

**Former Hampshire Chemical Corp. Facility Waterloo, Seneca County
(2014)**

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STATEMENT OF BASIS FINAL CORRECTIVE MEASURES SELECTION

Former Hampshire Chemical Corp. Facility
Operable Unit 02-Cayuga-Seneca Canal Sediment
Removal-AOC A
Waterloo, Seneca County
NYSDEC Site Number 850001A-OU2
EPA ID#NYD 002234763
March 2014



Prepared by
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Record of Decision

**NYSEG - Geneva - Border City Site
Town of Waterloo, Seneca County New York
Site Number 850008**

March 2009

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
DAVID PATERSON, Governor ALEXANDER B. GRANNIS, Commissioner

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Seneca County Economic Development Plan (2014)

GOALS/OPPORTUNITIES

- Research, analyze, and publish data on County economic trends and economic indicators.
- Encourage greater collaboration with New York State, municipalities, economic
- Seek and support local and nonlocal businesses that strengthen and diversify the
- Enhance tourism as a vital aspect of the County's economy and quality of life.
- Minimize land use conflicts.

Seneca County Economic Development Plan



Prepared by the Seneca County Planning and Community Development Department with assistance from Tony Favro

June 2014

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Selected Action Items/End Projects

- Continue to administer economic development programs at the county level, and monitor the success of businesses utilizing the programs.
- Maintain an itemization of economically significant natural resources and vulnerable lands including, but not limited to, prime farmland, forestland, shale deposits, waterways, ground water, and steep slopes.
- Strengthen connections between regional colleges and universities and County businesses to create vocational and professional programs—traditional and online—to meet Seneca County's current and future workforce needs.
- Assist communities in creating energy/sustainability plans as frameworks for economic development.
- Focus economic development to existing areas with adequate public facilities;
- Support and coordinate efforts to provide adequate infrastructure and targeted County investment in areas best suited for future and unmet employment opportunities;
- Maintain and enhance existing recreational and cultural activities, and help create new ones, to support both industry employers and quality of life.
- Carefully consider whether proposals for commercial or industrial business development will interfere with surrounding existing uses and whether they can be supported with the existing road system, other infrastructure, and available services.
- Ensure that new businesses do not detract from rural and/or village character.

**Genesee-Finger Lakes Economic
Development District**

**Draft Comprehensive Economic
Development Strategy**



Finger Lakes Regional Economic Development Council Strategic Plan (2011; 2012; 2013; and 2014) Seneca County



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**Progress Report &
Recommended
Priority Projects
Year 4**

August 2014

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SENECA COUNTY PRIORITY PROJECTS

- Seneca AgBio Green Energy Park
- Route 318 Corridor Infrastructure Phase 1-A
- Winery Based Wastewater Treatment Systems

REGIONAL PRIORITY PROJECTS

- PathStone Finger Lakes Enterprise Fund
- Multiple Pathways to Middle Skills Jobs
- Finger Lakes Business Accelerator Cooperative
- HTR Business Accelerator Project (Phase 3)
- Foodlink Food Hub
- Rochester Regional Photonics Cluster Industry Lab
- Eastman Business Park - Biosciences Manufacturing Center
- Growing the Agricultural Industry Now! Fund
- Finger Lakes Regional Center for Advanced Optics Manufacturing

Awards

- Town of Seneca Falls: Canal Harbor Improvement Project
- National Womens Hall of Fame: Seneca Knitting Mill Rehab Phase III
- Town of Seneca Falls: Town of Seneca Falls Wastewater Engineering Study
- Seneca BioEnergy, LLC: Seneca AgBio Green Energy Park
- Seneca County: Route 318 Corridor Sewer Study
- Village of Waterloo: Virginia Street Study
- Bishop Sheen Ecumenical Housing Foundation, Inc.: Seneca HOME Program
- Town of Seneca Falls: Central Business District Revitalization Program
- Town of Seneca Falls: Mr. Bults, Inc.

Village of Waterloo Downtown Needs Assessment (2012)



Village of Waterloo Downtown Needs Assessment

October 2012



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GOALS/OPPORTUNITIES

- Condition and Character of Main Street
- Downtown Organization
- Land Use and Zoning Regulations
- Condition of the Rear Façades of Buildings and the Main Municipal Parking Lot
- Route 5/20 Through the Village

Action Items/End Projects

- Continue to seek funds for façade and building renovations such as the NY Main Street Program.
- Develop a microenterprise assistance program.
- Strengthen the Waterloo business association.
- Improve the rear facades/entrances to the south side of Main Street buildings.
- Redesign the roadway/parking to the rear of buildings to better define vehicle and pedestrian space with landscaped medians/islands including trees, and pedestrian walkways.
- Work with the DOT to reduce the number of driving lanes on Main Street.
- Strengthen the Village zoning laws that relate to Downtown development
- Enact a vacant building and/or a nuisance property law.
- Update the Village sign ordinance.
- Continue work at Oak Island which shall include creating more/better access to downtown
- Install benches on Main Street. Encourage as much outdoor restaurant seating and merchandise displays as the sidewalk will safely allow.
- Sponsor more downtown events, especially those that connect the waterfront to downtown.
- Facilitate a downtown storefront window display program.
- Create a connection to local wineries and wine trails. Begin with local wine tasting opportunities.

Seneca County Tourism Plan- 2014 Matching Funds Tourism Promotion Agency Marketing Plan (2014)

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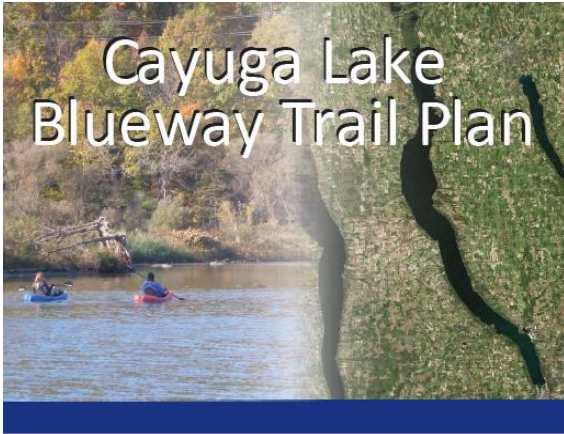
Marketing Strategy

- Investment in the development, promotion and preservation of the cultural, artistic and historic assets of the region
- Develop, network and promote the region's growing wine, culinary agricultural and food micro-enterprises
- Strengthen and support the development of the Finger Lakes diverse water resources and recreational tourism opportunities to foster greater access and promote year-round usage
- Capitalize on the Finger Lakes Lifestyle concept / build on positive destination image by leveraging partnerships and promotion of the region's high profile events, wellness, and educational assets to help with regional business retention and expansion

Key Focus Areas/Events

- Waterloo Premium Outlets
- State Parks
- Seneca Lakes Wine Trail & Cayuga Lake Wine Trail
- Seneca County Waterways
- Montezuma National Wildlife Refuge
- Women's Rights National Historic Park
- Finger Lakes National Forest
- Sampson Military Museum/Seneca Army Depot
- National Memorial Day Museum
- It's a Wonderful Life Museum
- Culinary/Agritourism Trails
- History/Heritage Trails
- Outdoor Recreational Assets
- Hunting/Fishing
- Biking

Cayuga Lake Blueway Trail Plan (2013)



Blueway Trail Plan

December, 2013

Prepared for:
Cayuga Lake Blueway Trail Plan Committee



This Plan was prepared for the New York State Department of State with funds provided under Title 11 of the Environmental Protection Fund.

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BACKGROUND/GOALS

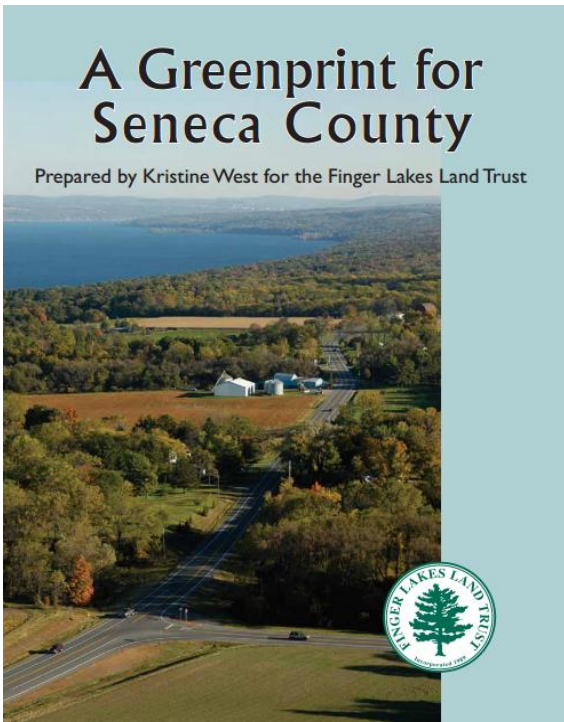
The Cayuga Lake Blueway Trail Plan identifies the existing conditions along the lakeshore for paddle boaters; provides an assessment of the regional assets; identifies gaps in access areas along the lakeshore; includes proposed locations and preliminary concepts for future access points and launch sites; as well as a marketing and outreach strategy

- Marketing the Blueway through informational materials, an interactive website, and promotional materials
- Install Blueway Trail Signage
- Implement Physical Improvements at the priority pilot sites
- Develop agreements and partnerships with private businesses and landowners and support their development of launch site improvements;
- Work with stakeholders to create an ongoing Blueway Trail Steering Committee

Action Items/End Projects

- Develop an interactive website which can be updated with site amenities, current weather conditions, and emergency information for the Blueway Trail.
- Design an attractive water trail logo/sign along with an interpretive navigational map/kiosk.
- Continue to work with key stakeholders to create an ongoing working committee to assist with further design, promotion, and implementation of the Cayuga Lake Blueway Trail.
- Update publications such as brochures and maps as future sites are added to the Blueway Trail.
- Develop a shuttle system to and from popular blueway sites
- Efforts should be made to secure additional shoreline access sites around the lake; while also maintaining the character of undeveloped shoreline and vista points through the use of conservation easements.
- Identify and develop potential trail management entities or partnerships.
- Continue to work with key stakeholders to create an ongoing working committee to assist with further design, promotion, and implementation of the Blueway Trail.

A Greenprint for Seneca County (2010)



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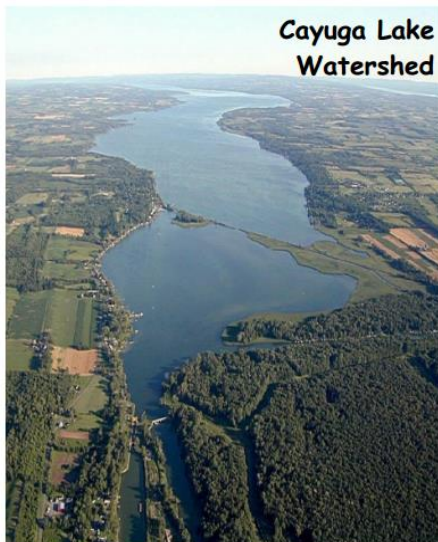
BACKGROUND/GOALS

The Seneca County Greenprint is a plan that identifies links between the county's natural resources, its economic development and its overall quality of life. Its purpose is to promote the conservation of environmental assets which underpin Seneca County's economic, cultural and environmental vitality. The key components of this greenprint are lands vital to water quality, agriculture, compatible tourism, and the health of eight natural resource focus areas. Descriptions of each component include an assessment of the resource and potential threats to its long term viability. Recommendations are made for each resource to promote conservation through collaborative and community based efforts.

Selected Action Items/End Projects

- Implement land use policies and standards at the town level to protect open space and farmland, to minimize impacts of residential development and to maximize the efficiency of providing public services to residents.
- Minimize environmental impacts of agricultural practices by encouraging participation in technical assistance and incentive programs.
- Improve public access to the lakes through the development of a Water Trail System.
- Reduce nutrient loading and sedimentation to the lakes
- Seek opportunities to provide additional public access to the region's scenic resources through interpretive viewing areas along the county's designated scenic roads.
- Implement land use planning, site design and building standards
- Encourage the owners of remaining undeveloped shoreline parcels to permanently protect their land through voluntary conservation measures.
- Secure the future of remaining privately owned wetland areas and adjacent upland buffers through acquisition from willing sellers, management agreements and conservation easements.
- Encourage additional participation in the Agricultural Environmental Management program and restoration efforts along with the use of conservation easements by landowners adjacent to Canoga Marsh, Canoga Creek and its tributaries.

Cayuga Lake Watershed Restoration and Protection Plan (2001)



RESTORATION AND PROTECTION PLAN

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GOALS/OPPORTUNITIES

The Intermunicipal Organization (IO) will work through the development and implementation of the Restoration and Protection Plan (RPP) to promote the understanding that is vital to maintain and improve the ecological health and beauty of the watershed and the protection and preservation of Cayuga Lake, along with building and maintaining a productive economy in order to sustain a healthy social environment for the people of the Cayuga Lake Watershed.

Selected Action Items/End Projects

- minimize nonpoint source pollution of both surface and groundwater in the watershed;
- the remediation of existing pollution and degradation;
- the preservation of open space and natural resources;
- the expansion of economic activities consistent with the watershed environment;
- developing programs for educating the public and public officials;
- developing compatible components of their comprehensive plans and zoning and natural-resource ordinances;
- exploring mutually beneficial ways of securing and sharing federal, state, and county agency funding for the programs that accomplish their objectives in the above areas;
- sharing the costs of monitoring compliance and enforcement of regulation;
- the resolution of disputes regarding development projects with intermunicipal impacts;
- the resolution of disputes regarding development projects that impact environmentally sensitive areas;
- working with federal, state, and county agencies and authorities to assure that their activities in the watershed are compatible with the plans and programs of the cooperating municipalities; and
- understand ecosystem dynamics within the watershed in an effort to prevent and/or respond to threats to its integrity.

Cayuga Lake Watershed Wetland Management Project (2001)

Cayuga Lake Watershed



Wetland Management

September 2001

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BACKGROUND

This document summarizes a technical strategy for identifying priority actions to restore riparian corridors and wetlands. The strategy also guides selection of appropriate restoration strategy based on landscape position, dominant land use, and the water quality issues to be addressed.

Selected Action Items/End Projects

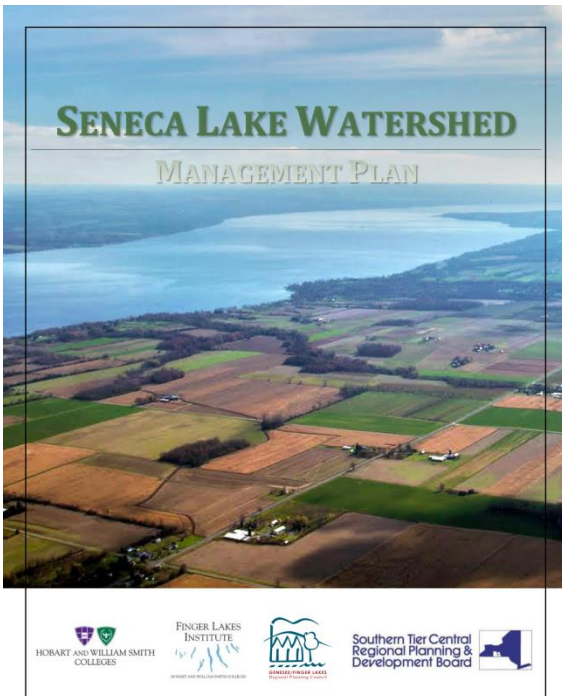
Priorities for Streambank Restoration:

- Minor erosion was found along the western and eastern subwatersheds north of the Taughannock Creek and Salmon Creek subwatersheds. The direct drainage basins on the southern end of the lake showed very few signs of erosion.
- Appreciable erosion problems were found in the northeastern subwatershed of Yawger, Great Gully and Lavanna Area subwatersheds. Spring Brook also ranked as "appreciable".
- Low end of severe erosion was found in Taughannock and Bolter subwatersheds. The major Salmon Creek subwatershed (Salmon, Little Salmon, and Big Salmon Creeks) also had severe erosion problems (G/FLRPC, 2000).
- Severe erosion was found in the large subwatersheds in the southern end of the basin such as Fall, Virgil, and Sixmile Creeks.
- Very Severe erosion was documented along the Cayuga Inlet.

Priorities for Wetland Restoration and Protection:

- Cayuga Inlet, Taughannock, Salmon, Paines, Great Gully, and Sheldrake would be candidates for wetland creation.
- Hicks, Fall, Trumansburg, Ledyard, Mack, and Yawger Creeks are candidates for wetland restoration.
- Renwick, Canoga, Glenwood, Gulf, Tributary 68, and Willow Brook would be targeted for wetland preservation.

Seneca Lake Watershed Management Plan (2014)



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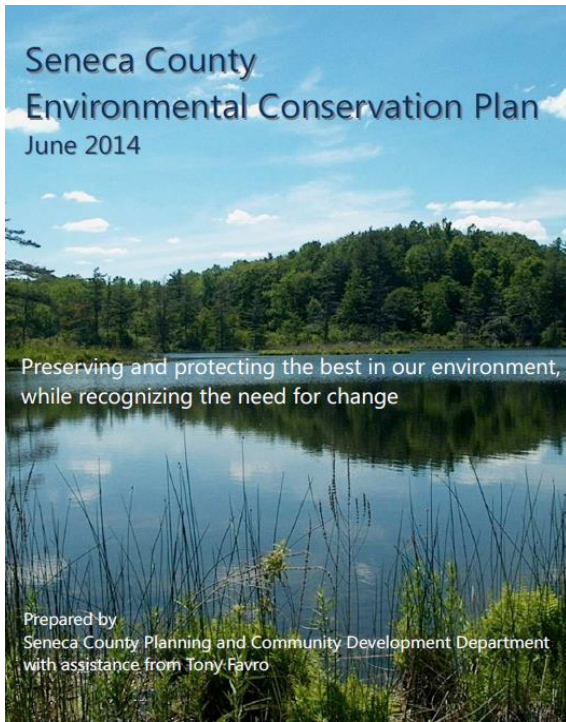
BACKGROUND/GOALS

The Seneca Lake Watershed Management Plan serves as a long-term strategy for the protection and restoration of water quality and ensures compatible land use and development.

Selected Action Items/End Projects

- Educate municipalities, residents and other interested parties on soil conservation, steep slope development, erosion control, floodplain development and water quality.
- Continued and additional lake level monitoring to better predict low water levels in order to prevent health and safety issues as well as protect the wildlife.
- Provide opportunities for citizens to volunteer for specific projects and on PAC committees
- Create and maintain riparian buffer zones for all streams adjacent to agricultural land starting with the critical areas
- Provide education and training of local officials on erosion controls and stormwater management
- Require new developments to maintain the volume of runoff at predevelopment levels by using structural controls and pollution prevention strategies
- Educate the general public on the role, process, accomplishments, needs, and future strategy of sewer districts and wastewater treatment facilities.
- Implement and promote programs to encourage homeowners to adopt best practices for septic
- Provide outreach and education to community, schools, and other institutions on green chemistry, green engineering, and other pollution prevention practices
- Implement watershed-wide pickup of hazardous wastes and obsolete/canceled use pesticides using the "Clean Sweep" model
- Enforce floodplain development regulations
- Adopt stream buffer setback regulations.
- Extension of eastern terminus of Outlet Trail to Seneca Lake Shoreline
- Open space conservation
- Support invasive species outreach and education initiatives
- Conduct research and monitoring to improve early detection and management of IS
- Increase state, regional and local capacity to respond to new or additional invasive species discoveries

Seneca County Environmental Conservation Plan (2014)



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GOALS/OPPORTUNITIES

- Protect and enhance the integrity and economic viability of Seneca County's natural resources for current and future residents.
- Ensure the long-term preservation of surface and groundwater resources in Seneca County.
- Promote sustainable waste management.
- Continue to identify and promote the preservation of cultural, historic, and scenic resources that celebrate Seneca County's heritage.

Selected Action Items/End Projects

- Work with local land conservancies, property owners, and other stakeholders to establish requirements for the sustainability of vulnerable lands and to prioritize and protect those of highest value.
- Collaborate with towns and villages to suggest and agree upon appropriate incentives to preserve agricultural lands, open space networks, ecological corridors, cultural and historic assets, and other natural resources, such as purchase of development rights, transfer of development rights, conservation easements, cluster development regulations, and other best practices.
- Educate the public about the environmental, economic, cultural, and historic value of natural systems for sustainability.
- Encourage compliance with best practice agricultural performance standards for surface and groundwater protection.
- Develop model land use regulations, and encourage their adoption by local governments, to control erosion
- Limit development on roads prone to flooding.
- Encourage all local governments to reduce resource use and undertake energy audits.
- Work with tourism, business, and community groups to prepare a heritage tourism strategy.
- Encourage development that adheres to the principles of smart growth and green building.

Seneca Lake Watershed Management Plan Characterization and Subwatershed Evaluation (2012)

Seneca Lake Watershed Management Plan

Characterization and Subwatershed Evaluation



May 2012

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Southern Tier Central Regional Planning and Development Board



An update of Setting a Course for Seneca Lake: The State of the Seneca Lake Watershed 1999

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BACKGROUND/GOALS

The objective of this report is to summarize new limnological and stream hydrogeochemical findings since the 1999 publication

Identified Areas for Additional Work

- The linkages between the meteorology, heat fluxes of the dynamics (physical limnology) in the lake.
- The linkages between salt mining activities and the salinity of the lake.
- The detection, distribution, impact and potential control of exotic species with the lake and its watershed.
- The observed decline of the benthic communities in the lake and its impact on the lake's ecology.
- Follow up on the initial fish and macroinvertebrate distributions, heavy metal concentrations, and other associations in the watershed's tributaries.
- The linkages between stream corridors, sediment transport, and habitat availability and quality.
- Maintain the active water quality monitoring program in the lake to document future changes in the lake's trophic status, and maintain efforts to determine its relationship to nutrient and sediment loading from the watershed and internal pressures by various exotic species.
- The historical record of heavy metals, organic and other potentially toxic compounds for the watershed.

Setting a Course for Seneca Lake: The State of the Seneca Lake Watershed (1999)

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IDENTIFIED CONCERN/DATA LIMITATIONS

- Sampling and Monitoring of the water quality of Seneca Lake, especially in regards to chloride, hardness and selected pollutants.
- Exotic Species. The variability of algal, phosphate, and nitrate concentrations indicates that continued research is essential to statistically prove and completely understand the extent of zebra mussel impact on the ecology of the lake.
- Pesticides. Data are not available to exclude a full range of potential pollutants in the watershed and/or detail changes in these water quality parameters over time.
- Tributaries. In general data on the tributaries to Seneca Lake is lacking.
- Limited information is available to assess the impact of forest harvest activities on water quality in the watershed
- Landfills, Dumps, Junkyards and Hazardous Waste Sites. There are no complete records for the opening and closure of local municipal dumps.
- Mines. Only in the last twenty years has the NYSDEC required permits for mining operations and reclamation.
- Bulk Storage. NYSDEC databases were used for the identification of chemical and petroleum bulk petroleum storage sites. However this database does not identify unpermitted sites or sites that were in operation prior to current permitting and database practices.
- Onsite Septic Systems. More data and information on septic systems in the watershed is needed so as to assess environmental and water quality impacts.
- Well Drilling Operations. Include data on gas, oil, brine and solution wells.
- Programmatic Environment. Inventory and description of federal, state and local laws effecting land use regulation and control, nonpoint source pollution and water quality
- Effectiveness of mitigating measures in reducing export of sediment and nutrients from subwatersheds.

Agriculture and Farmland Protection Plan

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Agriculture provides
opportunities to see the
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BACKGROUND/GOALS

To support the continued economic prosperity of the largest economic sector in Seneca County by: recognizing the diversity of agriculture within the County, supporting local production, processing and marketing of agricultural products, supporting the preservation of prime farmland, encouraging environmental stewardship, and promoting the education about and awareness of the value of agriculture in Seneca County

- Enhance the Economic Climate for Agriculture in Seneca County
- Increase the Awareness of the Economic and Social Importance of Agriculture in Seneca County
- Provide an Ongoing Community Education program for the Non-Farm Public
- Acknowledge and Enhance the Environmental Stewardship of Agricultural Businesses
- Preserve Prime Agricultural Land

Selected Action Items/End Projects

- Include Agriculture in Economic Development Initiatives
- Promote Locally Grown Products
- Facilitate Small Scale Food Processing
- Capitalize on Emerging Technologies
- Support New York State Food Venture Center
- Develop Agriculture Workforce
- Facilitate Farm Transfer
- Reduce Tax and Regulatory Burden
- Encourage Agritourism
- Form an Agriculture Promotion Council
- Develop a Seneca County Agriculture Web Site
- Encourage Participation in “Agriculture in the Classroom”
- Strengthen Continued Support of “Fun on the Farm” Events
- Acknowledge the role Agriculture Plays in Environmental Stewardship
- Promote Sustainable Agriculture
- Implement the Agriculture Environmental Management Program on Seneca County Farms
- Effectively Implement and Maintain the Agriculture District Program
- Initiative Voluntary Farmland Preservation Programs
- Encourage Local Towns to Plan for Farmland Protection

Canal Corridor Economic & Market Analysis (2003)

Canal Corridor Economic & Market Analysis



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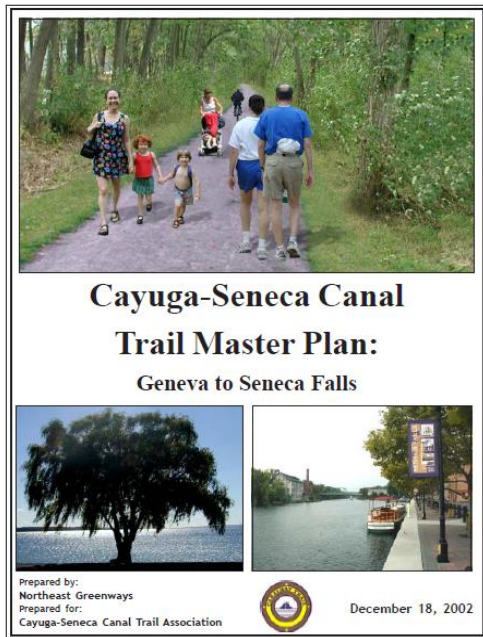
BACKGROUND

Major job losses in recent years in the Routes 5 & 20 Corridor in Seneca County stimulated the communities of the Towns and Villages of Waterloo and Seneca Falls to come together to seek new opportunities to create jobs and stabilize community businesses. The project provides for an inventory, analysis and strategy for balancing business development with the strong historic, cultural and environmental character of the area. The project links environmental protection, community and neighborhood preservation, with sustainable economic development across the towns and villages adjoining the canal corridor in Seneca County.

Selected Goals/Action Items

- Market Trends and Opportunities: Trips closer to Home; shorter stays; increase in recreational/outdoor activities; aging U.S. population
- New Business Opportunities: Bed and Breakfasts; family oriented activities; antique stores; canal harbor vendors; tent camping;
- Other Activities: Brand the Canal Corridor; develop a Canal Corridor map; develop Canal Corridor website; institute Rt 5&20 streetscape improvements; institute façade improvement programs in downtown area
- Enactment of Development Standards for the Route 5 and 20 Corridor
- Implementation of development standards throughout the Canal Corridor through the use of a Canal Corridor Overlay District, and changes to existing zoning, site-plan review, and signage ordinances so as to maximize the compatibility of the various regulations.
- Sign ordinances are an important tool that municipalities have to regulate all manner of signs in order to reduce visual clutter and promote the general attractiveness of the community.
- Utilize resources including: G/FLRPC; Cornell Community and Rural Development Institute; New York State Department of State; Legislative Member Items

Cayuga-Seneca Canal Trail Master Plan: Geneva to Seneca Falls (2002)



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BACKGROUND

The Cayuga-Seneca Canal Trail is a proposed nineteen-mile multi-use trail that will follow the Cayuga-Seneca Canal from Seneca Lake to the Montezuma National Wildlife Refuge. The trail will link natural and historic sites of statewide and national importance and pass through picturesque Finger Lakes scenery. It will serve the recreation and transportation needs of residents and assist visitors in exploring the region's tourist destinations.

Selected Action Items/End Projects

- Preserve an abandoned railroad corridor and make it available for public use.
- Provide access along a historic branch of the Erie Canal system. The Canal Trail will link Geneva Lakefront Park to the Seneca Falls Canal Harbor, one of seven Canal Harbors being developed along the New York State Canal System, and eventually to the 348-mile Canalway Trail currently under development along the historic Erie Canal.
- Provide access to sites in the Villages of Waterloo and Seneca Falls that comprise the Women's Rights National Historical Park, where the women's equality movement began in the United States.
- Encourage non-motorized access to areas of unique natural beauty and significance, including the Montezuma National Wildlife Refuge, Bishops Preserve and two state parks – Cayuga Lake and Seneca Lake State Parks.
- Provide an economic boost to local communities. A National Park Service study found that trail use pumped between \$1.2 and \$1.9 million annually into the economy of nearby communities.
- Provide a venue for activities that bring community members together and help promote the community to visitors.

Seneca County, New York 2011 Comprehensive Plan Housing Plan (2011)

SENECA COUNTY, NEW YORK

2011 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

HOUSING PLAN

Version 1.0, adopted 11 January 2011



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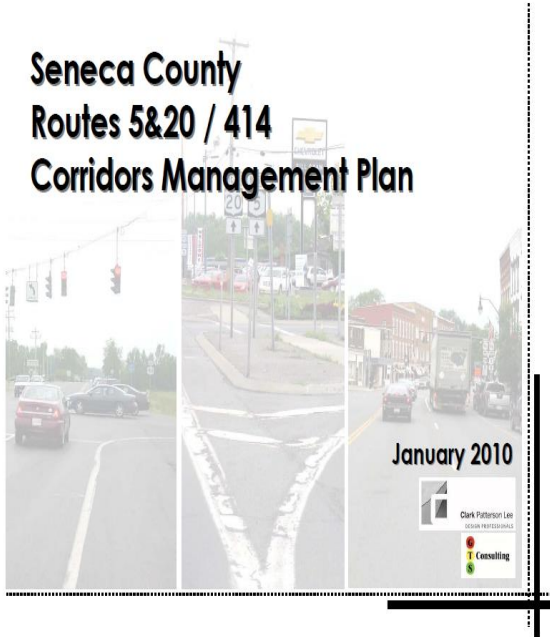
GOALS/OPPORTUNITIES

- Protecting Property Investment
- High Neighborhood Quality of Life
- Properties Well Maintained
- Opportunity to Live in Safe, Decent, Affordable Housing
- Reducing Property Taxes

Action Items/End Projects

- Develop local and/or countywide income eligible housing rehabilitation needs assessments
- Develop local and/or countywide energy efficiency needs assessments
- Ensure that when Seneca County agencies provide housing subsidy assistance or place families into emergency housing, only housing units that pass the Seneca County Building Code Enforcement safety inspection are eligible for use
- Develop plans to meet the housing needs of segments of the population that require support services, including seniors, youth, and those that risk of homelessness, or who are homeless
- Develop plans and programs to meet the housing needs of people interested in higher end homes and rental units
- Provide education and training programs for elected officials, board members, community leaders, developers and builders, and the general public on the need for and benefits of affordable and income-eligible housing programs
- Encourage county and regional housing coalitions to promote collaboration on housing issues
- Gather additional parcel-level data to fill gaps, particularly those relevant to State and Federal housing funding agencies
- Encourage the Seneca County Housing Coalition to develop working relationships with neighboring counties
- Develop income-eligible housing fund clearinghouse to better connect the public with State and Federal subsidy programs
- Develop procedures to implement and update Seneca County's Fair Housing Policy

Seneca County Routes 5&20 / 414 Corridors Management Plan (2010)



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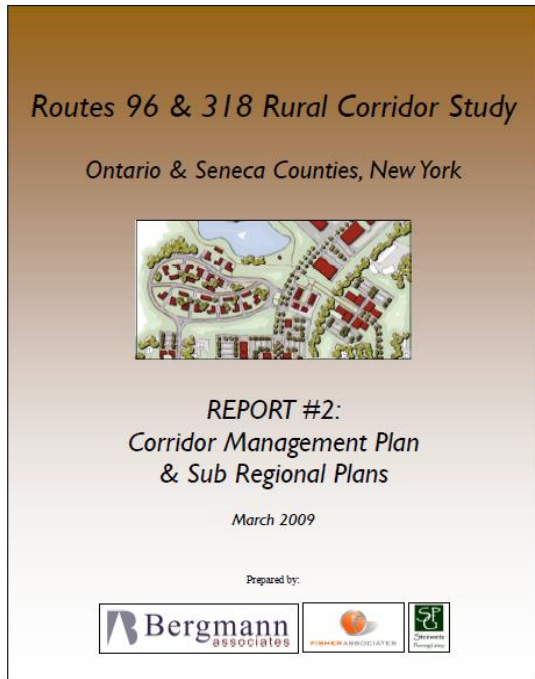
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- Limit development on roads prone to flooding.
- Encourage all local governments to reduce resource use and undertake energy audits.
- Work with tourism, business, and community groups to prepare a heritage tourism strategy.
- Encourage development that adheres to the principles of smart growth and green building.

Routes 96 & 318 Rural Corridor Study Ontario & Seneca Counties, New York (2009)



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BACKGROUND

The purpose of the project is to develop a corridor management plan that will facilitate development of a safe, efficient, and integrated transportation network that maintains community character, coordinates decision-making, and advances appropriately-scaled residential, commercial and industrial development

Goals/Strategies

Goal Area #1: Community Character

- Preserve rural character and encourage long-term viability of agricultural operations and protection of farmland resources.
- Enhance mixed-use, commercial, and industrial areas.

Goal Area #2: Safe and Efficient Transportation

- Improve vehicular safety throughout the corridor.
- Ensure existing and future commercial developments utilize best practices for access management.

Goal Area #3: Bicycle and Pedestrian Accommodations

- Expand opportunities for recreational biking and hiking.
- Improve pedestrian and bicycle safety in the corridor.
- Encourage bicycling and walking to and between commercial uses.

Goal Area #4: Economic Development

- Capitalize on the presence of historic and cultural assets adjacent to the corridor.
- Encourage sustainable business development that meets the needs of residents and expands the employment base.
- Support agriculture-based economic development initiatives.

Goal Area #5: Regional Cooperation

- Ensure this Study is utilized by developers, municipal officials, and residents.
- Continue the regional and collaborative approach to planning established by this Study.
- Leverage the corridor's status as a significant gateway to the Finger Lakes Region.

Goal Area #6: Sustainable Land Use and Design

- Enhance access to and preservation of important natural features.
- Target growth to areas where sufficient transportation and water/sewer infrastructure is already present.

- Create community environments that promote and support healthy food and beverage choices and physical activity
- Educate the public about the risk associated with the overconsumption of sugary drinks through Re-think Your Drink presentations
- Increase access to healthy foods through community gardens/and local producers to distribute locally grown produce to food pantries and to students and families enrolled in the Seneca County backpack programs
- Expand the role of public and private employers in obesity prevention
- Implement evidenced based strategies for County Employee Wellness Program that facilitates increased physical activity and nutrition
- Reduce Obesity in Children and Adults
- Increase access to high quality chronic disease preventive care and management in clinical and community settings
- Promote culturally relevant chronic disease self-management education
- Reduce underage drinking
- Seek additional funding to advocate for underage drinking initiatives, drug free programs and increased alcohol education within the community