</b> 9.5	<b>Description:</b> Mostly wooded parcel with one home on it. The access road to the Graham Mountain State Forest is in this parcel.	

<b>Parcel:</b> 16-1-6.1	<b>Landowner:</b> CITIZENS UCI	<b>Municipality:</b> MOUNT HOPE
<b>Acres:</b> 3.8	<b>Description:</b> Mostly wooded parcel with a communication tower at one end and the forest access road at the other end.	



## Orange County

### Project Area #7

Huckleberry Ridge State Forest to Gobbler's Knob State Forest

#### Project Area Description:

- The Long Path and the Shawangunk Ridge trail are currently co-aligned throughout this entire project area. It is important to note that our planned Orange County reroute of the Long Path will affect some of this co-alignment of these two trails. When the Long Path is rerouted along the Heritage Trail extension and through the Middletown Reservoir Trails, the Long Path will access the Shawangunk Ridge at the Graham Mountain State Forest. This state forest is 3.7 miles northeast of where the Long Path currently reaches the Shawangunk Ridge
- This unprotected area is 4.8 miles in length. All but 3/10 of a mile is owned by Norfolk Southern Railroad. Their ownership includes the abandoned Erie railbed and other excess railroad land. The NYNJTC owns 130 acres that is along both sides of the abandoned railbed. Also, the Graham Mountain State Forest is directly connected with the abandoned railbed.
- The Long Path Committee is confident that the planned Orange County relocation will occur. The Middletown Reservoir Trail and Graham Mountain State Forest are 3.4 miles apart following roads. The current route from The Heritage Trail in Wawayanda to the Huckleberry Ridge State Forest is 13.25 mile by road.

#### Action Needed:

- The main focus is to continue working toward preserving the abandoned Erie Railroad railbed and excess railroad land. The abandoned railbed runs 4.5 miles from Guymard Turnpike to Route 211. In another mile, beyond the Long Path, it runs to Veteran's Memorial Park in the Village of Otisville.

#### Priority Parcels:

<b>Parcel:</b> 19-1-27	<b>Landowner:</b> INTERNATIONAL BUDDHIST PROGRESS SOCIETY	<b>Municipality:</b> MOUNT HOPE
<b>Acres:</b> 112.80	<b>Description:</b> A vacant wooded parcel on the western slope of the Shawangunk Ridge. This former Erie RR parcel was one on their wood lots.	
<b>Parcels:</b> 19-1-16.1, 19-1-16.2, 16-1-1.2, 13-1-35, 22-1-6.211, 22-1-6.212, 8-1-3.2, 10-1-4	<b>Landowner:</b> NORFOLK SOUTHERN RAILROAD	<b>Municipality:</b> MOUNT HOPE, DEERPARK
<b>Acres:</b> 5.50, 33.4, 71.6, 1.0, 49.9, 20.70, 12.1, 2.6	<b>Description:</b> Formerly known as the Erie main line. The Long Path & Shawangunk Ridge Trail follow the abandoned Erie railbed for 4.2 miles from Guymard Turnpike to Route 211. The active railbed parallels this old line at a lower elevation to the west. We are currently working to preserve the abandoned railbed and some of the wooded mountainside between these two railbeds.	
<b>Parcel:</b> 8-1-2.25	<b>Landowner:</b> DRAGON SPRINGS BUDDHIST, INC.	<b>Municipality:</b> DEERPARK
<b>Acres:</b> 26.9	<b>Description:</b> A vacant wooded parcel on the western slope of the Shawangunk Ridge. The parcel is landlocked between the railbed and NYNJTC land.	

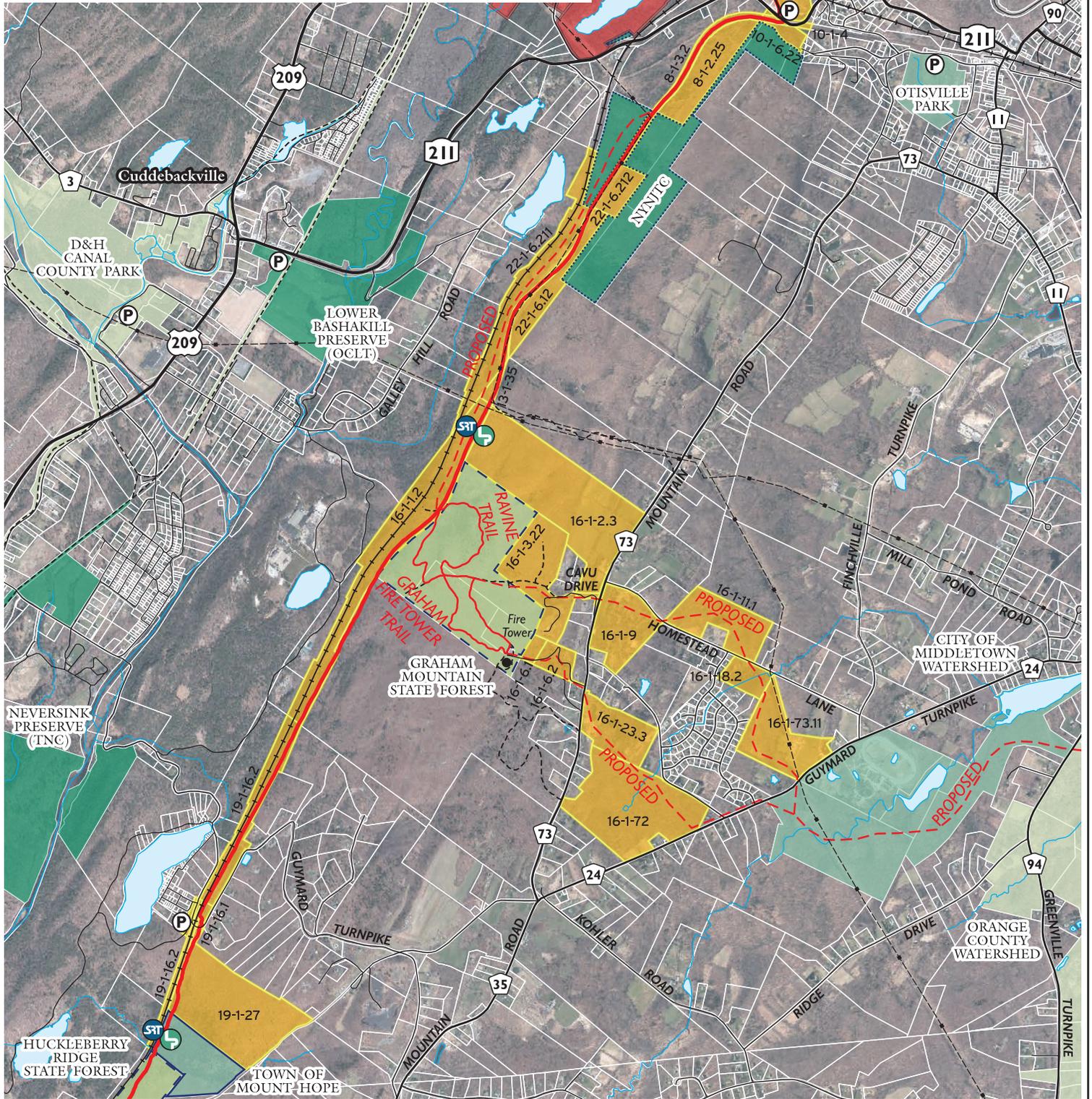
<b>Parcel:</b> 10-1-6.22	<b>Landowner:</b> XU	<b>Municipality:</b> MOUNT HOPE
<b>Acres:</b> 4.5	<b>Description:</b> Mostly steep sloped and wooded parcel directly next to the trail. A part of it could be used for trailhead parking if combined with Mount Hope 10-1-4.	

<b>Parcel:</b> 10-1-1.21	<b>Landowner:</b> NIETUBYC	<b>Municipality:</b> MOUNT HOPE
<b>Acres:</b> 11.9	<b>Description:</b> This mountaintop parcel is mostly wooded. There is a home at the southwestern corner.	



# Huckleberry Ridge SF to Gobbler's Knob SF

Orange County Project Area #7

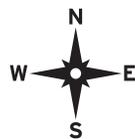


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- Assisted by NYNJTC

- Corridor priority parcel
- Threatened parcel
- Maintained trail
- Proposed trail
- Long Path
- Shawangunk Ridge Trail

- Parking area
- Viewpoint

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## Orange County

### Project Area #8

High Point State Park to Huckleberry Ridge State Forest

#### Project Area Description:

- The Shawangunk Ridge Trail crosses into New York onto private land and remains on it until reaching the Greenville Turnpike

#### Action Needed:

- Secure further protection through this important connection between High Point State Park and Huckleberry Ridge State Forest.

#### Priority Parcels:

<b>Parcel:</b> 13-1-20.1	<b>Landowner:</b> PENTACOSA LAND CORP. % STEVE KARVELLAS	<b>Municipality:</b> GREENVILLE
<b>Acres:</b> 503.20	<b>Description:</b> On the eastern part of this parcel is a vacation destination known as Cedar Lakes Cottages. There are two lakes and numerous cabins and cottages. Most of the parcel is forested with the SRT crossing the west side.	

<b>Parcel:</b> 13-1-52	<b>Landowner:</b> KARVELLAS	<b>Municipality:</b> GREENVILLE
<b>Acres:</b> 7.50	<b>Description:</b> Vacant and wooded. It connects the Cedar Lakes parcel with Greenville Turnpike.	

#### Off-Road Option

<b>Parcel:</b> 13-1-4.21	<b>Landowner:</b> ZUBIKOWSKI	<b>Municipality:</b> GREENVILLE
<b>Acres:</b> 113.4	<b>Description:</b> Has a house and small farm at the east end. The remainder is wooded, Orange County Land Trust holds a Conservation Easement on this parcel.	

<b>Parcel:</b> 13-1-3.1	<b>Landowner:</b> CORTES	<b>Municipality:</b> GREENVILLE
<b>Acres:</b> 113.4	<b>Description:</b> This parcel is on the Greenville Turnpike. It has a house on the southern portion and is wooded on the northern portion.	

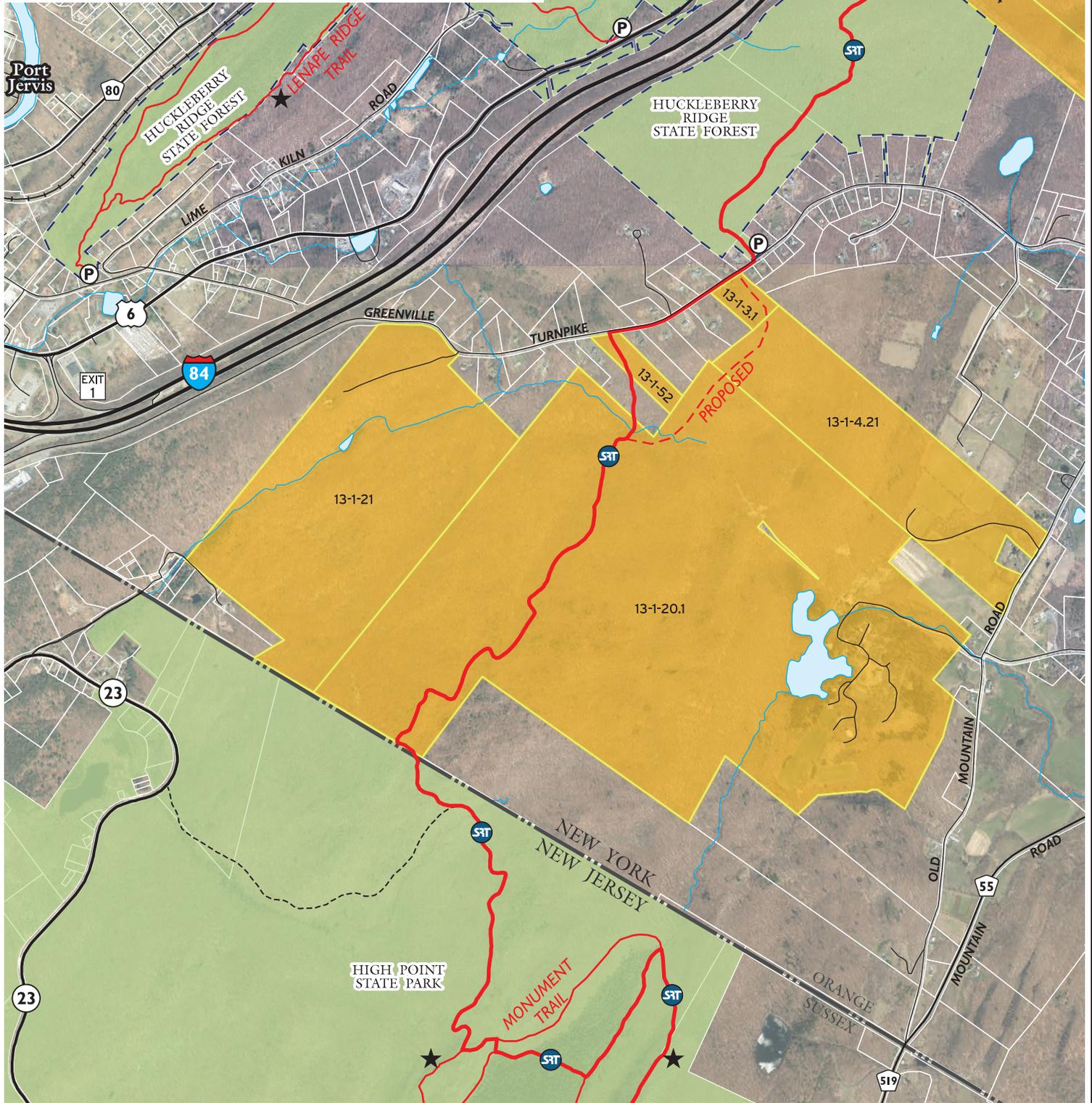
#### Optional Connection between High Point State Park and Greenville Turnpike

<b>Parcels:</b> 13-1-21, 57-2-4	<b>Landowner:</b> TOMPOS	<b>Municipality:</b> GREENVILLE
<b>Acres:</b> 186.1, 74.5	<b>Description:</b> This parcel is split into two tax lots by the town line. A house is located near the town line. Other than that, the parcel is wooded.	



# High Point SP to Huckleberry Ridge SF

## Orange County Project Area #8



- State land
- County land
- Land trust land
- Municipal land
- Owned by NYNJTC
- Transferred by NYNJTC
- Assisted by NYNJTC

- Corridor priority parcel
- Threatened parcel
- Maintained trail
- Proposed trail
- P Long Path
- SRT Shawangunk Ridge Trail

- P Parking area
- Viewpoint

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## Orange County

### Project Area #9

#### Huckleberry Ridge State Forest Connections

### Project Area Description:

- This project area is complex and will be broken down into four separate sub-projects. While the creation of the Huckleberry Ridge State Forest (HRSF) is a great success on the southern Shawangunk Ridge, there is still more to do.
- Beyond Greenville Turnpike, the trail leaves HRSF and joins onto the I-84 right of way behind a highway rest area. The right of way for the interstate goes well into the woods. The trail passes along the border of two private parcels before entering another detached parcel of the HRSF.
- The Long Path reaches Old Mountain Road and follows it and Route 6 to an I-84 underpass. The trail follows these roads around a large vacant private parcel.
- Beyond I-84 the trail follows roads a short distance past Hathorn Lake. The SRT enters another area of the HRSF and then parallels the RR inside the woods to the abandoned portion of Shin Hollow Road and a New York-New Jersey Trail Conference parcel. Currently, the bridge over the railroad is closed, it is unsafe.
- The Trail Conference owns the parcel that is directly next to the closed overpass. Further up the closed roadway, NYNJTC, Open Space Conservancy, and the Orange County Land Trust are partners on an 89-acre parcel that is attached with both abandoned Shin Hollow Road and Mountain Road, a county highway.

### Action Needed:

- HRSF to HRSF, near the I-84 rest area, is actually two long skinny parcels with homes at the far end from the trail; Preserving the back portion of each lot would allow for a permanent improvement for the trail. I-84 is a noisy and dangerous interstate.
- From HRSF to the I-84 underpass, Greenmount Associates own a 79-acre parcel that is attached to HRSF and Route 6 at the I-84 underpass. The owners will not allow the trail on their property. They are willing to sell, and preserving this parcel would enable the trail to be moved from the roads into the woods. The trail could meet Route 6 right at the I-84 underpass.
- From the I-84 overpass, the current ¼ mile roadwalk passes by Hathorn lake on the way to HRSF. The only option for improving this would be a land bridge further west over I-84. This would allow the wildlife and the hiking trail to avoid all of the roads and connect the protected land south of I-84 with the protected land north of I-84
- From HRSF to Abandoned Shin Hollow Road, preserving land east of the railway would provide a more secluded trail route. It also would enable routing the Shawangunk Ridge Trail past the lakes in the Ridgeview section of the Huckleberry Ridge State Forest

### Priority Parcels:

#### Huckleberry Ridge State Forest Gap

<b>Parcel:</b> 11-1-10.4	<b>Landowner:</b> BUNZA	<b>Municipality:</b> GREENVILLE
<b>Acres:</b> 51.40	<b>Description:</b> Has a home on the western portion and is entirely wooded on the western portion. It is attached with the Huckleberry Ridge State Forest.	

<b>Parcel:</b> 11-1-10.3	<b>Landowner:</b> DOLLING	<b>Municipality:</b> GREENVILLE
<b>Acres:</b> 52.8	<b>Description:</b> This parcel has a home on the western portion and is entirely wooded on the western portion. It is attached with the Huckleberry Ridge State Forest.	

**Huckleberry Ridge State Forest to I-84 Underpass**

<b>Parcel:</b> 8-1-38.1	<b>Landowner:</b> GREENMOUNT ASSOCIATES	<b>Municipality:</b> GREENVILLE
<b>Acres:</b> 79.4	<b>Description:</b> This mountain top parcel has expansive views across Orange County and nearby New Jersey. The vacant parcel is partially wooded with open fields. It is connected with HRSF, I-84 and Route 6.	

**Huckleberry Ridge State Forest to Abandoned Shin Hollow Road**

<b>Parcels:</b> 50-1-4, 28-1-15	<b>Landowner:</b> NORFOLK SOUTHERN RAILROAD	<b>Municipality:</b> DEERPARK
<b>Acres:</b> 17.6, 25	<b>Description:</b> The active RR crosses these parcels. There is excess forested land that is west of the RR tracks, service road and ditch line. There is sufficient room for a trail easement safely away from the active RR.	

<b>Parcel:</b> 50-1-6	<b>Landowner:</b> SPANO	<b>Municipality:</b> DEERPARK
<b>Acres:</b> 5.8	<b>Description:</b> This wooded parcel is between the RR land and other land that belongs to the owners that is in the Town of Greenville. They own continuous land in Greenville.	

<b>Parcel:</b> 50-1-5	<b>Landowner:</b> KING	<b>Municipality:</b> DEERPARK
<b>Acres:</b> 23.6	<b>Description:</b> This wooded parcel is between the RR land and other land that belongs to the owner that is in the Town of Greenville. He owns continuous land in Greenville.	

<b>Parcels:</b> 38-1-102.1, 4-1-50	<b>Landowner:</b> VICARETTI	<b>Municipality:</b> DEERPARK, GREENVILLE
<b>Acres:</b> 20.8, 17.6	<b>Description:</b> This parcel has the Greenville/Deerpark Town line running through it, resulting in it having two parcel numbers. The parcel is mostly vacant and wooded with a small seasonal hunting cabin. It is attached with the Ridgeview HRSF parcel, a NYNJTC parcel and abandoned Shin Hollow Road.	

**Current Route of Coaligned Long Path and Shawangunk Ridge Trail**

<b>Parcel:</b> 38-1-103	<b>Landowner:</b> NEVERSINK ACRES LLC	<b>Municipality:</b> DEERPARK
<b>Acres:</b> 129.10	<b>Description:</b> This parcel is separated by the RR. Most of the parcel is west of the RR. A wooded parcel between abandoned Shin hollow Road and the active RR is the parcel of interest for the trail.	

<b>Parcel:</b> 38-1-16.2	<b>Landowner:</b> SCHOCK	<b>Municipality:</b> DEERPARK
<b>Acres:</b> 3.50	<b>Description:</b> A vacant wooded parcel between abandoned Shin Hollow Road and the active RR.	

<b>Parcels:</b> 38-1-17, 4-1-31	<b>Landowner:</b> UNITED SPORTSMAN HUNTING CLUB	<b>Municipality:</b> DEERPARK, GREENVILLE
<b>Acres:</b> 15, 1.2	<b>Description:</b> Two vacant wooded parcels between abandoned Shin hollow Road and the active RR	

<b>Parcel:</b> 4-1-1	<b>Landowner:</b> PAVLICK & STEMPERT	<b>Municipality:</b> GREENVILLE
<b>Acres:</b> 26.10	<b>Description:</b> This wooded parcel is located along abandoned Shin Hollow Road and the most northern detached parcel of the HRSF.	

**Ridge Option**

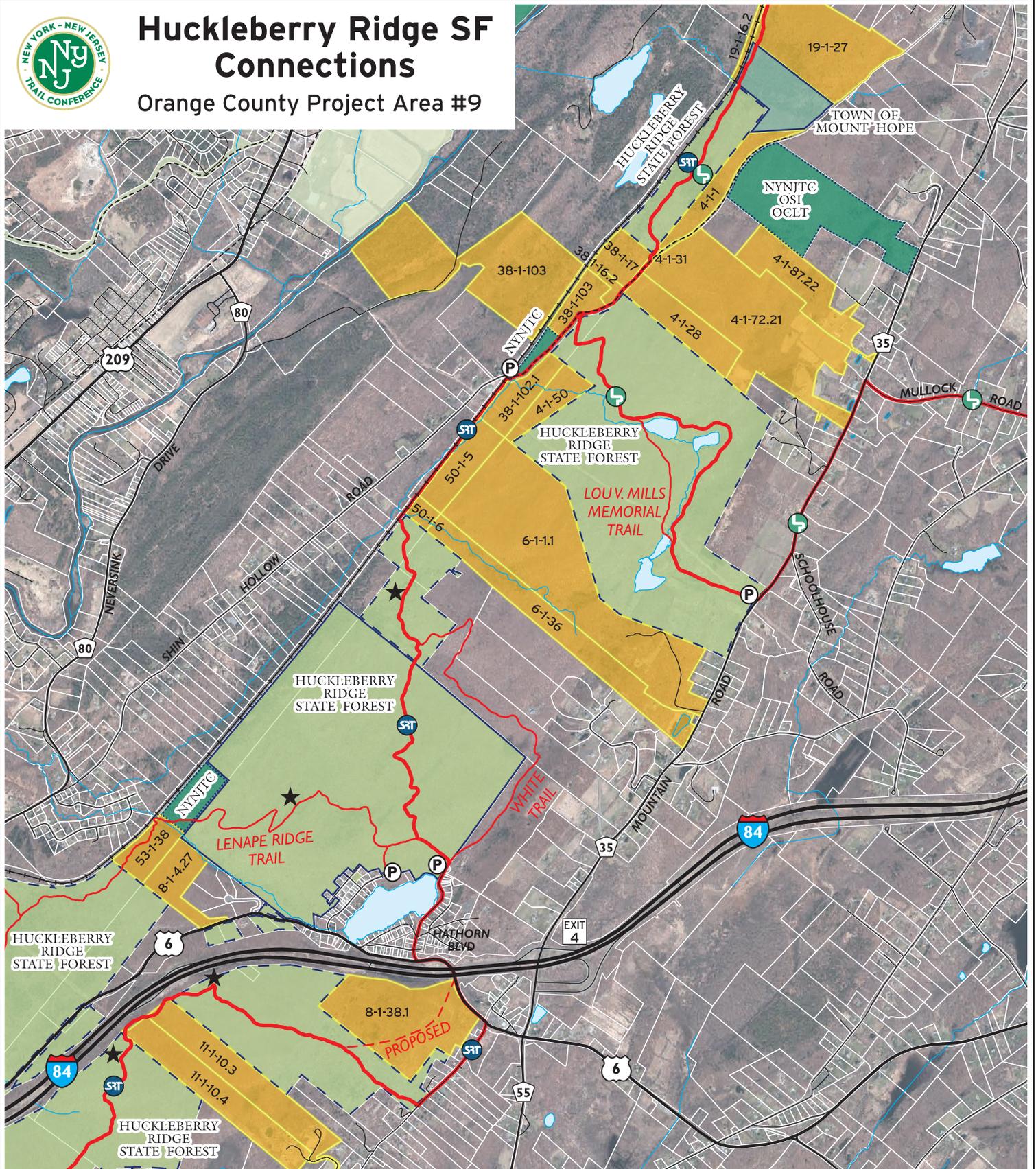
<b>Parcels:</b> 4-1-28, 4-1-72.21	<b>Landowner:</b> PANTEL	<b>Municipality:</b> DEERPARK
<b>Acres:</b> 32.60, 15	<b>Description:</b> These two wooded parcels are on the western slope of the ridge. They attached with Ridgeview section of the HRSF and abandoned Shin Hollow Road	

<b>Parcel:</b> 4-1-87.22	<b>Landowner:</b> PAVLICK & STEMPERT	<b>Municipality:</b> GREENVILLE
<b>Acres:</b> 41.7	<b>Description:</b> This wooded parcel is located on the western slope of the Shawangunk Ridge. It is connected with an 89-acre parcel that was preserved by New York - New Jersey Trail Conference, Open Space Institute & Orange County Land Trust.	

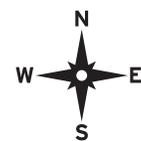


# Huckleberry Ridge SF Connections

Orange County Project Area #9



- Parking area
- Viewpoint



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# Sullivan County



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## Protection Overview:

There are **2 Project Areas** within Sullivan County. Further protection in both project areas will completely protect the Long Path and the Shawangunk Ridge Trail in Sullivan County, which run for **16.5 miles** through the county. Currently, there is a preserved trail corridor through both project areas.

- Within **Project Area 1**, the Long Path passes very close to Route 17. Moving the trail away from the highway would be a significant improvement, and additional land protection would expand the protected corridor.
- The existing corridor for the Long Path within **Project Area 2** is very narrow as it approaches Ferguson Road. Protecting more land near Ferguson Road will shield the trail from further development within Sullivan County.

# Sullivan County

## History:

The Long Path was relocated into Sullivan County 35 years after Robert Jessen first brought the trail concept to the Trail Conference as a potential project. In 1960, the Long Path was re-imagined as a marked trail, and planning and construction began at this time. During this time of planning, the trail passed west through Orange County and then into Ulster County, where it ascended the Shawangunk Ridge. Through all these years, the Long Path was never settled in one place within Orange County.

In 1992 and 1993, the Shawangunk Ridge Trail (SRT) was built. In 1995, the Long Path was relocated within Orange County, and this new alignment brought the Long Path into Sullivan County. Here it continued along local roads, ultimately reaching Wurtsboro Ridge State Forest, created in 1988, where it joined with the Long Path.

The SRT entered Sullivan County at the south end of the Bashakill Wildlife Management Area, protected in 1972. In 1995, the Bashakill Wildlife Management Area, Wurtsboro Ridge State Forest, and a 160-acre detached state forest parcel were the only protected lands along the Shawangunk Ridge Trail corridor within Sullivan County.

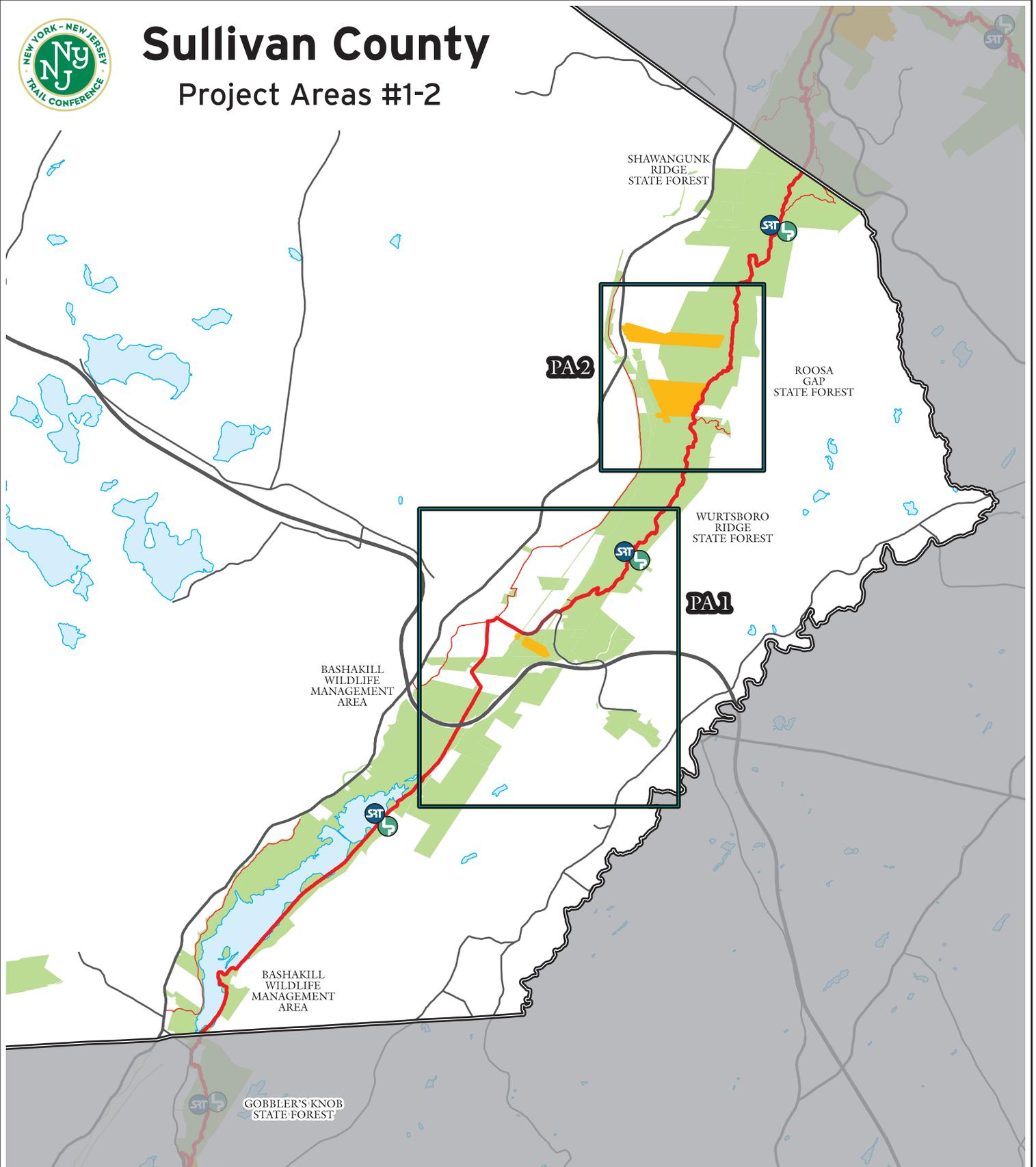
In 2012, the Long Path was again relocated through Orange County. Today, the Long Path and Shawangunk Ridge Trail are coaligned as they enter Sullivan County at the southern end of the Bashakill Wildlife Management Area. There remains one section where the trail currently follows local roads for 1.9 miles. As of 2021, the gap between Bashakill Wildlife Management Area and the Wurtsboro Ridge State Forest has been protected. This represents a 20-year effort to preserve a connected corridor through this gap, which has now created a protected trail corridor 16.5 miles through the entire Town of Mamakating in Sullivan County. The Trail Conference is now working to move the trail off the roads permanently and onto this preserved land.

As of the end of 2021, there are 6,746 preserved acres within the Long Path corridor stretching from the Orange County line to the Ulster County Line. This land is owned by New York State (5,723 acres), Sullivan County (118 acres), Town of Mamakating (50 acres), Open Space Institute (704 acres) and New York-New Jersey Trail Conference (151 acres). These interconnected lands connect the Bashakill Wildlife Management Area with three state forests, Sullivan County's D&H Canal Path & Park, and the Town of Mamakating O&W Rail Trail.



# Sullivan County

## Project Areas #1-2



- Protected land
- Corridor priority parcel
- Long Path/Shawangunk Ridge Trail
- Other trail
- Project Area Outline



0 0.5 1 2 Miles



## Sullivan County

### Project Area #1

Bashakill Wildlife Management Area to Wurtsboro Ridge State Forest

#### Project Area Description:

- A completely protected trail corridor now exists within this Project Area. *However*, currently, the coaligned Long Path and Shawangunk Ridge follows roads for 1.9 miles around the protected area.
- First, approvals and funding need to be secured for bridge construction. Then, the trail will be relocated into the recently protected trail corridor.

#### Action Needed:

- Approvals are needed, as well as funding to construct a bridge over the Basha Kill (a stream at this location where the planned crossing is located). Following the old dirt turnpike through Storybook property is the preferred route. Preserving a portion of the Stonybrook parcel would provide a trail route away from Route 17.
- The Bracci parcels form a gap in the Mamakating Rail trail which would make a great connector to the village if preserved.

#### Priority Parcels:

<b>Parcel:</b> 44.-1-62	<b>Landowner:</b> STORYBROOK PROPERTIES BBP LLC	<b>Municipality:</b> MAMAKATING
<b>Acres:</b> 16.52	<b>Description:</b> This property is a doughnut hole within already preserved land. There are eight small cottages on one acre at the north end. The rest of the 15+ acres climb steeply up the mountain. There is an old turnpike (dirt) that crosses the south end of this parcel. It would make a great route for the trail.	

#### O&W Rail Trail

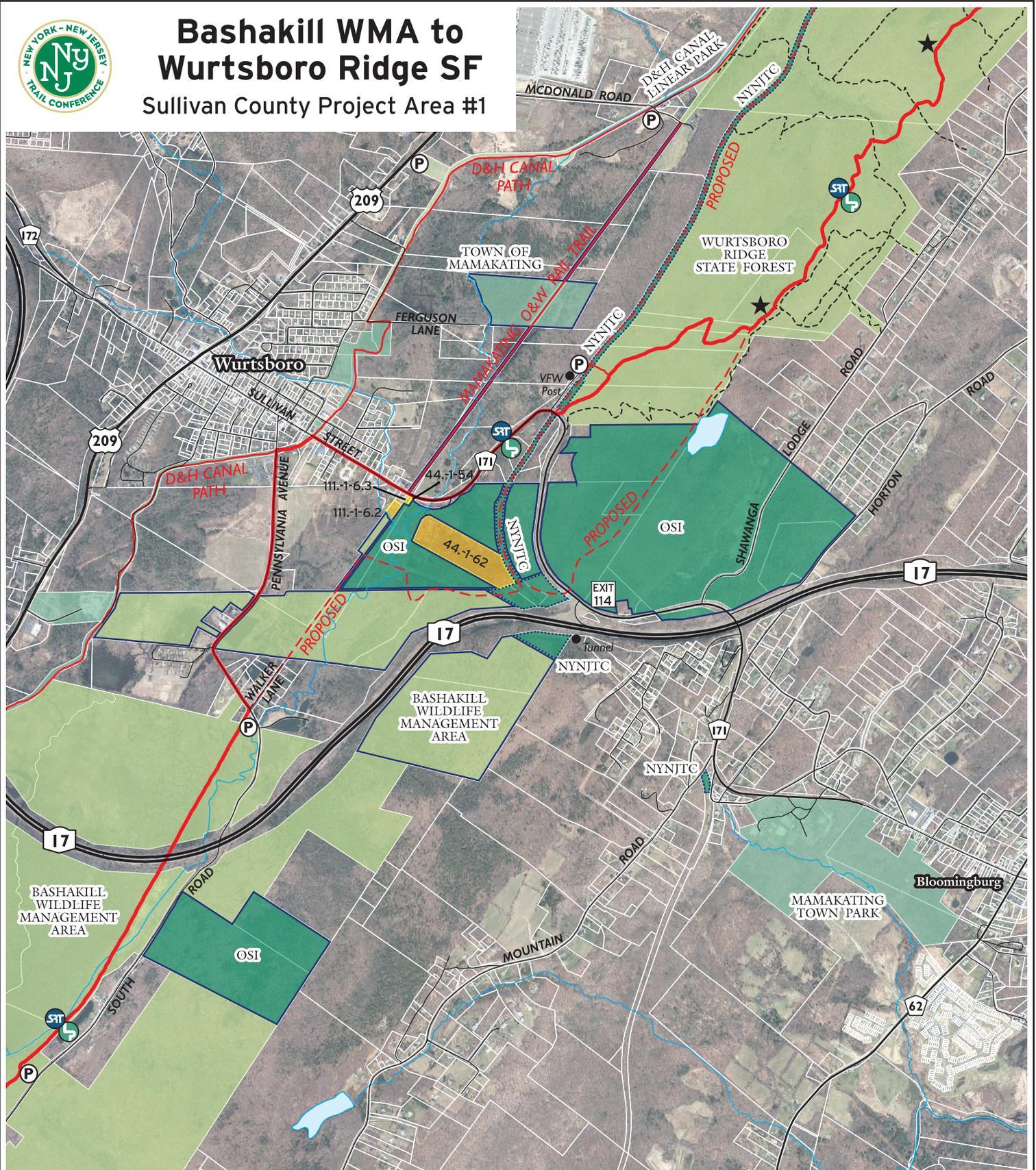
<b>Parcel:</b> 111.-1-6.2	<b>Landowner:</b> BRACCI -ONE SULLIVAN STREET ASSOCIATES LLC	<b>Municipality:</b> WURTSBORO
<b>Acres:</b> 0.84	<b>Description:</b> This vacant lot is part of the abandoned O&W railbed. It is located off the road and behind another a rail parcel that contains the former rail station. There is a deeded right of way from this parcel through the rail station parcel to the road.	

<b>Parcels:</b> 111.-1-7, 44.-1-54	<b>Landowner:</b> BRACCI FAMILY CORPORATION	<b>Municipality:</b> WURTSBORO, MAMAKATING
<b>Acres:</b> 0.15, 0.07	<b>Description:</b> This property is continuous with the above property. It is also connected with the Open Space Institutes property.	



# Bashakill WMA to Wurtsboro Ridge SF

## Sullivan County Project Area #1



- State land
- County land
- Land trust land
- Municipal land
- Owned by NYNJTC
- Transferred by NYNJTC
- Assisted by NYNJTC

- Corridor priority parcel
- Threatened parcel
- Maintained trail
- Proposed trail
- Long Path
- Shawangunk Ridge Trail

- Parking area
- Viewpoint

0 0.125 0.25 0.5 Miles



## Sullivan County

### Project Area #2

Wurtsboro Ridge State Forest to Roosa Gap State Forest

#### Project Area Description:

- While the Long Path trail corridor is protected in this Project Area, the protected corridor is very narrow as it approaches Ferguson Road. The protected trail crossing is bordered by private land to the western border both before and after crossing the road.
- The Abada parcel has a waterfall that should be included on the proposed connector trail to the D&H Canal Path in the valley.

#### Action Needed:

- To fully protect the trail corridor, the Tuxedo Sportsman's and Drobecker parcels, or a portion of those properties, need to be permanently protected.
- The last two parcels have no impact on the LP/SRT corridor. The Abada parcel improves a proposed connector trail. The Maybrook Materials parcel would be a substantial viewshed improvement.

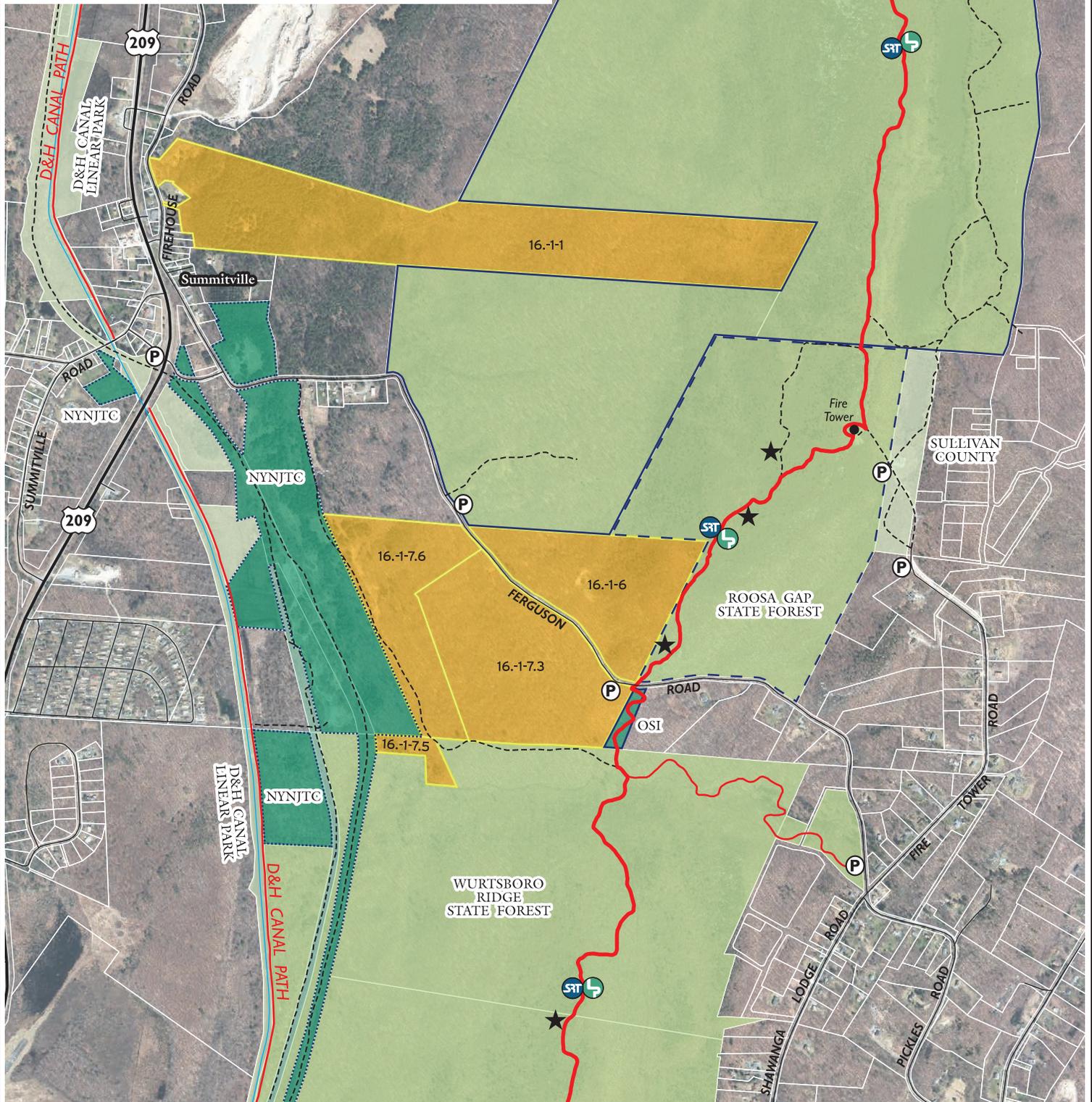
#### Priority Parcels:

<b>Parcels:</b> 16.-1-7.3, 16.-1-7.6	<b>Landowner:</b> TUXEDO SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION INC	<b>Municipality:</b> MAMAKATING
<b>Acres:</b> 55.06, 34.19	<b>Description:</b> The eastern boundary of this parcel is directly next to the Long Path and Shawangunk Ridge Trail. The protected trail corridor here is rather skinny.	
<b>Parcel:</b> 16.-1-6	<b>Landowner:</b> DROBECKER	<b>Municipality:</b> MAMAKATING
<b>Acres:</b> 39.2	<b>Description:</b> The eastern boundary of this parcel is directly next to the Long Path and Shawangunk Ridge Trail. The trail is on a razor edge cliff at this location, it's a nice feature.	
<b>Parcel:</b> 16.-1-7.5	<b>Landowner:</b> ABADA	<b>Municipality:</b> MAMAKATING
<b>Acres:</b> 3.75	<b>Description:</b> This property has a waterfall and a wood road that runs through it. This would make building a connector trail much easier.	
<b>Parcel:</b> 16.-1-1	<b>Landowner:</b> MAYBROOK MATERIALS	<b>Municipality:</b> MAMAKATING
<b>Acres:</b> 103.91	<b>Description:</b> The eastern portion of this parcel is bordered by the Roosa Gap State Forest, on three sides. The eastern portion reaches high up on the ridge while the western portion reaches the street in the valley.	



# Wurtsboro Ridge SF to Roosa Gap SF

Sullivan County Project Area #2



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- County land
- Land trust land
- Municipal land
- Owned by NYNJTC
- Transferred by NYNJTC
- Assisted by NYNJTC

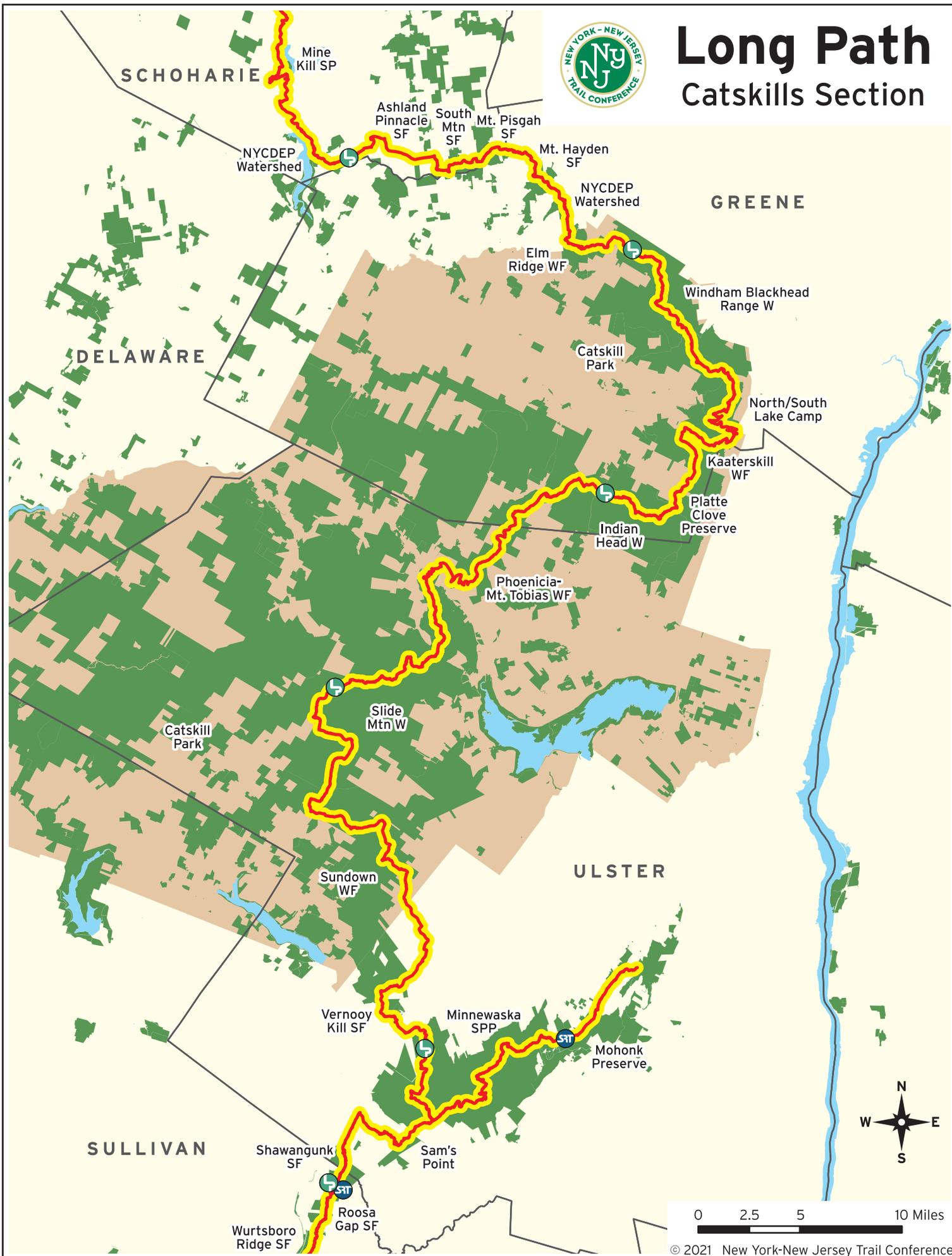
- Corridor priority parcel
- Threatened parcel
- Maintained trail
- Proposed trail
- L Long Path
- SRT Shawangunk Ridge Trail

- P Parking area
- ★ Viewpoint





# Long Path Catskills Section



SCHOHARIE

Mine Kill SP

Ashland Pinnacle SF

South Mtn SF

Mt. Pisgah SF

Mt. Hayden SF

NYCDEP Watershed

NYCDEP Watershed

GREENE

Elm Ridge WF

Windham Blackhead Range W

DELAWARE

Catskill Park

North/South Lake Camp

Kaaterskill WF

Platte Clove Preserve

Indian Head W

Phoenicia-Mt. Tobias WF

Slide Mtn W

Catskill Park

ULSTER

Sundown WF

Vernooey Kill SF

Minnewaska SPP

Mohonk Preserve

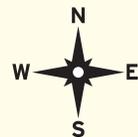
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Shawangunk SF

Sam's Point

Wurtsboro Ridge SF

Roosa Gap SF



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# Ulster County



# Ulster County

## Protection Overview:

There are **4 Project Areas** within Ulster County. Protecting a corridor in each of these areas would completely protect the Long Path in Ulster County, which runs **76 miles** through the county.

- The co-aligned Long Path and Shawangunk Ridge Trail enter Ulster County along the Shawangunk Ridge within Shawangunk Ridge State Forest. Leaving the state forest, the trail follows the former Newburgh and Ellenville Plank Road, a dirt right of way leading from the state forest to Route 52. Along this old plank road built in 1849 is **Project Area 1**.
- The trail then crosses Route 52 and enters the Sam's Point Area of Minnewaska State Park Preserve. Climbing through South Gully, both the Long Path and Shawangunk Ridge Trail pass the famous ice caves and Verkeerder Kill Falls. As the trail approaches the falls, it crosses onto private land, and this is **Project Area 2**. The trail here directly passes the Verkeerder Kill Falls, recognized as one of the many exquisite natural landmarks of the area, and it is essential that Verkeerder Kill Falls and the Long Path that provides access to the falls are protected for generations to come.
- The trail continues through the private land to a trail junction, where the Long Path splits away from the Shawangunk Ridge Trail and heads north toward the Catskill Park. Leaving Minnewaska State Park Preserve on the former berm of the D&H Canal, the trail enters a town park before reaching the road which it follows to the Catskill Park at Vernooey Falls. This is presently a 12-mile road walk.
- Currently a new section of trail is being built between Cutler Road and Vernooey Falls through Vernooey Kill State Forest and Sundown Wild Forest, which will reduce the road walk to 2.35 miles. **Project Area 3** examines how to reduce this road walk even further and create a protected corridor between Minnewaska State Park Preserve and Vernooey Kill State Forest.
- The new section of the Long Path under construction will be completed and opened some time in 2022. Long Path hikers will leave Cutler Road and remain in State Forest, Wild Forest and Wilderness Area for the next 33.5 miles.
- After a short road walk of about 0.75 mile, the Long Path arrives in Phoenicia. **Project Area 4** begins at the intersection of Bridge and Main Streets. The Long Path currently follows Mt Tremper-Phoenicia Road (County Route 40) for 1.3 miles to reach the Phoenicia-Mt Tobias State Forest. The desired route from this intersection would pass through Parish Field, a local park which provides access to the Tanbark Loop Trail. The trail would then climb the mountain following those trails, and then new construction through the Wild Forest would connect to the existing Long Path on Tremper Mountain.
- The Long Path then leaves Ulster County within the Phoenicia-Mt Tobias Wild Forest.
- Preserving the Long Path in only a few locations within Ulster County will relocate the trail off of the road, providing a significant improvement in both user experience as well as safety. This is a top priority, particularly in Project Area 3 and Project Area 4.

# Ulster County

## History:

In the 1960s, volunteers were clearing and blazing the Long Path between New York City and the Catskill Park. At that time, the trail mostly followed local roads and was routed through private land wherever permission was granted. The trail climbed the Shawangunk Ridge through private land to reach Verkeerder Kill Falls. The trail continued through private land all the way to Route 44/55, and then followed roads to Kerhonkson. From Kerhonkson, the trail followed old farm service roads and back roads to reach Vernoooy Falls. Into the 1990s, routing the Long Path through the Catskills was no easy task. While some trails existed in the Forest Preserve, the Long Path started as a mix of road walks and wilderness hiking trails. Through the 1990s, future Long Path reroutes were written into the state's Unit Management Plans for the numerous forest preserve units along the Long Path route.

In 1972, New York State purchased 6,725 acres and created what we now know as Minnewaska State Park Preserve. Still, nearly 9 miles of private land separated Minnewaska State Park Preserve from the Forest Preserve in the Catskill Park. With the exception of 160 acres of isolated state land in Sullivan County, it was private land all the way south to High Point State Park in New Jersey, where the Shawangunk Ridge Trail starts now.

Over the years, Minnewaska State Park Preserve has grown to over 24,000 acres and is connected with Mohonk Preserve, a huge preserve in its own right with over 8,000 acres. Approximately 2,000 more acres are owned by land trusts and other preserves. Altogether, this area is an interconnected swath of preserved land totaling more than 34,000 acres on the Shawangunk Ridge north of Route 52. South of Route 52, the Shawangunk Ridge State Forest is part of an interconnected and preserved corridor of land that stretches south through Sullivan County and into Orange County. The Long Path now follows this route into Ulster County, which eliminates the road walk at the south end of the county.

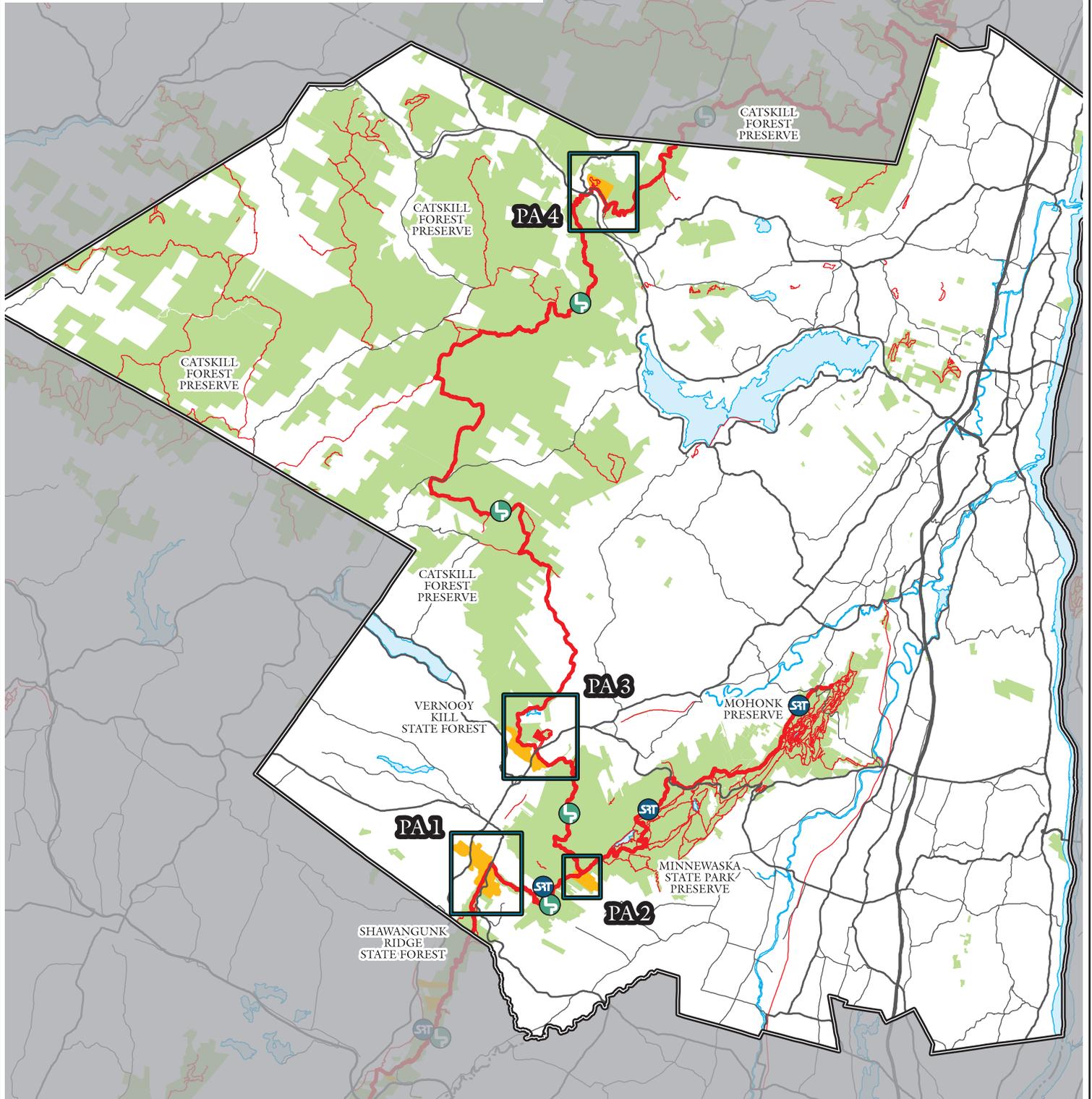
While the northern Shawangunk Ridge was getting protected, 5,400 acres was also preserved in the year 2000 at the southern tip of the Catskill Park. This extended the size of the Sundown Wild Forest and also created the Vernoooy Kill State Forest, south of the state forest preserve's blue line of protection yet still connected with the Catskill Park. Today, the state land of the Catskills is separated from Minnewaska State Park Preserve by 1.25 miles.

In 2014, the Trail Conference designed and led the effort of building a section of trail over three mountains in the Slide Mountain Wilderness Area. This eliminated the last multi-mile (5.6 miles) road walk for the Long Path inside the Catskill Park. Currently, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) is leading the effort to build another section for the Long Path in the Vernoooy Kill State Forest and Sundown Wild Forest, which will eliminate an additional 10 miles of road walk.

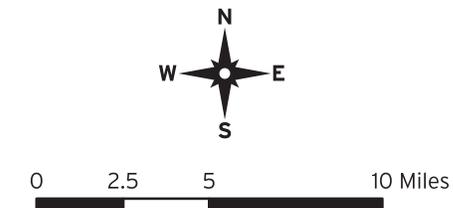


# Ulster County

## Project Areas #1-4



- Protected land
- Corridor priority parcel
- Long Path/Shawangunk Ridge Trail
- Other trail
- Project Area Outline



## Ulster County

### Project Area #1

Shawangunk Ridge State Forest to Minnewaska State Park Preserve

#### Project Area Description:

- The Long Path follows an old dirt road from the state forest to the state park. This old road is the former Ellenville-Newburgh Plank Road and located below and parallel to NY State route 52.
- While the old road is a public right of way it runs through private land for one mile before reaching route 52. The concern here is that development will encompass the old plank road which the Long Path follows.

#### Action Needed:

- Whether a protected corridor is assembled above or below route 52 does not matter. Either would serve the LP & SRT well. The first four parcels listed below are below route 52, the last two are above route 52.

#### Priority Parcels:

##### Current Route

<b>Parcel:</b> 91.3-1-3	<b>Landowner:</b> BLACK	<b>Municipality:</b> WAWARSING
<b>Acres:</b> 87.5	<b>Description:</b> Vacant parcel that begins at the abandoned O&W RR and climbs steeply up the mountain, ending just above Route 52. The Long Path and SRT run along a dirt road.	

<b>Parcel:</b> 91.3-1-2	<b>Landowner:</b> JC REALTY CORP	<b>Municipality:</b> WAWARSING
<b>Acres:</b> 49.7	<b>Description:</b> Vacant parcel that begins at the abandoned O&W RR and climbs steeply up the mountain, ending just above Route 52. The Long Path and SRT run along a dirt road.	

<b>Parcel:</b> 91.1-1-8	<b>Landowner:</b> NOVAL	<b>Municipality:</b> WAWARSING
<b>Acres:</b> 50.2	<b>Description:</b> Vacant parcel that begins at the abandoned O&W RR and climbs steeply up the mountain, ending just above Route 52. The Long Path and SRT run along a dirt road.	

<b>Parcels:</b> 91.1-1-6,11, 91.1-1-13	<b>Landowner:</b> NEVELLE HOTEL LLC	<b>Municipality:</b> WAWARSING
<b>Acres:</b> 464, 33.9	<b>Description:</b> Resort that is built up in the valley but wooded as it climbs the mountain to end just above Route 52. The Long Path and SRT run along a dirt road.	

##### Mountainside Route above Route 52

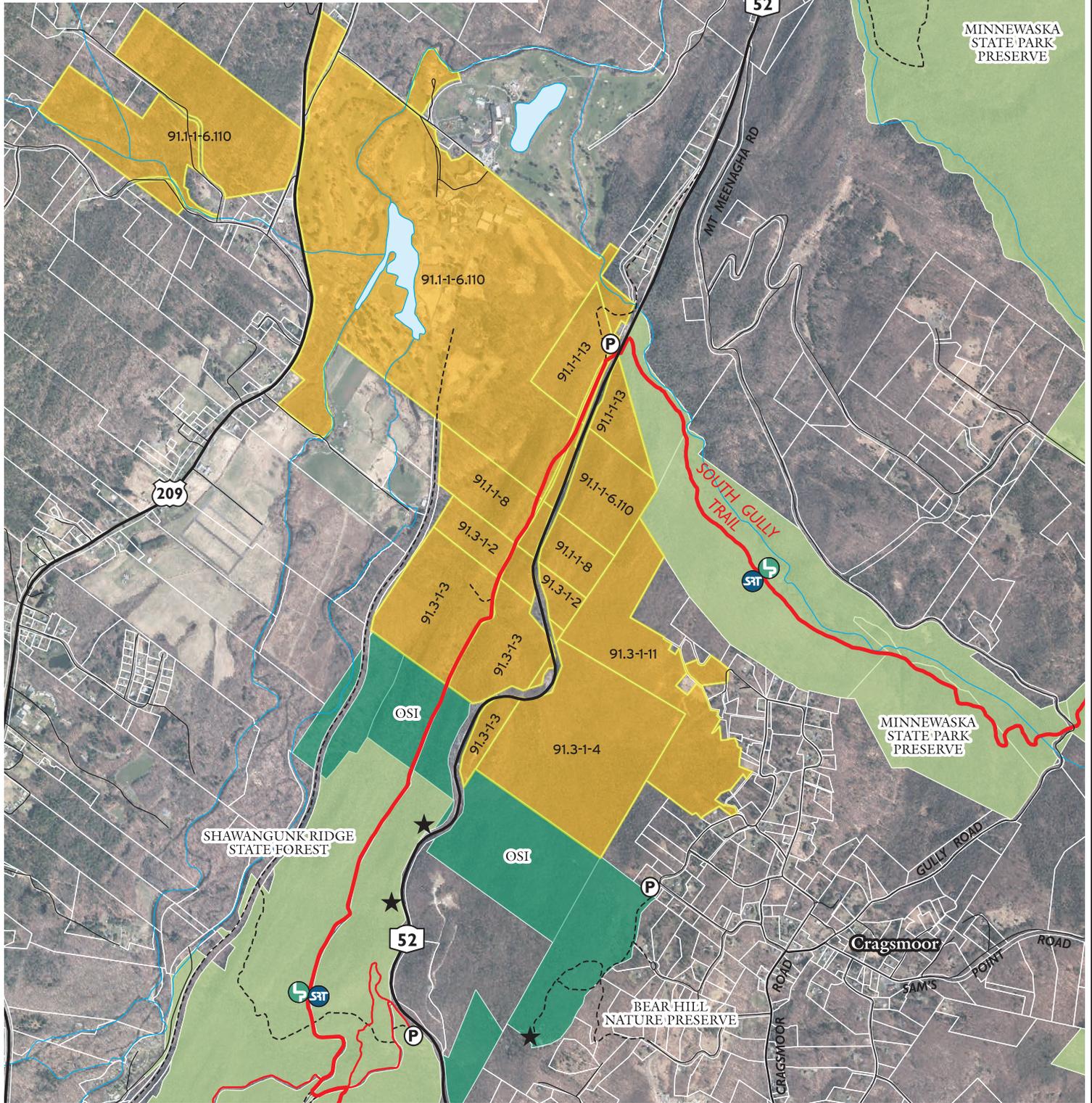
<b>Parcel:</b> 91.3-1-4	<b>Landowner:</b> BOOLUKOS	<b>Municipality:</b> WAWARSING
<b>Acres:</b> 104	<b>Description:</b> Parcel is under contract for preservation. This parcel is above route 52.	

<b>Parcel:</b> 91.1-3-11	<b>Landowner:</b> WOUGH	<b>Municipality:</b> WAWARSING
<b>Acres:</b> 80	<b>Description:</b> Mountainside parcel with nice views, covered with blueberry and other common vegetation at higher ridge elevations. Routing the Long Path here is possible, and the property connects with Minnewaska State Park Preserve.	



# Shawangunk Ridge SF to Minnewaska SPP

## Ulster County Project Area #1



- State land
- County land
- Land trust land
- Municipal land
- Owned by NYNJTC
- Transferred by NYNJTC
- Assisted by NYNJTC

- Corridor priority parcel
- Threatened parcel
- Maintained trail
- Proposed trail
- Long Path
- Shawangunk Ridge Trail

- Parking area
- Viewpoint

0 0.125 0.25 0.5 Miles



## Ulster County

### Project Area #2

Verkeerder Kill Falls near Minnewaska State Park Preserve

#### Project Area Description:

- This area is completely owned by one family. The Verkeerder Kill Falls is entirely on this private land as is nearly 8/10 of mile of the Long Path and a little more than 1/10 of a mile of the Shawangunk Ridge Trail where it splits from the LP.
- State parkland wraps around this private land in the area of the trails and the falls. Even so it would be a huge loss to not have access to the iconic Verkeerder Kill Falls.

#### Action Needed:

- Passing the falls as the trail currently does is the desired location. This is an important area to preserve.
- The state of New York owns property all along the eastern border of the private parcel with the falls. Perhaps a land swap could be worked out with the landowners.

#### Priority Parcels:

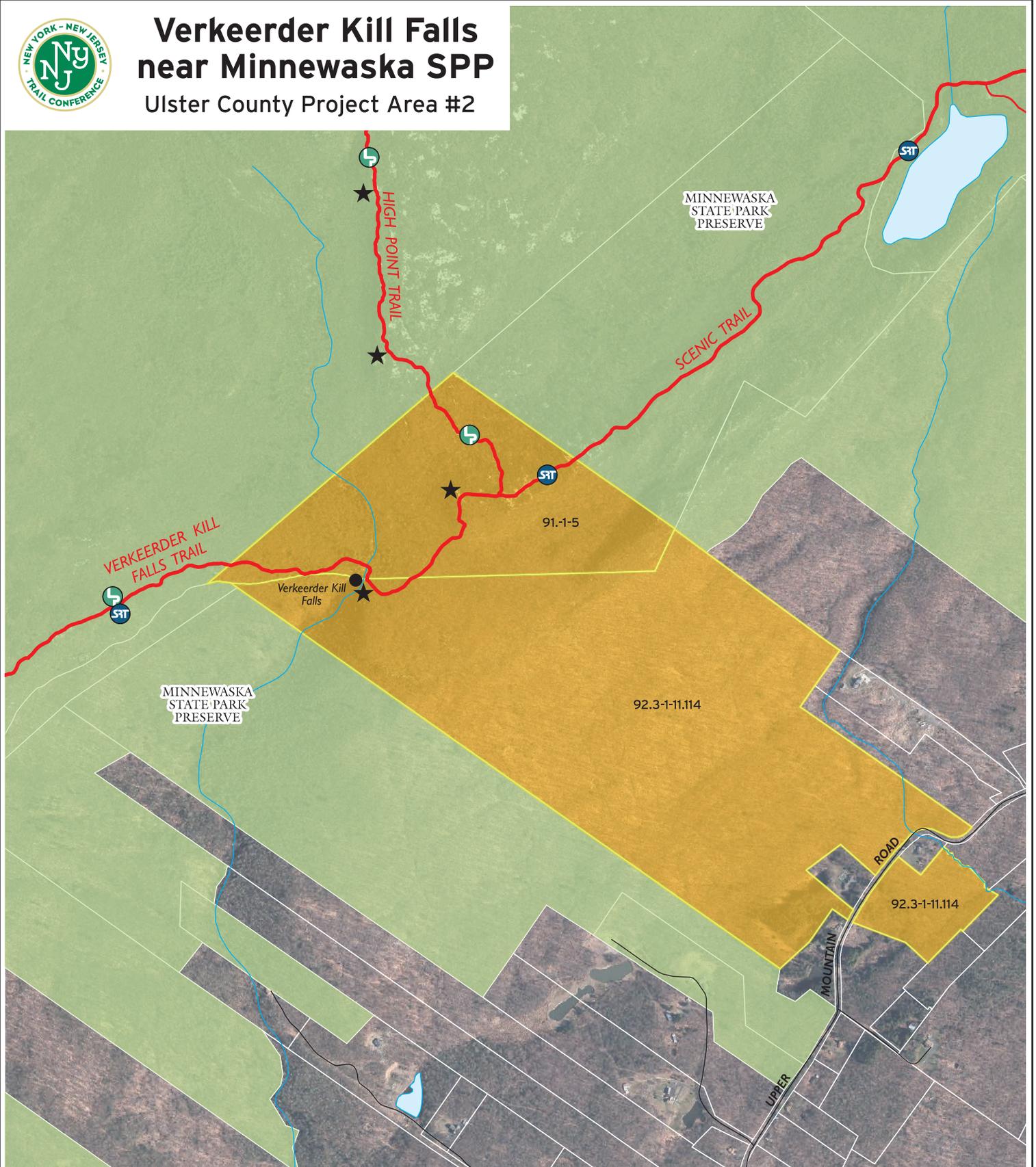
<b>Parcel:</b> 91.-1-5	<b>Landowner:</b> CONCORS	<b>Municipality:</b> WAWARSING
<b>Acres:</b> 70.3	<b>Description:</b> This vacant parcel is on top of the ridge. The parcel contains part of the iconic Verkeerder Kill Falls. Also, the Long Path and the Shawangunk Ridge Trail both cross this property.	

<b>Parcel:</b> 92.-3-11.114	<b>Landowner:</b> CONCORS	<b>Municipality:</b> SHAWANGUNK
<b>Acres:</b> 194.2	<b>Description:</b> This is a large parcel vacant parcel with part of the iconic Verkeerder Kill Falls on it. The parcel is part of the 480a real property tax law with 106 acres registered in the DEC's forestry program.	



# Verkeerder Kill Falls near Minnewaska SPP

Ulster County Project Area #2



- State land
- County land
- Land trust land
- Municipal land
- Owned by NYNJTC
- Transferred by NYNJTC
- Assisted by NYNJTC

- Corridor priority parcel
- Threatened parcel
- Maintained trail
- Proposed trail
- Long Path
- Shawangunk Ridge Trail

- Parking area
- Viewpoint



0 0.05 0.1 0.2 Miles



## Ulster County

### Project Area #3

Minnewaska State Park Preserve to Vernooy Kill State Forest

#### Project Area Description:

- The Long Path follows roads between the D&H Canal Path and the Vernooy Kill State Forest. Walking through the small community of Port Ben is necessary to reach the bridge over the Rondout Creek, closed to vehicle traffic at this time. The Long Path currently follows Port Ben Road to 209. It then follows 209, followed by Lundy Road to reach the state forest.
- New York State Department of Corrections owns the land on both sides of Port Ben Road at the north side of the creek. The land was once part of a prison farm program. This parcel also borders route 209 at several locations. The parcel State Corrections southwest of Port Ben Road is desirable for an off-road trail route.
- Across route 209 the Town of Wawarsing own a large parcel of land. The highway department occupies a portion of this parcel along 209. Behind the Highway garage the town owns the vacant hill that faces the road. A Cemetery is next to the highway department.

#### Action Needed:

- We need to advocate to the state to open up the land they own for recreational purposes. NYSDOC's once had a farm program that was operated as a prison training program which also supplied food for the prison. It was shut down over a decade ago. This land is not near the prisons.
- Across route 209 a trail easement between the highway Garage/yard and the cemetery will be needed to reach the towns land on the hill behind the highway facility.
- North of the town property there is private land. Preserving these properties or a trail corridor through them would allow for the Long Path be routed off of the local roads.

#### Priority Parcels:

<b>Parcel:</b> 83.2-1-17	<b>Landowner:</b> NYS DOC	<b>Municipality:</b> WAWARSING
<b>Acres:</b> 133.79	<b>Description:</b> This was once a farm field for the now closed down prison farm. The large field has the Rondout Creek along its southern boundary.	

<b>Parcel:</b> 83.6-4-1	<b>Landowner:</b> TOWN OF WAWARSING	<b>Municipality:</b> WAWARSING
<b>Acres:</b> 25.8	<b>Description:</b> The town highway department is located on this parcel. The mostly vacant rises up steeply and would be a good route for the Long Path.	

<b>Parcel:</b> 83.6-4-2	<b>Landowner:</b> EZRATH ISRAEL CEMETERY	<b>Municipality:</b> WAWARSING
<b>Acres:</b> 9.2	<b>Description:</b> This parcel is just listed as an option. The Long Path passes through many cemeteries, why not another.	

<b>Parcel:</b> 75.3-2-8.120	<b>Landowner:</b> PECKHAM MATERIALS CORPORATION	<b>Municipality:</b> WAWARSING
<b>Acres:</b> 131	<b>Description:</b> This abandoned quarry has been vacant for years, it would be perfect for a hiking trail. This parcel is part of the preferred Long Path route through this area.	

<b>Parcel:</b> 75.18-1-23	<b>Landowner:</b> PIATEK	<b>Municipality:</b> WAWARSING
<b>Acres:</b> 3	<b>Description:</b> Has a house near the road. The western portion of this property may be desirable for the trail to cross if we need to cross over the Vernooy Kill.	

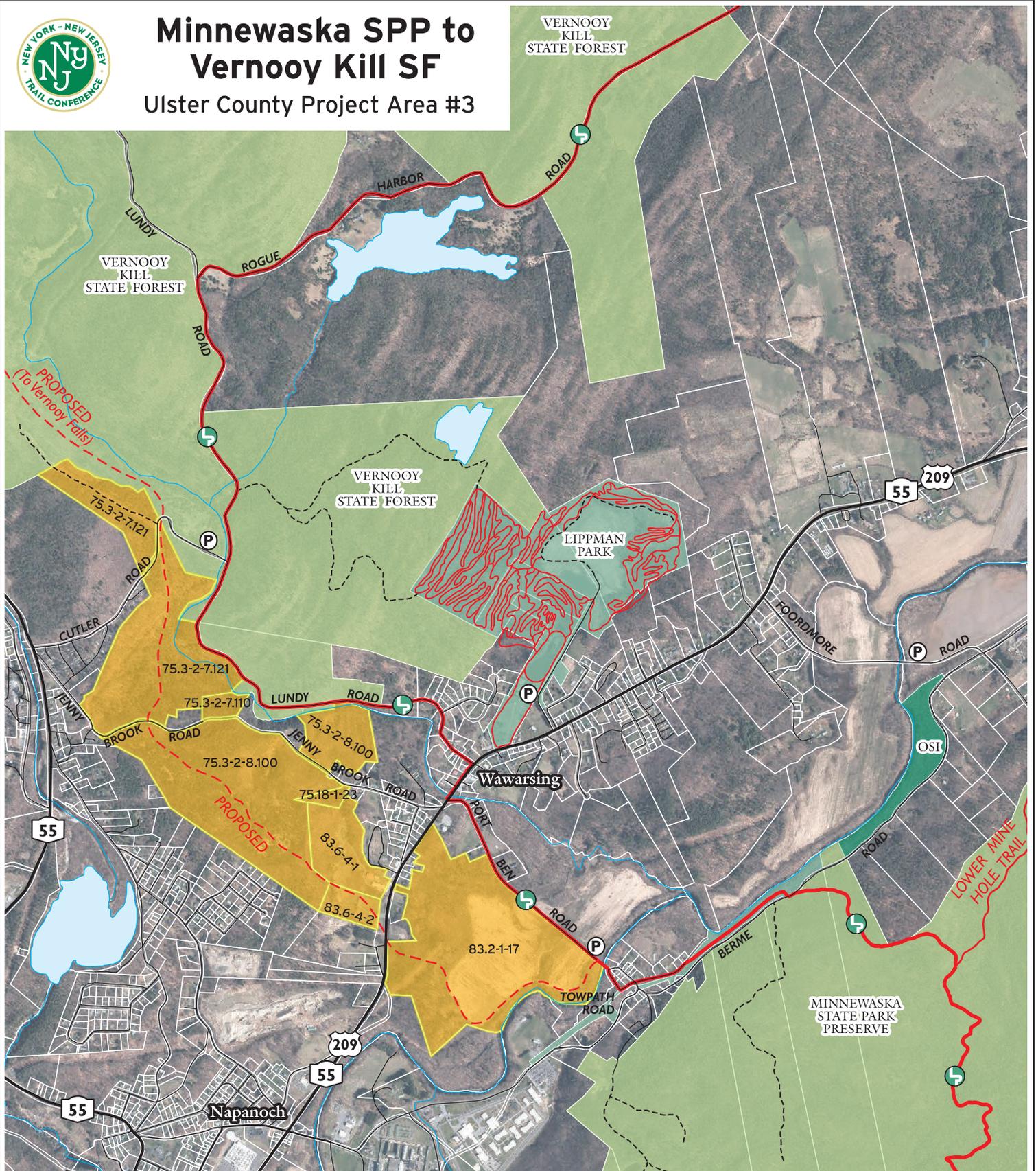
<b>Parcel:</b> 75.3-2-7.11	<b>Landowner:</b> STEVEN M. LEVINE LIVING TRUST	<b>Municipality:</b> WAWARSING
<b>Acres:</b> 4.6	<b>Description:</b> Vacant parcel along the creek. This parcel would enable us to remain close to the west side of the creek.	

<b>Parcel:</b> 75.3-2-7.121	<b>Landowner:</b> THE LAND REMAINS LLC	<b>Municipality:</b> WAWARSING
<b>Acres:</b> 106	<b>Description:</b> This parcel is mostly vacant and wooded. The Vernoooy Kill runs through part of it. This parcel is part of the preferred Long Path route through this area.	



# Minnewaska SPP to Vernooey Kill SF

## Ulster County Project Area #3

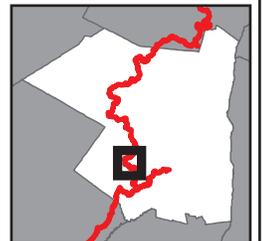


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|  | State land            |  | Corridor priority parcel |
|  | County land           |  | Threatened parcel        |
|  | Land trust land       |  | Maintained trail         |
|  | Municipal land        |  | Proposed trail           |
|  | Owned by NYNJTC       |  | Long Path                |
|  | Transferred by NYNJTC |  | Shawangunk Ridge Trail   |
|  | Assisted by NYNJTC    |  |                          |

- Parking area
- Viewpoint



0 0.125 0.25 0.5 Miles



## Ulster County

### Project Area #4

Phoenicia to Tremper Mountain

#### Project Area Description:

- Currently the Long Path follows the road for 1.3 miles in this area. Getting the trail off the road here would be a significant improvement as it's not a safe road walk. Currently the town has a park and trail system on the land owned by the local Church. The trail is known as the Tanbark Trail. Our plan is to follow this trail up to the Wild Forest.
- There is an old woods road that runs through the wild forest that would work well for a relocation of the Long Path. For a short stretch the woods road crosses the corner of a private parcel before entering back into the wild forest. The woods road passes the steep cliffs on Mount Tremper in this area.
- This is the last road walk within the interior of the southern Catskill Park that needs to be addressed. Many Long Path hikers have expressed their harrowing experiences while walking this road.
- Project Area 4 offers an opportunity to connect the Hamlet of Phoenicia with the Mt. Tremper Fire Tower as well as the entire Catskill Park trail system. Phoenicia's access to parking and bus service is a **Priority Linkage** within the Catskill Park Master Plan.

#### Action Needed:

- First action is to get approval for constructing a trail connection through the Phoenicia - Mt Tobias Wild Forest. An amendment to the DEC's Unit Management Plan will be require.
- We would also like to talk with the Church about preserving their parcel with the Tanbark Trails on it. The Pearlman parcel boundary will be close to the trail Corridor. Preserving the Pearlman parcel or a portion of it would permanently protect the trail corridor. The trail can't be moved to the north as there is a high cliff directly north of the proposed trail.

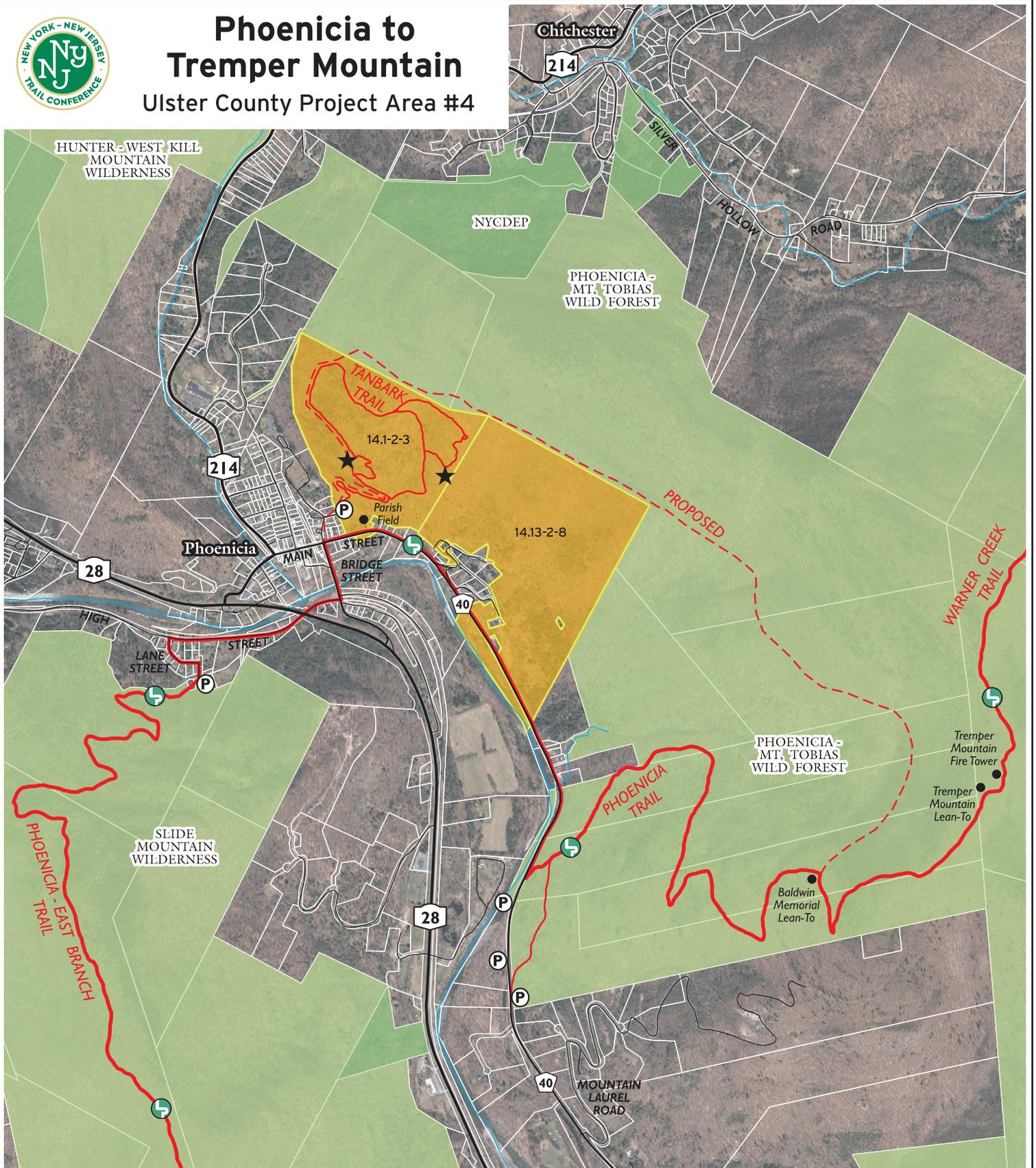
#### Priority Parcels:

<b>Parcel:</b> 14.1-2-3	<b>Landowner:</b> SAINT FRANCIS DESALES	<b>Municipality:</b> SHANDAKEN
<b>Acres:</b> 99.1	<b>Description:</b> The Town of Shandaken leases a portion of this property for Parish Park, a public park. The Tanbark Trail is also entirely on this property.	
<b>Parcel:</b> 14.13-2-8	<b>Landowner:</b> PEARLMAN	<b>Municipality:</b> SHANDAKEN
<b>Acres:</b> 152.9	<b>Description:</b> Borders the wild forest along two of its borders. The parcel is part of the 480a real property tax law with 112 acres registered in the DEC's forestry program.	



# Phoenicia to Tremper Mountain

## Ulster County Project Area #4



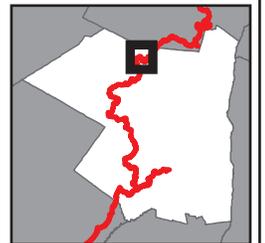
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# Greene County



# Greene County

## Protection Overview:

There are **6 Project Areas** within Greene County. Protecting a corridor in each of these areas would completely protect the Long Path, which runs for about **60 miles** through the county.

- After exiting Ulster County, the Long Path traverses the east end of the Devil's Path and travels along the Catskill Escarpment, known to locals as the "Manitou Wall." Both the Devil's Path and the Catskill Escarpment are popular destinations within Catskill Park.
- The Long Path remains inside the Catskill Park "Blue Line" for the first 49 miles in Greene County. There is one instance where the trail passes through unprotected land in the Palenville area, covered by **Project Area 1**.
- Soon after leaving the Catskill Park, the Long Path passes through a mix of New York City Department of Environmental Protection (NYCDEP) land and Trail Conference land before reaching State Forest land. The Long Path then meanders along the Greene/Schoharie border for about 2.75 miles before crossing into Schoharie County for good.
- Both **Project Area 2** and **Project Area 3** are in this area approaching the Greene/Schoharie border. Both currently involve short road walks and have nearby unprotected land. The continuity of the trail is not threatened in these areas, but further protecting these lands would allow the Long Path to move off the road and also protect it from any possible development.
- Recently, the Long Path Committee at the Trail Conference secured a revocable trail agreement from a key landowner that will allow the trail to continue west into Huntersfield State Forest and through several NYCDEP watershed properties within Greene County.
- The Long Path is currently routed off the ridge to local roads in Schoharie in **Project Area 4**, but protecting additional lands in Greene County would help produce a protected land corridor as work gets underway to reroute the Long Path back through Huntersfield State Forest.
- Preserving the mountaintop land through **Project Area 5** is a **very critical priority**. One family owns all the mountaintop land that would connect Ashland Pinnacle State Forest with Huntersfield State Forest.
- **Project Area 6** is also a **critical priority**. Preserving just one property or a portion of it would be a remarkable achievement.
- The desired Long Path corridor follows the mountains from Windham to the Schoharie Reservoir, a 20-mile trail corridor. Preserving a trail corridor across two key properties would permanently ensure that the continuity of the Long Path could not be interrupted within the entire 20-mile stretch.

# Greene County

## History:

The Long Path passes through 6 other counties before reaching Greene County. When the Long Path was re-envisioned as a marked and maintained trail in 1960, the creators had not looked beyond Route 23 near Windham. After all, these trail builders had a ton of work ahead of them just to get there. Still, their aspiration was to someday make it to Whiteface Mountain in the Adirondacks.

For the first 27 years, the missing link on the Long Path was the section from Platte Clove to Palenville. As in Ulster County at the time, the Long Path followed available New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) trails in addition to numerous road walks. It required decades of advocacy and volunteerism to get permission to build new sections of trail on Forest Preserve land within Catskill Park. Then, in 1987, a new section of the Long Path was built through the Kaaterskill Wild Forest.

While waiting for approvals in Kaaterskill State Forest, the Long Path Committee of the Trail Conference began talking with landowners north of the Catskill Park. By 1989, the Long Path was extended northwest of Windham, to Greene County Route 32C. At that time, no preserved land existed between Old Road in Windham and Greene County Route 10; however, beyond this section, State Forest land existed.

The Trail Conference obtained revocable trail agreements with 12 private landowners across 7 miles of mountains, who all agreed to allow a public trail to pass through their lands. Over the next 30 years, the Trail Conference was able to negotiate agreements with nearly all of these landowners to sell their land to be preserved as State Forest land. The DEC supported the goals of the project and directly purchased some of the land that had been optioned to the Trail Conference, while the Trail Conference then purchased the remaining parcels. These lands have since been sold to DEC, and altogether they form Mount Hayden State Forest. The remaining two landowners sold their land to New York City Department of Environmental Protection (NYCDEP), and that land is now open for recreation. In 2020, the Trail Conference acquired the last private parcel in this 7-mile stretch.

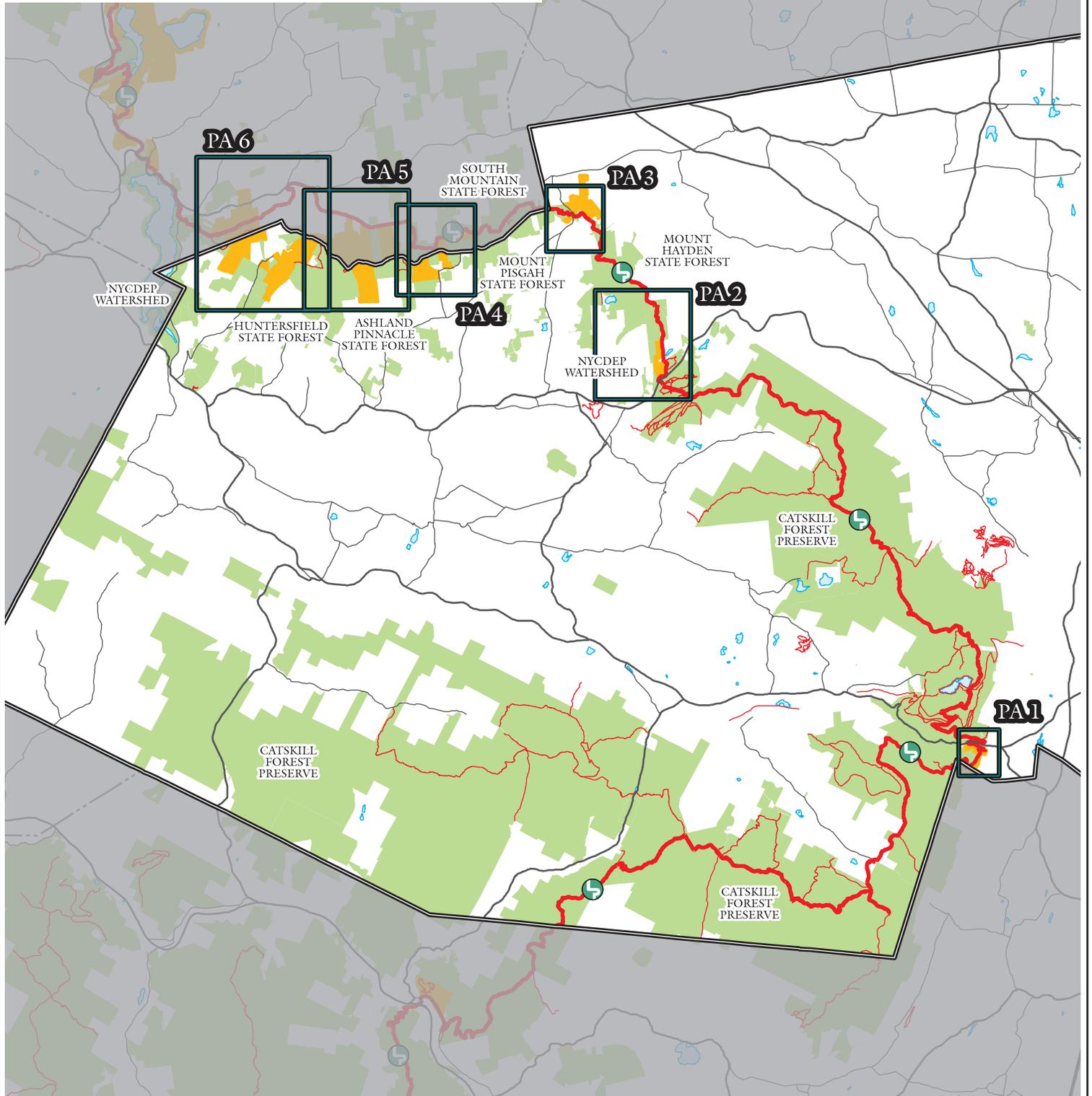
In 1994, just over the Greene County border, the Trail Conference purchased two small parcels of land. These small parcels connected Mount Pisgah State Forest with Ashland Pinnacle State Forest. With this update in preservation, the Long Path was extended further west into Greene County and through Huntersfield State Forest. Beyond the State Forest, the trail was routed through land of seven different owners to reach Pangman Road in Schoharie County. Soon after the work was complete and the trail was opened, there was a landowner change with one property, and the new owner revoked the permission for the Long Path on their land. This caused a new gap in the Long Path, and currently the Long Path follows roads in Schoharie County for 4.3 miles to get around this area.

In recent years, NYCDEP has been acquiring land in this area for watershed protection. Even more recently, NYCDEP has opened much of this land for recreational purposes. These recent successes, combined with some landowner changes, has resulted in an opportunity to route the Long Path through this area once again. This does not come without risk, as we will be relying on revocable trail agreements with two landowners, but historically, this is the life of piecing together the Long Path.



# Greene County

## Project Areas #1-6



- Protected land
- Corridor priority parcel
- Long Path
- Other trail
- Project Area Outline



0 1.5 3 6 Miles



## Greene County

### Project Area #1

Kaaterskill Wild Forest in Palenville

#### Project Area Description:

- The Long Path leaves Kaaterskill Wild Forest on a dirt road known locally as the old Red Gravel Hill Road. There are numerous private parcels that that only have this road as a right of way to reach them. Currently no traffic uses the old road which would now need a lot of work before vehicles could use it. Currently nothing would prevent this area from being developed and the road being upgraded.
- There are two parcels north of this area which each connect with the state forest and the public road, Malden Avenue. Both are away from the developed area.
- Beyond Malden Avenue the Long Path follows Route 23a, over a blind hill with little shoulder for walking, to reach the DEC parking area and trailhead around 4/10 of a mile away.
- A little west of the current trail junction with 23a the Kaaterskill Wild Forest connects with both sides of 23a. The Kaaterskill Creek lines runs parallel with the north shoulder of 23a. This creek flows hard and high at times.

#### Action Needed:

- This area has two issues to address. One is the possibility of development encroachment along the existing route. The second issue is the short but dangerous walk along route 23a.
- The trail could be rerouted within the state land coming back onto old red gravel Road as it goes in to the Muzzi / Gagner parcels. Preserving the uphill lands of Muzzi / Gagne would prevent further building on those parcels. The trail would still come out in the residential area as it does now.
- A little north of the present route both the Klaessig and the Karch properties each border the state land and Malden Avenue. Either of these parcels would be suitable to replace the current trail route.
- A third possibility would be to route the trail completely through state land to route 23a. This would need to be carefully investigated as the land in this area is very steep.
- Avoiding the blind hill on 23a may prove to be very difficult. The state land does meet 23a just east of the bridge that crosses the Kaaterskill Creek. It too appears to be incredibly steep and would need to be carefully investigated.
- All new trail construction, including reroute on state land must be approved by NYSDEC.

#### Priority Parcels:

##### Current Route

<b>Parcel:</b> 199-1-13	<b>Landowner:</b> STORY	<b>Municipality:</b> CATSKILL
<b>Acres:</b> 23.7	<b>Description:</b> This mostly wooded parcel has a hunting cabin on it. old Red Gravel Hill Road passes through this parcel; it is the right of way for this parcel. The Long Path follows the old dirt road.	

<b>Parcel:</b> 199-1-7	<b>Landowner:</b> KENNEDY	<b>Municipality:</b> CATSKILL
<b>Acres:</b> 16.5	<b>Description:</b> This vacant parcel is steep and completely wooded. The centerline of old Red Gravel Hill Road is the western property line with the adjacent Kaaterskill Wild Forest.	

<b>Parcel:</b> 199-1-1.2	<b>Landowner:</b> SHRIMP MIRAMAR LLC - C/O MUZZI	<b>Municipality:</b> CATSKILL
<b>Acres:</b> 10	<b>Description:</b> This vacant parcel is steep and completely wooded. Old Red Gravel Hill Road passes through this parcel.	

<b>Parcel:</b> 199-1-19	<b>Landowner:</b> MUZZI & GAGNER	<b>Municipality:</b> CATSKILL
<b>Acres:</b> 9.23	<b>Description:</b> Has the Fernwood restaurant on it. Abandoned Red Gravel Hill Road passes through this parcel.	

<b>Parcel:</b> 199-1-17	<b>Landowner:</b> ROBINSON	<b>Municipality:</b> CATSKILL
<b>Acres:</b> 4.4	<b>Description:</b> Has a house on it. The old Red Gravel Hill Road passes through and leads to Malden Ave.	

#### North of Current Route

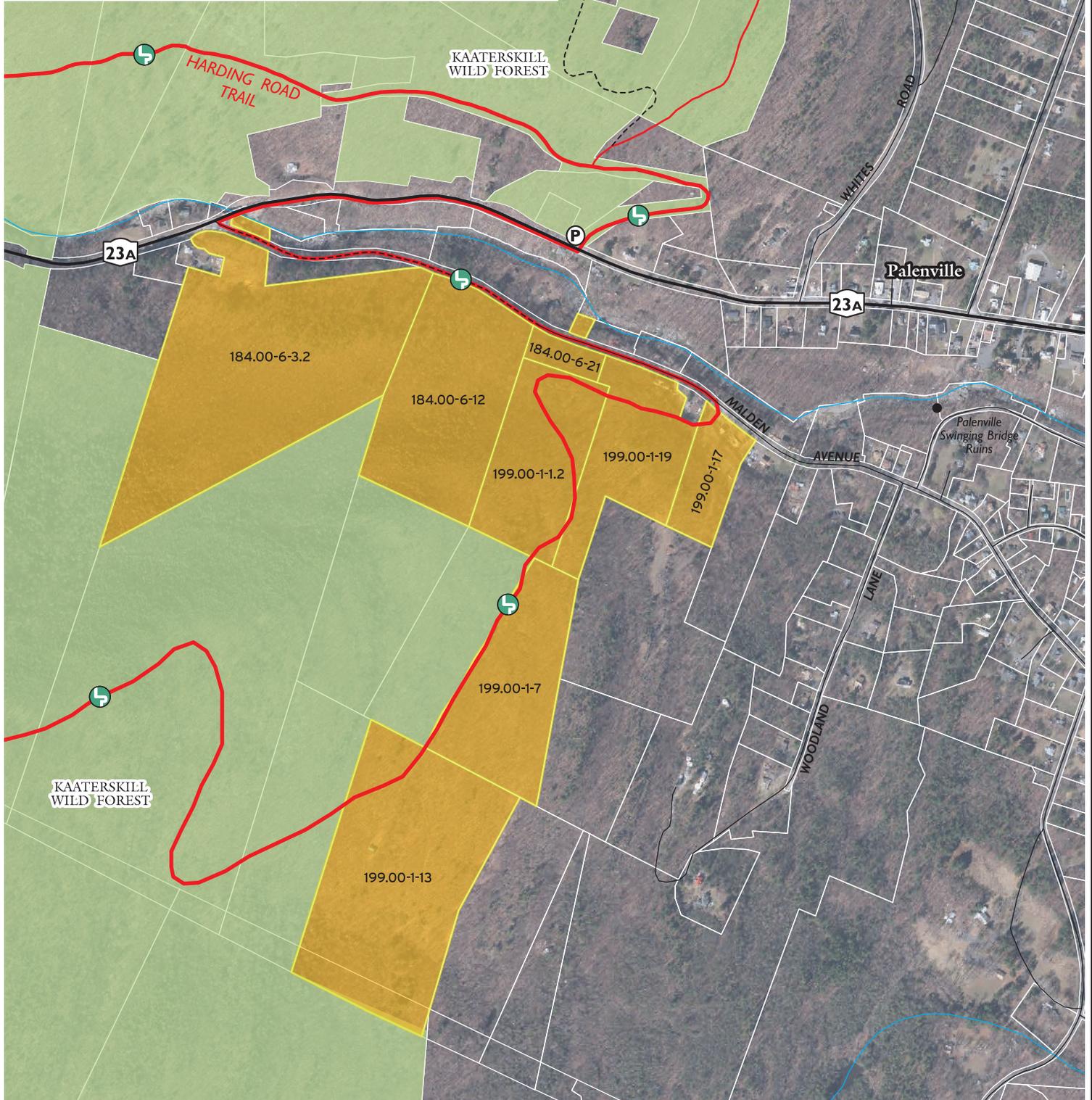
<b>Parcel:</b> 184-6-12	<b>Landowner:</b> KLAESSIG	<b>Municipality:</b> CATSKILL
<b>Acres:</b> 16.5	<b>Description:</b> This vacant parcel is directly attached with the state land and public road. This would be a nice a parcel to route the Long Path on. A parking area could also be built on this parcel.	

<b>Parcel:</b> 184-6-3.2	<b>Landowner:</b> KARCH	<b>Municipality:</b> CATSKILL
<b>Acres:</b> 29.64	<b>Description:</b> Mostly vacant with a building at the roadside on route 23a. This parcel is directly connected with the state land and public road.	



# Kaaterskill Wild Forest in Palenville

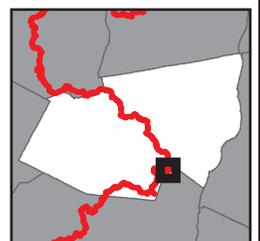
## Greene County Project Area #1



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## Greene County

### Project Area #2

Elm Ridge Wild Forest to NYCDEP Jennie Notch

#### Project Area Description:

- The Long Path leaves the Catskill Park crosses a low volume back road. Across the road it follows Jennie Notch Road for about ¼ mile. The road ends near a house and then follows an access road to a small parking area located in the NYCDEP's Jennie Notch property.
- A completely off-road option would be to route the trail through Starvoulakes property and into the DEP's land.

#### Action Needed:

- Option A would be preserving land along Jennie Notch Road. This would prevent development adjacent to the trail and most likely a place to move the trail off the road.
- Option B would be preserving a portion of the Starvoulakes property would create a nice off road trail corridor. Either of these actions would improve the Long Path

#### Priority Parcels:

##### Option A

<b>Parcel:</b> 79.00-2-8	<b>Landowner:</b> KENNY	<b>Municipality:</b> WINDHAM
<b>Acres:</b> 48.5	<b>Description:</b> This is a vacant parcel on the west side of Jennie Notch Road. The same landowner owns 218.5 acres east of Jennie Notch Road	

<b>Parcel:</b> 62.00-1-40	<b>Landowner:</b> DRIFTWOOD MOUNTAIN INC.	<b>Municipality:</b> WINDHAM
<b>Acres:</b> 3	<b>Description:</b> This is a vacant parcel that currently buffers the Long Path as it at the end of Jennie Notch Road.	

##### Option B

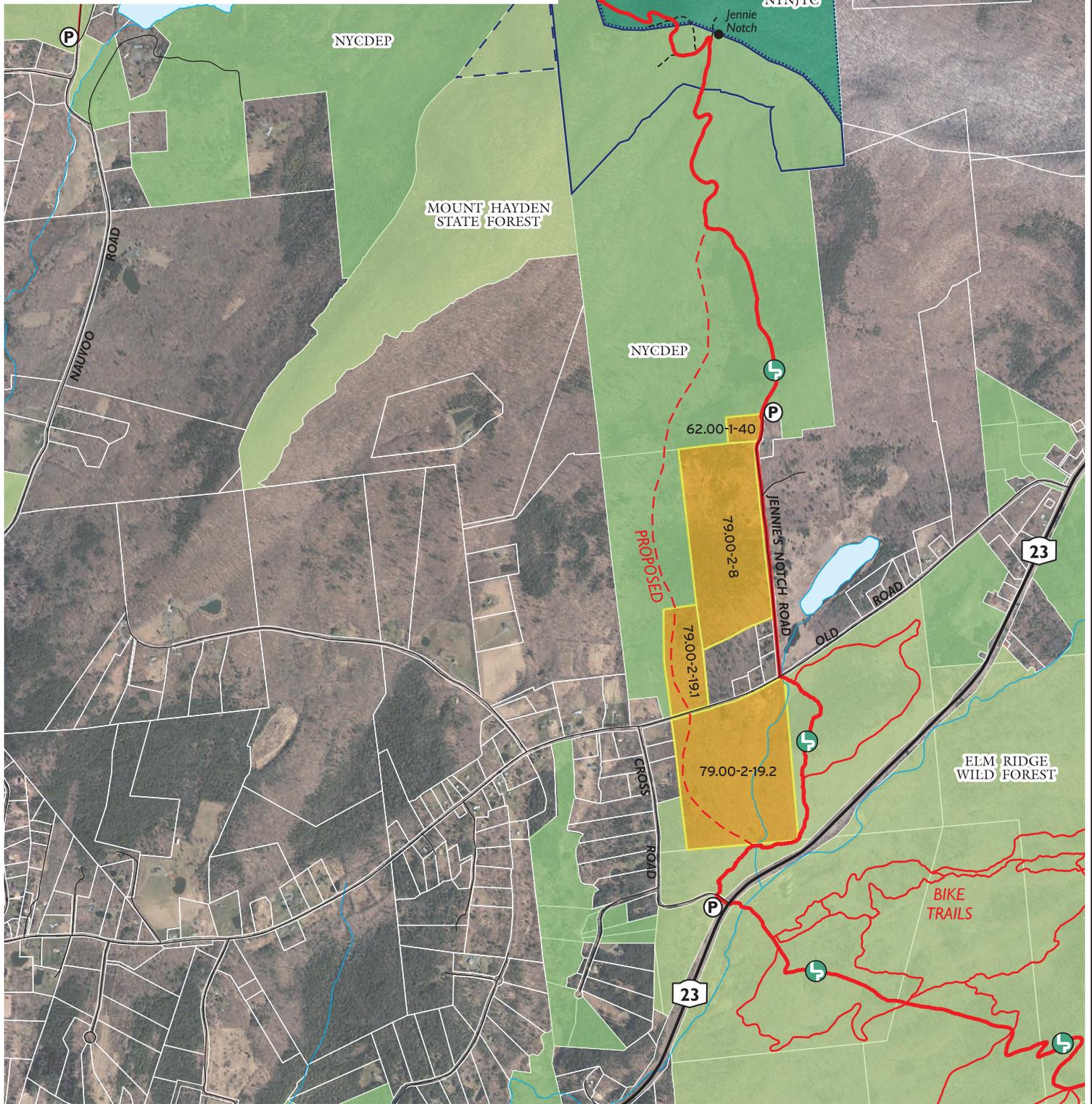
<b>Parcel:</b> 79.00-2-19.2	<b>Landowner:</b> STARVOULAKES FAMILY TRUST	<b>Municipality:</b> WINDHAM
<b>Acres:</b> 54.7	<b>Description:</b> With the exception of a house at the northwest corner this parcel is vacant and wooded. A portion of the east side of this parcel would be needed to align the trail with DEP land across Old Road.	

<b>Parcel:</b> 79.00-2-19.1	<b>Landowner:</b> STARVOULAKES	<b>Municipality:</b> WINDHAM
<b>Acres:</b> 12.88	<b>Description:</b> This is a vacant parcel directly next to a parcel owned by NYCDEP. Preserving it would buffer the Long Path if it were to be relocated onto the NYCDEP land	



# Elm Ridge WF to NYCDEP Jennie Notch

## Greene County Project Area #2



- Corridor priority parcel
- Threatened parcel
- Maintained trail
- Proposed trail
- L Long Path
- SRT Shawangunk Ridge Trail

- P Parking area
- Viewpoint



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## Greene County

### Project Area #3

Mount Hayden State Forest to Mount Pisgah State Forest

#### Project Area Description:

- The Long Path passes through a very skinny part of the state forest soon after crossing Cunningham Road. It then has to follow the road for a bit before turning into the state forest across the road. Preserving a portion of each of the first two parcels below would allow the trail to be moved away from a homesite. The second listed site also has road frontage on Greene County 10 that would be good for parking. This is the preferred option.
- Across the County Road is a second option for routing the Long Path straight across the road. The third and fourth parcels would be good enough to straighten out the crossing. That would not help parking or development near the trail south of the county road.

#### Action Needed:

- Preserve at minimum a 500-foot-wide trail corridor on both sides of Greene County 10. It would be best to include enough land to construct a parking area at this location.

#### Priority Parcels:

<b>Parcel:</b> 32.00-3-21	<b>Landowner:</b> CUNNINGHAM	<b>Municipality:</b> DURHAM
<b>Acres:</b> 74.09	<b>Description:</b> About 15% is being used for active farming, the remainder is wooded. Preserving a portion of it would buffer the Long Path.	

<b>Parcel:</b> 32.00-1-25.1	<b>Landowner:</b> DORAZIO	<b>Municipality:</b> DURHAM
<b>Acres:</b> 166.5	<b>Description:</b> This is a large vacant parcel. Preserving a portion of it would buffer the Long Path and give space for a parking lot.	

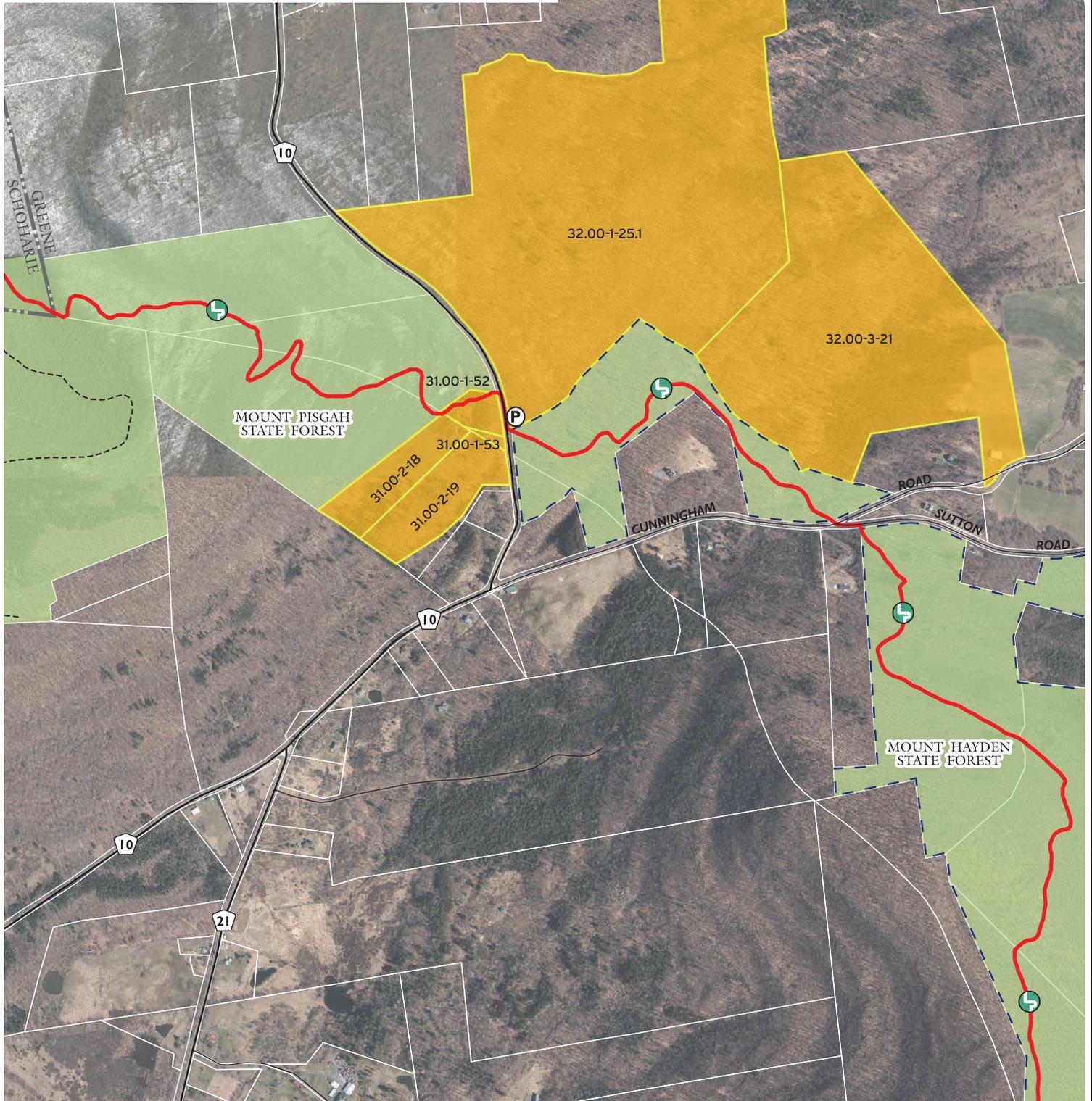
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<b>Acres:</b> 2.44, 0.30	<b>Description:</b> Preserving these two vacant parcels would improve the trail crossing at County Route 10.	

<b>Parcels:</b> 31.00-2-18, 31.00-2-19	<b>Landowner:</b> DURKIN	<b>Municipality:</b> WINDHAM
<b>Acres:</b> 7.2, 10.1	<b>Description:</b> These two vacant parcels are attached with the parcels listed above.	



# Mount Hayden SF to Mount Pisgah SF

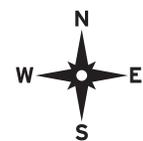
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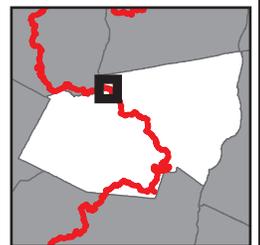
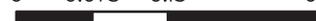
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- Parking area
- Viewpoint



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## Greene County

### Project Area #4 (same as Schoharie #1)

South Mountain State Forest to Ashland Pinnacle State Forest

#### Project Area Description:

- Currently the Long Path descends off of the ridgeline and goes around two private parcels. Permission to cross the second private parcel could not be obtained. The current trail east of Bluebird Road is pleasant. West of Bluebird Road the is routed through an area that is seasonally wet and has tree roots exposed high above the ground.
- The current red trail that leads to Huntersfield State Forest is the desired route for the Long Path. This route runs near private land which is currently forested. This leaves the risk of development next to the trail.

#### Action Needed:

- The Megerle parcel is the most important parcel to preserve through this project area. This would allow for rerouting the trail higher on the ridge east of Bluebird Road, continuing above the wet area west of Bluebird Road. This would be a significant improvement along the existing Long Path.
- Preserving the mountaintop portion of the Casella and Thorp parcels would ensure protection of the trail along the ridgetop.

#### Priority Parcels:

<b>Parcel:</b> 45-1-2	<b>Landowner:</b> MEGERLE	<b>Municipality:</b> ASHLAND
<b>Acres:</b> 62.40	<b>Description:</b> Mostly wooded parcel with a house on the southern portion. They own adjacent property over the mountain in Schoharie County	

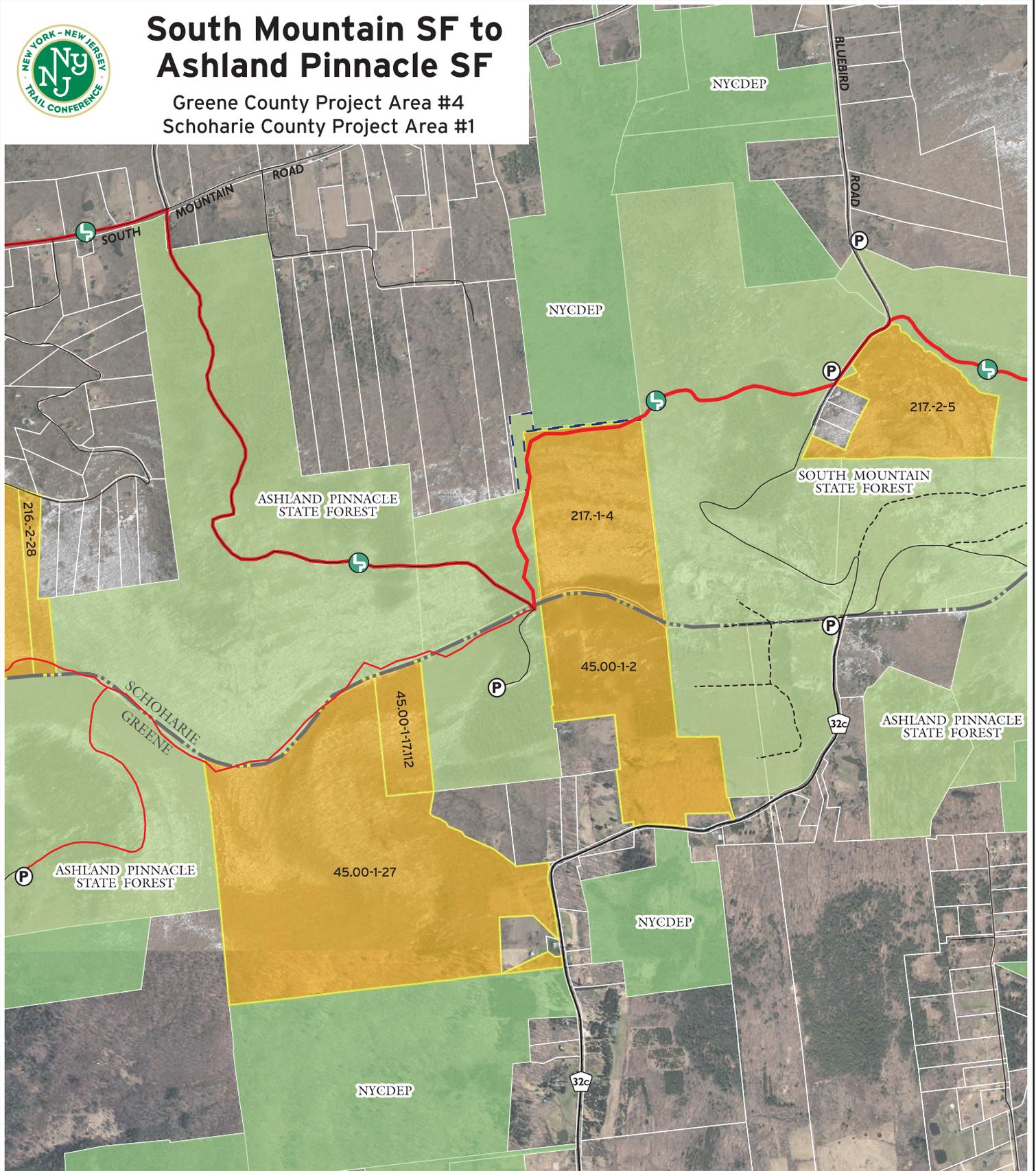
<b>Parcel:</b> 45-1-17.112	<b>Landowner:</b> CASARELLA	<b>Municipality:</b> ASHLAND
<b>Acres:</b> 15	<b>Description:</b> Mostly wooded parcel with a mobile home on the southern portion. The northern border is at the ridgetop.	

<b>Parcel:</b> 45-1-27	<b>Landowner:</b> THORP	<b>Municipality:</b> ASHLAND
<b>Acres:</b> 168.19	<b>Description:</b> Mostly wooded parcel with a house on the extreme southeastern corner. The northern border is at the ridgetop.	



# South Mountain SF to Ashland Pinnacle SF

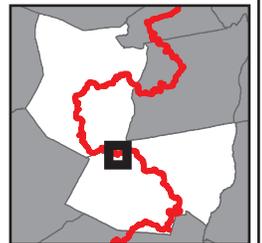
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Schoharie County Project Area #1



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## Greene County

### Project Area #5 (same as Schoharie #2)

Ashland Pinnacle State Forest to Huntersfield State Forest

#### Project Area Description:

- The Long Path once crossed this area before losing access beyond Huntersfield State Forest. We are working to route the Long Path through this area again as this is the preferred route. This is the only private parcel between the Ashland Pinnacle State Forest and Huntersfield State Forest. It has an operating farm on the south end of the parcel. The northern part is steeper and climbs up to the top of the ridgeline of this mountain. About 190 acres of the northern end is wooded. The Partridge Farm has a house, barn and other utility buildings at the south end of the parcel.

#### Action Needed:

- Preserving the top part of the farm would attach two state forests and permanently protect the trail which passes through it. This is a critical parcel.

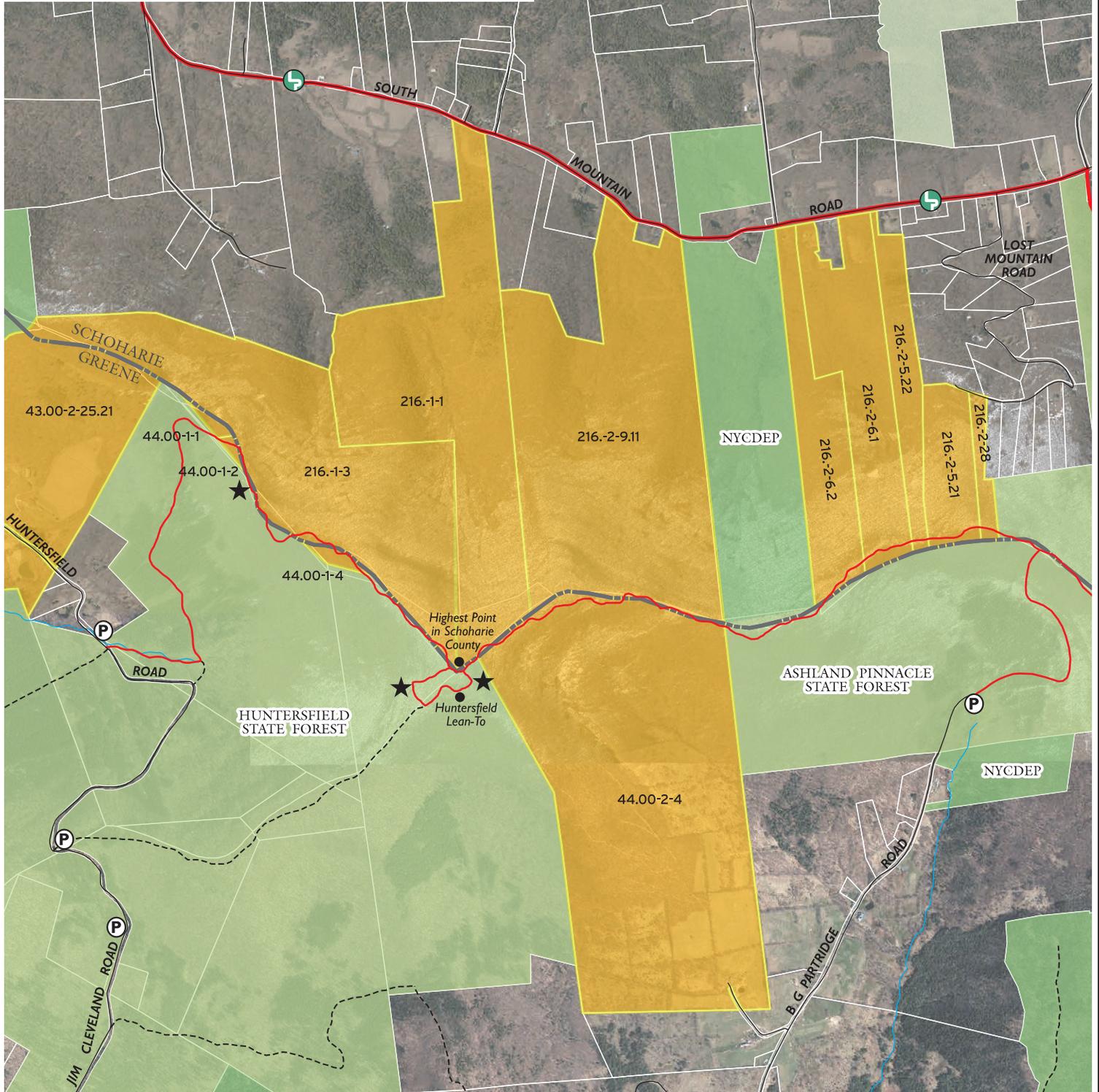
#### Priority Parcels:

<b>Parcel:</b> 44.00-2 -4	<b>Landowner:</b> PARTRIDGE	<b>Municipality:</b> ASHLAND
<b>Acres:</b> 328.1	<b>Description:</b> Includes an active farm and the wooded mountain top. The trail crosses this parcel in a wooded area at the top of the mountain. The owners have expressed an interest in selling the top of the mountain for preservation; a subdivision would be required.	



# Ashland Pinnacle SF to Huntersfield SF

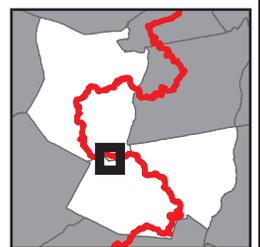
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- P Parking area
- Viewpoint



## Greene County

### Project Area #6 (same as Schoharie #3)

Huntersfield State Forest to NYCDEP: Pangman Road

#### Project Area Description:

- Not being able to get the Long Path off of the roads in this area has been caused by the resistance encountered with landowners through this area. Recently permission was given by a landowner that would have allowed us to route the trail through here on a revocable agreement. Before getting the new trail onto the ground a nearby long-time landowner sold their land; the new owner revoked our permission.
- New York City Environmental protection Agency has been preserving land in this are to protect their vast watershed. They have named each separate area to help identify them.
- The two proposed routes on this map involve leaving the Huntersfield State Forest and passing through a mix of NYCDEP land and private land.

#### Action Needed:

- Through nearly three decades we have been unable to reach agreements with multiple landowners between Huntersfield State Forest and the current route of the Long Path shown on this map Therefore the plans here discuss two proposed routes shown in four segments. The segments are interchangeable, two of the routes briefly cross into Schoharie County.
- Segment A - This route would leave Huntersfield State Forest and goes through the Huntersfield Christian Camp property to reach NYCDEP's Macumber Road property. Leaving the DEP property, it follows Marv Rion Road to either DEP's Huntersfield Headwaters or Four Corners property.
- Segment B - This route would leave Huntersfield State Forest, crosses the Ruehlmann property and then passes through the NYCDEP's Huntersfield Creek Headwaters property, then the Herbert property reaching Marv Rion Road.
- Segment C - This route would leave Marv Rion Road on DEP's Huntersfield Headwaters property, then through Rikard property and into the Buel property across the county line. It then crosses back into Greene County entering DEP's Pangman Road property.
- Segment D - This route would leave Marv Rion Road and pass through DEP's Four Corners property, then the Martindale property and into DEP's Pangman Road property.

#### Priority Parcels:

##### Option A

<b>Parcels:</b> 43.00-2-34, 43.00-2-35	<b>Landowner:</b> HUNTERSFIELD CHRISTIAN TRAINING CAMP	<b>Municipality:</b> PRATTSVILLE
<b>Acres:</b> 166, 99	<b>Description:</b> This camp has multiple buildings near Huntersfield Road. They own over 300 acres in two counties which includes the top of the mountain. It is a mix of fields and forests.	

##### Option B

<b>Parcel:</b> 43.00-3-10.1	<b>Landowner:</b> RUEHLMANN	<b>Municipality:</b> PRATTSVILLE
<b>Acres:</b> 230.8	<b>Description:</b> Has a mix of woods along with active hay fields. It also has a house and a couple small farm buildings. The property is attached with Huntersfield State Forest and NYCDEP's Huntersfield Headwaters and Four Corners properties.	

<b>Parcel:</b> 43.00-2-17.112	<b>Landowner:</b> CASTILLO	<b>Municipality:</b> PRATTSVILLE
<b>Acres:</b> 17.5	<b>Description:</b> This parcel has a camp on the northern portion. The remainder is wooded and borders the Huntersfield Creek at the southern border.	

<b>Parcels:</b> 43.00-3-2, 3, 4, 5 & 6	<b>Landowner:</b> HERBERT	<b>Municipality:</b> PRATTSVILLE
<b>Acres:</b> 5.8, 1.8, 10.2, 2.1, 13	<b>Description:</b> These five vacant parcels assemble into one pie shaped parcel. The parcel is located between two DEP's Huntersfield Headwaters and Four Corners properties.	

**Option C**

<b>Parcel:</b> 43.00-1-1	<b>Landowner:</b> RIKARD	<b>Municipality:</b> PRATTSVILLE
<b>Acres:</b> 183.9	<b>Description:</b> This wooded parcel is mostly vacant with a small seasonal cabin. It is attached with NYCDEP's Huntersfield headwaters and Pangman Road properties	

<b>Parcel:</b> 43.00-1-14	<b>Landowner:</b> BUEL	<b>Municipality:</b> PRATTSVILLE
<b>Acres:</b> 6.6	<b>Description:</b> This is a vacant parcel attached with NYCDEP's Pangman Road property. This landowner has continuous property across the border in Schoharie County.	

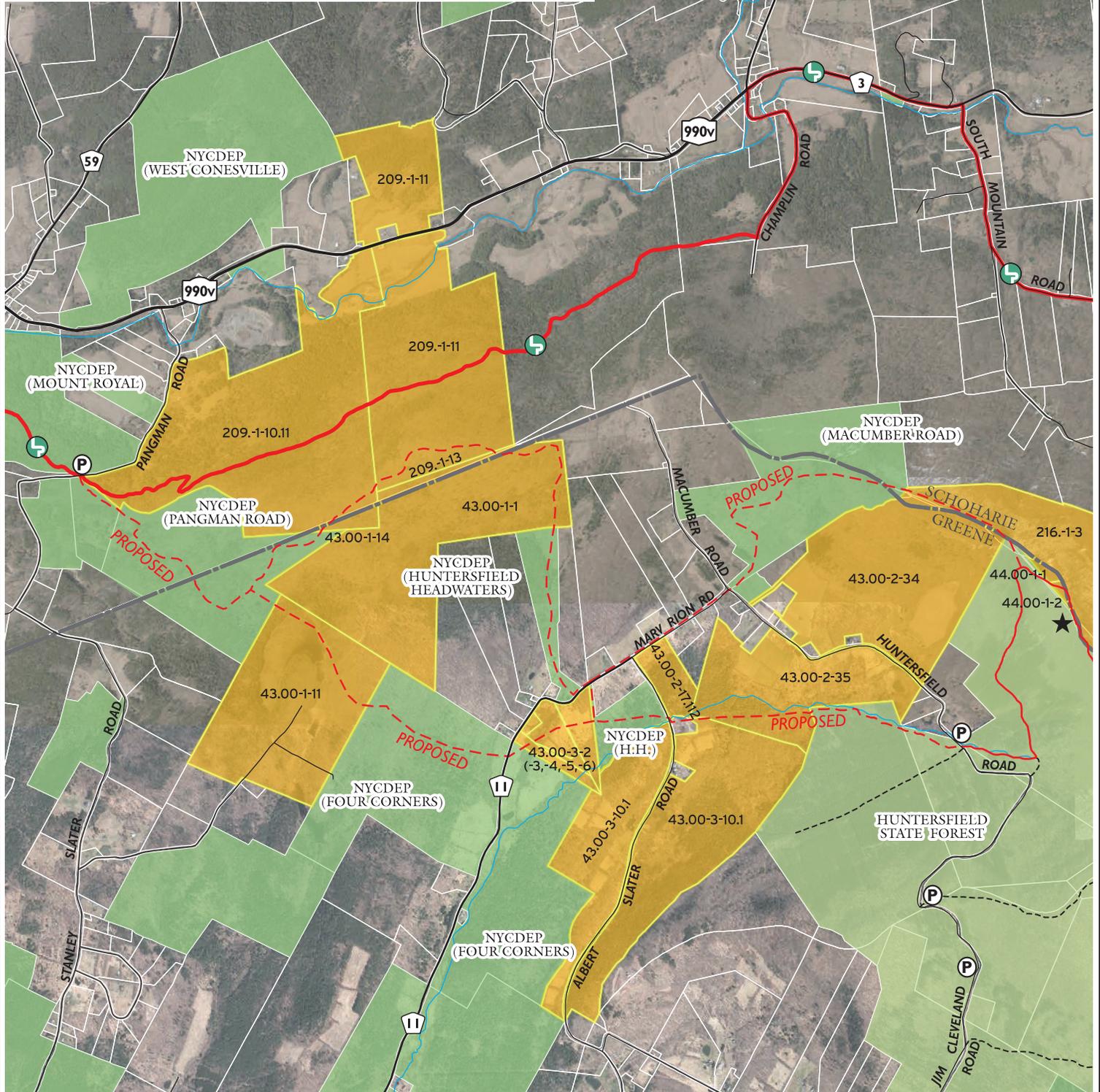
**Option D**

<b>Parcel:</b> 43.00-1-11	<b>Landowner:</b> MARTINDALE	<b>Municipality:</b> PRATTSVILLE
<b>Acres:</b> 150	<b>Description:</b> Mixed woods and wetland, there is a seasonal cabin here. It is connected with NYCDEP's Four Corners and Pangman Road properties.	



# Huntersfield SF to NYCDEP: Pangman Road

Greene County Project Area #6  
Schoharie County Project Area #3

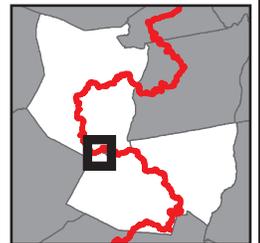


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# Long Path

## Northern Section



# Schoharie County



# Schoharie County

## Protection Overview:

There are **13 Project Areas** within Schoharie County. Protecting a corridor in each of these areas would completely protect the Long Path, which runs for about **59 miles** through the county.

- Currently the Long Path through Schoharie County crosses land of 27 private landowners. Without their permission, the trail would be following roads through much of the county. The Trail Conference is incredibly thankful that these folks have opened their land for Long Path hikers.
- After leaving the Greene/Schoharie border, the Long Path descends to Bluebird Road. After skirting around private land the trail climbs steeply uphill, nearly gaining the ridgeline. It meets a New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) truck trail that leads left to a parking area, where the Long Path turns right and follows truck trail downhill to South Mountain Road. A proposed reroute of the Long Path continues across the access road and follows the ridgeline west. The current Long Path follows roads for 4.3 miles before returning to the woods. This entire stretch is explained in **Project Area 1**, **Project Area 2** and **Project Area 3**.
- The Long Path leaves Champlin Road and crosses four private parcels before reaching Pangman Road. The trail passes through New York City Department of Environmental Protection (NYCDEP) land, and then follows Route 990v and parallels DEP's Schoharie Fishing Access Area. This extremely dangerous road walk is covered by **Project Area 4**.
- After crossing the Schoharie Creek in Gilboa, the Long Path follows the creek valley north in **Project Area 5**. The trail passes through Nickerson Park Campground and New York Power Authority land to reach Mine Kill State Park, site of the impressive Mine Kill Falls.
- The trail crosses Route 30 and passes through two private parcels in **Project Area 6** before reaching a 150-acre parcel that the Trail Conference preserved in 2019, which is directly connected with Burnt-Rossman Hills State Forest.
- Within Burnt-Rossman Hills State Forest in **Project Area 7**, there are three instances where the trail passes nearby private inholdings that are surrounded by the state forest land.
- The Long Path leaves state forest land and follows Sawyer Hollow Road into West Fulton, then continues uphill on Patria Road in **Project Area 8**. The trail leaves the road and passes through one private parcel before reaching Patria State Forest.
- The Long Path leaves the state forest land and passes through two private parcels to reach Route 30, which it follows north to Vroman's Nose Unique Area. It passes through one private parcel to reach the fantastic views atop Vroman's Nose and then continues to Middleburgh, and this area is covered by **Project Area 9** and **Project Area 10**.
- Beyond Middleburgh, the trail climbs "The Cliff" and passes through a private parcel before reaching a 25-acre parcel preserved by the Trail Conference in 1998. The Long Path passes through additional private land in **Project Area 11** belonging to five separate landowners before reaching Cotton Hill State Forest.
- The Long Path then follows a road and also passes by numerous private inholdings in **Project Area 12** while passing through Cotton Hill State Forest and Dutch Settlement State Forest.
- The Long Path leaves the state forest land and passes through two private parcels to reach Canady Hill Road in **Project Area 13**. It then follows the road and traverses land of four different owners to reach the Albany County border, where the trail enters a 167-acre parcel preserved by the Trail Conference in 2016.

# Schoharie County

## History:

In 1991, with support from the Trail Conference, a "Long Path North" committee was formed. These local volunteers dedicated themselves to develop and maintain the Long Path, and plans began to materialize for extending the Long Path into Schoharie County and beyond. In May 1991, the Long Path was extended to Mount Pisgah, at the southwest corner of Schoharie County. Sixty years had passed since Vince Schaeffer first envisioned the Long Path as an unmarked path to points of interests and thirty-one years had passed since Robert Jessen and the Trail Conference reinvented Schaeffer's plan to mark and maintain the Long Path. The Long Path was headed north again.

In October 1993, the Long Path was opened between Gilboa and Vroman's Nose. Soon after, in February 1994, the Long Path North Hiking Club was formed. This hiking club has been the guardians of the Long Path North for 27 years. Work continued at the south end of Schoharie County, and the crew was busy extending the trail between Vroman's Nose and Partridge Run Wildlife Management Area at the county line. Those efforts, and work through Albany County, continued through the mid-1990s.

Enough of the trail was established that the 1996 Long Path Guide described the trail from the George Washington Bridge to Thacher Park in Albany County, but there was unfortunately one problem. The Long Path between Mount Pisgah and Huntersfield Mountain mostly meandered along the Greene/Schoharie border. Beyond Huntersfield State Forest, the trail reached Macumber Road in Greene County and abruptly ended. The next section in the 1996 guide began at Prattville Road and Route 990v. At this time, no landowners in that area would agree to allow the trail on their property.

The club worked tirelessly to improve the trail over the following years. In 1998, a landowner on Marv Rion Road in Greene County agreed to allow the trail through his property. Combined with three other landowners who had agreed four years earlier, the trail was then routed over Sickler Mountain to Pangman Road in West Conesville. Sadly, this ended after six months when that first landowner sold their land and the new owner revoked permission for the trail. Backpackers attempting to thru-hike needed to follow local roads for 6.5 miles to reach the trail crossing on Pangman Road. Negotiations continued with multiple landowners to find a way over the mountain.

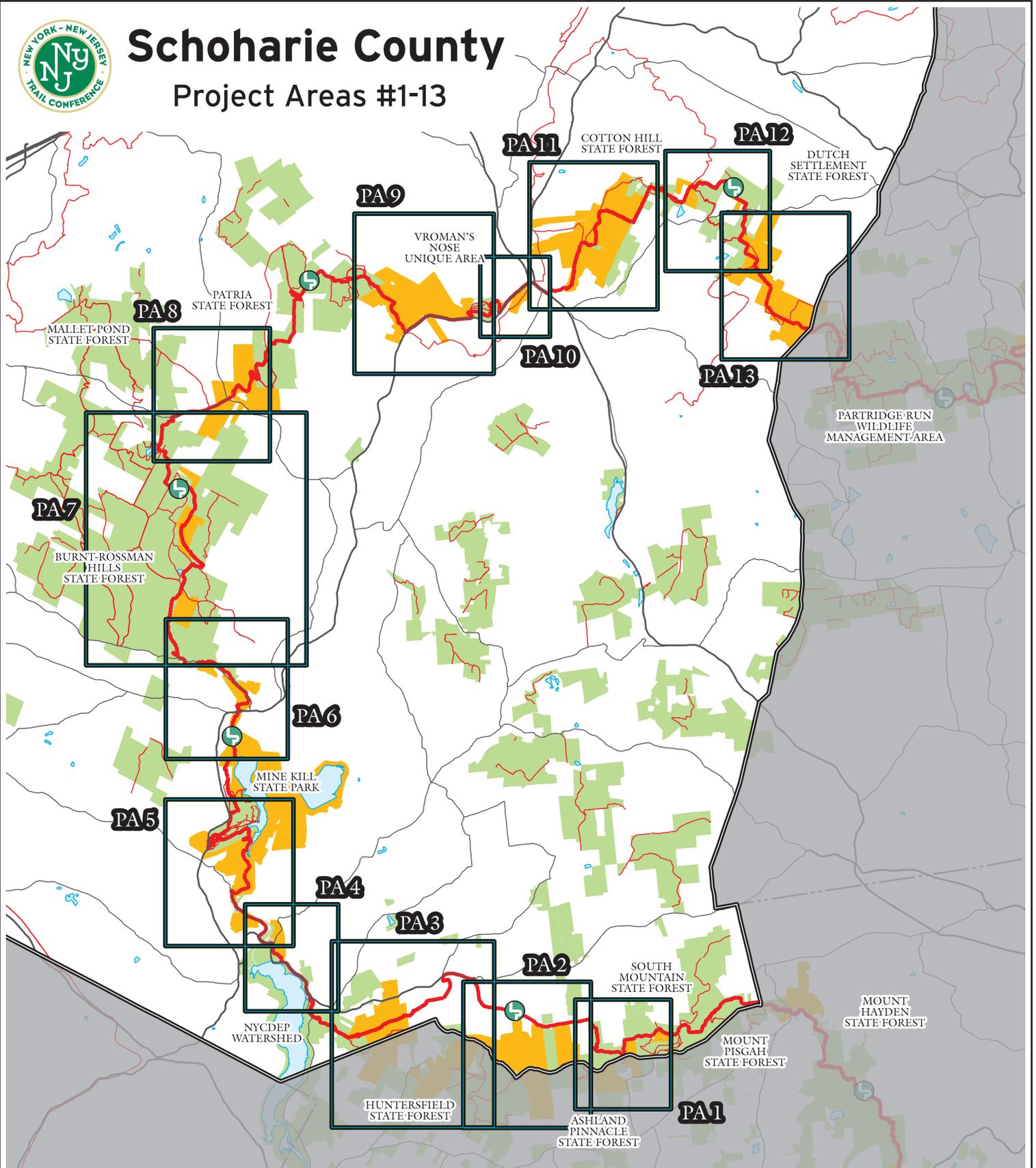
Trail maintenance continued along with the occasional new off-road sections. Simultaneously, the occasional landowner would revoke permissions. These changes did not disrupt trail continuity like the gap at the southern end of the county. In 2008, negotiations went well with landowners west of Champlin Road. Today, the Long Path leaves Ashland Pinnacle State Forest and follows roads for 4.3 miles before leaving Champlin Road into the woods.

In July 2017, the Trail Conference purchased 167 acres adjacent to the Partridge Run Wildlife Management Area just over the Line in Albany County. The Long Path North Hiking Club negotiated agreements with four landowners on Lawton Hollow Road in Schoharie County. These efforts enabled a new trail in the woods to replace a 2.4-mile road walk at the county line. In January 2019, the Trail Conference purchased a 150-acre parcel with the Long Path on it. This parcel is attached to Burnt-Rossman Hills State Forest, and this acquisition permanently protected another mile of the Long Path.



# Schoharie County

## Project Areas #1-13



-  Protected land
-  Corridor priority parcel
-  Long Path
-  Other trail
-  Project Area Outline



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## Schoharie County

### Project Area #1 (same as Greene #4)

South Mountain State Forest to Ashland Pinnacle State Forest

#### Project Area Description:

- Historically, east of Bluebird Road, the Long Path was routed south of private land. The dashed line south of parcel 217-2-5 represents the old route of the Long Path. The trail was moved out of that area over a decade ago for timber harvest. The aging and dying pine forest was clear-cut. This area has now regenerated into a productive mixed forest.
- West of Bluebird Road, the Long Path passes through a wet area which has many elevated tree roots. The trail then passes through a narrow state forest parcel that was preserved by the NYNJTC in 1992.
- The Long Path then follows a forest access road downhill to South Mountain Road. The trail follows roads for 4.3 miles before returning to the woods. The remainder of **Project Area 1**, and all of **Project Areas 2 and 3** include a planned relocation of the Long Path.
- West of the forest access road, there is a marked trail that was once the route of the Long Path. Here, the trail follows the ridgeline of the mountain which also happens to be the county line.

#### Action Needed:

- The Long Path could be moved uphill and south of the Autieri parcel. That would be an alternative option to passing near this parcel and preserving it for the trail.
- The Megerle parcel is **critically important**, as preserving this parcel would enable us to move the entire trail to a higher location across the mountainside. Currently, the trail passes through wet areas at the north end of this parcel and then climbs steeply to regain the ridgetop.

#### Priority Parcels:

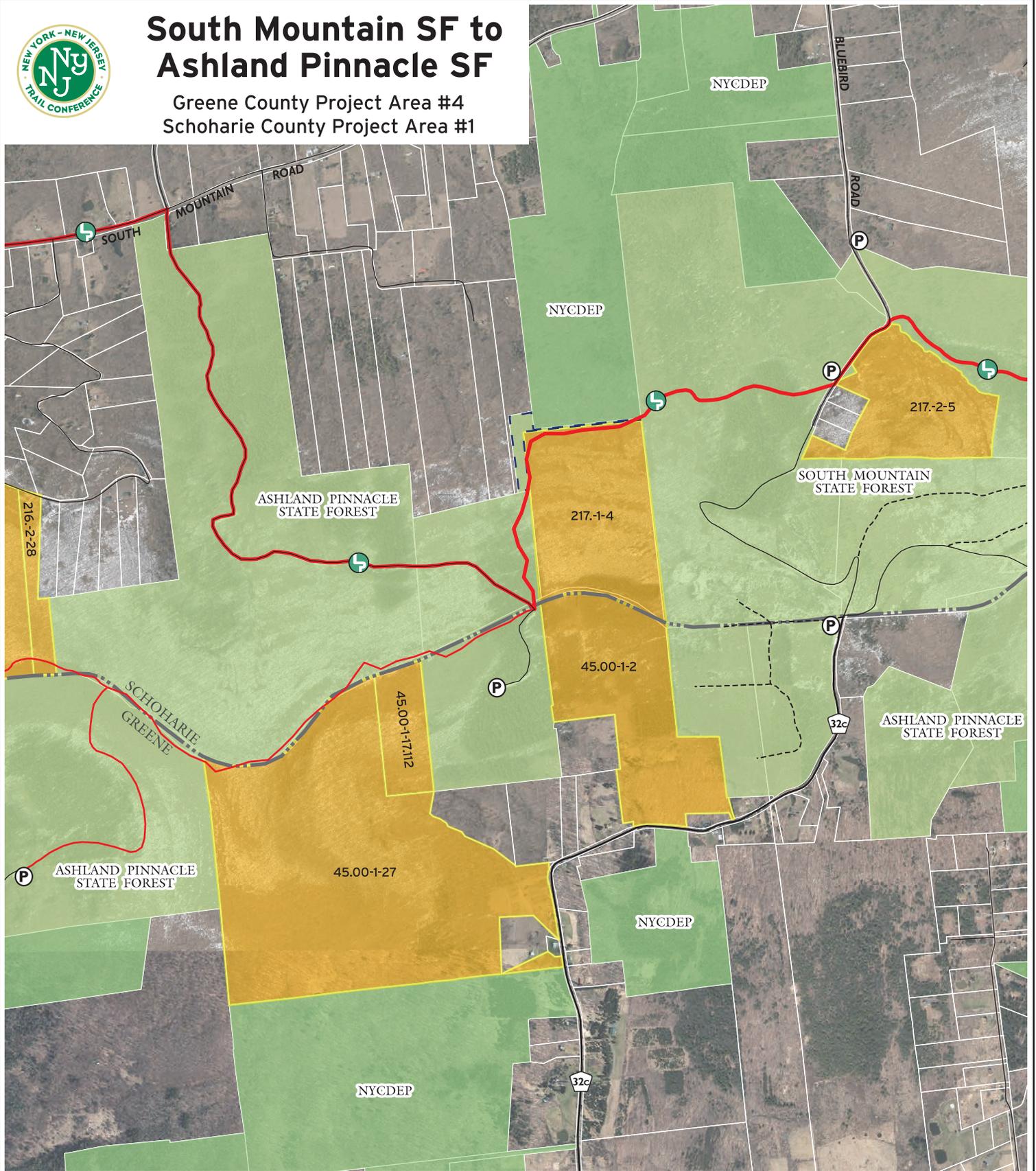
<b>Parcel:</b> 217-2-5	<b>Landowner:</b> AUTIERI	<b>Municipality:</b> CONESVILLE
<b>Acres:</b> 39.41	<b>Description:</b> There is a seasonal cabin on this parcel, it's near the road. Other than that, it is wooded and located on the side slope of the mountain.	

<b>Parcel:</b> 217-1-4	<b>Landowner:</b> MEGERLE	<b>Municipality:</b> CONESVILLE
<b>Acres:</b> 51.6	<b>Description:</b> This a vacant wooded parcel. The parcel is steep and located on the north slope of the mountain. It continuous with a parcel in Greene County owned by the same owner.	



# South Mountain SF to Ashland Pinnacle SF

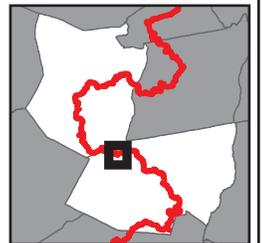
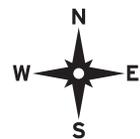
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## Schoharie County

### Project Area #2 (same as Greene #5)

Ashland Pinnacle State Forest to Huntersfield State Forest

### Project Area Description:

- The Long Path once crossed this area before access was revoked beyond Huntersfield State Forest. We are working to route the Long Path through this area again, as this is the preferred route.
- The current trail passes along the southern boundaries of the Outdoor Adventures and Stendardi parcels. The parcel the trail is on is in Greene County and is the only private parcel in Greene County between the Ashland Pinnacle State Forest and Huntersfield State Forest.
- The Long Path will once again be routed through this area in 2022. As for the first five parcels, it is not clear at this time whether it is a mapping issue or the trail actually crosses private parcels.

### Action Needed:

- Current plans are to assess whether the trail is currently in the state forest, or whether it crosses the five private parcels east of State DEP's Beaver Hill property.
- Preserving either a portion of the Outdoor Adventures and Stendardi parcels, or the parcel in Greene County would close a critical gap. Preserving this gap is a **high priority** that would protect the trail and connect these two state forests.

### Priority Parcels:

#### Possible Boundary Issue

<b>Parcels:</b> 216-2-28, 216-2-5.21	<b>Landowner:</b> BERKE	<b>Municipality:</b> CONESVILLE
<b>Acres:</b> 8.73, 30.02	<b>Description:</b> These two vacant parcels climb the western slope to the ridgeline. They are part of the unfragmented forest along this western slope.	

<b>Parcel:</b> 216-2-5.22	<b>Landowner:</b> MAGGIANI	<b>Municipality:</b> CONESVILLE
<b>Acres:</b> 29.94	<b>Description:</b> This is a long rectangular parcel with a seasonal cabin at the north end. It climbs steeply to the ridgeline and is part of the unfragmented forest along this western slope.	

<b>Parcel:</b> 216-2-6.1	<b>Landowner:</b> MAZZA	<b>Municipality:</b> CONESVILLE
<b>Acres:</b> 78.6	<b>Description:</b> This is a long rectangular parcel with a house at the north end. It climbs steeply to the ridgeline and is part of the unfragmented forest along this western slope.	

<b>Parcel:</b> 216-2-6.2	<b>Landowner:</b> PENNINO	<b>Municipality:</b> CONESVILLE
<b>Acres:</b> 53.9	<b>Description:</b> This is a long rectangular parcel with a house at the north end. It climbs steeply to the ridgeline and is part of the unfragmented forest along this western slope.	

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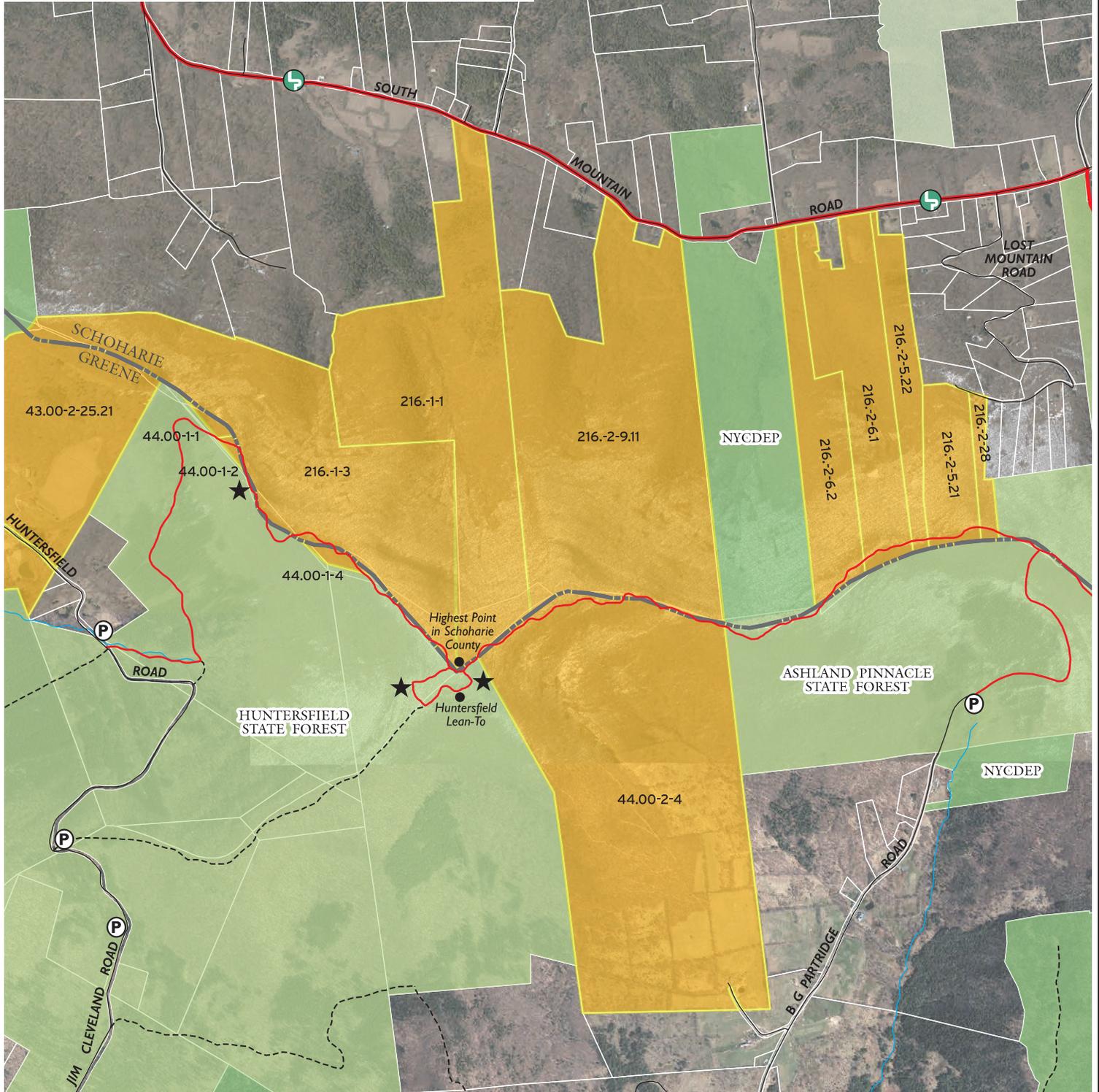
<b>Parcel:</b> 216-2-9.11	<b>Landowner:</b> OUTDOOR ADVENTURES LLC - MANZ	<b>Municipality:</b> CONESVILLE
<b>Acres:</b> 243.14	<b>Description:</b> This is a large vacant parcel. It climbs steeply to the ridgeline and is part of the unfragmented forest along this western slope.	

<b>Parcel:</b> 216-1-1	<b>Landowner:</b> STENDARDI	<b>Municipality:</b> CONESVILLE
<b>Acres:</b> 169.5	<b>Description:</b> This is a long irregular shaped parcel with a house at the north end. It climbs steeply to the ridgeline and is part of the unfragmented forest along this western slope.	



# Ashland Pinnacle SF to Huntersfield SF

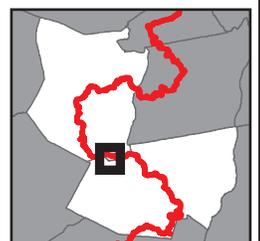
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## Schoharie County

### Project Area #3 (same as Greene #6)

Huntersfield State Forest to NYCDEP: Pangman Road

#### Project Area Description:

- Within this Project Area is a 4.3-mile road walk for the Long Path; it has been this way for 22 years now. The current route is completely in Schoharie County. It includes the road walk, and four private landowners. This is not the preferred route of the Long Path and it is a **high priority** to move the Long Path off of these roads.
- There are two proposed routes on this map which are predominantly across the border in Greene County. Each of the routes involve leaving Huntersfield State Forest and passing through a mix of NYC DEP land, and private land to reach DEP's Pangman Road property. The northern trail proposal (**Project Area 6**) swings over the county border twice, and then passes through three Schoharie County parcels before reaching DEP's Pangman Road property

#### Action Needed:

- A permanent trail agreement for the Long Path is desired on the Huntersfield Christian Training Camp property.
- The two Buel parcels rise steeply to the top of Sickler mountain. Preserving the top of Sickler Mountain and the trail corridor across it is a priority.

#### Priority Parcels:

<b>Parcel:</b> 216-1-3	<b>Landowner:</b> HUNTERSFIELD CHRISTIAN TRAINING CAMP	<b>Municipality:</b> CONESVILLE
<b>Acres:</b> 185	<b>Description:</b> This camp has multiple buildings near Huntersfield Road. They own 450 acres in two counties which includes the top of the mountain. It is a mix of fields and forests.	

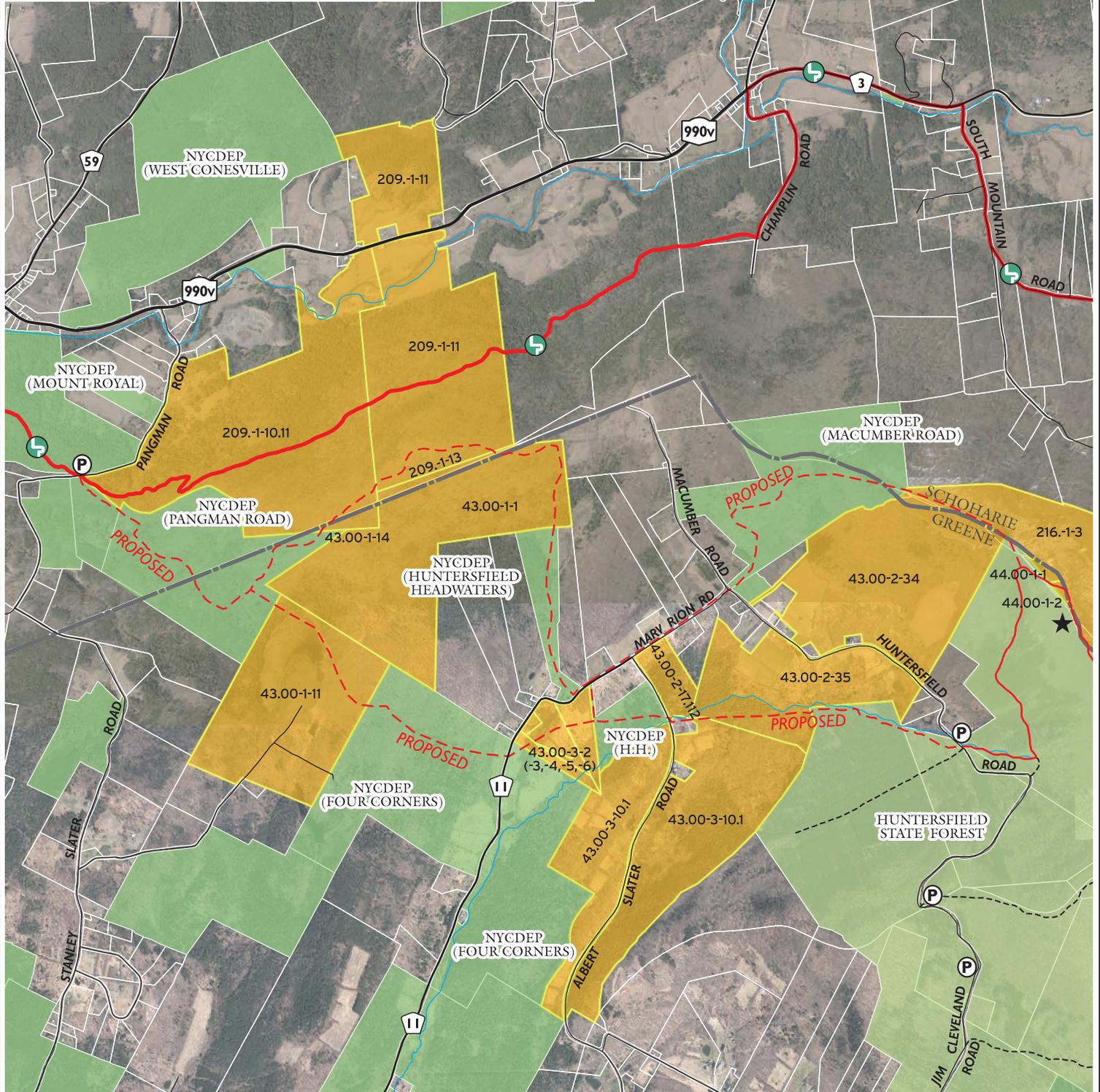
<b>Parcel:</b> 209-1-11	<b>Landowner:</b> BUEL	<b>Municipality:</b> CONESVILLE
<b>Acres:</b> 242.9	<b>Description:</b> A large vacant parcel divided by 990v. The southern portion has open field by the highway. The parcel climbs steeply to the summit of Sickler Mountain, located on the southern boundary of this parcel.	

<b>Parcel:</b> 209-1-10.11	<b>Landowner:</b> BUEL	<b>Municipality:</b> CONESVILLE
<b>Acres:</b> 263.5	<b>Description:</b> This is an abandoned Dairy Farm. It is predominately wooded but also has two houses and other assorted old farm buildings.	



# Huntersfield SF to NYCDEP: Pangman Road

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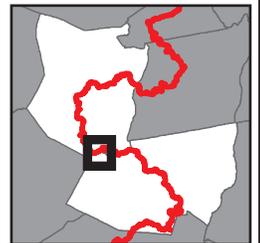
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## Schoharie County

### Project Area #4

NYCDEP: Mount Royal to Schoharie Creek at Gilboa

#### Project Area Description:

- The Long Path leaves NYC DEP's Mount Royal property and follows Route 990v north. **This highway is dangerous to walk along.** It contains blind hills and corners, and lacks shoulders to safely walk along. The west shoulder of the road is lined by a guardrail which makes it difficult to move away from oncoming traffic. DEP's Schoharie Fishing Access is, however, on the other side of the rail. This land is a wooded slope located between the Reservoir and 990v. Landowners east of 990v declined requests to allow the Long Path to cross their land.
- After a little more than a mile, the trail leaves 990v and follows Wyckoff Road a short distance uphill. The trail then turns left into the woods and runs along the border of Wyckoff and DEP land, and then continues through Wyckoff's property to the Gilboa Town Hall. The trail finally passes the fossilized tree exhibit and then crosses the Schoharie Creek
- In the Spring of 2006, NYC DEP announced in their Watershed Recreation newsletter "DEP Welcomes the Long Path Hiking Trail to City Lands in Gilboa". Highlights in this article include moving the trail "...off the shoulder of 990v and onto city lands next to the reservoir" and "make hiking this stretch more enjoyable and safer".

#### Action Needed:

- Beyond 990v preserving a trail corridor across a portion of the Wyckoff property would complete a protected corridor.

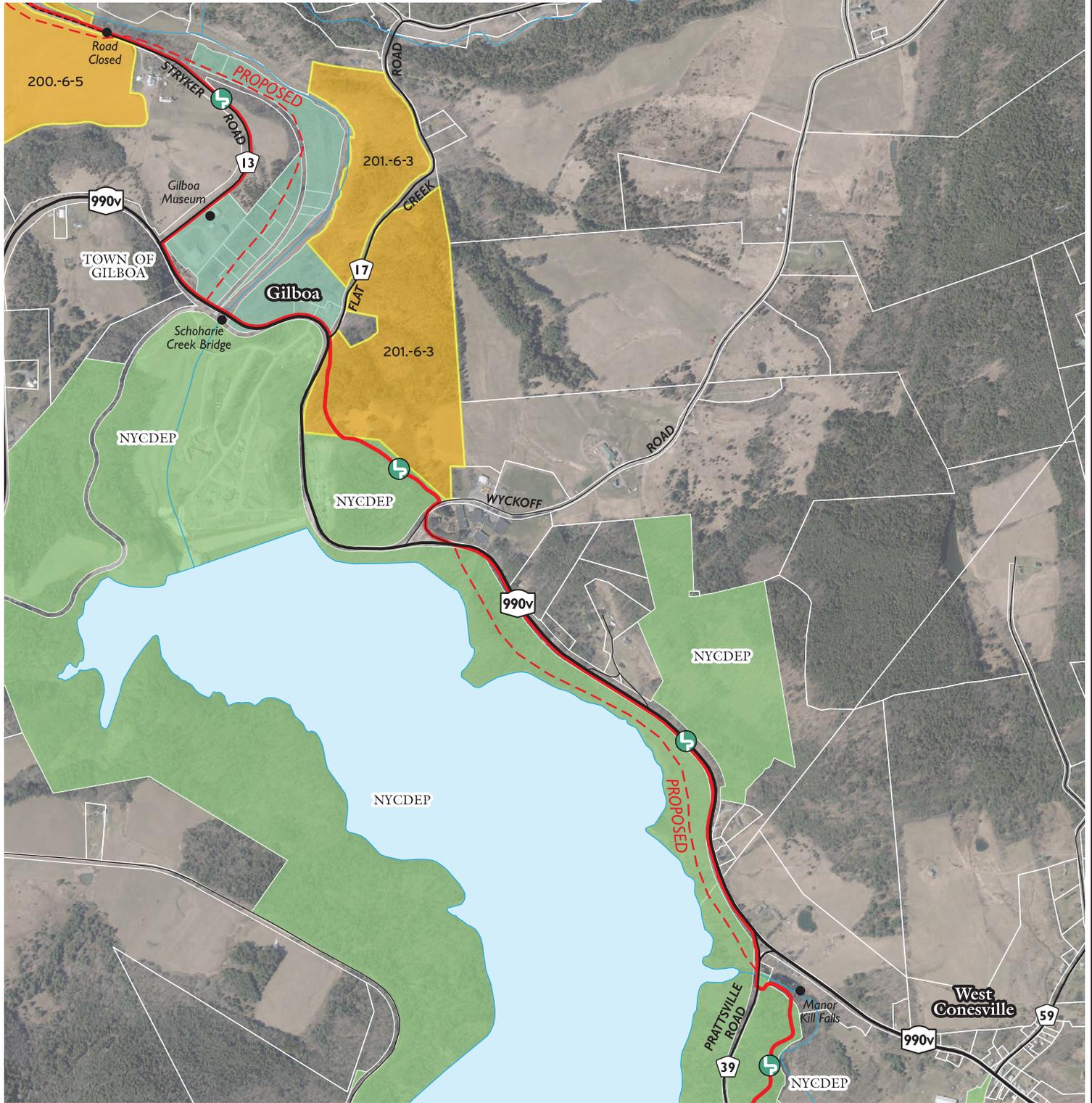
#### Priority Parcels:

<b>Parcel:</b> 208-3-15	<b>Landowner:</b> NYCDEP	<b>Municipality:</b> CONESVILLE
<b>Acres:</b> 359.1	<b>Description:</b> Part of the Schoharie Reservoir. The eastern shore between the Reservoir and 990v is DEP's Schoharie Fishing Access.	
<b>Parcel:</b> 214-2-2	<b>Landowner:</b> NYCDEP	<b>Municipality:</b> GILBOA
<b>Acres:</b> 147.3	<b>Description:</b> Part of the Schoharie Reservoir. The eastern shore between the Reservoir and 990v is DEP's Schoharie Fishing Access.	
<b>Parcel:</b> 201-6-3	<b>Landowner:</b> WYCKOFF	<b>Municipality:</b> GILBOA
<b>Acres:</b> 86	<b>Description:</b> Completely wooded. It's part of the Wyckoff farm; the steep slopes make this area difficult for farming.	



# NYCDEP: Mount Royal to Schoharie Creek at Gilboa

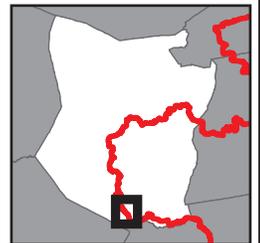
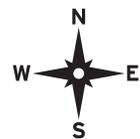
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## Schoharie County

### Project Area #5

Schoharie Creek at Gilboa to Mine Kill State Park

#### Project Area Description:

- The Long Path crosses the creek on the 990v bridge, passes Gilboa recreation land and continues uphill on the highway. The trail then turns right onto Stryker Road, and follows it downhill toward Schoharie Creek, passing the other end of the Gilboa recreation land. Soon after Stryker Road, the land has been permanently abandoned and the abandoned road has been kept open by the county for Long Path hikers.
- This once busy county highway was closed after portions of it were washed away by tropical storms Irene and Lee in 2011. In 2021, the county chose to permanently abandon it for vehicle use. Another former part of the highway was abandoned long ago and is now part of Gilboa's Recreation - Open Space. FEMA funds were used to purchase land from the landowners.
- After nearly a mile, the abandoned section ends and then the Long Path passes through the Nickerson's Park Campground (private). At the north end of the campground, the trail enters a "National Recreation Trail" portion of the Long Path through Mine Kill State Park.

#### Action Needed:

- The plan within this Project Area is to move the Long Path off of the roads and onto open space/recreation land that the Town of Gilboa owns along the Schoharie Creek.
- A permanent trail easement through Nickerson Park Campground would be the ideal solution. If that is not possible, then preserving a corridor through their wooded northern boundary would also work well.
- **This is a high priority;** losing the southern access would put the trail onto highways for 1.3 miles

#### Priority Parcels:

<b>Parcel:</b> 200-6-5	<b>Landowner:</b> WYCKOFF	<b>Municipality:</b> GILBOA
<b>Acres:</b> 92	<b>Description:</b> This farm field is used for crops. It gets flooded when the Schoharie Creek breaches its banks.	

<b>Parcel:</b> 200-6-18	<b>Landowner:</b> DAVIDSON	<b>Municipality:</b> GILBOA
<b>Acres:</b> 5.33	<b>Description:</b> Around 60% of this parcel has been washed away and is now the creek bed of the Schoharie. There is on average a 100-foot-wide wooded strip parallel to Stryker Road.	

<b>Parcels:</b> 191-6-12, 191-6-11	<b>Landowner:</b> NICKERSON PARK CAMPGROUND INC.	<b>Municipality:</b> GILBOA
<b>Acres:</b> 94.28, 123.9	<b>Description:</b> This is a private campground that allows the Long Path to pass through. The first parcel is a developed campground with buildings. The second parcel is vacant and mostly wooded.	

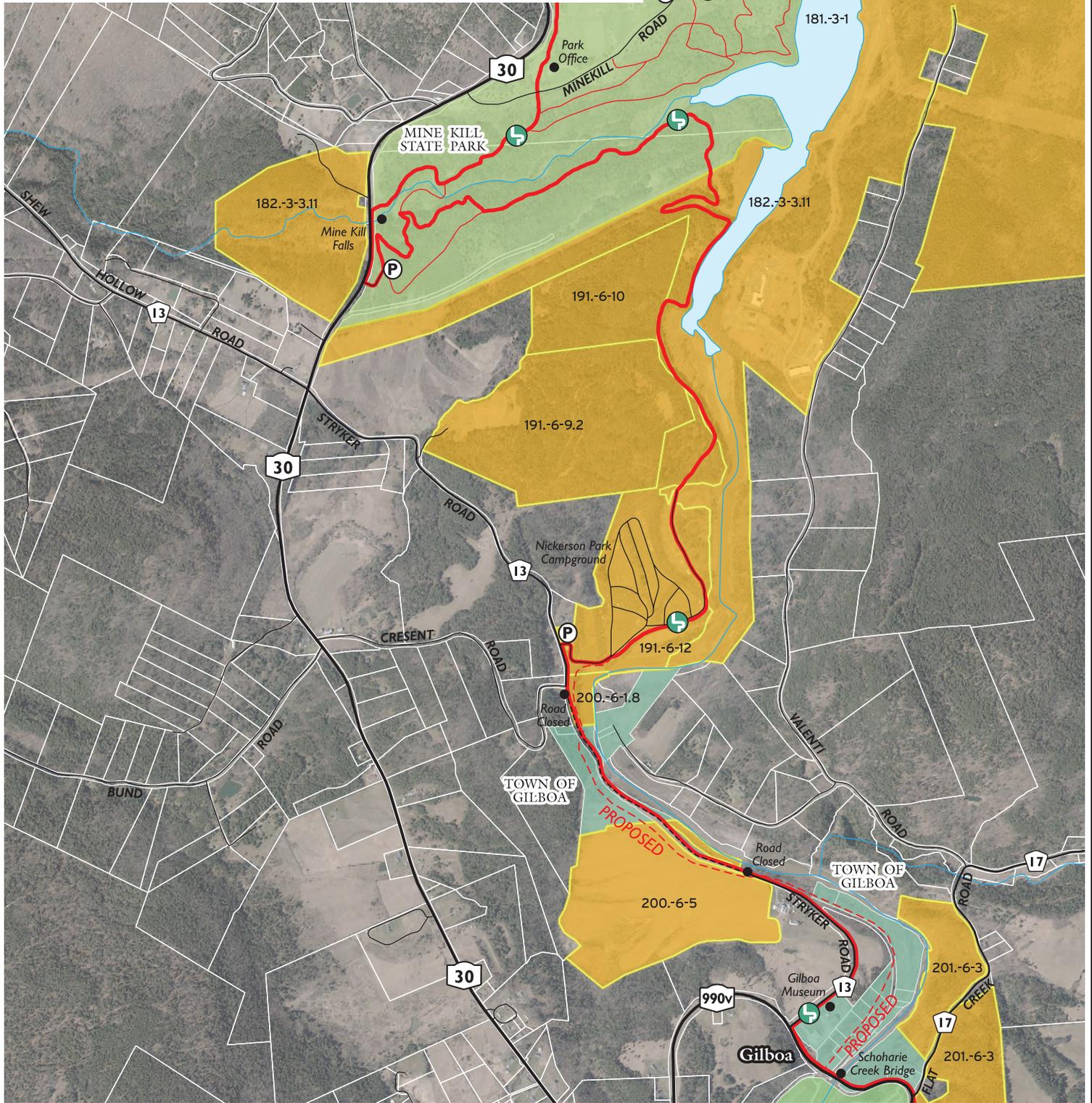
<b>Parcel:</b> 191-6-9.2	<b>Landowner:</b> BAILEY	<b>Municipality:</b> GILBOA
<b>Acres:</b> 115	<b>Description:</b> The western portion is developed with residential buildings and has open fields. The eastern portion is predominantly wooded. The eastern border of this property is directly next to the Long Path corridor which is on NY Power Authority land.	

<b>Parcel:</b> 191-6-10	<b>Landowner:</b> SPEZZA	<b>Municipality:</b> GILBOA
<b>Acres:</b> 52	<b>Description:</b> Completely wooded with a seasonal cabin on the western portion. The eastern border of this property is directly next to the Long Path corridor which is on NY Power Authority land.	



# Schoharie Creek at Gilboa to Mine Kill SP

## Schoharie County Project Area #5

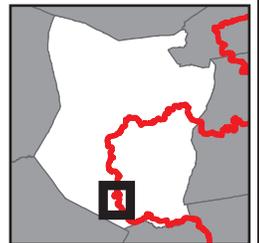
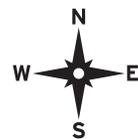


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## Schoharie County

### Project Area #6

Mine Kill State Park to Burnt-Rossman Hills State Forest

#### Project Area Description:

- This Project Area is located between NY Route 30 and a 150-acre parcel that the Trail Conference preserved in 2019. Currently, the trail passes through some wooded sections but also contains a short road walk along Westkill Road.

#### Action Needed:

- At minimum, preserving a trail corridor across Slobodin's and Becker's property would permanently protect the Long Path through this area.
- The Callanan parcel south of Westkill Road is forested and would be a strong addition to the route at the current road crossing.

#### Priority Parcels:

<b>Parcel:</b> 171-3-1	<b>Landowner:</b> SLOBODIN	<b>Municipality:</b> BLENHEIM
<b>Acres:</b> 20.29	<b>Description:</b> The eastern portion of this property is mostly open with a seasonal residence. The western portion is completely wooded.	

<b>Parcel:</b> 171-2-3.2	<b>Landowner:</b> BECKER	<b>Municipality:</b> BLENHEIM
<b>Acres:</b> 62.47	<b>Description:</b> This property is an active hay field. There are some trees around along the borders of this parcel. The norther tip of the property is completely wooded and borders Westkill Road.	

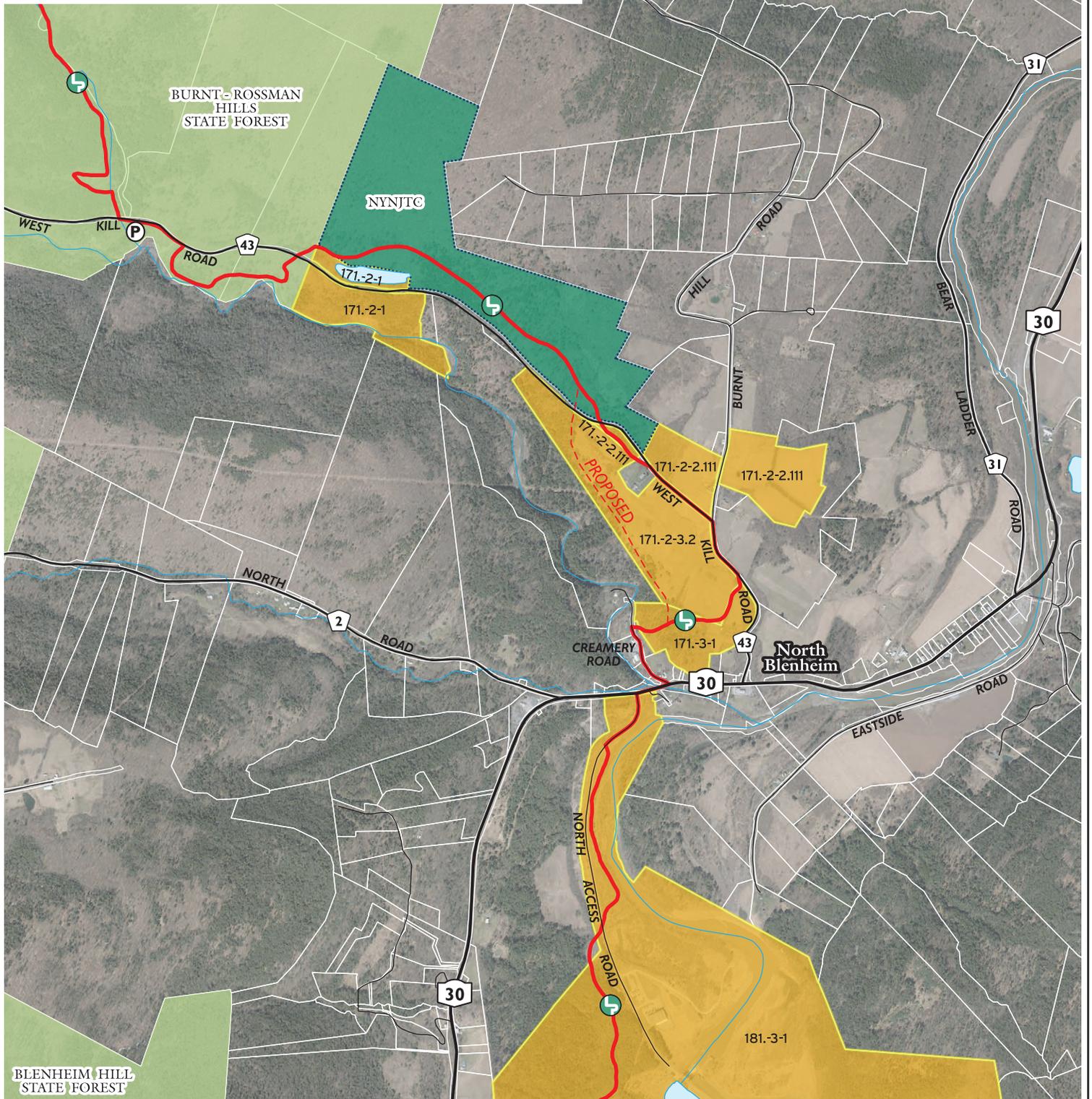
<b>Parcel:</b> 171-2-2.111	<b>Landowner:</b> CALLANAN	<b>Municipality:</b> BLENHEIM
<b>Acres:</b> 40.1	<b>Description:</b> This property is part of a small farm north of Westkill Road. Only a very small part of it is south of Westkill Road. The Long Path is currently on this property south of the road.	

<b>Parcel:</b> 171-2-1	<b>Landowner:</b> BENDER & HANKS	<b>Municipality:</b> BLENHEIM
<b>Acres:</b> 32	<b>Description:</b> This is a vacant and wooded parcel that straddles both sides of Westkill Road. There is a pond that encompasses around 70% of the portion on the north side of the road. The Long Path passes just uphill of this pond.	



# Mine Kill SP to Burnt-Rossman Hills SF

Schoharie County Project Area #6



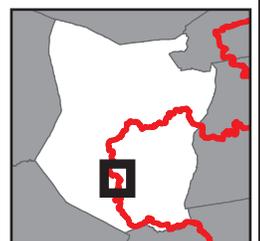
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## Schoharie County

### Project Area #7

#### Burnt-Rossman Hills State Forest Inholdings and Buffers

#### Project Area Description:

- Burnt-Rossman State Forest is a patchwork of old homesteads, abandoned farms, and steep hills. There are numerous privately owned inholdings which are seasonal camps. Currently, the Long Path follows single track trails and old wood roads through the forest. At times the Long Path follows along the seasonal roads which are all dirt.
- Along Cole Hollow Road and Huckleberry Kingdom Road, there are seasonal camps with a lot of summer activity. Also, these roads are often wet and muddy with ruts.

#### Action Needed:

- The area of Cole Hollow Road and Huckleberry Kingdom Road where the private inholdings are located is completely surrounded by state forest land. With the abundance of state land in this area it is believed that first investigating a possible relocation of the Long Path off of the seasonal roads would be the most sensible thing to do.
- Currently, there is no threat of development where the Long Path borders private in-holdings. This will need to be continuously monitored and addressed if needed.

#### Priority Parcels:

<b>Parcel:</b> 160-1-9	<b>Landowner:</b> AL - LES - ERNIE INC.	<b>Municipality:</b> BLENHEIM
<b>Acres:</b> 182.3	<b>Description:</b> A mountainside parcel that is completely forested with the exception of one camp style building on a seasonal road.	

<b>Parcels:</b> 148-1-3, 137-2-8	<b>Landowner:</b> GIORDANO	<b>Municipality:</b> BLENHEIM, FULTON
<b>Acres:</b> 80, 71.9	<b>Description:</b> This is one continuous property located in both towns. There is a seasonal cabin located on the northern portion of the property. The remainder of this parcel is mostly wooded.	

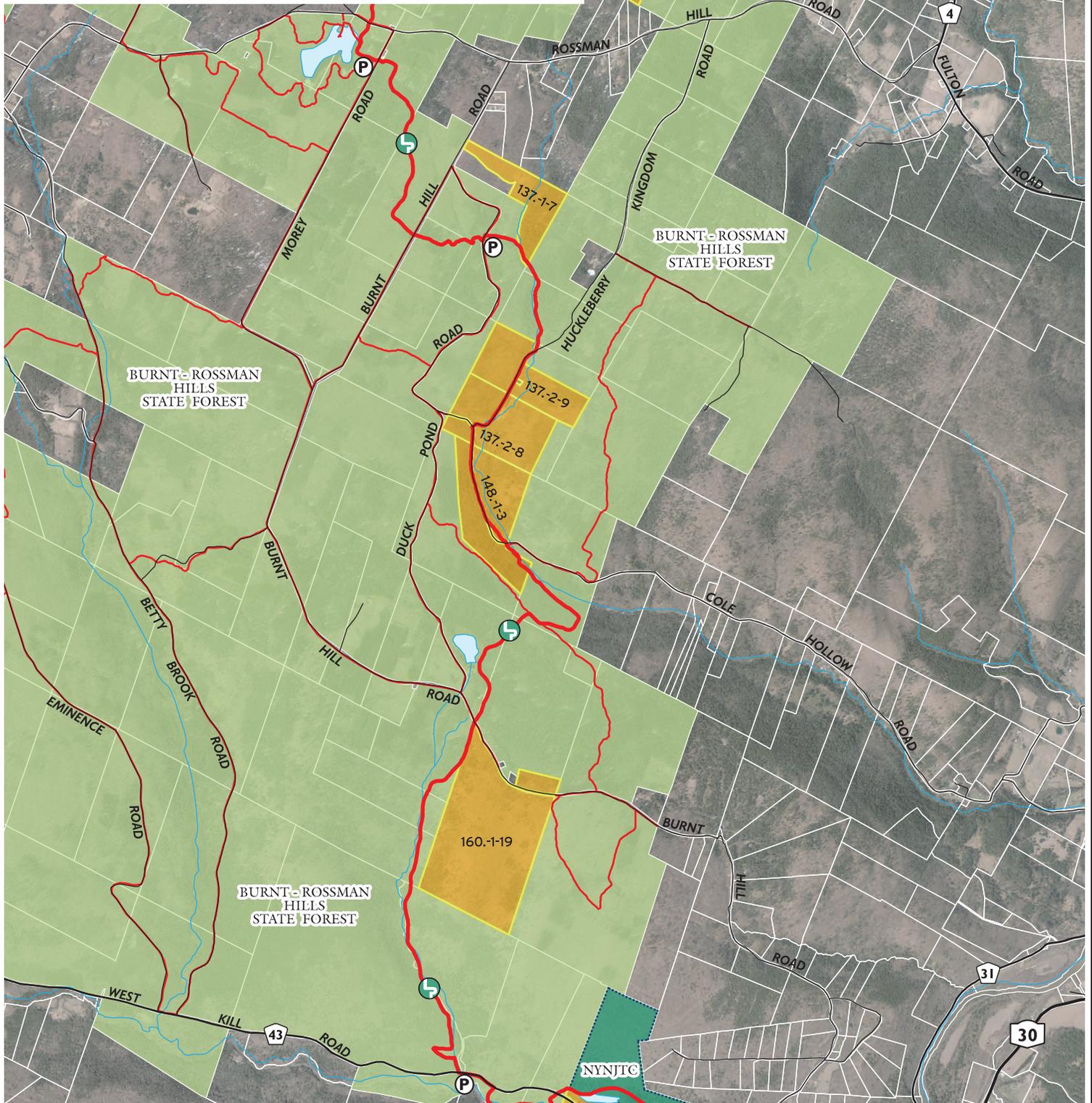
<b>Parcel:</b> 137-2-9	<b>Landowner:</b> CARR	<b>Municipality:</b> FULTON
<b>Acres:</b> 57.3	<b>Description:</b> This is a large forested parcel with a seasonal cabin. Seasonal Huckleberry Kingdom Road runs through it.	

<b>Parcel:</b> 137-1-7	<b>Landowner:</b> LAROW	<b>Municipality:</b> FULTON
<b>Acres:</b> 41.3	<b>Description:</b> This is a large forested parcel with a seasonal cabin. Seasonal Huckleberry Kingdom Road runs through it.	



# Burnt-Rossman Hills SF Inholdings and Buffers

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## Schoharie County

### Project Area #8

Burnt-Rossman Hills State Forest to Patria State Forest

#### Project Area Description:

- The Long Path currently leaves Burnt-Rossman Hills State Forest and follows Sawyer Hollow Road for 1.2 miles into West Fulton.
- Beyond the intersection of West Fulton Road, the Long Path follows Patria Road for 8/10 of a mile before crossing private land, and then entering Patria State Forest.
- Two possible routes have been identified between these two state forests.
- Preserving a route through either of these options is preferable to the current two-mile road walk.

#### Action Needed:

- In **Option A**, the most desirable route proposal, the trail leaves the state forest, passes through the Mckenna parcel then joins Sawyer Hollow Road just before the road meets West Fulton Road, crosses the intersection and then a small bridge over House Creek. The trail could go through the Jorgensen/Clapper property, then the Ciganik parcel to reach Patria State Forest. With this option, no bridge would need to be built
- **Option B** would require a walk along Rossman Hill Road around some residences, a left turn into the state forest, and then a descent into land that is owned by the West Fulton Fire Department. A bridge would need to be built across Panther Creek, then the trail would pass through the Espisito/Lavioette property, and finally the Ferbacher property.
- Either of these routes could be split in the hamlet of West Fulton and combined with the other route or part of the two-mile road walk.

#### Priority Parcels:

##### Option A

<b>Parcel:</b> 126-3-27	<b>Landowner:</b> MCKENNA	<b>Municipality:</b> FULTON
<b>Acres:</b> 185	<b>Description:</b> There is a barn used for a business on the northern portion of this property along with fields still being used for crops. The southern portion is wooded and climbs steeply to the Burnt-Rossman Hills State Forest.	

<b>Parcel:</b> 126-1-1	<b>Landowner:</b> JORGENSEN/CLAPPER	<b>Municipality:</b> FULTON
<b>Acres:</b> 94.2	<b>Description:</b> This is a Cattle Farm in the valley. The property is wooded on the hills that climb from the farm to both the eastern and western borders.	

<b>Parcels:</b> 114-3-8, 126-1-7	<b>Landowner:</b> CIGANIK	<b>Municipality:</b> FULTON
<b>Acres:</b> 245.05, 51.77	<b>Description:</b> These two parcels are one continuous wooded parcel. The property rises steeply from the road and levels out some on the north end. There is a season cabin and a pond on the northern end of the property. Patria State Forest is on the eastern boundary	

##### Option B

<b>Parcel:</b> 126-4-17	<b>Landowner:</b> WEST FULTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT	<b>Municipality:</b> FULTON
<b>Acres:</b> 13.5	<b>Description:</b> Has the West Fulton Firehouse on it. The parcel stretches from the state forest, across West Fulton Road, to Panther Creek.	

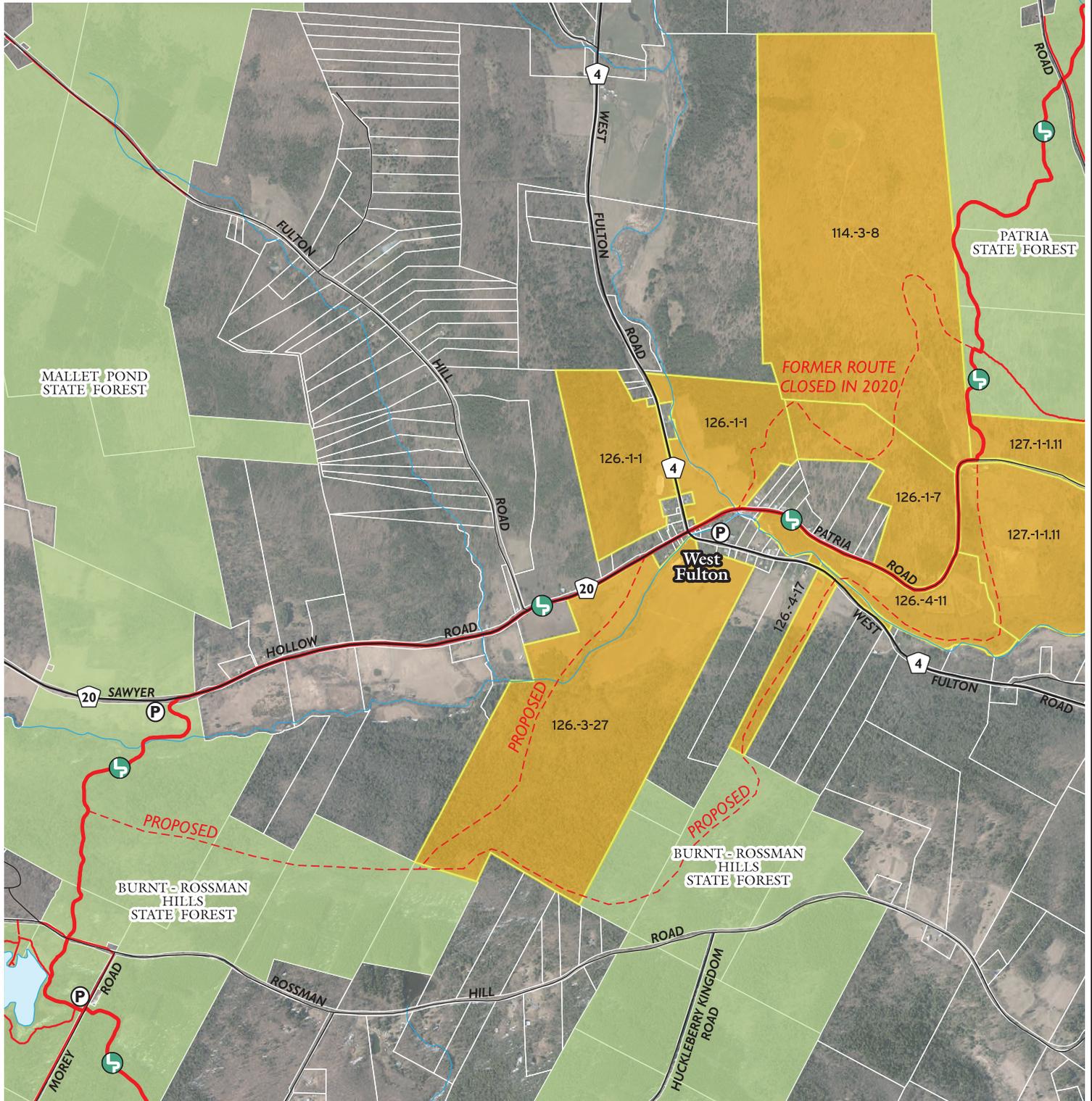
<b>Parcel:</b> 126-4-11	<b>Landowner:</b> ESPOSITO/LAVIOETTE	<b>Municipality:</b> FULTON
<b>Acres:</b> 35.8	<b>Description:</b> This vacant parcel is partially wooded with several abandoned agriculture fields. It's across Panther Creek from the Fire Department land and also has frontage on Patria Road where the Long Path currently is.	

<b>Parcel:</b> 127-1-1.11	<b>Landowner:</b> FERNBACHER	<b>Municipality:</b> FULTON
<b>Acres:</b> 128.4	<b>Description:</b> This parcel is partially wooded with several abandoned agriculture fields. There is a house and barn on the south side of Patria Road. A portion of this property is north of the road, the Long Path is on it.	



# Burnt-Rossman Hills SF to Patria SF

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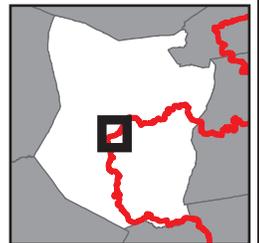
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## Schoharie County

### Project Area #9

Patria State Forest to Vroman's Nose Unique Area

#### Project Area Description:

- The Long Path leaves Patria State Forest and passes through the Langevin and Embar farms parcels before reaching Hardscrabble Road. Hardscrabble Road ends in less than one tenth of a mile. The trail then follows Route 30 north for 1.5 miles where the trail climbs steeply up to Vroman's Nose Unique Area.
- There are two options listed below for getting the trail off of Route 30, and they are listed as **Options A and B**. Route 30 has a wide shoulder, meaning the walk along it is not as hazardous as numerous other roads walks. But, moving the trail into the woods on the hill parallel with Route 30 would be a significant improvement for the Long Path through this area.

#### Action Needed:

- **Option A** - After leaving the state forest the Long Path could continue northeast through Langevin's land, then across Burkes land through Nahrwold & Watchers to Vroman's Nose Unique Area.
- **Option B** - Instead of turning northeast on Langevin's land the Long Path could continue into Embar Farms and then turn northeast. After crossing Shaul, Addams and Lako's land the trail could continue through Burke's land as describe in option A.

#### Priority Parcels:

<b>Parcel:</b> 105-3-7	<b>Landowner:</b> LANGEVIN	<b>Municipality:</b> FULTON
<b>Acres:</b> 254.5	<b>Description:</b> A large parcel connected with Patria State Forest. The property is wooded has steep slopes. This parcel is important!	

<b>Parcel:</b> 116-4-18.11	<b>Landowner:</b> EMBAR FARMS LLC	<b>Municipality:</b> FULTON
<b>Acres:</b> 99.5	<b>Description:</b> A farm parcel. The owners are friendly toward the Long Path. A permanent trail easement across this parcel would be great. Is that possible?	

#### Option A

<b>Parcel:</b> 105-3-6, 105-5-8, 105-5-7.1	<b>Landowner:</b> BURKE	<b>Municipality:</b> FULTON
<b>Acres:</b> 47.6, 135.89, 103.24	<b>Description:</b> These three parcels climb steeply from the shoulder of Route 30. They are all mostly wooded. There are a few fields and some farm buildings.	

<b>Parcel:</b> 105-5-7.2	<b>Landowner:</b> BURKE	<b>Municipality:</b> FULTON
<b>Acres:</b> 7.93	<b>Description:</b> A mostly wooded parcel with a house, it rises steeply from route 30.	

<b>Parcel:</b> 105-5-5	<b>Landowner:</b> NAHRWOLD/WATCHER	<b>Municipality:</b> FULTON
<b>Acres:</b> 45.9	<b>Description:</b> Rises steeply from route 30. There is a house and a pole barn in the middle of it. The property is wooded on the eastern and western portions. The property is connected with Vroman's Nose Unique Area.	

**Option B**

<b>Parcel:</b> 116-5-1	<b>Landowner:</b> SHAUL	<b>Municipality:</b> FULTON
<b>Acres:</b> 54.7	<b>Description:</b> This parcel rises steeply from route 30, there is a house at the eastern end. The remainder of the property is wooded.	

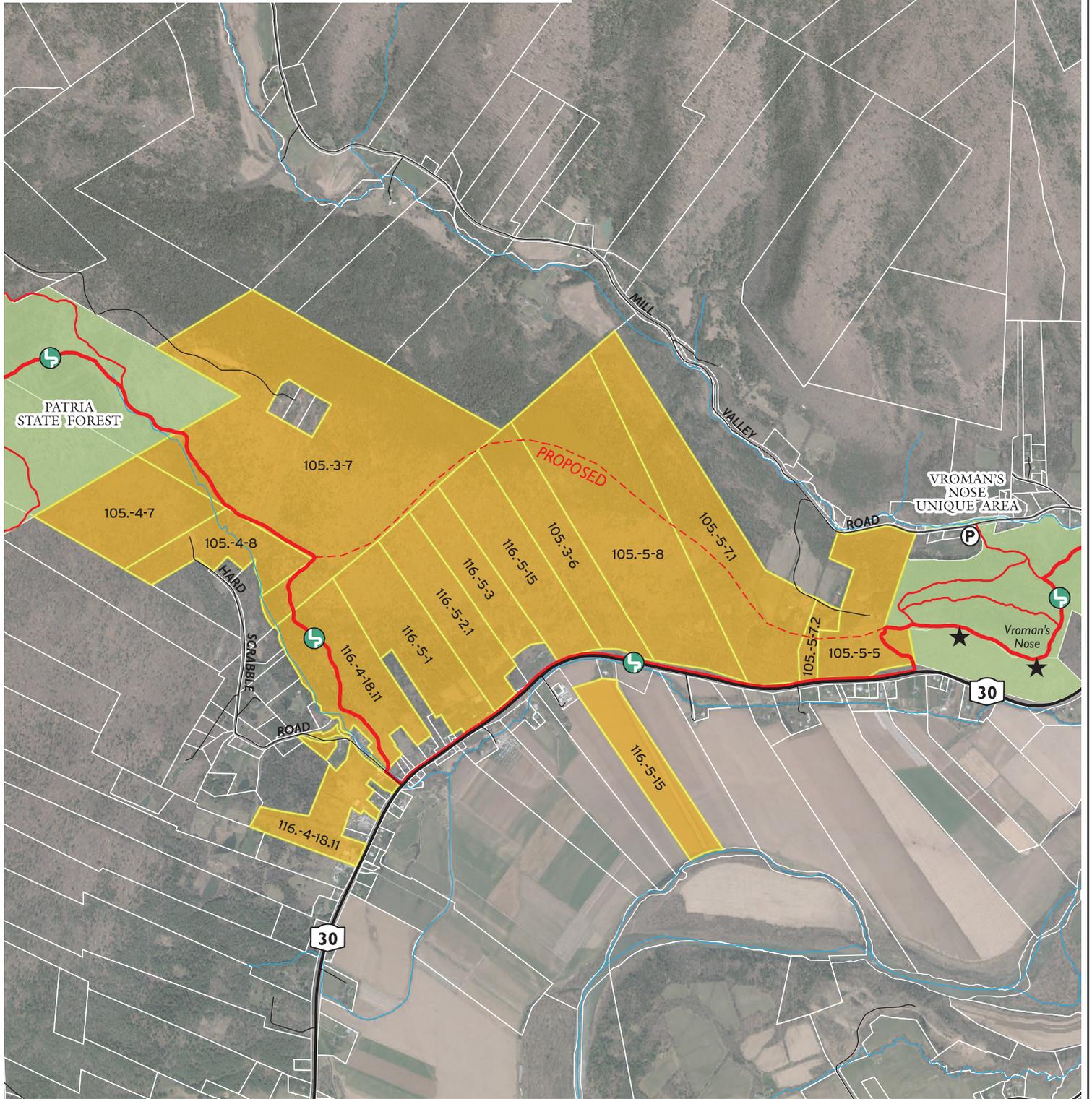
<b>Parcel:</b> 116-5-2.1	<b>Landowner:</b> ADAMS	<b>Municipality:</b> FULTON
<b>Acres:</b> 135.8	<b>Description:</b> This vacant parcel rises steeply from route 30, it is entirely wooded.	

<b>Parcels:</b> 116-5-3, 116-5-15	<b>Landowner:</b> LACKO	<b>Municipality:</b> FULTON
<b>Acres:</b> 32.4, 135.8	<b>Description:</b> A long rectangular vacant Parcel. It's steep and forested west of route 30 and field/crops east of route 30. The second parcel is completely wooded and attached with this parcel west of route 30.	



# Patria SF to Vroman's Nose UA

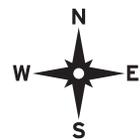
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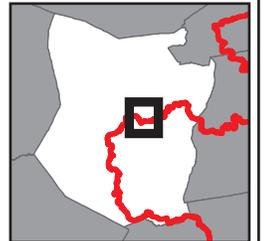
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## Schoharie County

### Project Area #10

Vroman's Nose Unique Area to Village of Middleburgh

#### Project Area Description:

- Currently, in this area the Long Path follows Route 30 north from Vroman's Nose to Middleburgh.
- Prior to the floods of 2011, the trail did not follow Route 30. After leaving Vroman's Nose, the Long Path followed Church Street across route 30 and then followed Mulberry Lane. The trail then crossed a bridge into Prokop's farm field. Unfortunately, the bridge was washed away by the flood water. The trail went along the border of the field and followed along the Schoharie Creek to the village park.

#### Action Needed:

- The missing bridge needs to be replaced along with relocating the trail off of Route 30 and back along the creek.
- The Trail Conference currently holds a revocable agreement with this landowner. Upgrading to a permanent trail easement with the landowner would be better if possible.

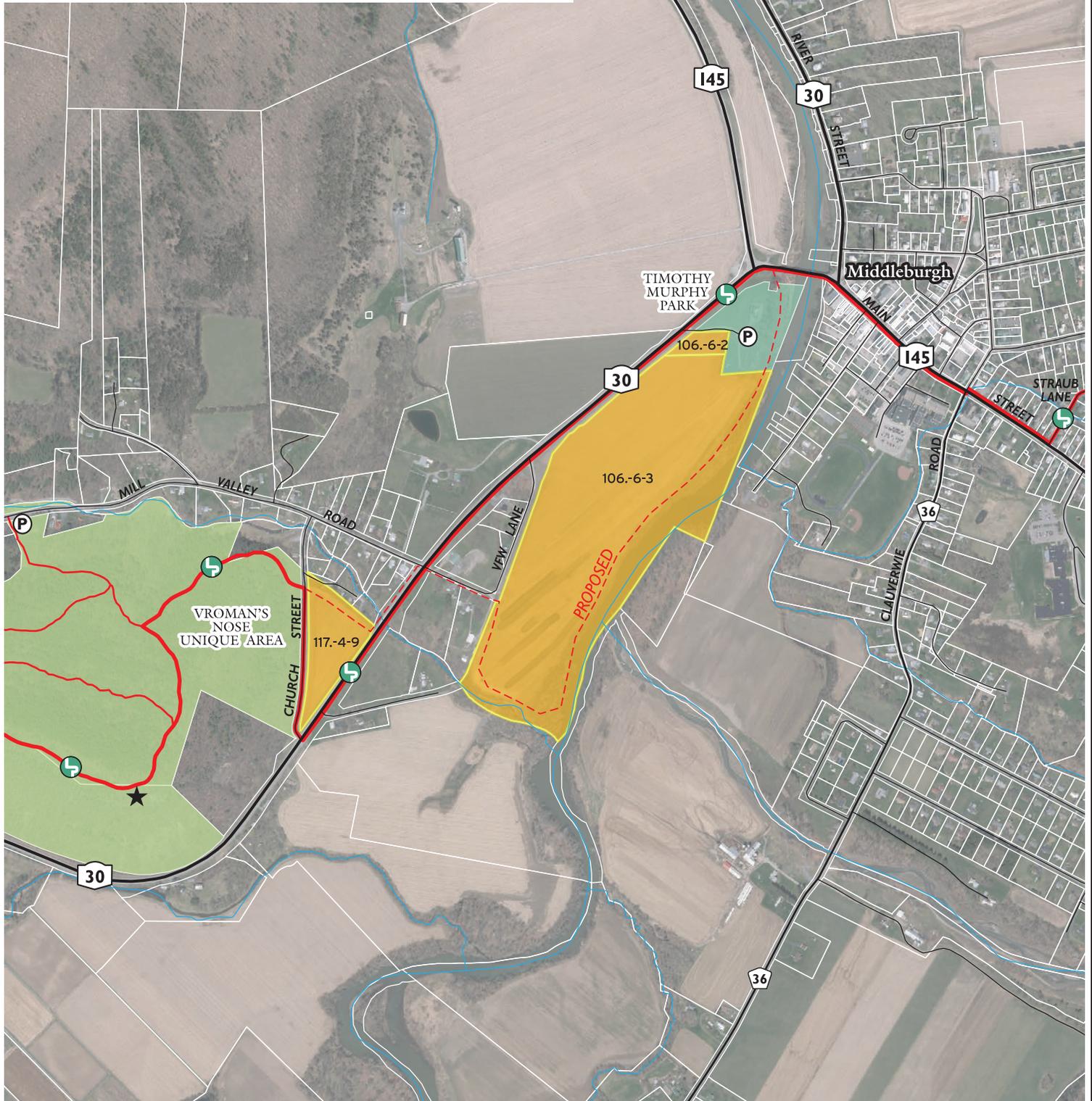
#### Priority Parcels:

<b>Parcel:</b> 106-6-3	<b>Landowner:</b> PROKOP	<b>Municipality:</b> MIDDLEBURGH
<b>Acres:</b> 63	<b>Description:</b> This parcel is used for agricultural crops. It borders route 30 and the Schoharie Creek. The field is prone to flooding as is route 30 at this location. The property is attached with a town park.	



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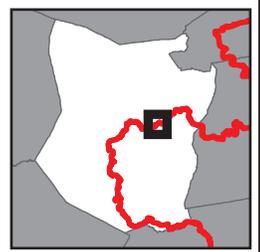
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## Schoharie County

### Project Area #11

Village of Middleburgh to Cotton Hill State Forest

#### Project Area Description:

- This area includes the Middleburgh Cliff (known locally as "The Cliff"), which has expansive 180-degree views. The trail currently crosses the land of six private landowners between the Village of Middleburgh and Cotton Hill State Forest. This is a **high priority area** for preservation. A trail closure at this location would result in a 2.5-mile road walk. Losing the trail across the Cliff would also be a big loss.

#### Action Needed:

- At minimum, a portion of the two Beretz parcels, and a portion of the Robins parcel (combined with the NYNJTC parcel) is needed to preserve the trail corridor between the village and the state forest. This would keep the trail along the top of the most scenic area of The Cliff.
- Preserving a portion of all the parcels listed below would completely protect the Long Path where it is currently routed.

#### Priority Parcels:

<b>Parcels:</b> 106.16-4-16, 107-2-6	<b>Landowner:</b> BERETZ LUMBER COMPANY INCORPORATED	<b>Municipality:</b> MIDDLEBURGH
<b>Acres:</b> 3, 120.5	<b>Description:</b> Vacant, mostly wooded parcel that leads from the village streets up onto the "The Cliff." This is an extremely important parcel for the Long Path. A dirt road passes through this parcel to the parcels north and west of it.	

<b>Parcels:</b> 107-2-16, 106-2-16, 95-7-14	<b>Landowner:</b> MIDDLEFORT LLC	<b>Municipality:</b> MIDDLEBURGH
<b>Acres:</b> 41.14, 198, 91.8	<b>Description:</b> 431 acres with fields in the valley and forest on top of the "The Cliff." A solar farm has been proposed on this property.	

<b>Parcel:</b> 96-2-3	<b>Landowner:</b> BEACH	<b>Municipality:</b> MIDDLEBURGH
<b>Acres:</b> 6	<b>Description:</b> This vacant parcel is completely wooded. The property is located on top of "The Cliff."	

<b>Parcel:</b> 95-7-15	<b>Landowner:</b> BATHOLOMEW	<b>Municipality:</b> MIDDLEBURGH
<b>Acres:</b> 125.3	<b>Description:</b> The eastern portion of parcel is wooded and partly on top of "The Cliff." The western portion of the property is part of a dairy farm.	

<b>Parcel:</b> 96-2-7	<b>Landowner:</b> KOSKA	<b>Municipality:</b> MIDDLEBURGH
<b>Acres:</b> 53	<b>Description:</b> This is a vacant parcel on top of "The Cliff." The property is completely wooded.	

<b>Parcel:</b> 107-2-7	<b>Landowner:</b> ROBINS	<b>Municipality:</b> MIDDLEBURGH
<b>Acres:</b> 328	<b>Description:</b> This large parcel has hay fields and a house located at the southern end of it. The northern and eastern portion of the property are completely wooded.	



## Schoharie County

### Project Area #12

Cotton Hill State Forest to Dutch Settlement State Forest

#### Project Area Description:

- This area includes two options that would connect Cotton Hill State Forest with Dutch Settlement State Forest. Either option below would eliminate the road walk along Treadlemire Road.
- There are numerous private parcels on Cotton Hill Road that the Long Path runs adjacent to. Currently, there are no issues affecting the Long Path.

#### Action Needed:

- The Long Path could be routed through the Mattia and Marie parcels or the Rice and Cesana parcels. Preservation of the Rice or Cesana parcels could shorten the road walk.
- At this time, only monitoring the parcels along Cotton Hill Road is necessary. There does not appear to be any development proposed for the northern boundaries of those parcels.

#### Priority Parcels:

<b>Parcel:</b> 96-3-17	<b>Landowner:</b> MATTIA	<b>Municipality:</b> MIDDLEBURGH
<b>Acres:</b> 18.2	<b>Description:</b> This is a completely wooded parcel. The vacant parcel is attached to the Cotton Hill State Forest.	

<b>Parcel:</b> 97-3-1	<b>Landowner:</b> MARIE	<b>Municipality:</b> MIDDLEBURGH
<b>Acres:</b> 4.5	<b>Description:</b> A vacant parcel. This parcel is across the street from the Long Path trailhead at Dutch Settlement State Forest	

<b>Parcel:</b> 97-3-14	<b>Landowner:</b> RICE	<b>Municipality:</b> MIDDLEBURGH
<b>Acres:</b> 25	<b>Description:</b> Mobile home and ATV track It's attached to the Dutch Settlement State Forest.	

<b>Parcel:</b> 97-3-18	<b>Landowner:</b> CESANA	<b>Municipality:</b> MIDDLEBURGH
<b>Acres:</b> 26.3	<b>Description:</b> It's attached to the Dutch Settlement State Forest.	



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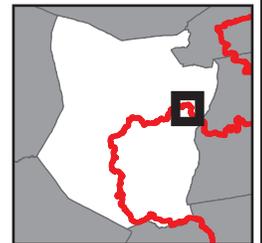
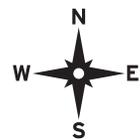
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## Schoharie County

### Project Area #13 (same as Albany #1)

Dutch Settlement State Forest to Partridge Run Wildlife Management Area

#### Project Area Description:

- There are three separate issues within this project area. The first is between Dutch Settlement State Forest and Canady Hill Road. Here, the trail crosses two private parcels; a landowner closure at this location would result in a lengthy 5.1-mile road walk. Preservation here is a very **high priority**.
- These are the second and third issues:
  - The Long Path currently follows Canady Hill Road to the Gilchrist parcel, and we have been unable to obtain permission from Burchardt.
  - Leaving the road, the Long Path passes through Gichrist, Lane, Fernandez and Pacilli properties before reaching a 167-acre parcel preserved by the Trail Conference in 2016.

#### Action Needed:

- The first and highest priority is to preserve a trail corridor across the Ryan and Lawrence parcels. A corridor snowmobile trail also runs through this area and joins the Long Path before reaching Canady Hill Road. **This is a high priority**
- An alternate option would be to cross the Goblet and Coulett parcels or the Kraljevich and Daly parcels to reach the Lawrence parcel.
- Also a high priority is the permanent preservation of the trail as it currently runs east of Canady Hill Road. Preserving the trail in place would be the ideal solution. A portion of each parcel or a permanent trail easement on Gilchrist, Lane, Fernandez and the Pacilli properties would be needed. The Bownen and Dufek properties are adjacent to the trail corridor and would also open up other options.
- It would also be ideal to move the Long Path off of Canady Hill Road. A portion of the Burchardt parcel will be needed for that.

#### Priority Parcels:

##### West of Canady Hill Road

<b>Parcel:</b> 108-4-9	<b>Landowner:</b> RYAN	<b>Municipality:</b> MIDDLEBURGH
<b>Acres:</b> 110	<b>Description:</b> This is a mostly wooded parcel with a house and barn near the road. It climbs steeply to the top of Canady Hill where it meets the Dutch settlement State Forest.	

<b>Parcel:</b> 108-5-9	<b>Landowner:</b> LAWRENCE	<b>Municipality:</b> MIDDLEBURGH
<b>Acres:</b> 147.7	<b>Description:</b> This is a mostly vacant parcel with an improvement located on the north side of the property. It's about 50% wooded mostly on the western portion of the parcel where it meets the top of Canady Hill.	

<b>Parcel:</b> 108-4-5	<b>Landowner:</b> KRELJEVICH	<b>Municipality:</b> MIDDLEBURGH
<b>Acres:</b> 35	<b>Description:</b> This is a completely wooded parcel on top of Canady Hill. There is a seasonal cabin on the property. There is a right of way through the adjacent state forest that leads through this parcel. The state corridor snowmobile trail (7B) passes through the parcel.	

<b>Parcel:</b> 97-5-4	<b>Landowner:</b> GOBLET	<b>Municipality:</b> MIDDLEBURGH
<b>Acres:</b> 103.8	<b>Description:</b> This property starts at the road where a mobile home is and first begins a gradual climb. It then climbs steeply to the top of Canady Hill where it meets the Dutch settlement State Forest.	

<b>Parcel:</b> 108-4-7	<b>Landowner:</b> WITKOWSKI / ALBERGO	<b>Municipality:</b> MIDDLEBURGH
<b>Acres:</b> 8.24	<b>Description:</b> This is a completely wooded vacant parcel on top of Canady Hill.	

<b>Parcel:</b> 108-4-8	<b>Landowner:</b> DALY	<b>Municipality:</b> MIDDLEBURGH
<b>Acres:</b> 27.98	<b>Description:</b> This is a completely wooded vacant parcel on top of Canady Hill. The state corridor snowmobile trail (7B) passes through the parcel.	

<b>Parcel:</b> 108-5-10	<b>Landowner:</b> COULETT	<b>Municipality:</b> MIDDLEBURGH
<b>Acres:</b> 80.8	<b>Description:</b> This parcel has an open area with a pond and a house near the road. The remainder of the property is wooded as it climbs to the top of Canady Hill.	

#### Along Canady Hill Road

<b>Parcel:</b> 108-6-2	<b>Landowner:</b> BURCHARDT	<b>Municipality:</b> MIDDLEBURGH
<b>Acres:</b> 102.7	<b>Description:</b> This parcel is split four-way intersection of Canady Hill and Lawton Hollow Roads creating 4 corner lot at the intersection. A house is located on the northwest portion. It's otherwise a vacant parcel.	

#### East of Canady Hill Road

<b>Parcels:</b> 119-3-8, 108-6-3	<b>Landowner:</b> GILCHRIST	<b>Municipality:</b> MIDDLEBURGH
<b>Acres:</b> 11.33, 52	<b>Description:</b> Together these two parcels form L shape with frontage on Canady Hill Road and Lawton Hollow Road. There is a house at the northern portion close to Lawton Hollow Road. The southern portion of this parcel is completely wooded.	

<b>Parcel:</b> 108-6-4	<b>Landowner:</b> LANE	<b>Municipality:</b> MIDDLEBURGH
<b>Acres:</b> 34.6	<b>Description:</b> This is a long rectangle shape parcel; a house is at the northern portion close to the road. The southern portion of this parcel is wooded.	

<b>Parcel:</b> 108-6-5	<b>Landowner:</b> FERNANDEZ	<b>Municipality:</b> MIDDLEBURGH
<b>Acres:</b> 38.2	<b>Description:</b> This is a long rectangle shape parcel; a house is at the northern portion close to the road. The southern portion of this parcel is wooded.	

<b>Parcel:</b> 120-1-1	<b>Landowner:</b> PACILLI	<b>Municipality:</b> MIDDLEBURGH
<b>Acres:</b> 143.4	<b>Description:</b> This is a large parcel with a house close to Lawton Hollow Road. The parcel is a mix of open fields and woods. It is connected with land owned by the Trail Conference.	

**Option C**

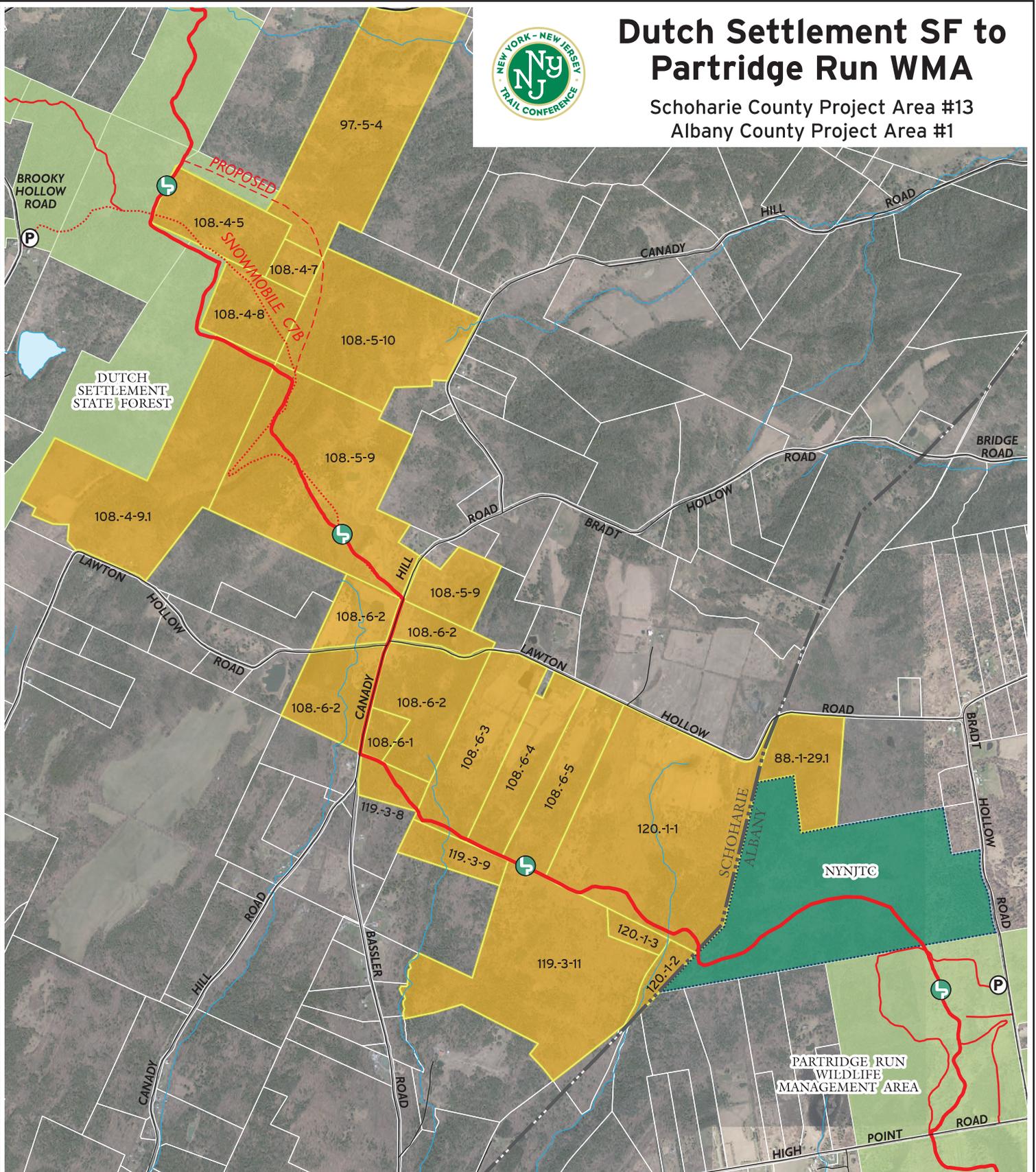
<b>Parcel:</b> 119-3-9	<b>Landowner:</b> BOWEN	<b>Municipality:</b> MIDDLEBURGH
<b>Acres:</b> 14.67	<b>Description:</b> This is a completely wooded parcel with no road frontage. It does have a deeded right of way to the road.	

<b>Parcels:</b> 119-3-11, 120-1-2, 120-1-3	<b>Landowner:</b> DUFEK	<b>Municipality:</b> MIDDLEBURGH
<b>Acres:</b> 120.34, 8.6, 8	<b>Description:</b> Three adjoining vacant parcels that are completely wooded. This property is connected with land owned by the Trail Conference in Albany County.	



# Dutch Settlement SF to Partridge Run WMA

Schoharie County Project Area #13  
Albany County Project Area #1



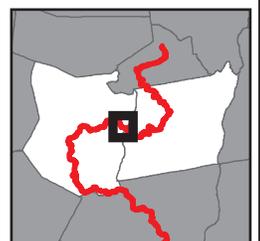
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# Albany County



# Albany County

## Protection Overview:

There are **7 Project Areas** within Albany County. Protecting a corridor in each of these areas would completely protect the Long Path, which runs for about **39.3 miles** through the county.

- Currently the Long Path through Albany County crosses land of 7 private landowners. Without their permission, the trail would be following roads through much of the county. The Trail Conference is incredibly thankful that these folks have opened their land for Long Path hikers.
- In **Project Area 1**, the Long Path enters the county onto a 167-acre parcel that the Trail Conference preserved in 2017 and then proceeds into Partridge Run Wildlife Management Area.
- The Long Path continues in the safety of the Partridge Run Wildlife Management Area and State Forest for the next 9.35 miles before crossing two private parcels in **Project Area 2** to reach Gifford Hollow Road. From Gifford Hollow Road, the trail follows roads for 2.3-miles to reach Cole Hill State Forest.
- The Long Path passes through the state forest for the next three miles to reach Cole Hill Road. The Long Path follows Cole Hill Road and Woodstock Road for 2 miles to the Albany Doppler Radar Tower. The Long Path next passes through land of five different private landowners for the next 5 miles before again following roads for 2.75 miles to John Boyd Thacher State Park. This **critical area** is described in **Project Area 3** and **Project Area 4**.
- The Long Path passes through John Boyd Thacher State Park for the next 7.2-miles. **Project Area 5** covers a potential threat near the trail corridor.
- Currently, Long Path hikers are eligible to receive an End-to-End patch and certificate when they complete the trail from the 175<sup>th</sup> Street Subway Station in New York City to the parking area on Old Stage Road at the northeast corner of John Boyd Thacher State Park (<https://www.nynjtc.org/book/endtoend>).
- Beyond John Boyd Thacher State Park, the Long Path is a work-in-progress at this time. While the Long Path is marked with aqua blazes to the Saratoga County border, thru-hikers are not yet required to complete these sections.
- The first section north of John Boyd Thacher State Park is 9.55 miles long with 8.95 miles on the roads, while the next section north of the county line is routed on roads for 7.65 miles. **Project Area 6** and **Project Area 7** deviate from the current road walk, proposing a route that proceeds to Bozen Kill Preserve and then Christman Sanctuary just north of the county border.

# Albany County

## History:

In 1991, with support from the Trail Conference, a "Long Path North" committee was formed. These local volunteers dedicated themselves to develop and maintain the Long Path, and plans began to materialize for extending the Long Path into Schoharie County and beyond. In May 1991, the Long Path was extended to Mount Pisgah, at the southwest corner of Schoharie County. Sixty years had passed since Vince Schaeffer first envisioned the Long Path as an unmarked path to points of interests and thirty-one years had passed since Robert Jessen and the Trail Conference reinvented Schaeffer's plan to mark and maintain the Long Path. The Long Path was headed north again.

In February 1994, the Long Path North Hiking Club was formed. This club and its members have been the guardians of the Long Path North for 27 years. At the time, the crew was busy extending the trail from western Schoharie County through Albany to John Boyd Thacher State Park. The work through Albany County continued through the mid-1990s. Enough work was completed that the 1996 Long Path Guide described the trail from the George Washington Bridge to John Boyd Thacher State Park in Albany County.

Trail maintenance continued, along with the occasional construction of new, off-road sections. Simultaneously, the occasional landowner revoked permission for the trail. In 1998, the Trail Conference moved the End-to-End requirement to John Boyd Thacher State Park, as the official terminus had previously been at Windham in Greene County.

In 2006, a landowner revoked permission for the Long Path over Roemer's High Point. This was a huge loss, as Roemer's High Point had sweeping views far into the Catskills, Taconics and Adirondacks. The loss of this property and another property resulted in a 2.75-mile road walk through this area.

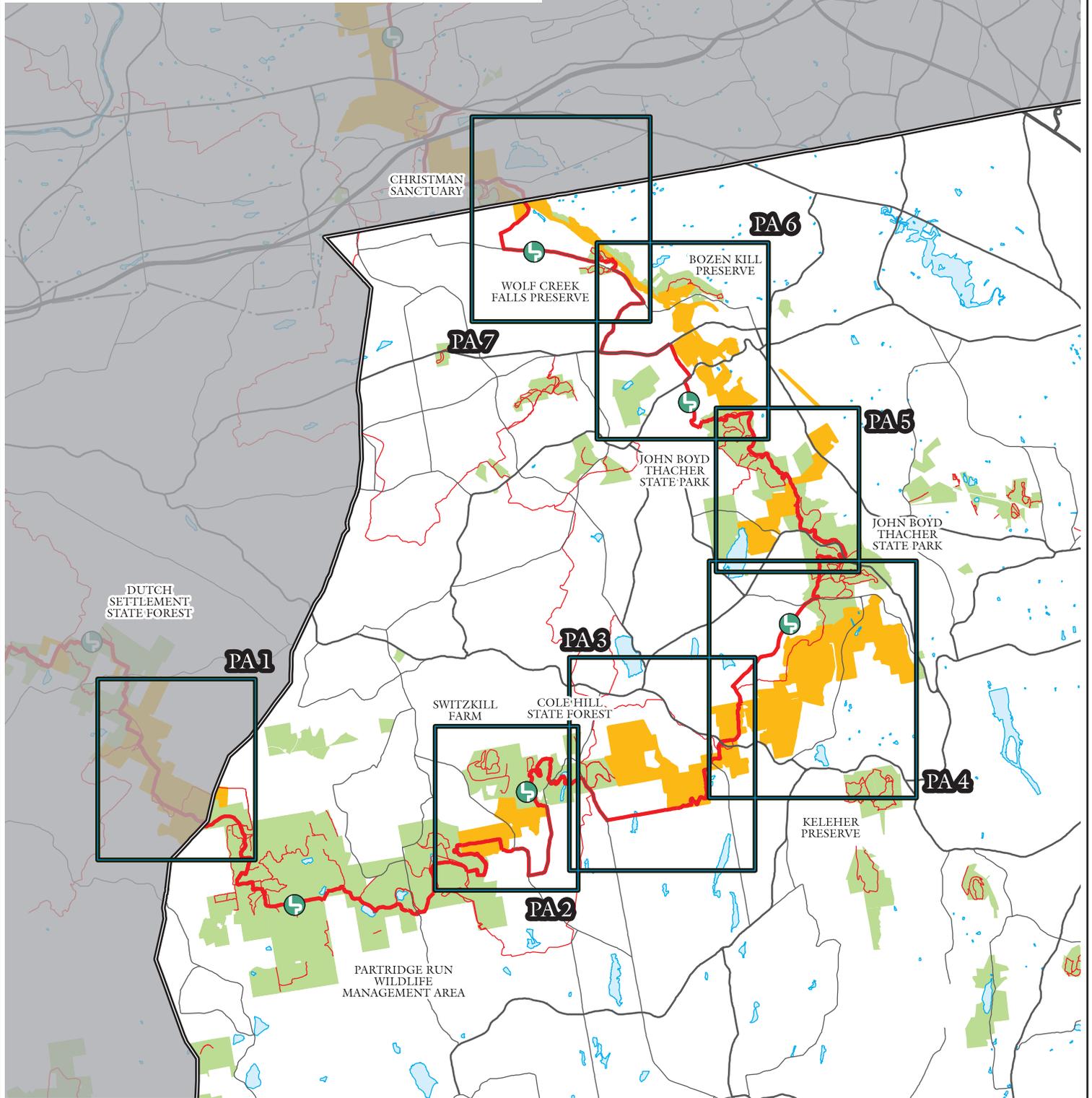
In 2013, the Long Path North Hiking Club blazed the Long Path from John Boyd Thacher State Park to the Schenectady/Saratoga county border. The route mostly follows roads with a brief section through Wolf Creek Falls Preserve.

In July 2017, the Trail Conference purchased 167 acres adjacent to the Partridge Run Wildlife Management Area just over the Line in Albany County. The Long Path North Hiking Club negotiated agreements with four landowners on Lawton Hollow Road in Schoharie County. These efforts enabled a new trail in the woods to replace a 2.4-mile road walk at the county line.



# Albany County

## Project Areas #1-7



- Protected land
- Corridor priority parcel
- Long Path
- Other trail
- Project Area Outline



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## Albany County

### Project Area #1 (same as Schoharie #13)

Dutch Settlement State Forest to Partridge Run Wildlife Management Area

#### Project Area Description:

- This project area extends into both Albany and Schoharie County. Previously, the Long Path was on roads when it crossed the county line. In 2017, the Trail Conference preserved a 167-acre parcel that is attached with the Partridge Run Wildlife Management Area. At that time, four landowners in Schoharie County gave permission to route the trail across their land from Canady Hill Road to the Trail Conference parcel. This removed over 2 miles of road walk for the Long Path.
- The trail between Canady Hill Road and the county line gets closed down for hunting season, and during that period, a 2.35-mile road walk is required. The northwest corner of the Trail Conference parcel is just 300 feet from Lawton Hollow Road. Preserving a right of way or a portion of the Reagan parcel would ensure that hikers would no longer need to follow the road for over a mile in Albany County.

#### Action Needed:

- A protected trail corridor is needed between Lawton Hollow Road and the Trail Conference parcel 300 feet to the south. The Reagan parcel is one of two possibilities to accomplish this. The other is across the county line.

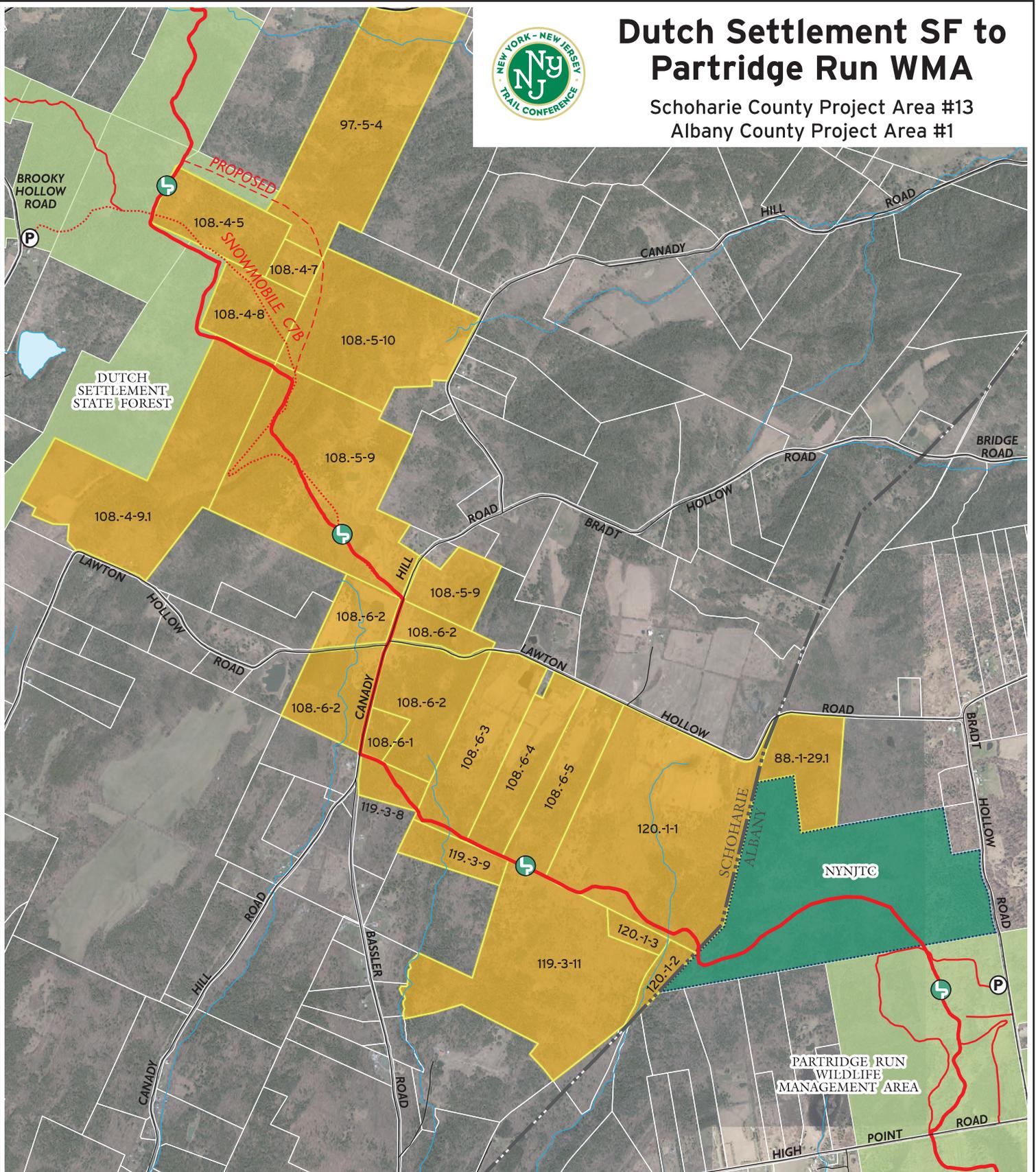
#### Priority Parcels:

<b>Parcel:</b> 88-1-29.1	<b>Landowner:</b> REGAN	<b>Municipality:</b> BERNE
<b>Acres:</b> 33.4	<b>Description:</b> This vacant parcel is connected with a parcel to the south which the Trail Conference preserved in 2017. The property is completely wooded.	



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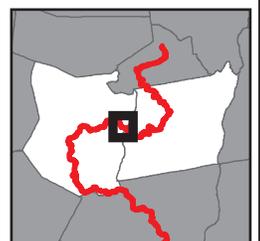
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## Albany County

### Project Area #2

Partridge Run Wildlife Management Area to Cole Hill State Forest

#### Project Area Description:

- The Long Path currently leaves Partridge Run and crosses the Valachovic and Barron properties to reach the road. The trail then follows local roads for 2.3 miles before heading into Cole Hill State Forest.
- Recently, the Town of Berne acquired a large property, "Switz Kill Farm", which is attached to the Cole Hill State Forest.

#### Action Needed:

- The first parcel below is strategically important; Once at Switzkill Road, a couple of options exist.
- **Option 1:** The Long Path could cross Switzkill Road, pass through Eighty Seven Properties' land and then enter either Cole Hill State Forest or the Town of Berne's Game Farm Road acquisition. Routing the trail through the Pollard property would enable attaching with the existing Long Path sooner.
- **Option 2:** The Long Path could follow Switzkill Road for 0.65 mile to Game Farm Road and access the Town of Berne Park. Also, it is possible that the trail could pass through the Brown property, west of Valachovic. This option would eliminate a road walk but require a bridge over the Switzkill Browns land.

#### Priority Parcels:

##### Current Route

<b>Parcel:</b> 102-1-6	<b>Landowner:</b> VALACHOVIC	<b>Municipality:</b> BERNE
<b>Acres:</b> 137.2	<b>Description:</b> A mix of woods and farm fields south of the creek. North of the Switz Kill there is a house and barn near the road. The property is connected with the Partridge Run Wildlife Management Area. The family has allowed a local Boy Scout Troop to construct a Lean-to for the Long Path on this parcel. They also granted permission to build a bridge over the Switzkill on this property.	

<b>Parcel:</b> 102-1-14.11, 102-1-14.12	<b>Landowner:</b> BARRON	<b>Municipality:</b> BERNE
<b>Acres:</b> 73, 14.67	<b>Description:</b> These two properties are combined with a home and barn. It is mostly wooded with farm fields down near the creek. The property is connected with the Partridge Run Wildlife Management Area.	

##### Option 1

<b>Parcel:</b> 102-2-4.1	<b>Landowner:</b> EIGHTY SEVEN PROPERTIES LLC - ATT: TIMOTHY WALSH	<b>Municipality:</b> BERNE
<b>Acres:</b> 88	<b>Description:</b> Completely wooded at the southern portion. The northern portion is a mix of fields and woods with house. It's attached with the road, Cole Hill State Forest and the town's Switzkill Farm property.	

<b>Parcel:</b> 102-2-14.3	<b>Landowner:</b> POLLARD	<b>Municipality:</b> BERNE
<b>Acres:</b> 88	<b>Description:</b> A mostly wooded parcel attached with Cole Hill State Forest. There is an open field along Willsie Road.	

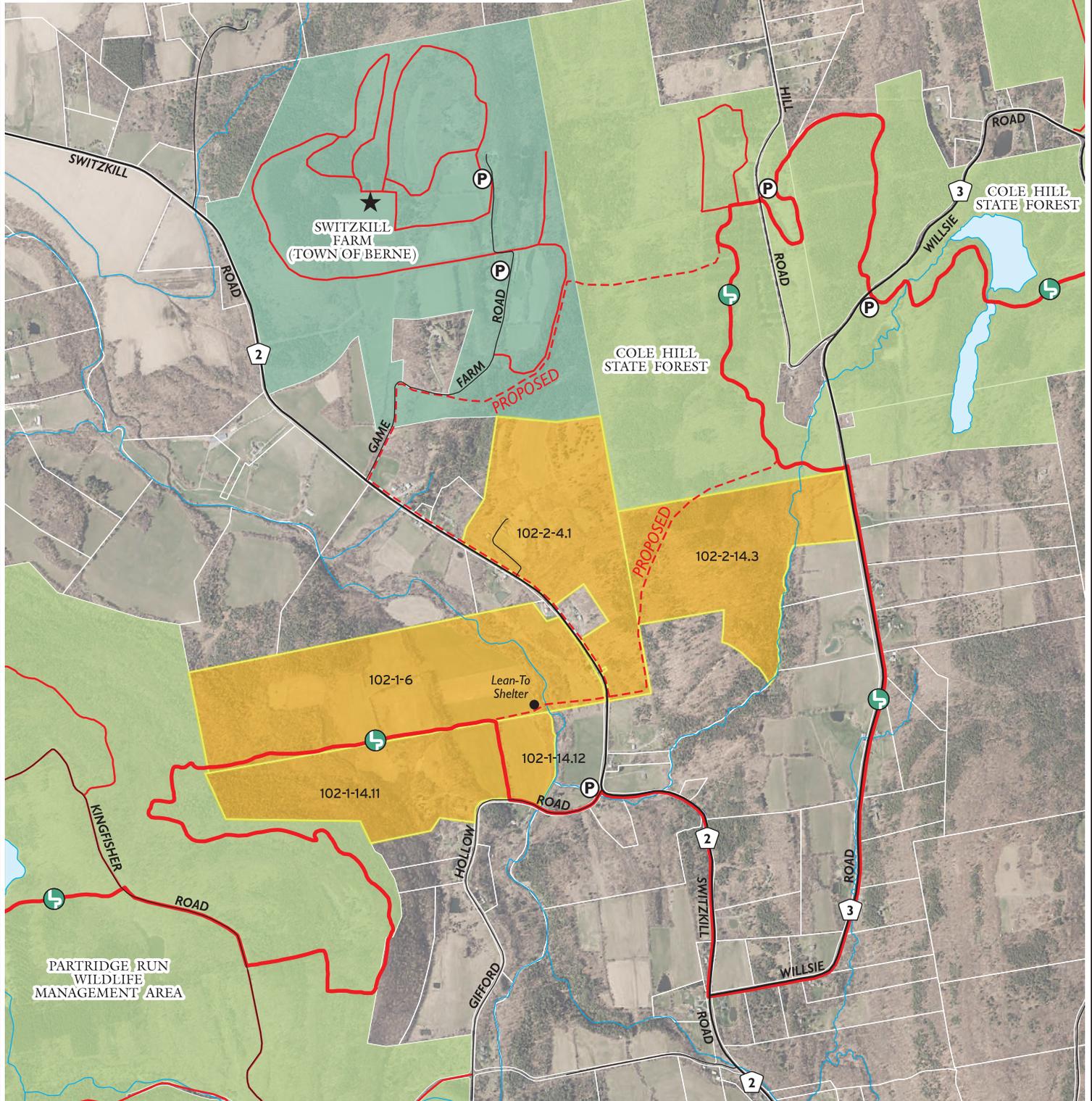
**Option 2**

<b>Parcel:</b> 102-1-3	<b>Landowner:</b> BROWN	<b>Municipality:</b> BERNE
<b>Acres:</b> 70	<b>Description:</b> A mix of woods and open fields with a house. The access road to the town's Switzkill Farm property is across the road from the northwest corner of this parcel.	



# Partridge Run WMA to Cole Hill SF

## Albany County Project Area #2



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## Albany County

### Project Area #3

Cole Hill State Forest to NY-443/Stage Road

#### Project Area Description:

- Currently, the Long Path follows Cole Hill Road, then Woodstock Road for 2 miles to the Albany Doppler Radar Tower. Beyond the tower, the trail goes another 2 miles through property of three different owners and then crosses route 443, ending at an abandoned section of Stage Road.
- The ideal solution here would be to preserve an off-road trail route between Cole Hill State Forest.
- This is a **Critical Area**. **Project Area 3** combined with **Project Area 4** add up to a long stretch of unprotected trail. Together, the distance between Cole Hill State Forest to John Boyd Thacher Park is about 4 + miles in a straight line.
- The Long Path runs 7.8 miles between these two points. The increased distance is caused by the land that the trail currently has permissions for. Currently, the trail leaves the state forest, follows roads for 2 miles, and then weaves through private land for 5.05 miles and then returns for 2.75 miles on the roads to the state park.

#### Action Needed:

- The Gross property would make a great addition to Cole Hill State Forest. Beyond this, permanent trail easements through the listed properties would be one solution for preserving the trail through this project area. Conservation easements for farming, combined with a trail easement is another option.
- The map shows both the existing route and a proposed completely off-road route. The next step is to begin talking with these landowners.

#### Priority Parcels:

<b>Parcel:</b> 91-1-4	<b>Landowner:</b> GROSS	<b>Municipality:</b> BERNE
<b>Acres:</b> 409.8	<b>Description:</b> This is a large wooded property attached to Cole Hill State Forest. There are four small homes near a pond on this property. Other than those, is completely vacant.	
<b>Parcel:</b> 91-1-36.3	<b>Landowner:</b> KIVELA	<b>Municipality:</b> BERNE
<b>Acres:</b> 9.3	<b>Description:</b> This is a mostly wooded parcel with a home at the north end of the property.	
<b>Parcel:</b> 91-1-36.1	<b>Landowner:</b> GIEBITZ	<b>Municipality:</b> BERNE
<b>Acres:</b> 69.5	<b>Description:</b> This is a completely wooded parcel with a house at the north end of it.	
<b>Parcel:</b> 103-1-7	<b>Landowner:</b> WAGONER	<b>Municipality:</b> BERNE
<b>Acres:</b> 77	<b>Description:</b> This vacant parcel is completely wooded with a seasonal cabin at the south end of the property.	

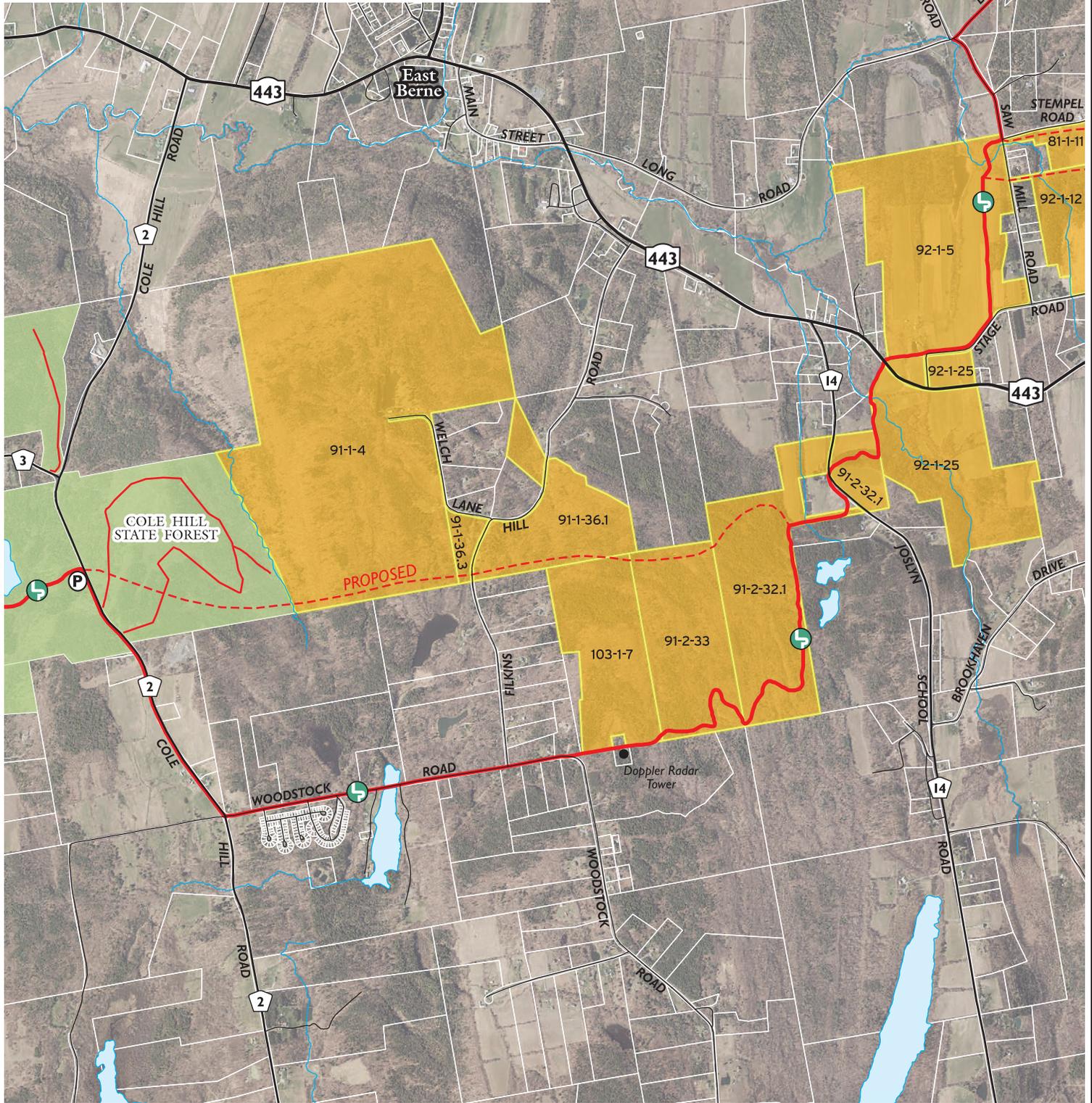
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<b>Acres:</b> 127.5, 8, 80	<b>Description:</b> The eastern portion of this property has hay fields on both sides of Joslyn School Road. The western portion is completely wooded.	

<b>Parcel:</b> 91-1-25	<b>Landowner:</b> WILLSIE	<b>Municipality:</b> BERNE
<b>Acres:</b> 116	<b>Description:</b> Around half of this property is wooded while the other half contains woodlands. Fox Creek runs through the property which also has some wet areas.	



# Cole Hill SF to NY-443/Stage Road

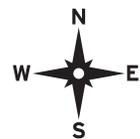
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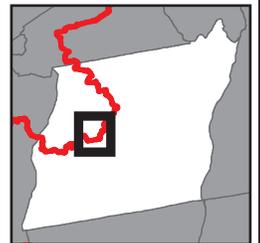
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## Albany County

**Project Area #4**

NY-443/Stage Road to John Boyd Thacher State Park

**Project Area Description:**

- The first mile of this project area is on the Willsey property. Leaving the Willsey property, the Long Path follows local roads for the next 2.75 miles where it reaches Boyd Thacher State Park. This section was not always a road walk, it once crossed private land. Landowner changes have resulted in the revocation of permission for the trail.
- This is a **Critical Area**. **Project Area 3** combined with **Project Area 4** add up to a long stretch of unprotected trail. Together, the distance between Cole Hill State Forest to John Boyd Thacher Park is about 4 ½ miles in a straight line.
- The Long Path runs 7.8 miles between these two points. The increased distance is caused by the land that the trail currently has permissions for. Currently, the trail leaves the state forest, follows roads for 2 miles, and then weaves through private land for 5.05 miles and then returns for 2.75 miles on the roads to the state park.

**Action Needed:**

- The Hens' property would be a great addition to the south end of Boyd Thacher State Park. Especially since Roemer's High Point is on the property. South of that, permanent trail easements through the listed properties would be one solution for preserving the trail through this area. Conservation easements for farming, combined with a trail easement is another option.

**Priority Parcels:****Option 1**

<b>Parcel:</b> 91-1-5.100	<b>Landowner:</b> WILLSEY	<b>Municipality:</b> BERNE
<b>Acres:</b> 151	<b>Description:</b> Most of this property is being actively farmed, vegetable fields mostly. property There are trees and a small wetland at the northern end. There is a house and barn at the southwest corner of the property.	

<b>Parcel:</b> 81-1-11.100	<b>Landowner:</b> STEMPEL	<b>Municipality:</b> BERNE
<b>Acres:</b> 55.4	<b>Description:</b> This vacant property is predominately agricultural fields with scattered woodlands.	

<b>Parcel:</b> 81-1-10	<b>Landowner:</b> ARMSTRONG	<b>Municipality:</b> BERNE
<b>Acres:</b> 24	<b>Description:</b> This vacant property is completely wooded with the exception of a gas pipeline which runs across the northern portion.	

<b>Parcel:</b> 81-2-16.3, 81-2-16.4	<b>Landowner:</b> HENS	<b>Municipality:</b> BERNE
<b>Acres:</b> 272.14, 46.85	<b>Description:</b> This property stretches for over a mile across the top of the Helderberg Escarpment. The north end of this property is completely wooded, as is the eastern border. Roemer's High Point is located on the northern portion. The smaller parcel is west of Elm Road. That parcel is completely wooded with the exception of a gas pipeline which runs across the northern portion.	

**Option 2**

<b>Parcel:</b> 92-2-12	<b>Landowner:</b> VANENBURGH	<b>Municipality:</b> BERNE
<b>Acres:</b> 70	<b>Description:</b> This property has abandoned farm fields on the eastern portion with a house in the southeastern part of the property. The northwest portion is wooded.	

<b>Parcel:</b> 92-1-14.1	<b>Landowner:</b> CHASE	<b>Municipality:</b> BERNE
<b>Acres:</b> 62.12	<b>Description:</b> The northern portion of this parcel is completely wooded. The southeastern portion has hay fields. There is a house located on the southwestern part of this property.	

<b>Parcel:</b> 92-2-1	<b>Landowner:</b> VAN WIE FARMS LLC	<b>Municipality:</b> BERNE
<b>Acres:</b> 180	<b>Description:</b> This parcel is used for agricultural crops. There are some wooded areas along the borders.	

<b>Parcel:</b> 81-2-18	<b>Landowner:</b> VAN WIE FARMS LLC	<b>Municipality:</b> BERNE
<b>Acres:</b> 100.50	<b>Description:</b> This parcel is used for agricultural crops. There are some wooded areas along the borders.	

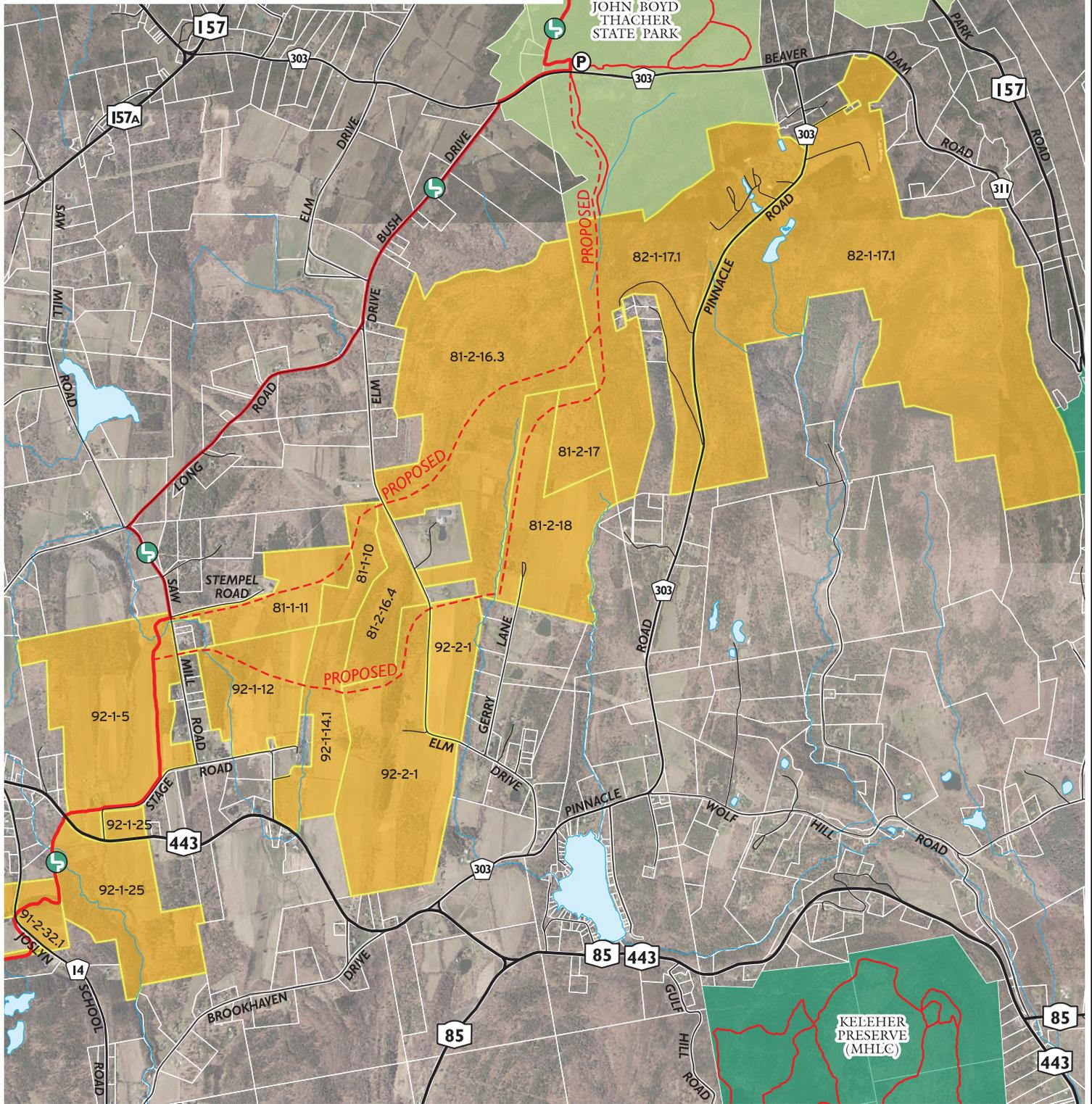
<b>Parcel:</b> 81-2-17	<b>Landowner:</b> ALBANY BIBLE INSTITUTE	<b>Municipality:</b> BERNE
<b>Acres:</b> 55	<b>Description:</b> This vacant parcel is completely wooded. It's part of the 825 acres that they own on the Helderberg Escarpment.	

<b>Parcel:</b> 82-1-17.1	<b>Landowner:</b> ALBANY BIBLE INSTITUTE	<b>Municipality:</b> NEW SCOTLAND
<b>Acres:</b> 785.40	<b>Description:</b> This is an 825-acre camp on top of the Helderberg Escarpment. The property is mostly wooded. There is a camp with numerous camp buildings concentrated in an open area at the north end of the property.	



# NY-443/Stage Road to John Boyd Thacher SP

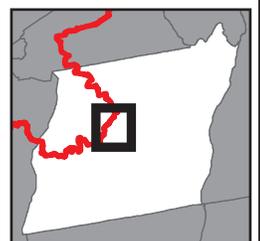
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## Albany County

**Project Area #5**

## John Boyd Thacher State Park Trail Buffers

**Project Area Description:**

- The Long Path crosses a private parcel to reach the north end of Thacher Park. The state has a permanent trail easement for the trail on the Ketcham property. The Open Space Institute has a conservation easement on the 282.5-acre property.
- There is another property next to the trail. About 10 acres of it sits on top of the Escarpment directly next to the trail corridor.

**Action Needed:**

- The first listed parcel is protected, and the second parcel does not appear to impose a threat on the trail corridor at this time. The situation will need to be monitored.

**Priority Parcels:**

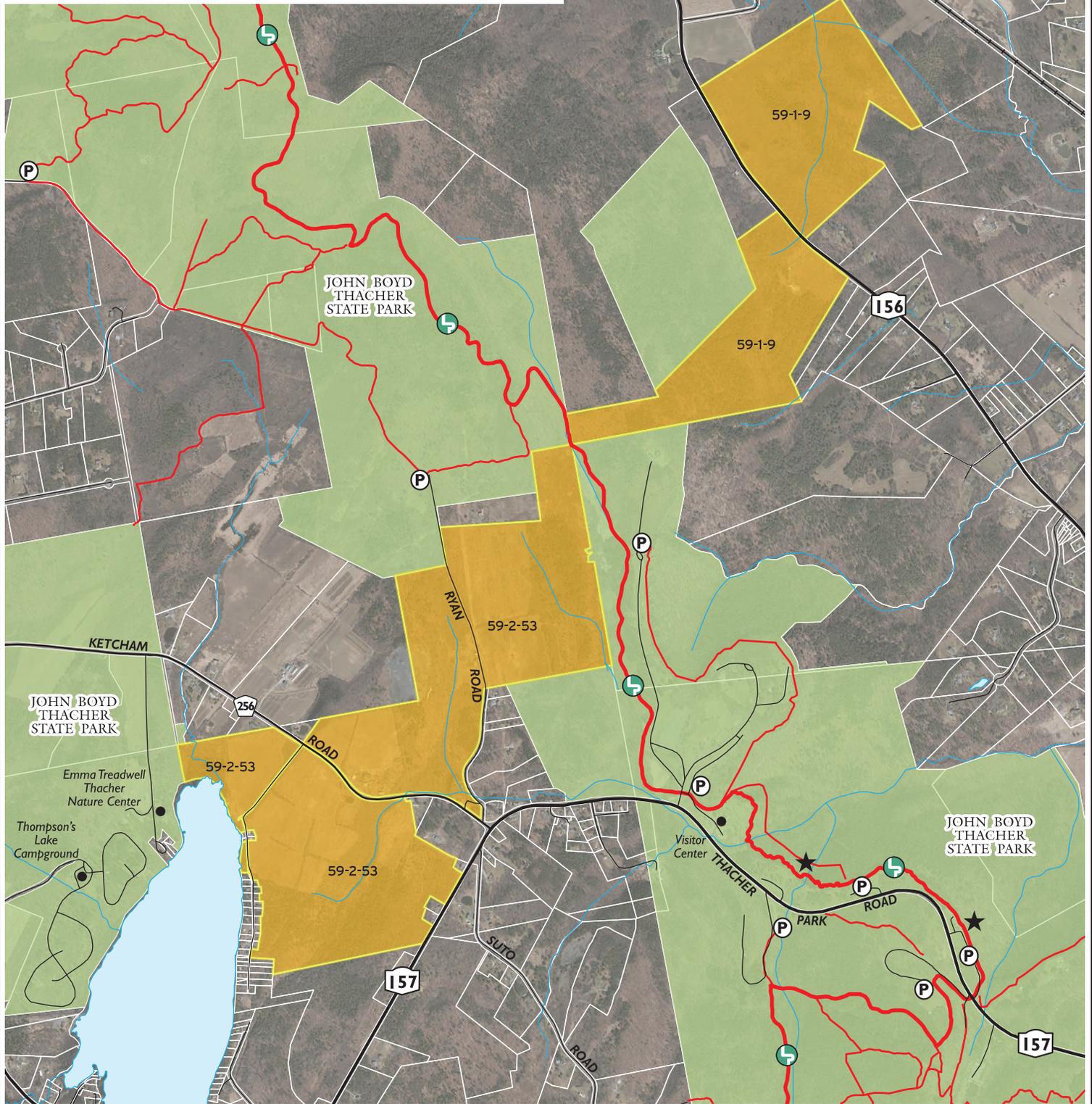
<b>Parcel:</b> 59-2-53	<b>Landowner:</b> KETCHAM	<b>Municipality:</b> KNOX
<b>Acres:</b> 282.5	<b>Description:</b> This property is protected by a Conservation Easement held by the Open Space Institute. In addition, New York State holds a trail easement for the Long Path where it crosses this property.	

<b>Parcel:</b> 48.00-1-25	<b>Landowner:</b> SBARDELLA	<b>Municipality:</b> GUILDERLAND
<b>Acres:</b> 161.1	<b>Description:</b> The bulk of this property is below the steep cliff of the Helderberg Escarpment. There is a ten-acre portion of this parcel at the top of the Escarpment and next to the Long Path. This portion of the property is completely wooded.	



# John Boyd Thacher SP Trail Buffers

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## Albany County

**Project Area #6**

John Boyd Thacher State Park to Bozen Kill Preserve

**Project Area Description:**

- Currently, the Long Path section north of Thatcher Park is predominantly on roads, ending at The Nature Conservancy's Christman Wildlife Sanctuary.
- This project area contains a list of properties that have been determined to be suitable for the Long Path between Thatcher Park and Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy's Bozen Kill Preserve.

**Action Needed:**

- The next step is to begin reaching out to these landowners.
- Swinging the Long Path down through Altamont is not out of the question. Altamont would surely make a great trail town.

**Priority Parcels:**

<b>Parcel:</b> 48.00-1-25	<b>Landowner:</b> THE JOSHUA FOUNDATION	<b>Municipality:</b> GUILDERLAND
<b>Acres:</b> 94.40	<b>Description:</b> This property is completely wooded with the exception of a mansion and pond in the northeast portion of the parcel. The property is attached with Boyd Thacher Park and includes the northeast portion of the Helderberg Escarpment.	

<b>Parcel:</b> 48.00-1-37	<b>Landowner:</b> SISTERS OF THE PRESENTATION	<b>Municipality:</b> GUILDERLAND
<b>Acres:</b> 42.6	<b>Description:</b> The western portion of this property is completely wooded. There is a private school on the eastern portion of this property. The parcel connects with route 156.	

<b>Parcel:</b> 47.-2-55	<b>Landowner:</b> COWAN	<b>Municipality:</b> KNOX
<b>Acres:</b> 50	<b>Description:</b> This vacant parcel is a mix of woods and open areas. The property connects with route 156 at the northwest corner.	

<b>Parcel:</b> 47.-2-54	<b>Landowner:</b> WHIPPLE	<b>Municipality:</b> KNOX
<b>Acres:</b> 3.1	<b>Description:</b> This property has a house located on the western portion. The eastern portion of this property is completely wooded.	

<b>Parcel:</b> 47.-2-51	<b>Landowner:</b> DIGESER	<b>Municipality:</b> KNOX
<b>Acres:</b> 28.2	<b>Description:</b> This vacant property is completely wooded. It located on the north side of route 156.	

<b>Parcel:</b> 35.00-1-28.4	<b>Landowner:</b> VESTA COMMUNITY HOUSING	<b>Municipality:</b> GUILDERLAND
<b>Acres:</b> 59.90	<b>Description:</b> This property is predominately wooded. There is an open area on the southwest portion of this parcel.	

<b>Parcel:</b> 47.-2-19.1	<b>Landowner:</b> SCHUHLE	<b>Municipality:</b> KNOX
<b>Acres:</b> 8.1	<b>Description:</b> This vacant parcel is completely wooded. There is a pond located on this property.	

<b>Parcel:</b> 47.-2-19.2, 47.-2-18.2	<b>Landowner:</b> BROOMSHALL	<b>Municipality:</b> KNOX
<b>Acres:</b> 79.8, 18.8	<b>Description:</b> These two vacant parcels combined are nearly 100 acres. The property is completely wooded.	

<b>Parcel:</b> 36.-2-14.1	<b>Landowner:</b> WHITE	<b>Municipality:</b> KNOX
<b>Acres:</b> 9.2	<b>Description:</b> This vacant property is completely wooded. This parcel connects route 146 with 253 at the RR crossing.	

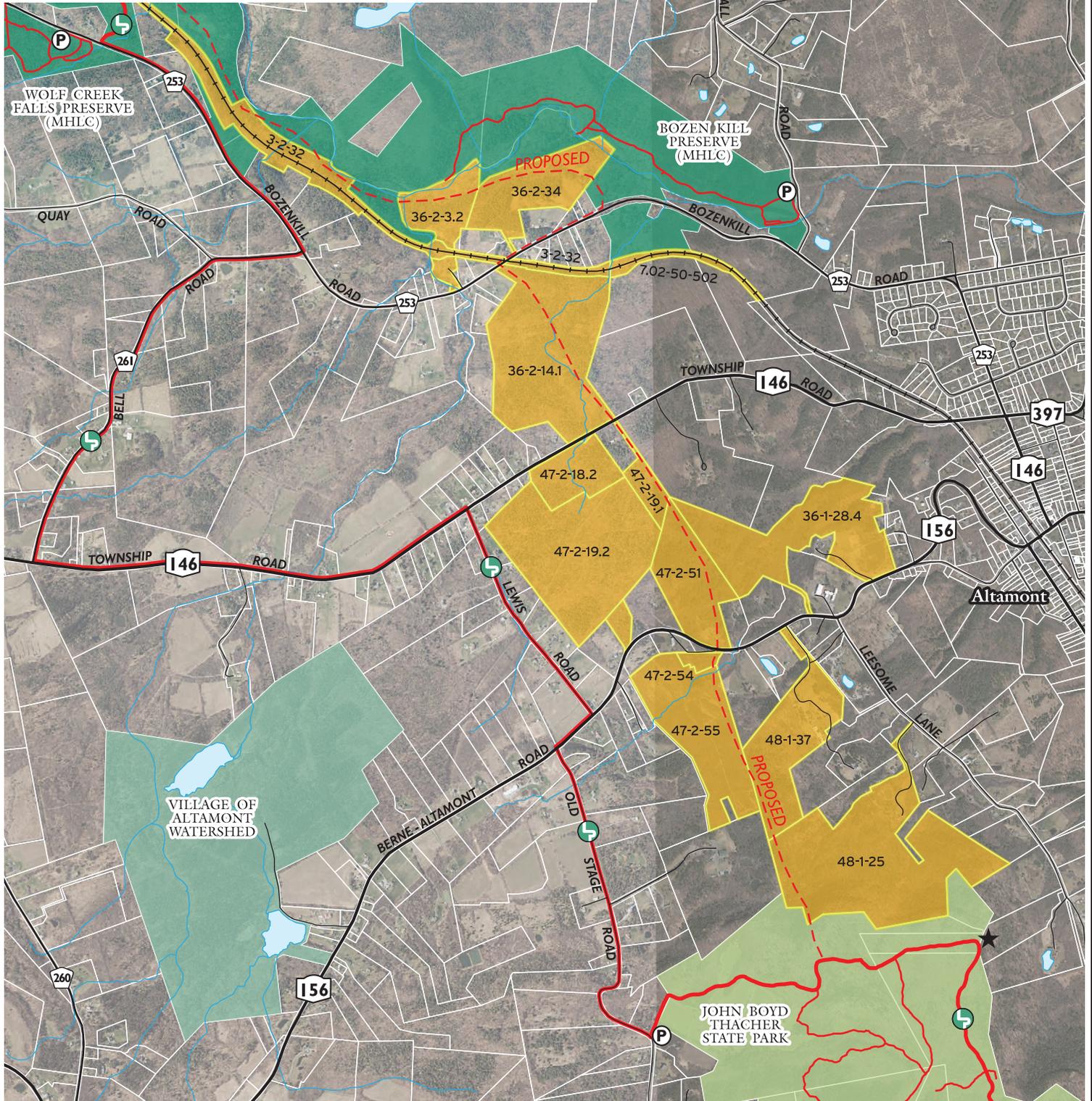
<b>Parcel:</b> 36.-2-34	<b>Landowner:</b> VADNEY	<b>Municipality:</b> KNOX
<b>Acres:</b> 29.1	<b>Description:</b> This is a vacant parcel. The property is mostly wooded with the Bozen Kill on it. It is also attached with the Bozen Kill Preserve.	

<b>Parcel:</b> 36.-2-3.2	<b>Landowner:</b> CURTIS	<b>Municipality:</b> KNOX
<b>Acres:</b> 18.3	<b>Description:</b> The property is divided by the active RR. There is a home on the smaller section of the property south of the RR. The area north of the RR is completely wooded and vacant. It is bordered by The Bozen Kill Preserve, the Bozen Kill and Wolf creek	



# John Boyd Thacher SP to Bozen Kill Preserve

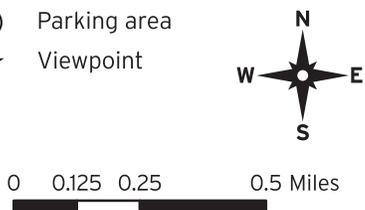
## Albany County Project Area #6



- State land
- County land
- Land trust land
- Municipal land
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- Corridor priority parcel
- Threatened parcel
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- Parking area
- Viewpoint



## Albany County

### Project Area #7 (same as Schenectady #1)

Bozen Kill Preserve to Christman Sanctuary

#### Project Area Description:

- Currently, the Long Path section north of Thatcher Park is predominantly on roads, ending at The Nature Conservancy's Christman Wildlife Sanctuary.
- This project area takes advantage of all of the land which Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy has already preserved. The plan here is for the Long Path to follow the Bozen Kill to Christman Wildlife Sanctuary.

#### Action Needed:

- The next step is to meet with Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy, as this is a corridor they are working to preserve. The Long Path Committee and the Conservancy have met once prior to the pandemic.

#### Priority Parcels:

<b>Parcel:</b> 24.-2-18	<b>Landowner:</b> GARRAMONE	<b>Municipality:</b> KNOX
<b>Acres:</b> 51.2	<b>Description:</b> This property has the Bozen Kill on the northern boundary and the RR on the southern. Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy property is on the eastern and western boundary.	

<b>Parcel:</b> 23.-1-11	<b>Landowner:</b> MURPHY	<b>Municipality:</b> KNOX
<b>Acres:</b> 38	<b>Description:</b> This vacant wooded parcel is attached with an isolated Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy parcel. It is also bordered by a RR, the Bozen Kill and the Schenectady County line. This landowner owns continuous property in Schenectady County.	

<b>Parcel:</b> 23.-1-7.1	<b>Landowner:</b> JUST	<b>Municipality:</b> KNOX
<b>Acres:</b> 4	<b>Description:</b> This is a vacant wooded parcel with the Bozen Kill flowing through it. It is also bordered by a RR and the Schenectady County line. This landowner owns continuous property in Schenectady County.	

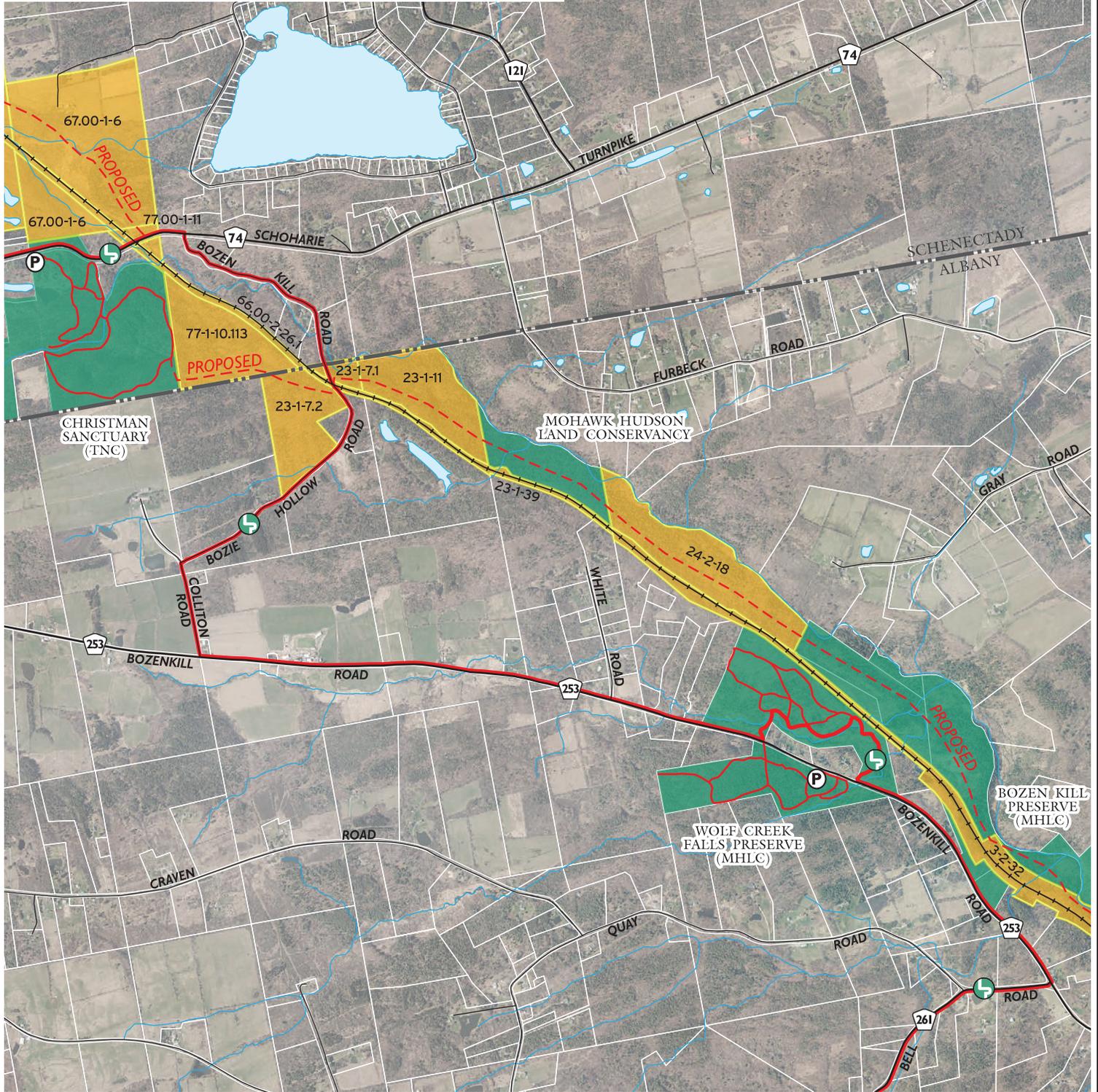
<b>Parcel:</b> 23.-1-7.2	<b>Landowner:</b> SERRANO	<b>Municipality:</b> KNOX
<b>Acres:</b> 33.5	<b>Description:</b> This vacant parcel is completely wooded. It is continuous with two other parcels the owner owns. One over the border in Schenectady County. It is attached with the Christman Wildlife Sanctuary.	

<b>Parcel:</b> 36.-2-32, 23.-1-39	<b>Landowner:</b> NORFOLK SOUTHERN	<b>Municipality:</b> KNOX
<b>Acres:</b> 54, 10.4	<b>Description:</b> This is an active RR corridor. It contains excess land outside the required safety corridor.	



# Bozen Kill Preserve to Christman Sanctuary

Albany County Project Area #7  
Schenectady County Project Area #1



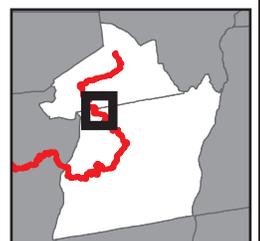
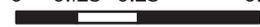
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# Schenectady County



# Schenectady County

## Protection Overview:

There are **6 Project Areas** within Schenectady County. Protecting a corridor in each of these areas would completely protect the Long Path, which runs for about **30 miles** through the county.

- Trail construction for the Long Path in Schenectady County has been limited to just a few areas, as approximately 66% of the marked trail is routed along public roads. A total of 10.75 miles are off-road trail, of which 7.7 miles are permanently protected.
- The current route of the Long Path crosses into Schenectady County on roads and remains completely on the roads in **Project Area 1**, **Project Area 2** and **Project Area 3** until it reaches Featherstonhaugh State Forest.
- Beyond the state forest, the Long Path follows the roads through **Project Area 4** to reach Rynex Corners. Starting at Rynex Corners, the Trail Conference holds title to a permanent trail easement through Good Folk Farm, formally the Gifford Farm. The Long Path is routed across the easement for a little more than a mile before it enters the Plotter Kill Preserve.
- Through the Plotter Kill Preserve, the Long Path is routed across existing trails to Lower Gregg Road. This section of the Long Path is the longest off-road section in Schenectady County.
- Beyond the Plotter Kill Preserve, the Long Path follows roads to get under the New York State Thruway in **Project Area 5**. After passing the Thruway, the trail joins the Empire State Trail until it reaches Rotterdam Junction.
- At Rotterdam Junction the trail again follows roads, this time to cross the Mohawk River to reach Lock 9 State Canal Park.
- The Long Path largely follows roads from Lock 9 State Canal Park to the Saratoga County border in **Project Area 6**, with a couple of off-road segments through Wolf Hollow and a couple of small farms.
- The Long Path Committee has been networking with the local snowmobile clubs in upstate New York, where there is a large network of state funded trails. At times, the Long Path is actually coaligned with snowmobile trails in Ulster, Greene, Schoharie and Albany counties. These snowmobile trails largely cross private land, and the clubs have established comprehensive landowner lists. They also have well-established relationships with these landowners. Coaligning the Long Path with snowmobile trails may not be the answer everywhere, but it is a solution that could work very well in some areas.

# Schenectady County

## History:

In 1991, with support from the Trail Conference, a "Long Path North" committee was formed. These local volunteers dedicated themselves to develop and maintain the Long Path, and plans began to materialize for extending the Long Path into Schoharie County and beyond. In May 1991, the Long Path was extended to Mount Pisgah, at the southwest corner of Schoharie County. Sixty years had passed since Vince Schaeffer first envisioned the Long Path as an unmarked path to points of interests and thirty-one years had passed since Robert Jessen and the Trail Conference reinvented Schaeffer's plan to mark and maintain the Long Path. The Long Path was headed north again.

By late 1995, the Long Path had been extended from the Catskill Park to John Boyd Thacher State Park in Albany County. It was around this time that the Long Path North Hiking Club created a subcommittee, the Schenectady County Long Path Committee.

This subcommittee's purpose was to extend the Long Path through Schenectady County to the Saratoga County border. This proved to be a tough job as most of the existing public open spaces in the area lacked more than one entry/exit point. This group had to advocate for bigger picture plans, such as an entry point at the south end of the Plotter Kill Preserve along with an exit point onto Lower Gregg Road, as well as a tunnel under the railroad in Rotterdam Junction. Without resolving these difficult pinch points, it was difficult to plan and execute a trail between them. The desired goal was to bring the Long Path through the western portion of the County, naturally because of the more rural characteristics. Therefore, resolving the issues to cross at Rotterdam Junction were important strategic goals. In 2008, Glensville included the Long Path in their Open Space Plan.

In 2010, Schenectady County purchased more land for the Plotter Kill Preserve, which connected the preserve to Lower Gregg Road. In May 2013 a committee member, Ed Gifford, donated a trail easement to the Trail Conference. It starts at Rynex Corners and runs over one mile to the Plotter Kill Preserve. Later in 2013, the Long Path North Hiking Club blazed an extension of the Long Path from John Boyd Thacher State Park to the Saratoga County border, with approximately 70% routed along public roads.

In 2021, New York State built a tunnel for the rail trail under the active railroad in Rotterdam Junction. This makes the Town of Rotterdam section of the Long Path the first completed section in the county. The remaining road miles are split up and necessary to use the roadway crossings under the Thruway and over the Mohawk River.

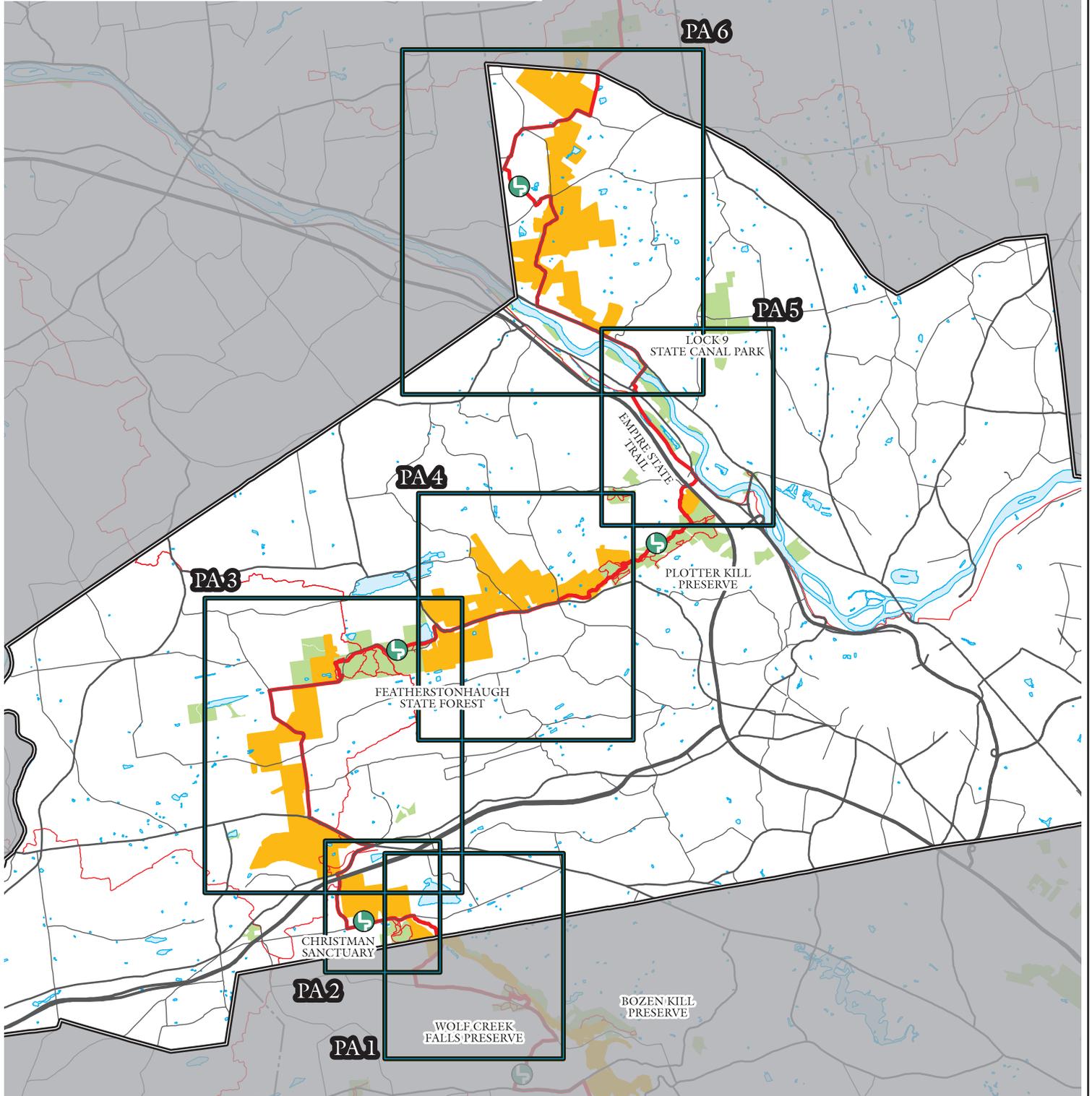
As of December 2021, these are the total mile of trail per town along with the total trail miles off road.

- Rotterdam: 6.9 miles of trail, with 5.5 miles off road (8% road walking).
- Glensville: 9.2 miles of trail, with 2.45 miles off road (73% road walking).
- Duaneburg: 12 miles of trail, with 2.35 miles off road (80% road walking).
- Princetown: 2.2 miles of trail, with 0 miles off road (100% road walking).
- County Total: 30.3 miles of trail, with 10.15 miles off road (66 % road walking).



# Schenectady County

## Project Areas #1-6



- Protected land
- Corridor priority parcel
- Long Path
- Other trail
- Project Area Outline



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## Schenectady County

### Project Area #1 (same as Albany #7)

Bozen Kill Preserve to Christman Sanctuary

#### Project Area Description:

- This area is continuous with Albany County Project Area 7. The Long Path currently crosses the County line and follows Bozenkill Road and Schoharie Turnpike to the Christman Wildlife Sanctuary.
- The preferred off-road route enters the southeast corner of the Christman Wildlife Sanctuary.

#### Action Needed:

- Next step is to meet with Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy as this is a corridor they are working to preserve. The Long path Committee and the Conservancy have met once prior to the pandemic.

#### Priority Parcels:

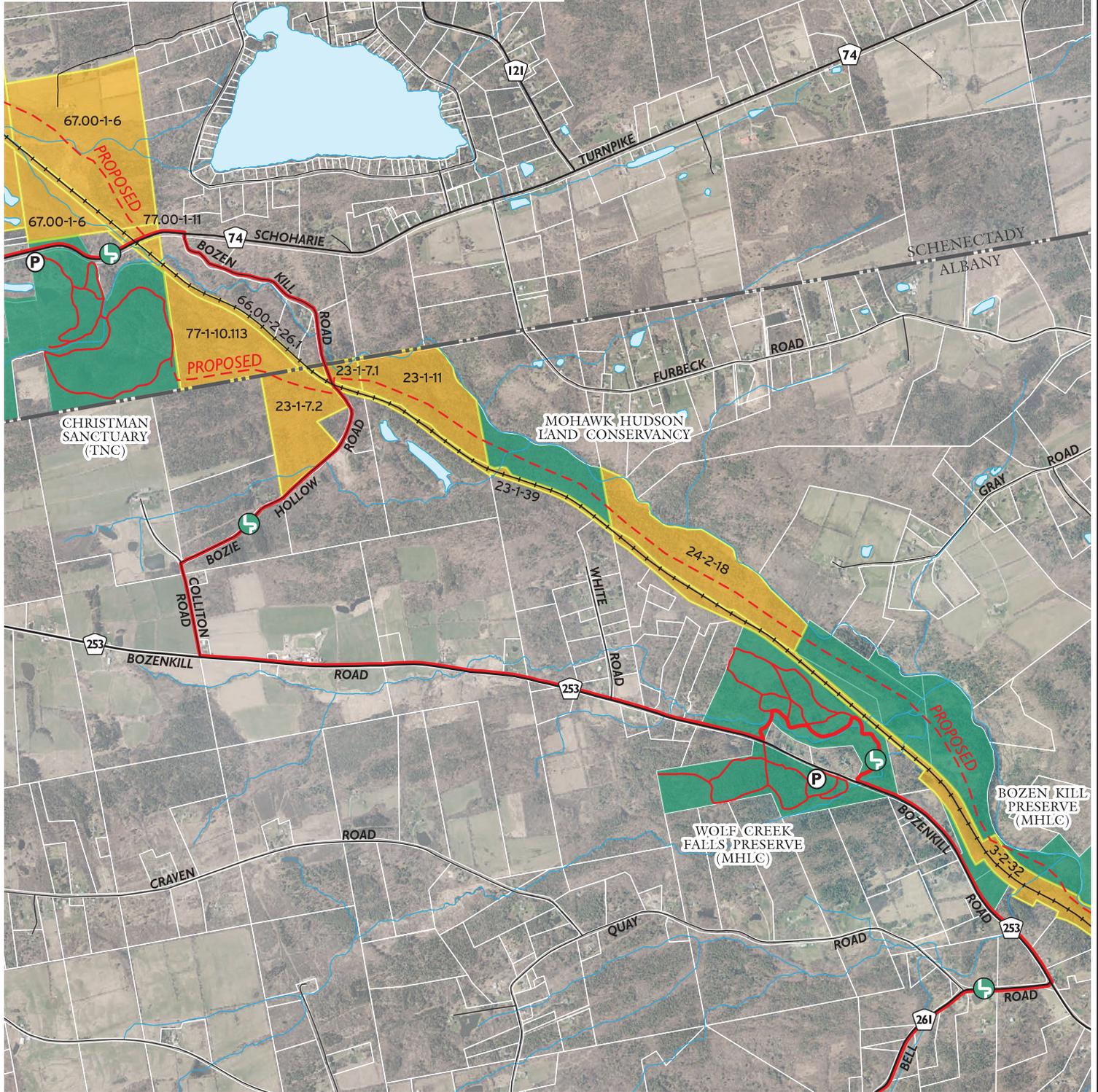
<b>Parcel:</b> 77.-1-10.113	<b>Landowner:</b> SERRANO	<b>Municipality:</b> DUANESBURG
<b>Acres:</b> 37.8	<b>Description:</b> This vacant parcel is completely wooded. It is continuous with two other parcels the owner owns over the border in Albany County. It is attached with the Christman Wildlife Sanctuary.	

<b>Parcel:</b> 66.-2-26.1	<b>Landowner:</b> NORFOLK SOUTHERN RAILWAY	<b>Municipality:</b> DUANESBURG
<b>Acres:</b> 286.84	<b>Description:</b> This is an active RR corridor. It contains excess land outside the required safety corridor.	



# Bozen Kill Preserve to Christman Sanctuary

Albany County Project Area #7  
Schenectady County Project Area #1



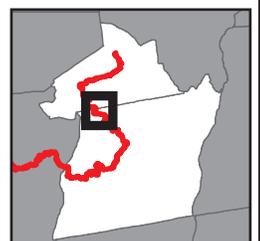
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## Schenectady County

### Project Area #2

Christman Sanctuary to I-88

#### Project Area Description:

- Currently the Long Path project area is routed along roads. It follows Schoharie Turnpike and Weaver Road to reach I-88 where this project area ends. The interstate crossing dictates the alignment of the trail. The next available crossing either direction is around 1 + miles away.
- The ideal solution here would be to preserve an off-road trail route along the east side of the RR. On the west side of the RR there is a farm with a fenced area for the cattle. A trail on the west side would need to be close to the RR right of way, which could also work.

#### Action Needed:

- The next step is to begin reaching out to these landowners.
- Also needed in this area is to develop relationships with local people and also the local governments.

#### Priority Parcels:

<b>Parcel:</b> 77.-1-11	<b>Landowner:</b> MERENBERG	<b>Municipality:</b> DUANESBURG
<b>Acres:</b> 3.3	<b>Description:</b> This parcel is divided by the Schoharie Turnpike. It has house located on the south side of the road; it's vacant and wooded on the north side of the road.	

<b>Parcel:</b> 67.-1-6	<b>Landowner:</b> THREE FEATHERS INCORPORATED	<b>Municipality:</b> DUANESBURG
<b>Acres:</b> 105	<b>Description:</b> This mostly wooded parcel is dived by the railway. There are open farm fields on the norther portion of this property.	

<b>Parcel:</b> 67.-1-10.1	<b>Landowner:</b> FIDLER	<b>Municipality:</b> DUANESBURG
<b>Acres:</b> 108.51	<b>Description:</b> This vacant parcel is mostly wooded. It is attached with the owner's active farm to the west. The property has an active railway running through it.	

<b>Parcel:</b> 66.-4-2.32	<b>Landowner:</b> FOUR FEATHERS INCORPORATED	<b>Municipality:</b> DUANESBURG
<b>Acres:</b> 19.18	<b>Description:</b> This vacant parcel is completely wooded.	

<b>Parcel:</b> 66.-4-2.2	<b>Landowner:</b> DA COLLINS CONSTRUCTION CO INC	<b>Municipality:</b> DUANESBURG
<b>Acres:</b> 16.61	<b>Description:</b> The owner has been quarrying dirt from this parcel. A safe passage for the Long Path would be along the bottom of the railbed.	

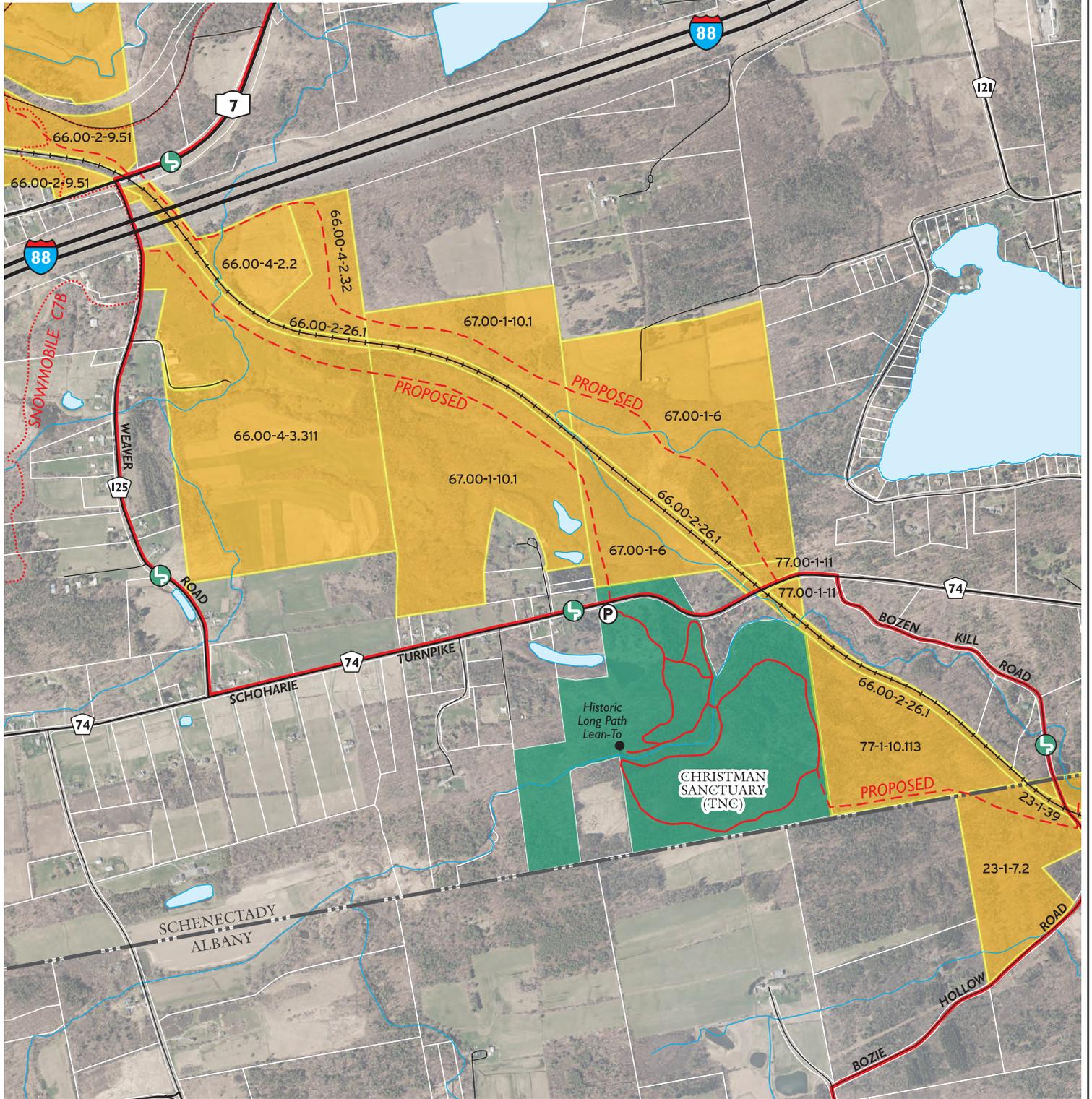
<b>Parcel:</b> 66.-4-3.311	<b>Landowner:</b> FIDLER	<b>Municipality:</b> DUANESBURG
<b>Acres:</b> 118.8	<b>Description:</b> This is an active farm with farm buildings. The property is very open with agriculture fields and pasture.	

<b>Parcel:</b> 66.-2-26.1	<b>Landowner:</b> NORFOLK SOUTHERN RAILWAY	<b>Municipality:</b> DUANESBURG
<b>Acres:</b> 286.84	<b>Description:</b> This is an active RR corridor. It contains excess land outside the required safety corridor.	



# Christman Sanctuary to I-88

## Schenectady County Project Area #2



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## Schenectady County

### Project Area #3

I-88 to Featherstonhaugh State Forest

#### Project Area Description:

- Currently the Long Path is routed along roads through this project area. It follows Weaver Road, State Route 7, State Route 20, Duaneburg Churches Road and Lake Road to reach Featherstonehaugh State Forest where this project area ends. The RR crossings like the Interstate dictate the alignment of the trail.
- The ideal solution here would be to preserve an off-road trail route through the properties listed below would make a suitable route.

#### Action Needed:

- The next step is to begin reaching out to these landowners.
- Also needed in this area is to develop relationships with local people and also the local governments.

#### Priority Parcels:

<b>Parcel:</b> 66.-2-9.51	<b>Landowner:</b> DOWLING	<b>Municipality:</b> DUANESBURG
<b>Acres:</b> 34.61	<b>Description:</b> This parcel has the railway running through it. North of the RR it is completely wooded. South of the RR it is mostly open with a house in the southwest corner of the property.	

<b>Parcel:</b> 66.-2-3.1	<b>Landowner:</b> ROWLY	<b>Municipality:</b> DUANESBURG
<b>Acres:</b> 318.7	<b>Description:</b> This large parcel is completely wooded on the western portion. The eastern portion of the property is mostly open with numerous buildings.	

<b>Parcel:</b> 66.-2-26.1	<b>Landowner:</b> NORFOLK SOUTHERN RAILWAY	<b>Municipality:</b> DUANESBURG
<b>Acres:</b> 286.84	<b>Description:</b> This is an active RR corridor. It contains excess land outside the required safety corridor.	

<b>Parcel:</b> 66.-2-4.11	<b>Landowner:</b> COOLEY	<b>Municipality:</b> DUANESBURG
<b>Acres:</b> 8.1	<b>Description:</b> This vacant parcel is completely wooded. It has road frontage near the RR underpass.	

<b>Parcel:</b> 54.-2-23	<b>Landowner:</b> TOWN OF DUANESBURG	<b>Municipality:</b> DUANESBURG
<b>Acres:</b> 3.4	<b>Description:</b> Municipal offices and highway department.	

<b>Parcel:</b> 54.-2-28.11	<b>Landowner:</b> BREITENSTEIN, JAMES	<b>Municipality:</b> DUANESBURG
<b>Acres:</b> 103.49	<b>Description:</b> This property has a mix of woods and open farm fields. There is a barn and other buildings at the northeast corner of the parcel.	

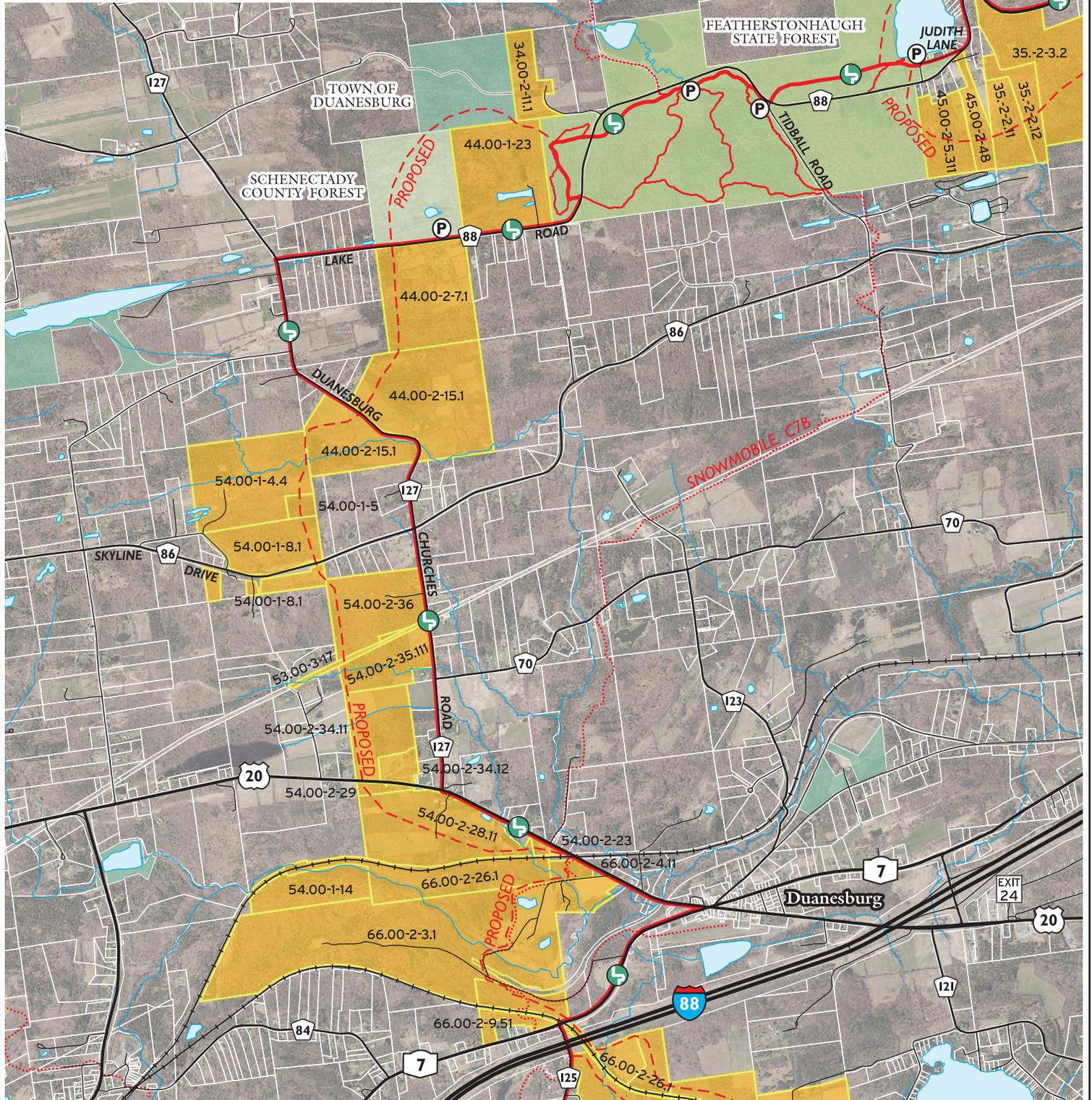
<b>Parcel:</b> 54.-2-29	<b>Landowner:</b> BREITENSTEIN, ADRIAN	<b>Municipality:</b> DUANESBURG
<b>Acres:</b> 5.37	<b>Description:</b> This parcel has a house on the western portion of the property. The eastern portion is wooded.	

<b>Parcel:</b> 54.-2-34.12	<b>Landowner:</b> DUANESBURG REF. PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	<b>Municipality:</b> DUANESBURG
<b>Acres:</b> 11.46	<b>Description:</b> This parcel is completely open; there is a church on it. There adjacent parcel has a cemetery on it.	
<b>Parcel:</b> 54-2-34.11	<b>Landowner:</b> BREITENSTEIN, JAMES	<b>Municipality:</b> DUANESBURG
<b>Acres:</b> 53.87	<b>Description:</b> This property is a mix of woods and open farm fields.	
<b>Parcels:</b> 54.-2-35.111, 54.-2-36	<b>Landowner:</b> PETERSON	<b>Municipality:</b> DUANESBURG
<b>Acres:</b> 42.28, 65.2	<b>Description:</b> These parcels are completely wooded. They are separated by the powerline right of way which is open.	
<b>Parcel:</b> 53.-3-17	<b>Landowner:</b> NATIONAL GRID	<b>Municipality:</b> DUANESBURG
<b>Acres:</b> 99.66	<b>Description:</b> This is a powerline right of way which runs a long distance. It runs through the Peterson parcels.	
<b>Parcel:</b> 54.-1-8.1	<b>Landowner:</b> KOONTZ, HILDA	<b>Municipality:</b> DUANESBURG
<b>Acres:</b> 70.2	<b>Description:</b> Mostly wooded with a pond on the property. There is a house on the southern border at the roadside.	
<b>Parcel:</b> 54.-1-5	<b>Landowner:</b> KOONTZ, RAYMOND	<b>Municipality:</b> DUANESBURG
<b>Acres:</b> 6.8	<b>Description:</b> A completely wooded and vacant parcel, no road frontage.	
<b>Parcel:</b> 54.-1-14.4	<b>Landowner:</b> GRUCCI PROPERTIES NORTH LLC	<b>Municipality:</b> DUANESBURG
<b>Acres:</b> 106.92	<b>Description:</b> Mostly wooded with some wet marshy areas. The property appears to be used as a camp.	
<b>Parcel:</b> 44.-2-15.1	<b>Landowner:</b> REBECCA	<b>Municipality:</b> DUANESBURG
<b>Acres:</b> 191.85	<b>Description:</b> Divided by Duanesburg Churches Road. Mostly wooded in southwest and northeast portions, with a home in the open area east of the road.	
<b>Parcel:</b> 44.-1-7.1	<b>Landowner:</b> GOTT	<b>Municipality:</b> DUANESBURG
<b>Acres:</b> 104.37	<b>Description:</b> Wide forested corridors along the western and southern boundaries. The rest is mostly open, with a home in the northern portion.	
<b>Parcel:</b> 44.-1-23	<b>Landowner:</b> COXETER	<b>Municipality:</b> DUANESBURG
<b>Acres:</b> 104.37	<b>Description:</b> Mostly forested parcel sharing borders with state land, county land, and town land. A home and two ponds are in the southeast portion.	
<b>Parcel:</b> 34.-2-11.1	<b>Landowner:</b> GADWAY	<b>Municipality:</b> DUANESBURG
<b>Acres:</b> 29.29	<b>Description:</b> Partially wooded and open with a pond and a home. This property is connected with the state forest and a town owned forest.	



# I-88 to Featherstonhaugh SF

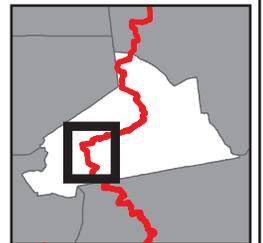
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## Schenectady County

### Project Area #4

Featherstonhaugh State Forest to Plotter Kill Preserve

#### Project Area Description:

- The Long Path leaves Featherstonhaugh State Forest and follows Judith Lane, Lake Road and Mariaville Road for 2.7 miles to Rynex Corners.
- There are two potential routes mapped leaving the state forest

#### Action Needed:

- The next step is to begin reaching out to these landowners.
- Also needed in this area is to develop relationships with local people and also the local Governments.

#### Priority Parcels:

##### Option 1

<b>Parcels:</b> 35.-3-3.11, 35.-1-12.11	<b>Landowner:</b> BELLETTI	<b>Municipality:</b> DUANESBURG, PRINCETOWN
<b>Acres:</b> 30.27, 25.49	<b>Description:</b> This is one parcel spit by the town line. The northern portion of the property is wooded. The southern portion has an open homesite with three ponds and several buildings.	

<b>Parcel:</b> 35.-1-10.1	<b>Landowner:</b> HUME	<b>Municipality:</b> PRINCETOWN
<b>Acres:</b> 218.3	<b>Description:</b> The entire western portion and northern boundary of this parcel is wooded. There open fields on the southeastern areas. The same owner owns a separate parcel with a home which is located in the middle of this property.	

<b>Parcel:</b> 36.-1-16.5	<b>Landowner:</b> BISHOP	<b>Municipality:</b> PRINCETOWN
<b>Acres:</b> 77.43	<b>Description:</b> This vacant parcel is predominantly wooded. There are open fields on the southwestern portion of the property.	

<b>Parcel:</b> 36.-1-9.11	<b>Landowner:</b> ORMINSKI	<b>Municipality:</b> PRINCETOWN
<b>Acres:</b> 189.31	<b>Description:</b> Weast road runs through this property which has assorted farm buildings east of the roadway. There are mostly open farm fields with a few wooded areas.	

<b>Parcel:</b> 26.-1-8.11	<b>Landowner:</b> NATIONAL GRID	<b>Municipality:</b> PRINCETOWN
<b>Acres:</b> 5.5	<b>Description:</b> This is wide powerline right of way with multiple powerlines running along it.	

<b>Parcel:</b> 36.-1-21.2	<b>Landowner:</b> BOWDISH	<b>Municipality:</b> PRINCETOWN
<b>Acres:</b> 82.38	<b>Description:</b> The northern portion of the property is a mix of wooded areas and open fields. The southern portion has an open homesite with a pond and several buildings.	

<b>Parcel:</b> 36.-1-23	<b>Landowner:</b> MONTGOMERY	<b>Municipality:</b> PRINCETOWN
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<b>Acres:</b> 88	<b>Description:</b> A stream runs through this property and has a wooded corridor buffering it. The stream corridor run from a wooded area in the northwest corner to a wooded area at the southeast corner of this parcel. There are also two large farm fields on this parcel.
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<b>Parcel:</b> 36.-1-28.111	<b>Landowner:</b> PRICE	<b>Municipality:</b> PRINCETOWN
<b>Acres:</b> 98	<b>Description:</b> A mix of woods and open farm fields. There are several farm buildings at the southeast corner of the property. This vacant parcel is completely wooded.	

**Option 2**

<b>Parcel:</b> 45.-2-5.311	<b>Landowner:</b> WILSON	<b>Municipality:</b> DUANESBURG
<b>Acres:</b> 39.31	<b>Description:</b> A vacant parcel attached with the state forest. The southern portion is completely wooded, the northern portion is more open with five small ponds.	

<b>Parcels:</b> 45.-2-48, 45.-2-49, 35.-2-2.11	<b>Landowner:</b> MASCOLO	<b>Municipality:</b> DUANESBURG, PRINCETOWN
<b>Acres:</b> 22.06, 6.65, 31	<b>Description:</b> Three separate tax parcels joined by a single ownership. The property is further divide by the town line. There is a house and a pole barn at the north end and completely wooded on the southern portion.	

<b>Parcel:</b> 35.-2-2.12	<b>Landowner:</b> SOMERS	<b>Municipality:</b> PRINCETOWN
<b>Acres:</b> 26.15	<b>Description:</b> This vacant property is completely wooded on the southern portion. It's a mix of woods on the remainder.	

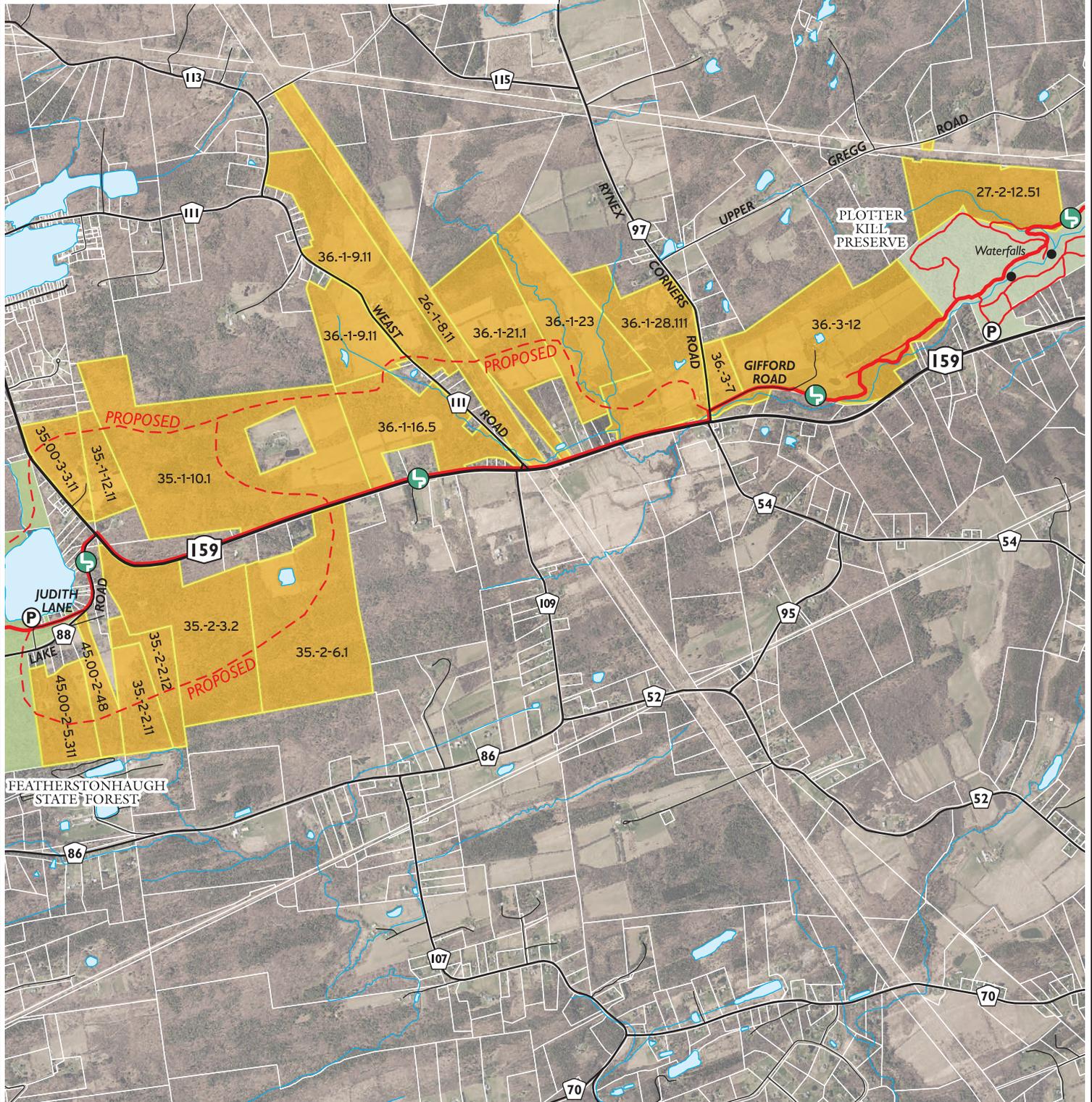
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<b>Acres:</b> 113.45	<b>Description:</b> Completely wooded with the exception of a small clearing with a home located in the northwest portion of the property.	

<b>Parcel:</b> 35.-2-6.1	<b>Landowner:</b> SCHENECTADY SOLAR LLC	<b>Municipality:</b> PRINCETOWN
<b>Acres:</b> 132.82	<b>Description:</b> Vacant parcel that's mostly wooded. There is a pond in a clearing in the northwest portion of the property.	



# Featherstonhaugh SF to Plotter Kill Preserve

## Schenectady County Project Area #4



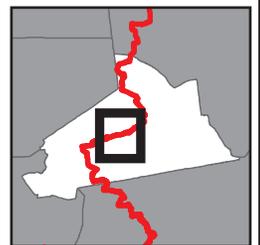
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## Schenectady County

### Project Area #5

Plotter Kill Preserve to Lock 9 State Canal Park

#### Project Area Description:

- The Long Path leaves the Plotter Kill preserve follows Lower Gregg Road for a third of a mile to the Thruway underpass. Once under the NY State Thruway it follows the roads around another third of a mile to reach the Empire State Trail which the Long Path follows into Rotterdam Junction. The Long Path leaves the Empire State Trail and crosses the Mohawk River to reach the Lock 9 State Canal Park.
- The Rotterdam section of the Long Path is the most established section north of Thacher Park. The Long Path runs around 7 miles through the town, 92% is of the trail through Rotterdam is off of the roads and permanently protected.
- The New York State Thruway and the Mohawk River each have limited places to cross them. The short road walks are necessary to access these crossings which are roadways.

#### Action Needed:

- Investigate the possibilities buffering the trail and any further opportunities to get it off NY-5s.

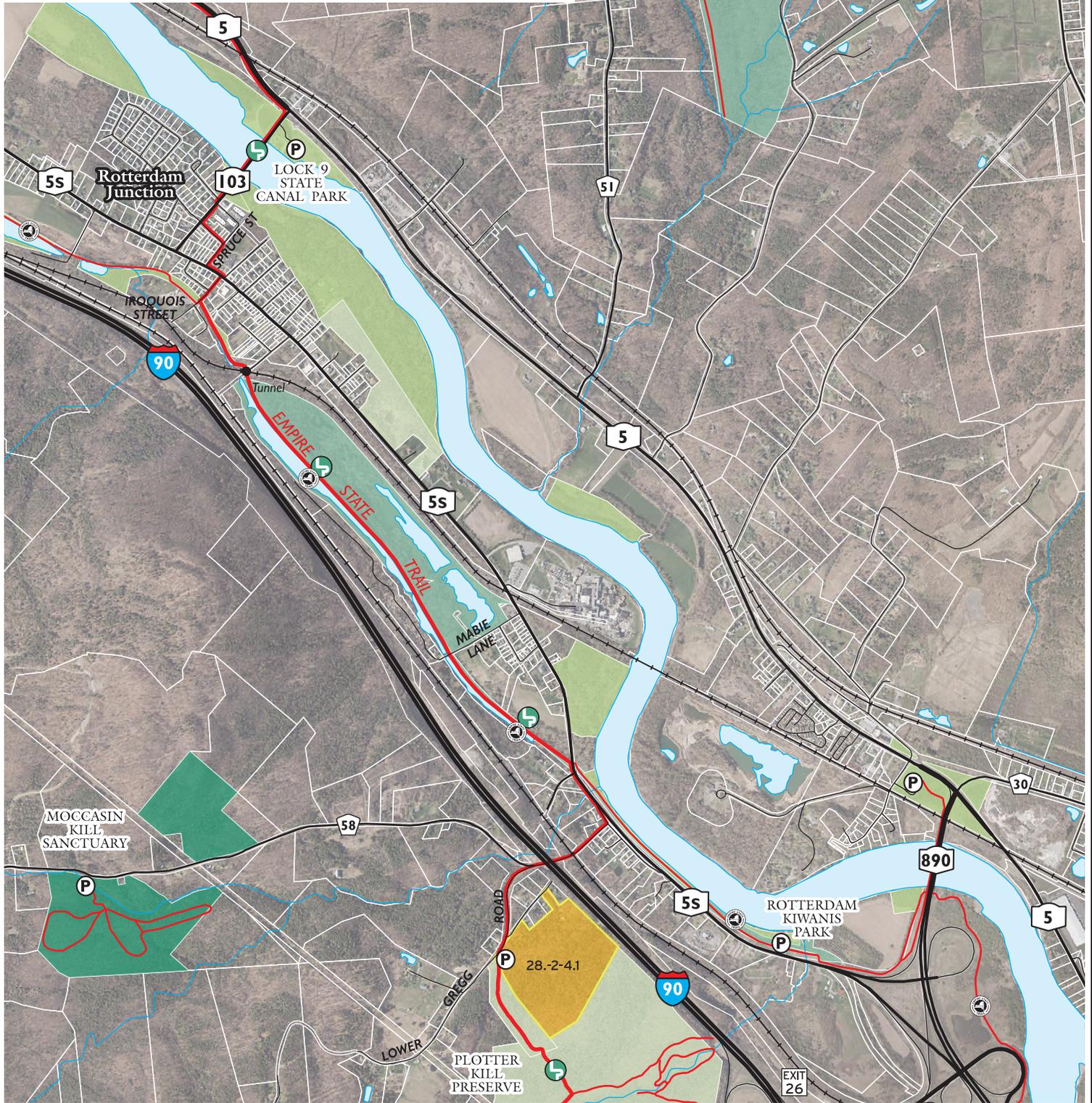
#### Priority Parcels:

<b>Parcel:</b> 28.-2-4.1	<b>Landowner:</b> ROMEO	<b>Municipality:</b> ROTTERDAM
<b>Acres:</b> 44	<b>Description:</b> This is a wooded parcel with a home in the northeastern corner of the property. The southern and eastern borders are connected with the Plotter Kill Preserve.	



# Plotter Kill Preserve to Lock 9 State Canal Park

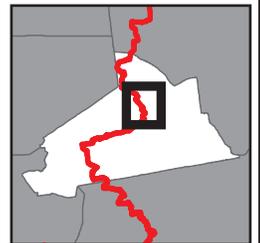
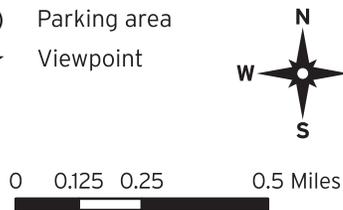
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## Schenectady County

### Project Area #6

Lock 9 State Canal Park to Saratoga County

#### Project Area Description:

- The Long Path largely follows roads from Lock 9 State Canal Park to the Saratoga County border, with a couple of off-road segments through Wolf Hollow and a couple of small farms.
- The priority parcels listed below provide a potential off-road route for almost this entire stretch.

#### Action Needed:

- The next step is to begin reaching out to some of these landowners.
- In the Wolf Hollow / Hoffman's Fault area the next step is to meet with Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy as this is a corridor they are working to preserve. The Long Path Committee and the Conservancy have met once prior to the pandemic.

#### Priority Parcels:

<b>Parcel:</b> 12.2-2-19.11	<b>Landowner:</b> KIRKHAM	<b>Municipality:</b> GLENVILLE
<b>Acres:</b> 147	<b>Description:</b> There is an old dirt roadway across the southern boundary. Beyond the road it is extremely steep and completely wooded.	
<b>Parcel:</b> 6.-2-16.11, 6.-1-10.11	<b>Landowner:</b> SCHULTZ	<b>Municipality:</b> GLENVILLE
<b>Acres:</b> 40.5, 105	<b>Description:</b> Wolf Hollow runs through the western portion of this property. There's an open field on both side of the road with house along the west side of the road. The eastern portion is wooded and rises steeply.	
<b>Parcel:</b> 6.-1-16	<b>Landowner:</b> HAGEN	<b>Municipality:</b> GLENVILLE
<b>Acres:</b> 81.3	<b>Description:</b> The northeastern corner is in Wolf Hollow. Most of the property is wooded with Hoffman's Fault running along the eastern boundary. There is home on the western boundary.	
<b>Parcel:</b> 6.-1-19.1	<b>Landowner:</b> COPOVANI	<b>Municipality:</b> GLENVILLE
<b>Acres:</b> 90.83	<b>Description:</b> The eastern boundary is in Wolf Hollow. The eastern portion is wooded, there is a house in the middle property.	
<b>Parcel:</b> 6.-1-6	<b>Landowner:</b> HANKE	<b>Municipality:</b> GLENVILLE
<b>Acres:</b> 243	<b>Description:</b> Most of this property is wooded. There is a home along the road in the western portion and wolf Hollow is along the western boundary.	
<b>Parcel:</b> 6.-1-3.33	<b>Landowner:</b> MOHAWK HUDSON LAND CONSERANCY	<b>Municipality:</b> GLENVILLE
<b>Acres:</b> 5	<b>Description:</b> A wooded parcel which is on the west bank of Wolf Hollow. This is the first property to be preserved in Wolf Hollow.	

<b>Parcel:</b> 6.-1-5	<b>Landowner:</b> HELLER	<b>Municipality:</b> GLENVILLE
<b>Acres:</b> 108	<b>Description:</b> the eastern portion of this property has numerous hay fields which gently rise uphill. The western portion has a house and two barns just east of Wolf Hollow / Hoffman's Fault which are on this property.	

<b>Parcel:</b> 6.-1-4	<b>Landowner:</b> SCOTIA SAND & STONE COMPANY	<b>Municipality:</b> GLENVILLE
<b>Acres:</b> 166.27	<b>Description:</b> There is a small quarry west of Wolf Hollow Road. Most of this property is east of the road. The eastern portion is a mix of woodland and wetland.	

<b>Parcel:</b> 3.-2-30.3	<b>Landowner:</b> WANMER	<b>Municipality:</b> GLENVILLE
<b>Acres:</b> 81.44	<b>Description:</b> A partially wooded parcel with a stream and wetland running through the middle. There is a home on the western portion of the property.	

<b>Parcel:</b> 3.-2-20.12	<b>Landowner:</b> FINGAR	<b>Municipality:</b> GLENVILLE
<b>Acres:</b> 26	<b>Description:</b> Completely wooded with a home located in the center of the property.	

<b>Parcel:</b> 3.-2-27.13	<b>Landowner:</b> 2826WG LLC - FARINA	<b>Municipality:</b> GLENVILLE
<b>Acres:</b> 42	<b>Description:</b> Hoffman's Fault is along the western boundary. The property is partially wooded with a wetland running through the middle of it.	

<b>Parcel:</b> 3.-2-32	<b>Landowner:</b> PHILLIPS	<b>Municipality:</b> GLENVILLE
<b>Acres:</b> 56	<b>Description:</b> Hoffman's Fault runs along the eastern boundary, it's completely wooded. There is home located in an open area on the western portion, the remainder of this property is wooded.	

<b>Parcel:</b> 3.-1-32	<b>Landowner:</b> CARPENTER	<b>Municipality:</b> GLENVILLE
<b>Acres:</b> 12.89	<b>Description:</b> A completely wooded parcel with a house in the northwestern portion.	

<b>Parcel:</b> 3.-1-4.22	<b>Landowner:</b> GUILBEAU	<b>Municipality:</b> GLENVILLE
<b>Acres:</b> 18.72	<b>Description:</b> A vacant and completely wooded parcel.	

<b>Parcel:</b> 3.-2-19	<b>Landowner:</b> SCHRADER	<b>Municipality:</b> GLENVILLE
<b>Acres:</b> 13.4	<b>Description:</b> A vacant and completely wooded parcel. Hoffman's Fault runs along the eastern boundary.	

<b>Parcel:</b> 3.-1-18.1	<b>Landowner:</b> GILLIKIN	<b>Municipality:</b> GLENVILLE
<b>Acres:</b> 100	<b>Description:</b> The northern and western portion are wooded. The southeastern portion has a house and a large pond. Hoffman's Fault runs along the western boundary.	

<b>Parcel:</b> 1-1-13.12	<b>Landowner:</b> FRASIER	<b>Municipality:</b> GLENVILLE
<b>Acres:</b> 98	<b>Description:</b> The southwest portion is wooded. There is a house, pond and farm building at the southeast corner. Most of the remaining property is farm fields.	

<b>Parcel:</b> 1-1-9, 1-1-12	<b>Landowner:</b> THENDARA FARMS LLC	<b>Municipality:</b> GLENVILLE
<b>Acres:</b> 23.2, 307.3	<b>Description:</b> A mix of woods and open farm fields. There are buildings and four ponds at the southern end of the property. The buildings are used for events.	

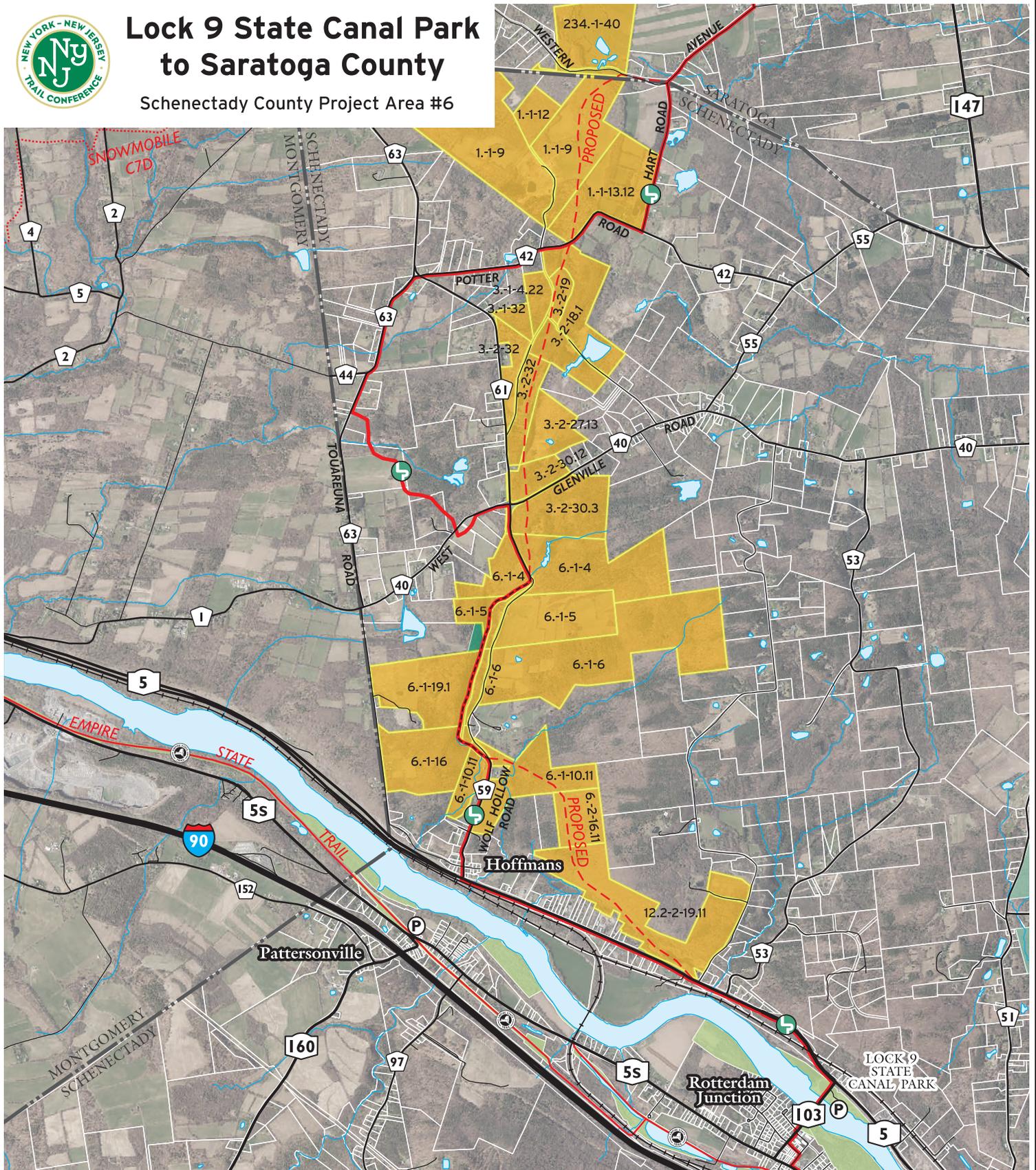
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<b>Parcel:</b> 234-1-40	<b>Landowner:</b> PRAY	<b>Municipality:</b> CHARLTON
<b>Acres:</b> 86	<b>Description:</b> There is a wooded strip of land between Western Avenue and the county line. This strip is part of a larger farm parcel across Western Avenue.	



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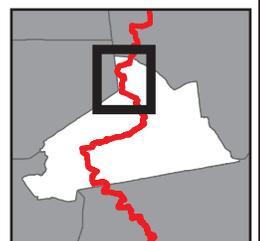
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## Protection Overview:

Work is underway to further develop a potential protected corridor through these two counties, so individual project areas have not yet been identified. New subcommittees of the Long Path Committee for these counties are being created to spearhead these important efforts. It has been over 25 years since the Long Path was extended north of the Catskill Park approximately 75 miles, and the time has come to properly connect it with the Adirondack Park through Saratoga and Fulton counties.

The Long Path enters Saratoga County in the Town of Charlton and is currently routed completely along roads for 34 miles through the county. It then follows roads in Fulton County for 2.6 miles to reach the village of Northville, where a hiker can connect to the Northville-Placid Trail and the network of trails in the Adirondack Park. To date, there has never been any on-the-ground Long Path trail building or blazing in these two counties.

The proposed trail corridor for the Long Path in these counties could include these areas, which are included in the two maps on the following pages:

- Numerous public preserves, conservation easements, and farmland conservation easements protected by Saratoga PLAN that could allow for recreational trail usage.
- Small county and state forest parcels detached from larger protected units.
- The outskirts of a facility operated by the U.S. Navy, located in the towns of Galway and Milton. The facility occupies approximately 121 acres, with the remaining 3,400 acres being forested land surrounding the facility. The Long Path could be routed along the eastern and northern borders, using a similar model to how the Long Path traverses West Point Military Academy lands in Orange County.
- Middle Grove State Forest, which the Long Path currently passes on roads.
- Lake Desolation State Forest, which is at the edge of a large area of preserved land that could provide opportunities for an off-road route of the Long Path.
- Wilcox Lake Wild Forest, which is contiguous with Lake Desolation State Forest but within the Adirondack Park Blue Line.
- Two lumber company properties that are protected with New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) recreation easements, including the Corinth Tract and the Hans Creek Tract. The Hans Creek Tract already includes a trail easement for the Long Path. In combination with Lake Desolation State Forest and Wilcox Lake Wild Forest, there is the potential for an approximately 9-mile section of off-road trail through these lands.
- The Batchellerville Bridge includes a sidewalk to cross Great Sacandaga Lake.
- To reach Northville, there may be opportunities to explore off-road routes just to the north of the bridge in Saratoga and Fulton counties before ending in Northville.

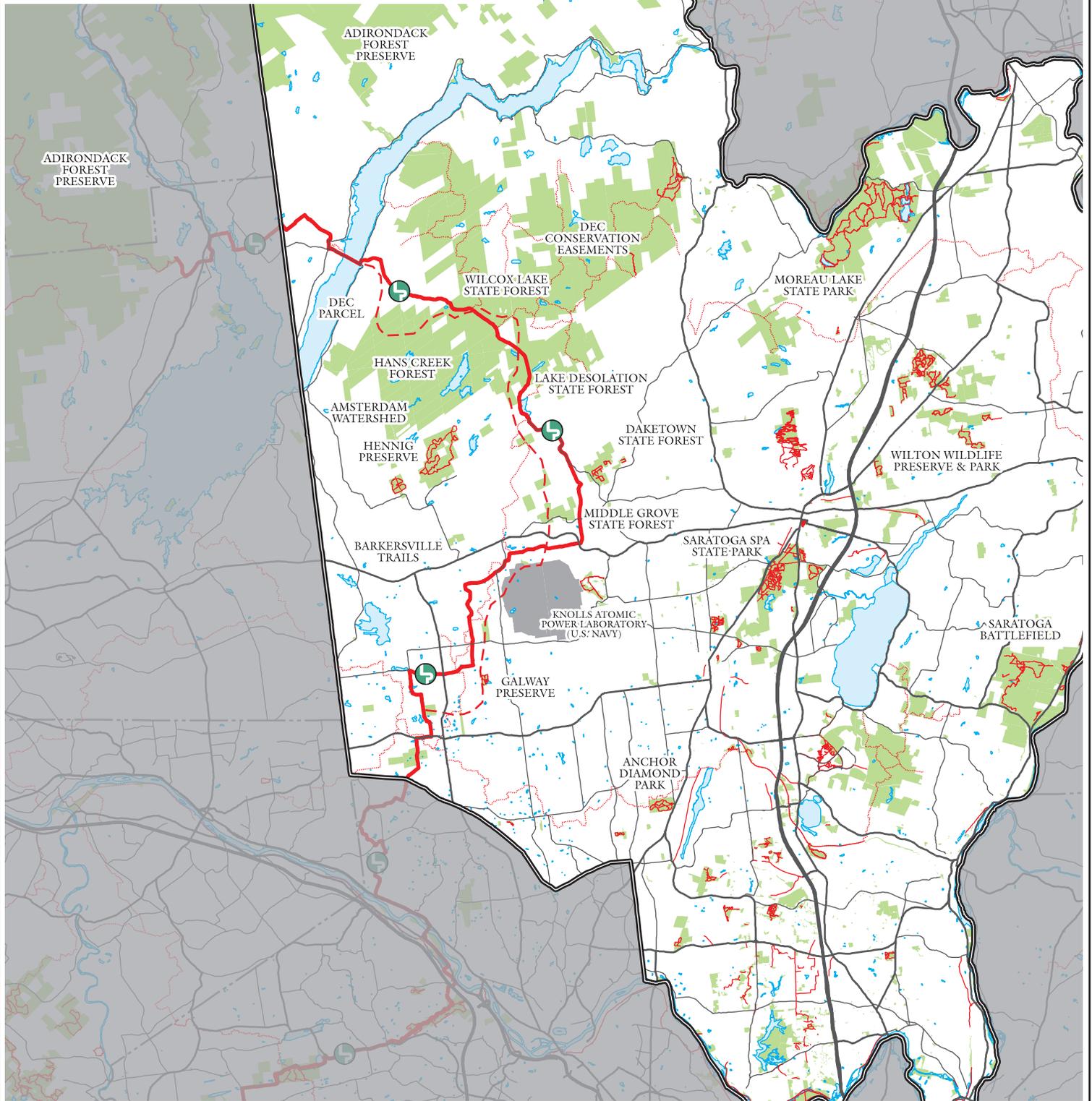
## Action Needed:

- Develop subcommittees of the Long Path Committee to create plans for these counties.
- Work closely with Saratoga PLAN as the local land trust organization, and Saratoga County Trail Committee with their expertise.
- Work with DEC to incorporate the Long Path into Unit Management Plans.
- As sections are approved, start building off-road sections, as has been occurring in neighboring Schenectady County over the last decade.
- As off-road sections are approved on already preserved land, more specific project areas can then be developed.



# Saratoga County

## Proposed Route



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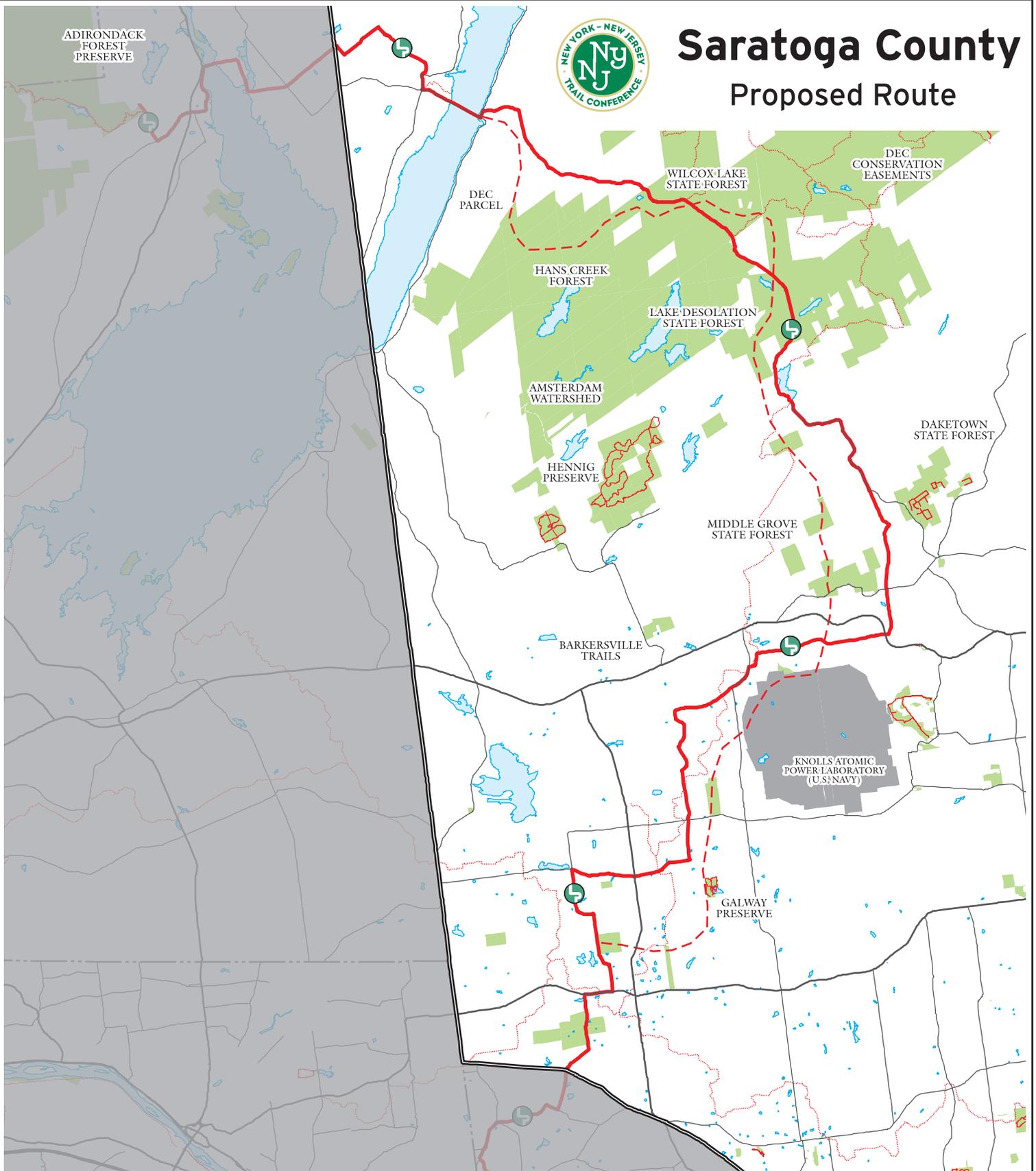
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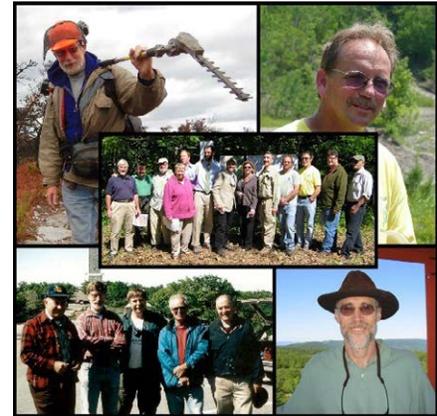
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We hope this Long Path Protection Plan will also inspire more people to join this cause to protect the important lands throughout our region.

Happy Trails!

Jeremy Apgar  
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