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May 2, 2018

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The objective of the Phase IA study will be to identify the archaeological sensitivity of the Project Area through review of known archaeological data, archival data, site file information, and previous cultural surveys. The goal of this review will be to identify where archaeological field testing (Phase IB) may be needed to identify archaeological resources within the Area of Potential Effect (APE). Based on a review of CRIS, there are no known previously recorded archaeological sites with the Project Area boundaries; there are several located within a one-mile radius **(see Figure 2)**. For archaeological resources, the APE is defined as a location where significant ground disturbances may occur, including the construction of access roads, work spaces, buried electric collection lines, and electrical interconnection facilities. It is anticipated that the installation of posts for solar panels, as well as fencing, would be conducted by pile-

driver or similar device and not constitute a significant ground disturbance. Should Phase IB survey be determined necessary, High River Energy Center will submit a detailed Research Design for your agency's review and concurrence prior to initiation of field studies.

**Historic Architecture**

The APE for above-ground structures is defined as the geographic area or areas within which the undertaking may directly or indirectly cause changes in the character or use of historic properties. The APE is determined in relation to the scale of the undertaking, including new construction, improvements, or demolitions to be made during operation and maintenance of the Project. Although the Project Area is known to contain approximately seven above-ground structures, including four farm complexes, the Project is expected to have no physical impacts to above-ground resources.

The APE for indirect (visual, atmospheric, or audible) effects includes those areas removed in distance, where Project components will be visible and where there is a potential for a significant visual effect. Although the requirements set forth in 16 NYCRR § 1000.2 (ar) define the study area to be used for above-ground resource analysis is those areas within five miles of the proposed Project and which fall within the potential Project viewshed (i.e., those areas from which the Project is potentially visible), the viewshed impact analysis proposed for this Project is two miles. The final APE will be determined in consultation with the OPRHP. A five-mile-radius, above-ground resource study area would include parts of the towns of Florida and Amsterdam and the City of Amsterdam in Montgomery County, and the towns of Duanesburg, Princetown, Rotterdam, Glenville, and Charlton in Schenectady County.

We look forward to continued consultation with your office as well as submittal of detailed cultural resource work plans, as needed, in support of the licensing process. Should you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (301) 276-8040, or tsara@trcsolutions.com.

Sincerely yours,
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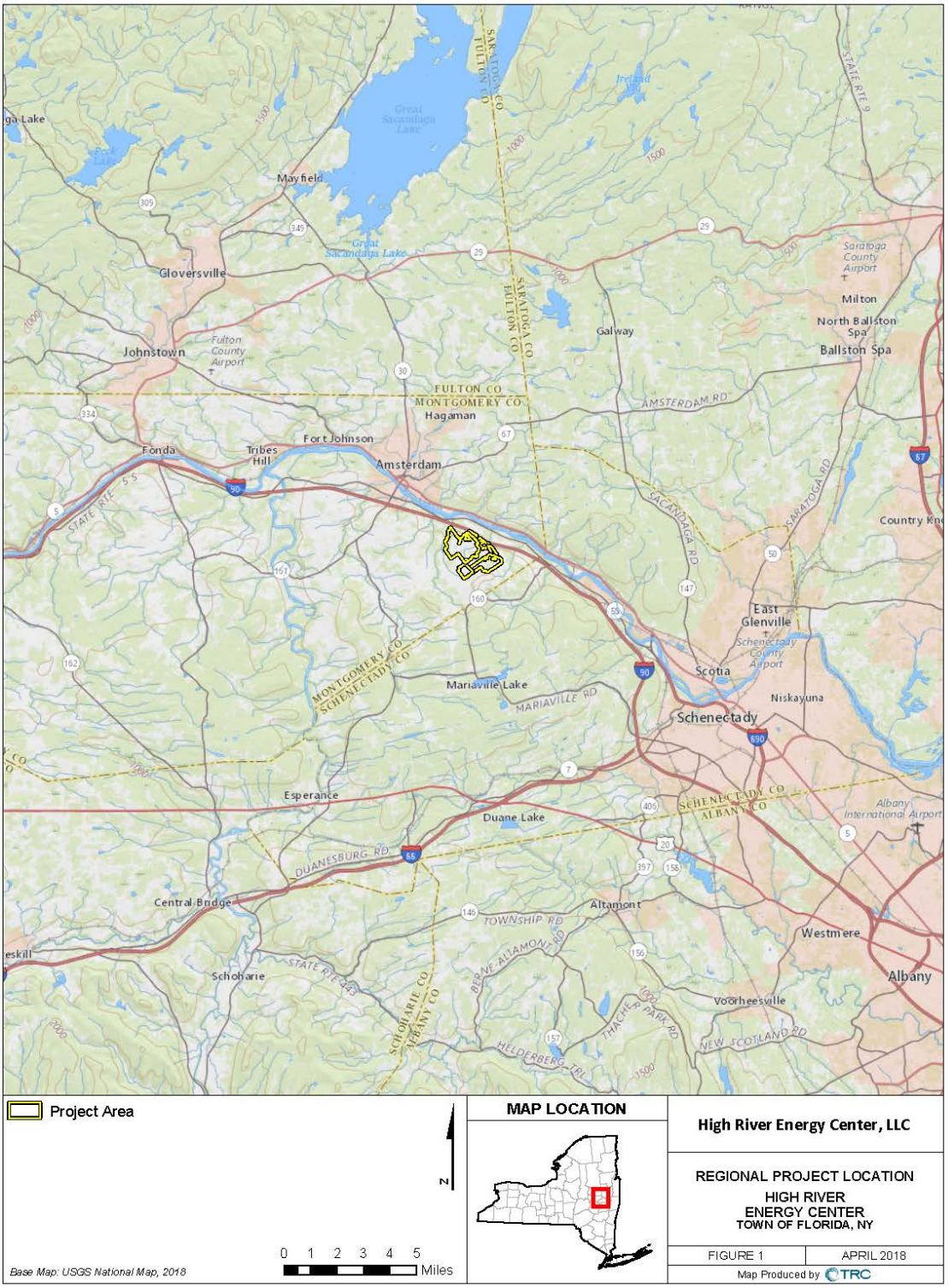


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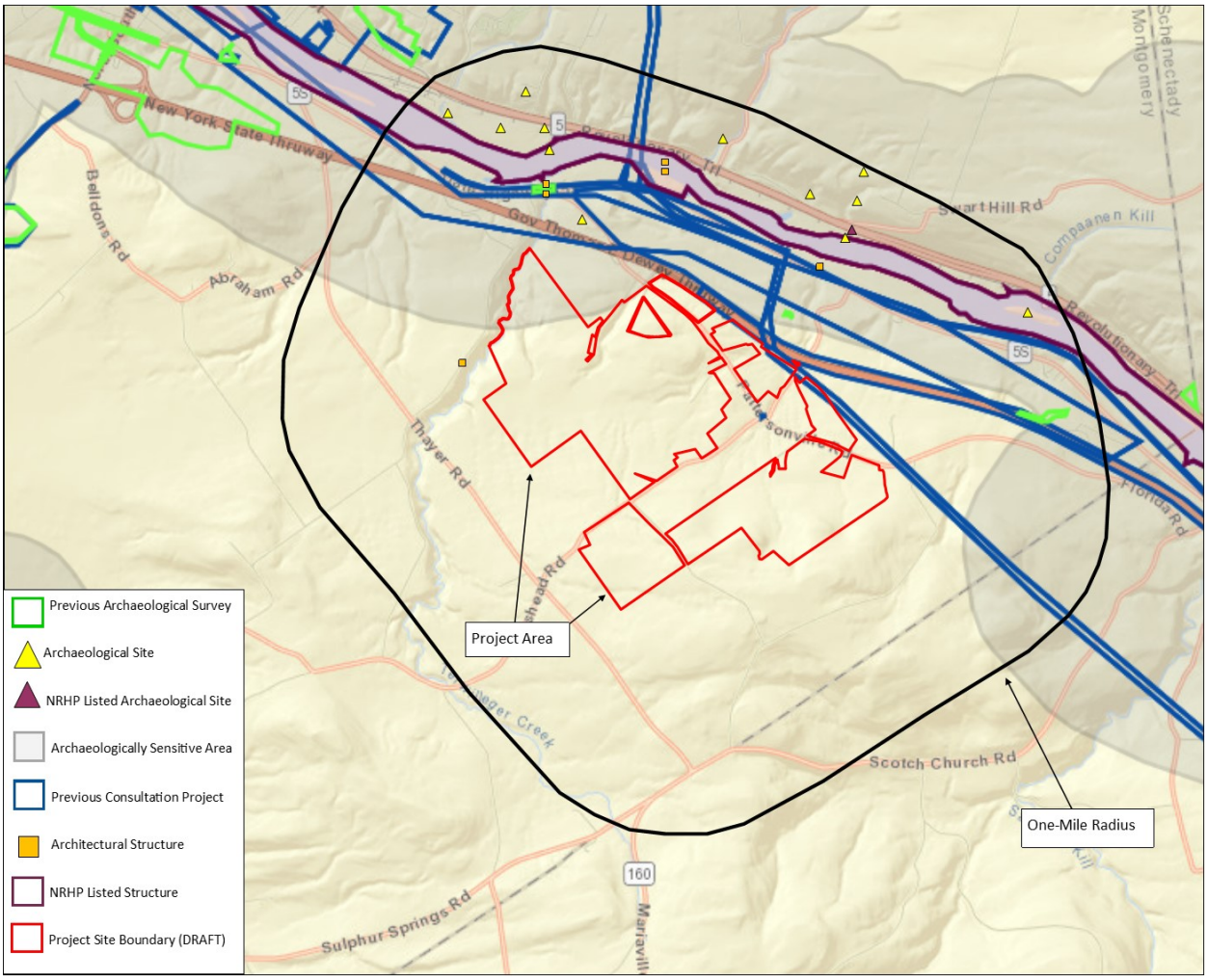


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**RE: Submittal of Historic Architecture Survey Work Plan: Proposed High River Solar Energy Center, Project 18PR02696, Town of Florida, Montgomery County, New York**

Dear Ms. Czernecki,

High River Energy Center, LLC, (High River Energy Center) proposes to construct a 90-megawatt solar energy center, the High River Energy Center, in the Town of Florida, Montgomery County, New York. The High River Energy Center (Project) will be licensed by the New York Public Service Commission (PSC) under Article 10 of the Public Service Law (PSL).

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- **Project Setting**

The Project site is located on the slopes of a plateau above the south bank of the Mohawk River near the boundary between Montgomery County and Schenectady County. The New York State Thruway proceeds through the study area from east to west. A large quarrying operation, adjacent to an abandoned section of the Erie Canal, occupies a large site on the south bank of the river within view of the Project. Lock Number 10 spans the Mohawk River near the Project. Due to the elevated position of the Project, the site has views across the river. The area around the Project appears rural and undeveloped (see Attachment A).

- **Work Plan Consultation**

The New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation (OPRHP), in its review comments received on May 10, 2019, through the Cultural Resources Information System (CRIS), has requested a Historic Architectural Resources Survey and Work Plan. In a phone conversation on May 31, 2019, the OPRHP requested that the work plan includes a two-mile study area for above-ground, historic architectural resources identification and survey. Therefore, TRC proposes the following work plan to complete the requested historic architectural survey and visual effects assessment. TRC proposes to identify and map all National Register of Historic Places-listed (NRHP) architectural historic properties within a two-mile-wide study area around the Project as part of

background research. This research will inform the boundaries of the Area of Potential Effect (APE), the reconnaissance survey, and historic properties to be included in Criteria of Adverse Effects reporting.

- **Survey Methodology and APE**

TRC will complete a reconnaissance-level historic architectural survey to identify, document, and evaluate NRHP-eligible above-ground cultural resources 50 years old or older within the APE. TRC proposes an APE and survey methodology that will account for direct and indirect (visual, atmospheric, or audible) effects on above-ground cultural resources within a two-mile study area (see Attachment B). TRC proposes to identify all NRHP-listed architectural historic properties within a two-mile wide study area around the proposed Project in a table as part of the background research effort. The two-mile study area will extend from Project boundaries, and the assessment of effects will be based on a project viewshed analysis defined by bare-earth topography GIS modelling.

The APE will include all land areas within the two-mile study area that have bare-earth visibility of the Project. Within the proposed APE, TRC will conduct an architectural survey that includes background research, site file review, digital photography, and field survey identification of architectural resources within the APE. TRC proposes to survey all previously inventoried resources from the following categories of NRHP status: resources with undetermined NRHP status, NRHP-eligible resources, and NRHP-listed resources. TRC will update the NRHP status of these previously surveyed resources. Additionally, TRC will survey newly identified resources that appear to meet NRHP eligibility criteria.

- **Historic Districts**

Due to the project's proximity to an urban area, namely the City of Amsterdam, TRC anticipates surveying historic districts within the APE. Previously surveyed, NRHP-listed historic districts will be re-surveyed and photographed in representative streetscape views. TRC will provide an assessment of integrity, an updated NRHP eligibility recommendation, and an effects assessment for each previously surveyed, NRHP-listed historic district. If potential historic districts that have not been previously surveyed are identified, TRC will provide:

- representative photographs of streetscape within the APE;
- a list of contributing/non-contributing resources within the APE in table form;
- a brief physical description of each contributing/non-contributing resource;
- construction date estimate;
- a preliminary statement of significance; and
- recommendations for future survey.

Resources within historic districts and within the APE will be included in the surveyed resources list and the visual effects assessment in the Criteria of Adverse Effect report. All resources will be assessed from public rights of way.

- **Reporting**

In support of the Project's Article 10 application, TRC will submit a Historic Architectural Reconnaissance Survey report in accordance to the OPRHP and the Secretary of the Interior's survey standards and reporting guidelines. Surveyed resources will be entered into CRIS, along with the technical report and GIS shapefiles. The Historic Architectural Reconnaissance Survey report will provide NRHP eligibility recommendations for the surveyed resources for OPRHP review and comment.

Upon concurrence with NRHP eligibility recommendations for surveyed resources, TRC will provide a Criteria of Adverse Effect report for OPRHP review and comment. Therefore, this work plan proposes an NRHP eligibility report and an assessment of effects to historic properties identified in the APE as separate documents. Separate Criteria of Adverse Effect reporting will include the defined APE and the aforementioned, bare-earth topography viewshed analysis.

Should you have any questions or wish to discuss this work plan, please do not hesitate to contact me at 412.713.7102 or mhyland@trccompanies.com.

Respectfully submitted,
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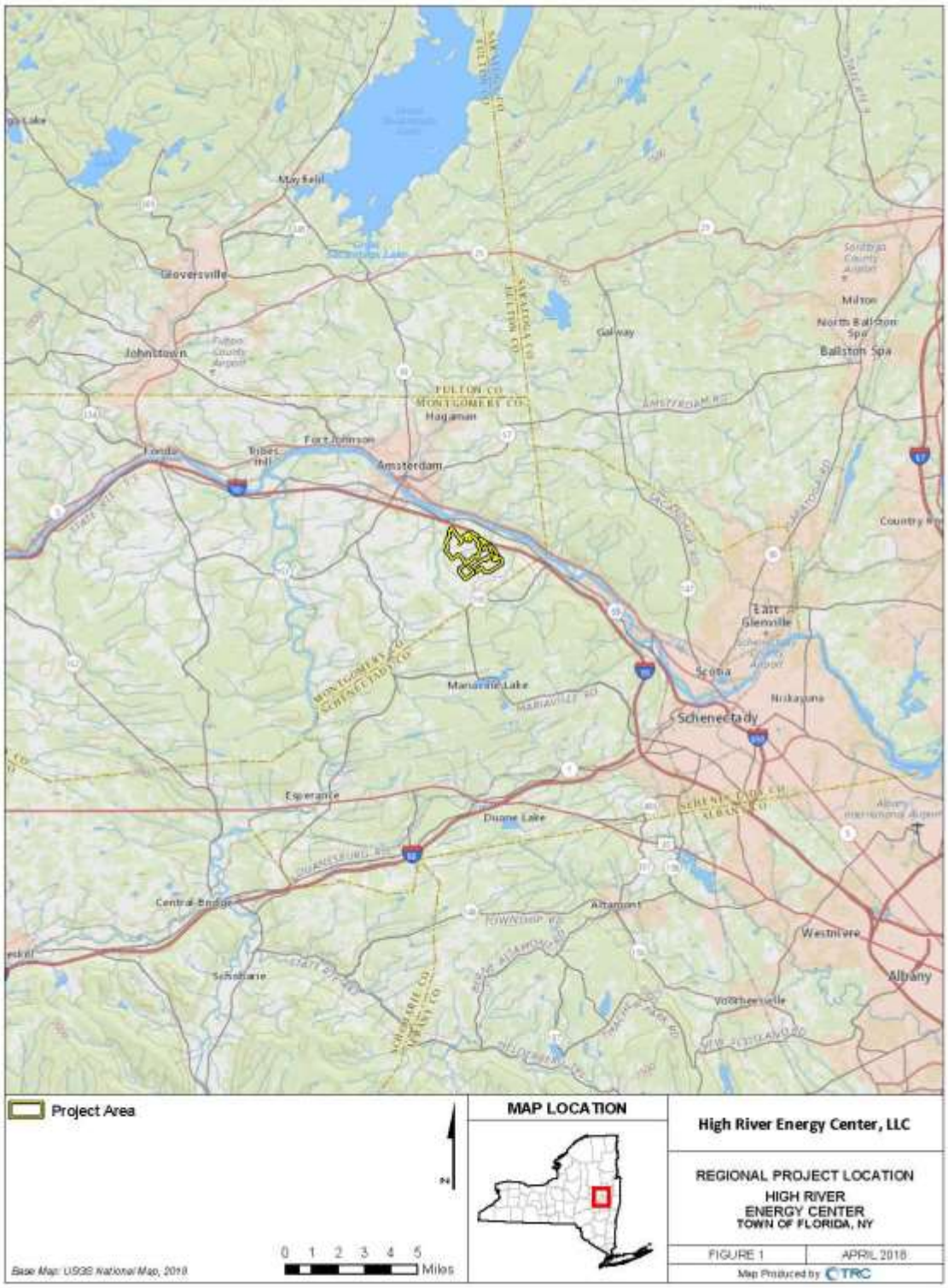

Attachment B

# Project 18PR02696 Location and Two-Mile Buffer


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Project Locations

Two-Mile Buffer

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| High River Energy Center, LLC<br>Town of Florida<br>Montgomery County | |
| Source: Google Earth, 2018 | |
| Work Plan<br>Study Area | July 2019 |

## Project 18PR02696: High River Energy Center - Solar project (IO7A9Y62I6GH)

View Project

Please accept the following information below as the consolidated response from NYS SHPO for the above referenced submission.

### Review Responses

| Reviewer | Review Type | Response |
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| Erin Czernecki | Survey and Evaluation | In order for SHPO to complete our evaluation of the historic significance of all buildings/structures/districts within or adjacent to your project area, we need further information. Please review the specific information request(s) below and click the Process button to respond to each request. |
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### Information Requests

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| | Information Requested | Erin Czernecki | Survey and Evaluation | Request a New Attachment, Photo, or Survey for this Consultation Project | | Survey | SHPO Survey and Evaluation staff look forward to reviewing the Historic Architectural Resources Survey and Work Plan and are available for consultation while the Plan is being developed. |
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### Attachments

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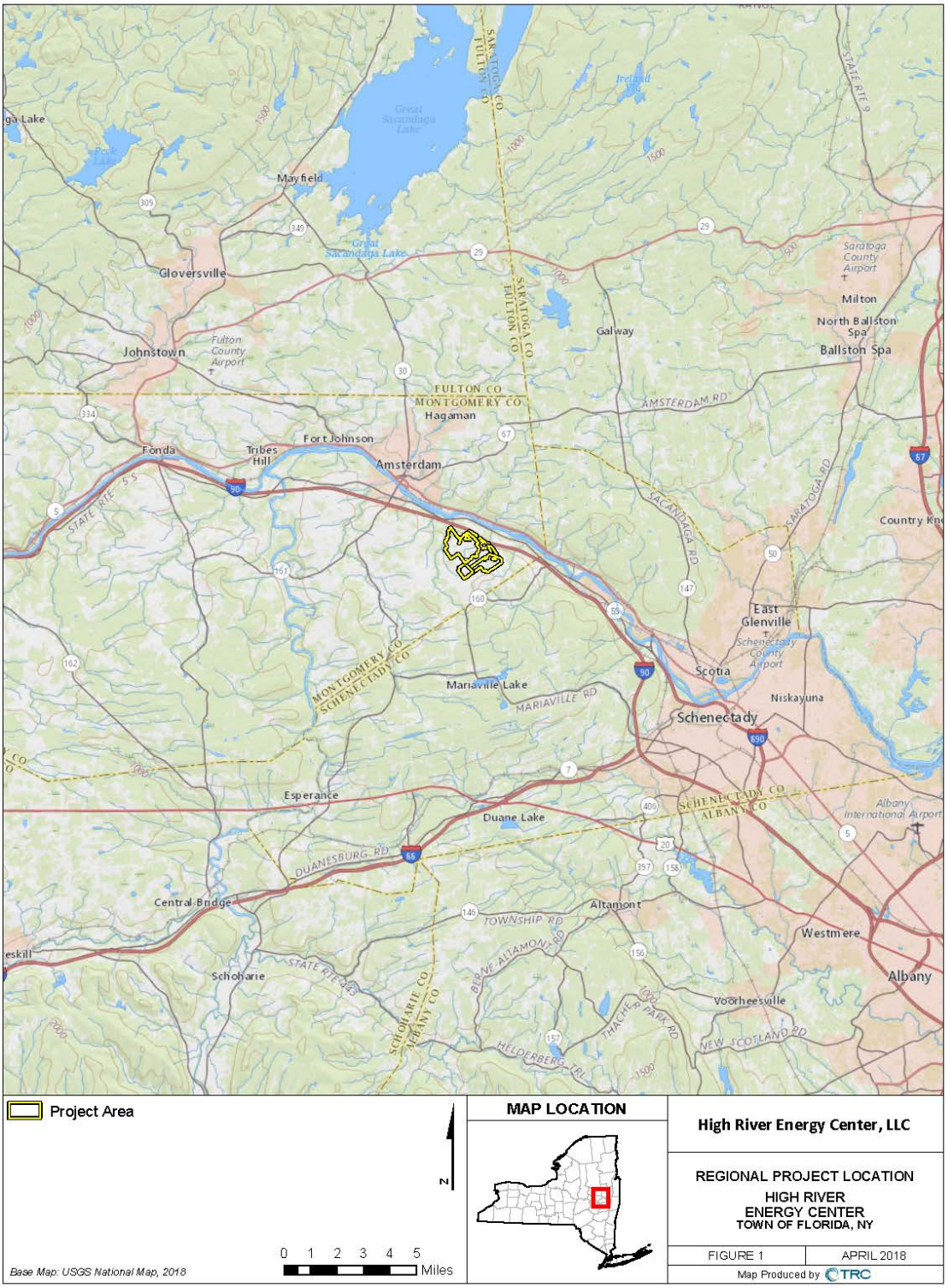


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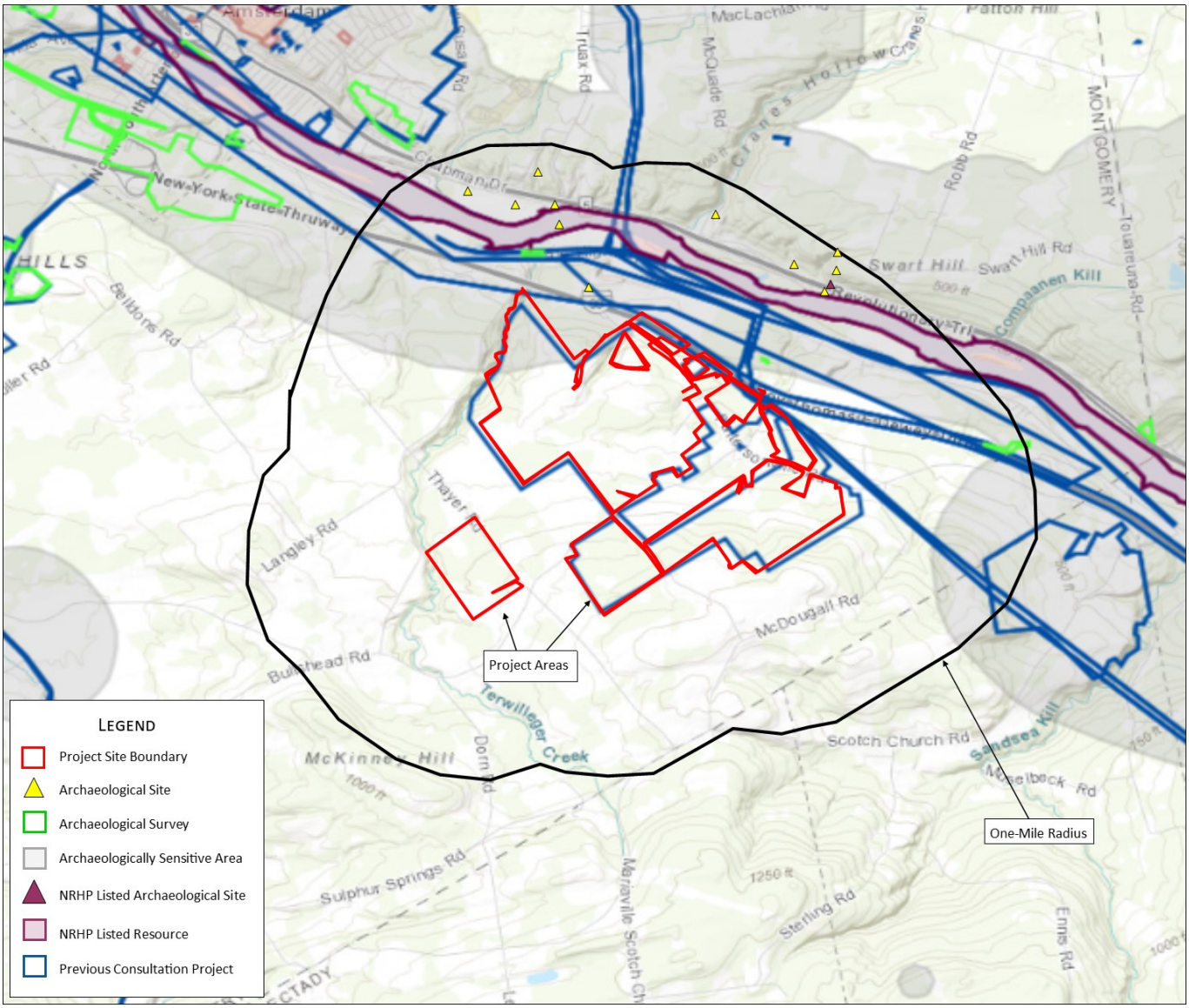


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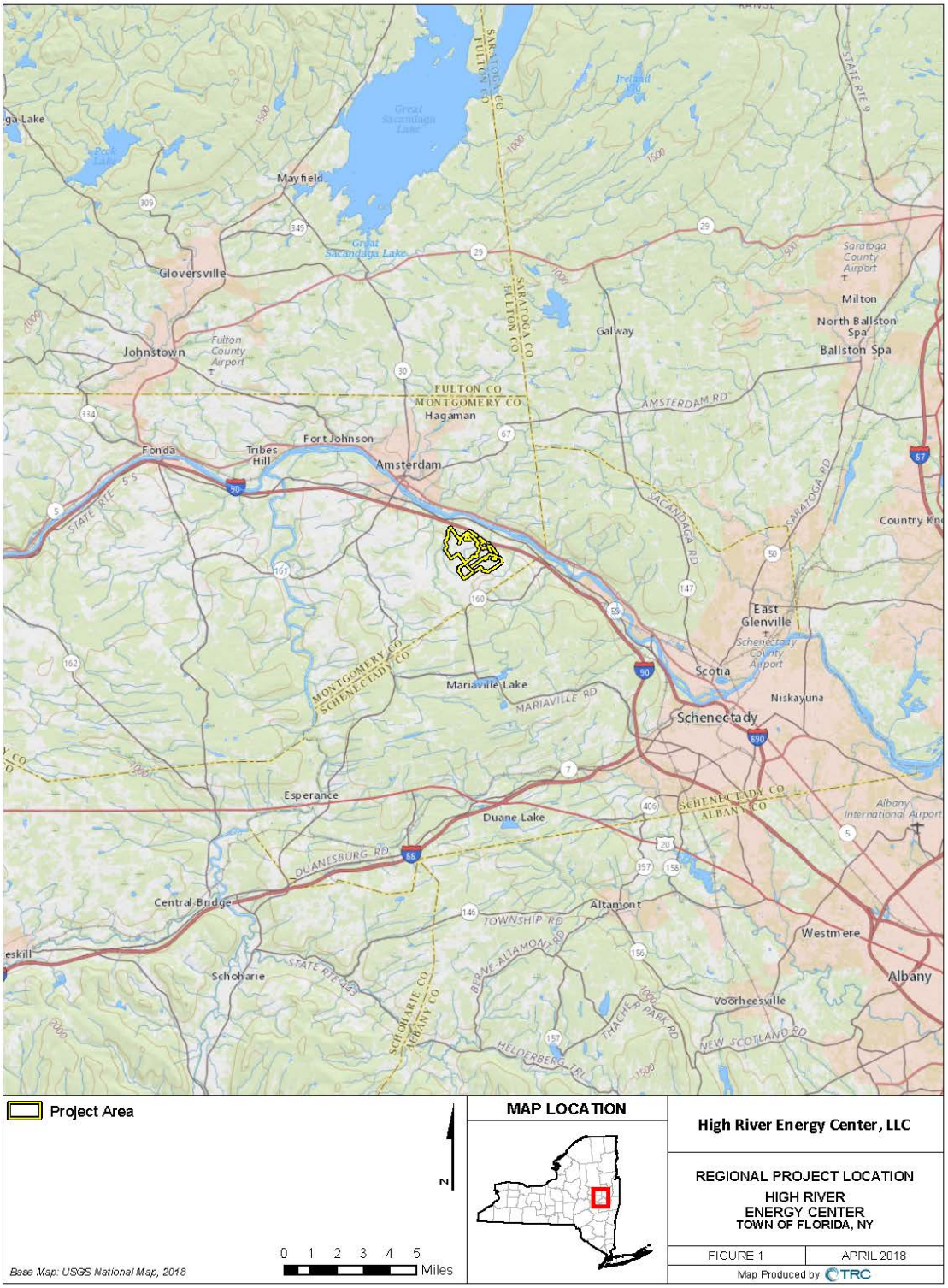


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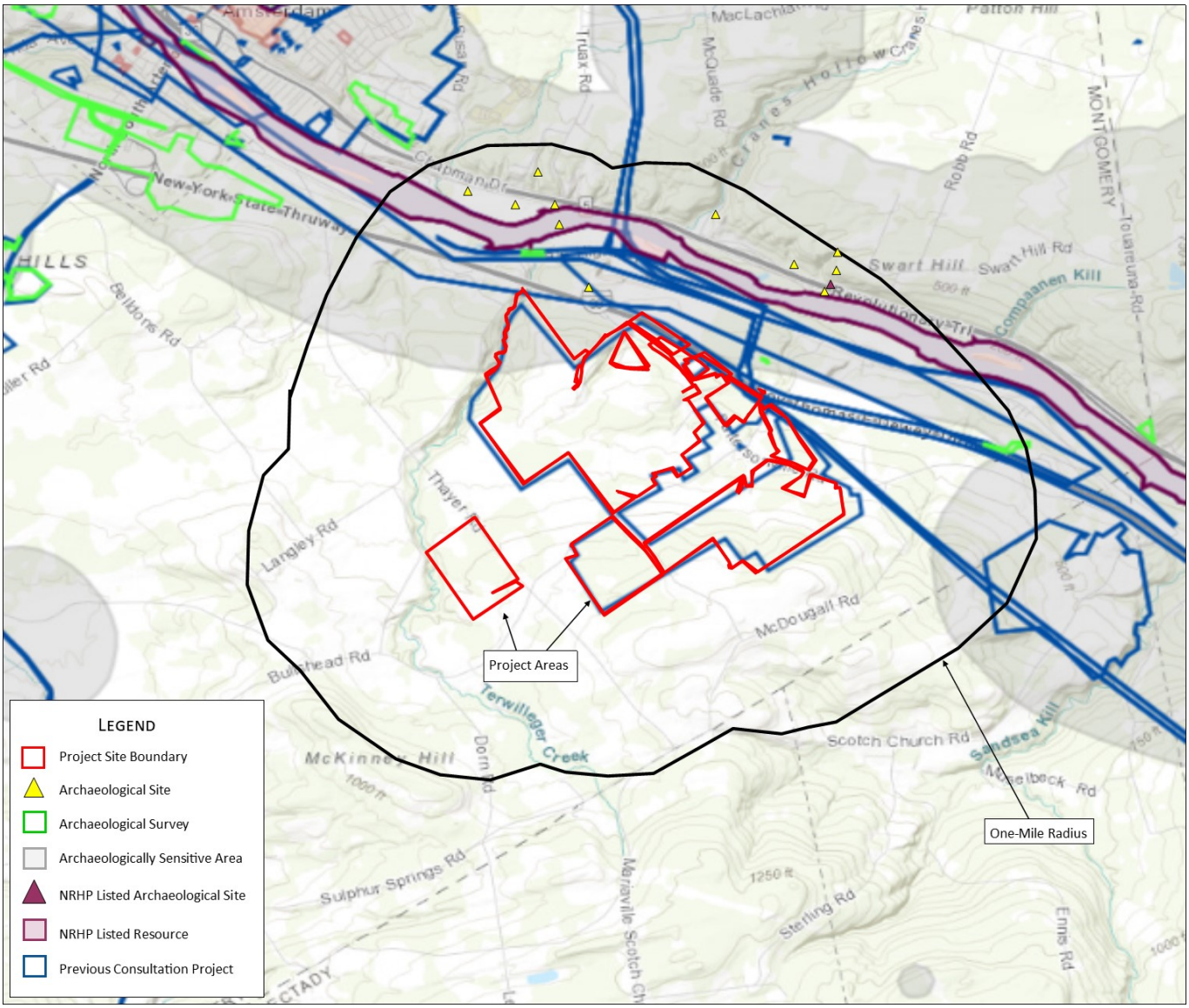


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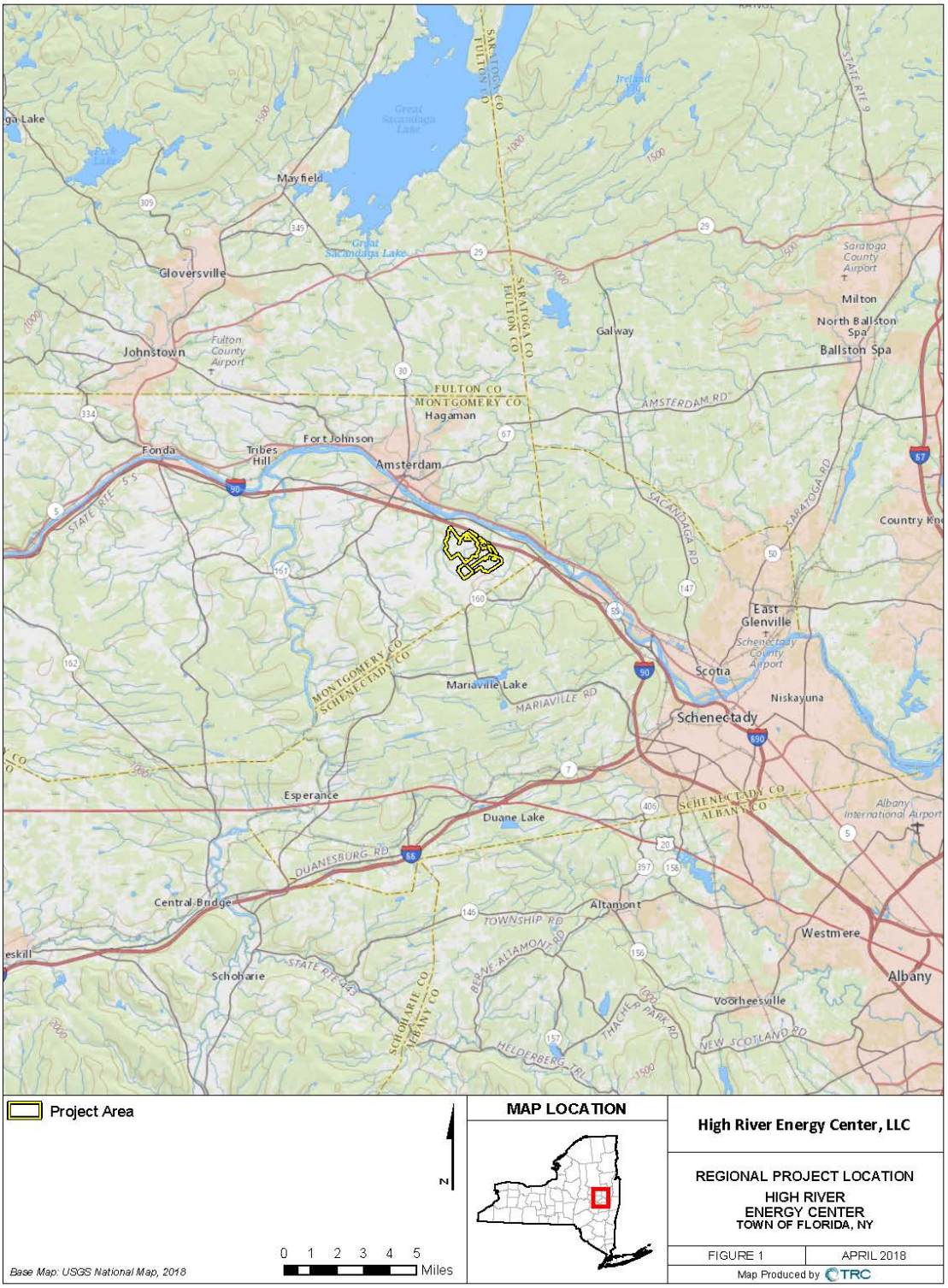


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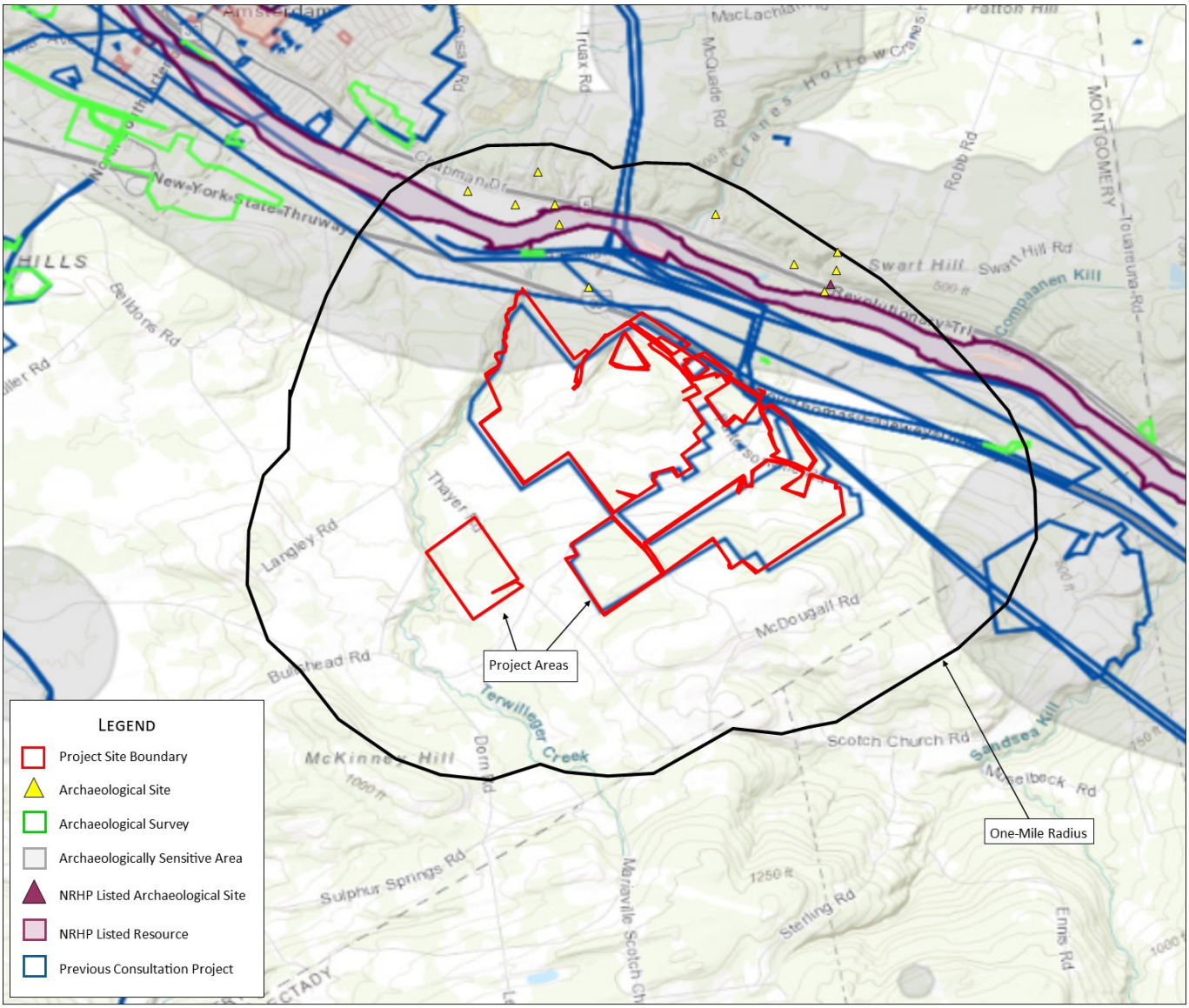


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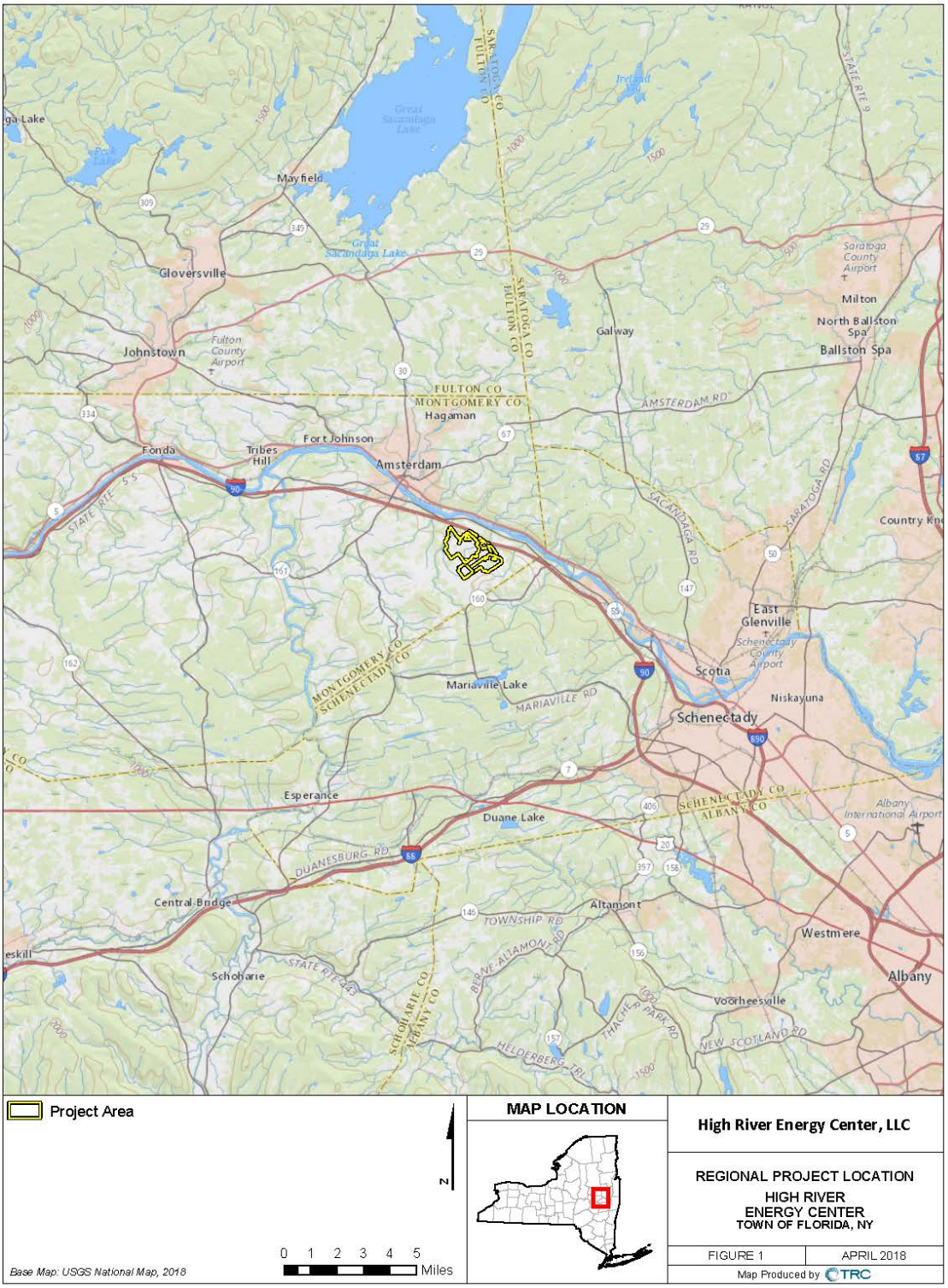


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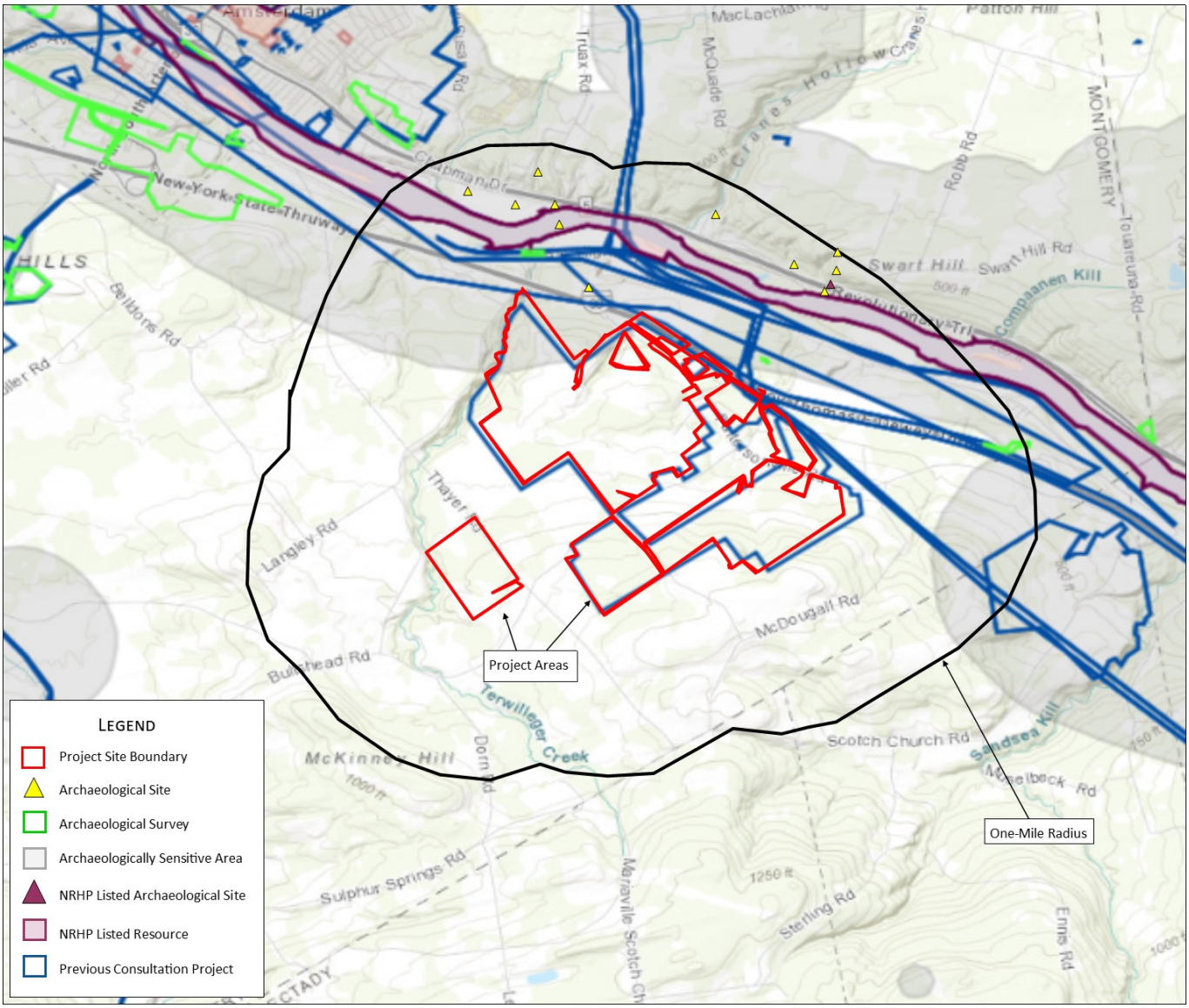


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# VISUAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROGRESS REPORT

## High River Energy Center

**Case No. 17-F-0597**

**July 2019**

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## Attachments

# 1.0 Introduction

This is a progress report concerning the preparation of a Visual Impact Assessment (VIA) by High River Energy Center, LLC, (HREC, Project, or the Applicant) a wholly-owned indirect subsidiary of NextEra Energy Resources, LLC (NEER) in support of plans to submit an application to construct a major electric generating solar facility under Article 10 of the Public Service Law (PSL).

As required for Exhibit 24 (per Article 10 Section 1001.24 b(4), a Visual Impact Assessment (VIA), must be provided to determine the extent, and assess the significance, of facility visibility. Components of the VIA shall include "identification of visually sensitive resources, viewshed mapping, confirmatory visual assessment fieldwork, visual simulations (photographic overlays), cumulative visual impact analysis, and proposed visual impact mitigation."

Article 10 regulations require both general and specific consultations with affected agencies and municipalities. As a further requirement, the Applicant shall confer with local historic preservation groups, municipal planning representatives, NYS Department of Public Service (DPS), NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), and NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) in its selection of important or representative viewpoints that may be subject to project visibility.

## 1.1. INFORMATION REQUEST

Preliminary visual analyses and site investigations are in progress. An informational request letter has been distributed along with this Progress Report in order to:

1. Provide the reader with the extent and findings of visibility studies thus far, and

2. Request the timely input from local historic preservation groups, Town of Florida planning representatives, DPS, DEC, and OPRHP (no later than July 24, 2019) in identifying any additional sensitive visual resources important to the community within the project study area over what is provided herein, and/or

3. Provide opportunity for Town of Florida planning representatives, DPS, DEC, and OPRHP to suggest additional, representative and reasonable candidate locations for photo-simulations (before and after depictions of project) in areas of their concern. It should be noted this request is confined to areas with public access.

The viewpoint selection process to determine a location for a photo-simulation considers several factors which are discussed in the following sections:

- Conducting an inventory of sensitive visual receptors in a project study area, to be incorporated into a Geographic Information Systems (GIS) database.
- Evaluating and defining Landscape Similarity Zones, which are landscape classifications specific to the study area.
- Defining Distance Zones, which determine level of discernible Project detail.
- Conducting a viewshed analysis, which depicts the potential for project visibility over a larger regional area.
- Site visits and other means of determining open unobstructed views towards the project.

- Considering viewer sensitivity levels which may weigh one area over another such as viewer context, duration of view, and viewer types.

# 2.0 Project Overview

The Project will have a generating capacity of 90 MW and will be located on land either leased or purchased from owners of private property in the Town of Florida, Montgomery County, New York. Please refer to Figures C-001a and E1 in Attachment 1 for the preliminary site plan. Project facilities will include commercial-scale solar arrays, access roads, buried (and possibly overhead) electric collection lines, and electrical interconnection facilities. Interconnection facilities will include a collection substation and point of interconnection (POI) switchyard, which will be transferred to National Grid to own, maintain, and operate. The proposed collection substation and POI switchyard will be located on land within the Project Area, in relative proximity to National Grid's existing Stoner – Rotterdam #12 115 kilovolt (kV) transmission line which will be connected to the POI switchyard.

# 3.0 Status of Visualization Studies

Prior to any investigation for visual analyses a project study area must be defined. For the investigations herein, a 5 mile radius has been applied as a visual study area (VSA).

As of this writing, the engineering/project layout for specific solar array locations is still being modified and is not yet finalized. To avoid a continually changing study area due to panel re-location, the current study area includes a 5 mile VSA surrounding the Project Area (see Figure 1) as opposed to a radius around all facility components. In this sense, the initial investigations can focus on resources within a static non-changing limit while the engineering may continue to change.

The VSA primarily includes Montgomery and Schenectady Counties with a small corner of Saratoga County in the northeast segment near the five mile VSA boundary.

The Project is proposed in the Town of Florida. However, the 5 mile VSA includes the towns of: Amsterdam, Charlton, Duanesburg, Florida, Glenville, Princetown, and Rotterdam.

## 3.1. SITE VISITS

Prior to conducting site visits for the VIA, several computerized Geographical Information System (GIS) desktop analyses are performed which contribute to a more complete understanding of the visual landscape within the study area. Site field visits are also necessary for ground-truthing and increasing the understanding of the visual environment. All of these study elements help to inform the VIA process and are subsequently used to determine potential candidate locations for photo-simulations.

In April 2018, TRC (on behalf of the Applicant) conducted site visits to acquire on-the-ground information to support the VIA and the photo-simulation site selection process. A brief site visit was made in January 2019 as well. To date, viewpoint photo locations can be found in Figures 1-3 in Attachment 2. A photo log of the photo viewpoints can be found in Attachment 3.

## 3.2. DISTANCE ZONES

Distance Zones (required by Article 10) are Project distances to an observer. Three distance zones are applied to the Project: 1) foreground at 0.5 miles, 2) middleground 0.5 to 2.0 miles, and 3) background. 2.0 to 5.0 miles and are noted in Attachment 2 maps. Each of these areas determine the level of detail and acuity of objects. The effects of distance are highly dependent on the characteristics of the landscape, however size, level of visibility perceived for this particular type of project (solar panels) and panel position in the landscape should also be considered in determining zones. Solar panels are not wind turbines or tall buildings and are of a different character with a low height profile (usually no greater than 13 feet) in comparison to other larger objects found in the landscape such as houses, barns, and trees in addition to the rolling topography in the area that could easily act as a visual obstruction for locations farther out. Distance Zones for this Project have been reasonably applied to accommodate the VSA radius, limitations of human vision and perceptible detail, and low profile of the Project components.

## 3.3. LANDSCAPE SIMILARITY ZONES

Landscape Similarity Zones (LSZ) are areas of similar landscape/aesthetic character based on patterns of landform, vegetation, water resources, land use, and user activity. These zones are required by Article 10 and provide additional context for evaluating viewer circumstances and visual experiences within the study area. Land cover classification datasets from the 2011 USGS National Land Cover Dataset (NLCD) are available for GIS analysis and were used for an initial establishment of LSZs as they provide distinct and usable landscape categories. These NLCD land cover groupings were then refined based on aerial photo interpretation and field review. This effort resulted in the definition of three LSZs within the VSA, including the following:

1) Agricultural/Open Land

2) Forested

3) Developed (village, town, city, rural residential along roadways, and transportation corridors)

Within a two mile radius, the dominant LSZ in the Project vicinity and south of the Mohawk River consists of Zone 1 agricultural parcels interspersed with Zone 2 forest groupings as presented in Figure 2 in Attachment 2. The landscape in proximity to the Project is primarily a rural mix of farmland consisting of cultivated crops and hay-pasture land with small intermittent and isolated forest groups, several of which serve as vegetated riparian zones for local streams.

Dense rural Zone 2 forested areas become more predominant north of the Mohawk River and also trending south and easterly between the two and five mile VSA in Duanesburg, Glenville, Princetown, and Rotterdam. There are not enough water resources in the area to warrant its own Landscape Similarity Zone. However, the Mohawk River and associated Erie Canalway Heritage Corridor runs through the VSA and is recognized and will be addressed in the final VIA.

The City of Amsterdam, located approximately two miles to the northwest of the Project Area, is designated as Zone 3 with low to medium intensity urban development. Two major travel corridors with Zone 3 designation are apparent in the Figure 2, Attachment 2 LSZ map. They are State Highway 5 and the New York Thruway north and south of the Mohawk River, respectively. Orientation generally parallels the river.

### 3.4. VISUAL RESOURCES INVENTORY

Prior to discussion of any visual changes to the landscape, sensitive resource areas susceptible to potential visual impacts must be identified. Visual resources reviewed within the 5 mile VSA included:

- Historic properties listed in the NRHP;
- Lands such as national parks and forests, forest preserves, national wildlife refuges; national landmarks, state parks and preserves, local parks;
- Scenic by-ways;
- Rivers designated (or eligible) as national or state wild, scenic or recreational;
- A state or federally designated trail, or one proposed for designation, snowmobile trails;
- An inventory of additional visual resources including scenic easements, recreation areas, and scenic districts, roads, overlooks, high use public areas; and
- Sensitive local community resources or local areas of concern.

The results of the inventory are presented in Table 1.

Source information for the development of the inventory included research for GIS data available on federal, state, or agency websites, or other non-GIS based websites such as local county planning sites, chambers of commerce, recreational departments that provided information such as regulatory listings or hardcopy maps.

**Table 1. Preliminary Inventory of Visual Resources within Five Miles**

| Resource Name | Town | Distance Zone | LSZ | Expected Visibility |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | |
| **Federal/State/County Recreation Lands** | | | | |
| Mosher Marsh Preserve | Amsterdam | 3 | 1,2 | No |
| Featherstonhaugh State Forest | Duanesburg | 3 | 2 | No |
| Lock 9 State Canal Park | Glenville | 3 | 1 | No |
| Moccasin Kill County Sanctuary | Rotterdam | 3 | 2 | No |
| **Local Parks** | | | | |
| Coessans Park | City of Amsterdam | 2 | 2,3 | No |
| 5th Avenue Park | City of Amsterdam | 3 | 1,2,3 | No |
| Amsterdam Municipal Golf Course | City of Amsterdam | 3 | 2 | No |
| Arnold Avenue Park | City of Amsterdam | 3 | 1,3 | No |
| Bergen Park | City of Amsterdam | 3 | 1,3 | No |

| Resource Name | Town | Distance Zone | LSZ | Expected Visibility |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Guy Park | City of Amsterdam | 3 | 1,3 | No |
| Isabel's Park | City of Amsterdam | 3 | 1,3 | No |
| Kirk Douglas Park | City of Amsterdam | 3 | 1,3 | No |
| Osone Park | City of Amsterdam | 3 | 1,3 | No |
| Riverlink Park | City of Amsterdam | 3 | 1,3 | No |
| Sassafrass Park | City of Amsterdam | 3 | 1,3 | No |
| Shuttleworth Park | City of Amsterdam | 3 | 1,3 | No |
| Sirchia Park | City of Amsterdam | 3 | 1,3 | No |
| Southside Boat Launch (Port Jackson Bocce Club | City of Amsterdam | 3 | 1,3 | No |
| Veterans Field (Bigelow Sanford Field) | City of Amsterdam | 3 | 1,3 | No |
| Sanders Town Preserve | Glenville | 3 | 2 | No |
| Woestina Park | Rotterdam | 2 | 1,3 | No |
| **Heritage Sites** | | | | |
| Erie Canal Heritage Corridor | Amsterdam, City of Amsterdam, Florida, Glenville, Rotterdam | 1,2,3 | 1,2,3 | Yes |
| **Conservation Easements** | | | | |
| Federal Held by NRCS (4 parcels) | Amsterdam (1), Florida (1), Glenville (1) Rotterdam (1) | 2,3 | 1 | No |
| NGO held by Mohawk Hudson Land Consrv. | Princeton | 3 | 2 | No |
| NGO held by Mohawk Hudson Land Consrv. – Crauer Easement | Glenville | 3 | 2 | No |
| NGO held by Mohawk Hudson Land Consrv. – John Szurek Farm | Charlton | 3 | 2 | No |
| NGO held by Mohawk Hudson Land Consrv. – Schmidt Easement | Glenville | 3 | 1,2 | No |
| NGO held by Mohawk Hudson Land Consrv. – Schenectady County Preservation | Glenville | 3 | 1,2 | No |
| NGO held by Mohawk Hudson Land Consrv. – Strawberry Field Preserve | Amsterdam | 2 | 1,2 | Yes |
| **State Bikeway** | | | | |
| Erie Canal Trailway & Bikeway | City of Amsterdam, Florida, Glenville, Rotterdam | 1,2,3 | 1,2,3 | No |
| State Bikeway Route 5 | City of Amsterdam, Florida, Glenville, Rotterdam | 1,2,3 | 1,2,3 | No |
| **Scenic Byways** | | | | |
| Revolutionary Trail | Amsterdam, City of Amsterdam, Glenville | 1,2,3 | 3 | Yes |
| **Snowmobile Trails** | | | | |

| Resource Name | | Town | Distance Zone | LSZ | Expected Visibility |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Various, unnamed | | Amsterdam, Charlton, Duanesburg, Florida, Glenville | 2,3 | 1,2,3 | Yes |
| **State Boat Launch** | | | | | |
| State Boat Launch | | Amsterdam | 2 | 1 | No |
| State Boat Launch | | Florida | 1 | 1 | No |
| **Historic NRHP** | | | | | |
| 5701.000024 | Jones Farmhouse | Amsterdam | 3 | 1,2 | No |
| 5701.000048 | Hurricana Farm (Sanford Stud Farm) | Amsterdam | 3 | 1,3 | No |
| 5740.000001 | Guy Park Manor | City of Amsterdam | 3 | 3 | No |
| 5740.000009 | Us Post Office | City of Amsterdam | 3 | 3 | No |
| 5740.000019 | Amsterdam City Hall (Sanford Mansion) | City of Amsterdam | 3 | 3 | No |
| 5740.00002 | Greene Mansion | City of Amsterdam | 3 | 3 | No |
| 5740.000058 | Vrooman Avenue School | City of Amsterdam | 2 | 3 | No |
| 5740.000228 | Temple Of Israel | City of Amsterdam | 3 | 3 | No |
| 5740.000231 | Amsterdam (46th Separate Company) Armory | City of Amsterdam | 3 | 3 | No |
| 5740.000232 | Samuel Sweet Canal Store | City of Amsterdam | 3 | 3 | No |
| 5740.000233 | Guy Park Ave Elementary School (Walter Elwood Museum) | City of Amsterdam | 3 | 3 | No |
| 5740.000265 | St Stanislaus Roman Catholic Church | City of Amsterdam | 3 | 3 | No |
| 5740.000266 | St Stanislaus School | City of Amsterdam | 3 | 3 | No |
| 5740.000267 | St Stanislaus Convent | City of Amsterdam | 3 | 3 | No |
| 5740.000268 | Rectory St Stanislaus Parish | City of Amsterdam | 3 | 3 | No |
| 5740.000348 | Gray Jewett House | City of Amsterdam | 3 | 3 | No |
| 5740.000378 | Green Hill Cemetery | City of Amsterdam | 3 | 3 | No |
| 9301.000053 | Mariaville Historic District | Duanesburg | 3 | 1,3 | No |
| 9301.000122 | George Lasher Home | Duanesburg | 3 | 1 | No |
| 9301.000147 | Joseph Greene Farm House | Duanesburg | 3 | 1,2 | No |
| 9302.000011 | Swart House And Tavern | Glenville | 3 | 3 | No |
| 9305.000163 | Mabee House | Rotterdam | 3 | 1,3 | No |
| **Historic Eligible** | | | | | |
| 5701.000045 | Movable Dam #6 at Lock E-10 | City of Amsterdam | 2 | 1 | No |
| 5701.000131 | Manny Corners Cemetery | Amsterdam | 3 | 1 | No |
| 5704.000001 | Schoharie Crossing State Historic Site | Florida | 3 | 1,3 | No |

| Resource Name | | Town | Distance Zone | LSZ | Expected Visibility |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5704.000119 | Fosgate House And Farmstead | Florida | 3 | 1 | No |
| 5704.000145 | NYSDOT Bridge BIN 1002970 | Florida | 2 | 3 | No |
| 5740.00001 | Schuyler (Heath Res) | City of Amsterdam | 3 | 3 | No |
| 5740.000013 | St. Ann's Church; | City of Amsterdam | 3 | 3 | No |
| 5740.000016 | First National Bank Bldg | City of Amsterdam | 3 | 3 | No |
| 5740.000171 | Unnamed | City of Amsterdam | 3 | 3 | No |
| 5740.000229 | YMCA | City of Amsterdam | 3 | 3 | No |
| 5740.000234 | Unnamed | City of Amsterdam | 3 | 3 | No |
| 5740.00026 | Amsterdam Free Library | City of Amsterdam | 3 | 3 | No |
| 5740.000297 | Unnamed | City of Amsterdam | 3 | 3 | No |
| 5740.0003 | Unnamed | City of Amsterdam | 3 | 3 | No |
| 5740.000301 | Unnamed | City of Amsterdam | 3 | 3 | No |
| 5740.000318 | Culvert | City of Amsterdam | 3 | 3 | No |
| 5740.000319 | World War I Memorial | City of Amsterdam | 3 | 3 | No |
| 5740.000321 | Moveable Dam 7/Lock E-11 | City of Amsterdam | 3 | 3 | No |
| 5740.000329 | Unnamed | City of Amsterdam | 3 | 3 | No |
| 5740.00033 | Unnamed | City of Amsterdam | 3 | 3 | No |
| 5740.00036 | 285 E. Main | Amsterdam | 2 | 3 | No |
| 5740.000361 | Unnamed | City of Amsterdam | 3 | 3 | No |
| 5740.000362 | Unnamed | City of Amsterdam | 3 | 3 | No |
| 5740.000365 | Unnamed | City of Amsterdam | 3 | 3 | No |
| 5740.000366 | Unnamed | City of Amsterdam | 3 | 3 | No |
| 5740.000367 | Unnamed | City of Amsterdam | 3 | 3 | No |
| 5740.00038 | First National Bank Bldg | City of Amsterdam | 3 | 3 | No |
| 5740.000386 | Lynch Literacy Academy | City of Amsterdam | 3 | 3 | No |
| 5740.000387 | Unnamed | City of Amsterdam | 3 | 3 | No |
| 5740.000388 | Unnamed | City of Amsterdam | 3 | 3 | No |
| 5740.000389 | Unnamed | City of Amsterdam | 3 | 3 | No |
| 5740.000394 | McClumpha Block | City of Amsterdam | 3 | 3 | No |
| 5740.000397 | [Former Wrestling Hall of Fame] | City of Amsterdam | 3 | 3 | No |
| 5740.000406 | Sanford Co. Office (former); Noteworthy Indian Museum | City of Amsterdam | 3 | 3 | No |
| 5740.000433 | Barge/Erie Canal | Amsterdam, City of Amsterdam, Florida, Glenville, Rotterdam | 3 | 3 | No |
| 5740.000438 | Farmers' National Bank. 1875. | City of Amsterdam | 3 | 3 | No |

| Resource Name | | Town | Distance Zone | LSZ | Expected Visibility |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5740.000439 | Stephen Sanford Apartments | City of Amsterdam | 3 | 3 | No |
| 5740.00044 | 2 story 1950 Colonial Revial; brick | City of Amsterdam | 3 | 3 | No |
| 5740.000441 | 2.5 story; late 19thc; shingle style; cross gable; diamond trace windows | City of Amsterdam | 3 | 3 | No |
| 5740.000442 | 1917 Gardiner Cooper House | City of Amsterdam | 3 | 3 | No |
| 5740.000443 | 1930s Colonial Revival | City of Amsterdam | 3 | 3 | No |
| 5740.000444 | 1952 house | City of Amsterdam | 3 | 3 | No |
| 5740.000445 | Geo. Striker House | City of Amsterdam | 3 | 3 | No |
| 5740.000446 | Trinity Lutheran Church & Parsonage; 1887; brick | City of Amsterdam | 3 | 3 | No |
| 5740.000447 | YMCA | City of Amsterdam | 3 | 3 | No |
| 5740.000449 | Amsterdam Savings Bank; 1913; sandstone; neoclassical; columned porch | City of Amsterdam | 3 | 3 | No |
| 5740.000468 | late 19th c | City of Amsterdam | 3 | 3 | No |
| 5740.000469 | late 19th c | City of Amsterdam | 3 | 3 | No |
| 5740.00047 | late 19th c | City of Amsterdam | 3 | 3 | No |
| 5740.000471 | Former Key Bank | City of Amsterdam | 3 | 3 | No |
| 5740.000473 | Lustron house | City of Amsterdam | 3 | 3 | No |
| 5740.000474 | Lustron house with garage | City of Amsterdam | 3 | 3 | No |
| 5740.000475 | Lustron house | City of Amsterdam | 3 | 3 | No |
| 5740.000481 | Clock Tower Building | City of Amsterdam | 3 | 3 | No |
| 5740.000512 | Residence | City of Amsterdam | 3 | 3 | No |
| 9302.000092 | Moveable Dam 4 Lock E-8 | Glenville | 3 | 1 | No |
| 9302.000129 | Five | Glenville | 3 | 3 | No |
| 9302.00013 | Frame Farmhouse and Barn | Glenville | 3 | 1 | No |
| 9302.000147 | Movable Dam #5 | Glenville | 3 | 1 | No |
| 9304.000061 | Vedder House 300p | Princetown | 2 | 3 | No |
| 9305.000001 | Van Slyke House | Rotterdam | 2 | 3 | No |
| 9305.000048 | Sandsea Kill Aqueduct | Rotterdam | 2 | 3 | No |
| 9305.000078 | Aaron Bradt House/Keepers of the Circle | Rotterdam | 3 | 1 | No |

**Expected visibility is based on viewshed analysis results*

## 3.5. VIEWSHED ANALYSIS

Landform and elevation in addition to vegetative features in the landscape are a key influence on the visibility and sightline of a project.

A viewshed analysis is a computerized GIS analytical technique that illustrates the predicted visibility that may potentially be expected for a project. It allows one to determine if and where an object, such as a solar array, can geographically be seen within a larger regional area. The viewshed model accounts for topography, vegetation, and the maximum height of a solar panel which was set at 12 feet above ground level. The results of the viewshed analysis, typically displayed over a USGS topographic map or aerial photo, are combined with other sensitive location information such as historic places, national forests, or state parks, etc. Incorporating GIS integrated data along with a viewshed analysis assists in understanding the potential for project visibility at sensitive resource locations. Figures 1 and 3 in Attachment 2 presents the results of the viewshed analysis along with the visual receptors listed in Table 1.

***Assumptions and Limitations of the Viewshed Model***

The viewshed analysis identifies cells (image pixels) that contain elevation information and computes the differences along the terrain surface between an observer at any point within the study area and a target (e.g. solar array).

The viewshed analysis is a valuable tool for predicting visibility. However when reading the viewshed maps it is important to consider the limitations of the analysis. The analysis is a clear line of sight and therefore certain factors in the interpretation of results need to be considered:

- The model, because of its computerized aspect, assumes the observer to have perfect vision at all distances. Therefore, a certain amount of reasonable interpretation needs to be considered because of the limitations of human vision at greater distances or those atmospheric/meteorological conditions that may cause imperfect vision, such as haze or inclement weather. Additionally, an object is naturally smaller and shows much less detail at distances and will have less visual impact. These aspects concerning the quality of view cannot be conveyed with this analysis.

- Even though an area may show visibility, it does not mean the entirety of a project will be seen. The viewshed analysis depicts areas of visibility over a regional area. It can only predict geographically, on a map, areas where some part of the solar array might be seen. It does not, and cannot, determine if it is seeing a full on view or a partial view of the Project. Additionally, if visibility is occurring in an area, it may sometimes only be a result of glimpsing a portion of the Project over undulating treetops or between gaps of trees and not a full-on view. Likewise, there may be understory tree gaps not depicted by the vegetative layers where there may be visibility of a project.

- The viewshed model assumes that any vegetation is opaque and therefore represents a leaf-on condition. By nature of the software model and available parameters, the trees are treated as an opaque object and therefore leaf-on conditions are assumed. Transparency predictions through something similar to bare-branched trees under leaf-off conditions cannot be made.

- The model was developed with the assumption that a viewer would not see the Project if standing amongst trees in forested areas as outward views from within dense trees is unlikely.

### 3.6. PHOTOSIMULATIONS

Photosimulations depicting existing conditions and what the project will look like are proposed. In April of 2018 and January 2019 site visits were made to obtain photos during leaf-off conditions in order to depict worse-case scenario. A photolog showing the photos acquired during that site visit is in Attachment 3. Photo viewpoint locations are shown in Figure 1-3 in Attachment 2. Table 2 shows the pool of likely representative candidate viewpoint locations that will be considered for simulations. Further discussion on viewpoint selection in relation to viewshed analysis results can be found in Section 5.0.

**Table 2. Preliminary Photosimulation Candidate Locations**

| Current Viewpoint ID | Location | Landscape Similarity Zone | Comment |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2* | Pattersonville Road | 1, (2), 3 | View toward potential array area. |
| 3* | Pattersonville Road | 1, 3 | Proximal views in farmland looking S to W |
| 5* | Thayer Road | 1, 3 | Distant view looking E from local road. |
| 9 | Fuller Road | 1, 3 | Distant view looking E from local road on higher elevation. |
| 12* | Bulls Head Road | 1, 3 | Local road. |
| 15* | Mohr Road | 1, 3 | Local road with a higher elevation view. |
| 20 | NY Thruway | 1, 3 | View toward potential array area and Collector Station from NY Thruway. |
| 26* | Swart Hill Road | 1, (2), 3 | Distant view from higher elevation on north side of Mohawk River. |
| 27 | Bulls Head Road | 1, 3 | View from residences. |
| 28 | Bulls Head Road | 1, (2), 3 | View from residences. |
| 29 | Pattersonville Road | 1, (2), 3 | View from residences. |

*These viewpoint locations as represented in the photolog are panoramic views comprised of 2 to 3 photos each. Because of the degree of expected visibility and numerous multi-angled views along the local road, more than one simulation at each of these viewpoints may be produced.

## 4.0 Additional Applicable Visual Concepts to Consider when Choosing Simulation Viewpoints: Viewer Sensitivity Levels

Sensitivity levels are a measure of public concern for scenic quality. Visual sensitivity is dependent upon user or viewer attitudes, the amount of use and the types of activities in which people are engaged when viewing an object. Overall, higher degrees of visual sensitivity are correlated with areas where people live and with people who are engaged in recreational outdoor pursuits or participate in scenic driving. Conversely areas of industrial or commercial use are considered to have low to moderate visual sensitivity because the activities conducted are not significantly affected by the quality of the environment.

These concepts are applied when evaluating the visual landscape and assessing the importance of a viewpoint location if it falls in an area of visibility.

Viewer groups and associated responses to visual changes are analyzed from a variety of factors including:

Viewer group – Types of viewers will vary by geographic region, as well as by travel route or use areas, such as a developed recreation site, urban area, or back yard. Viewer groups include:

- *local constituency*: - People living in the local area and/or surrounding communities who interpret the significance of where they live and interact with others; these people may include local residents and members of groups to which the local area is important in different ways.
- *commuter constituency*: - People who use or are generally restricted to travel corridors that are destination oriented towards places of employment. These people generally have transient short duration views.
- *visitor or recreational constituency*: Individuals who visit the area to experience its natural appearance, cultural landscape qualities or recreational opportunities. Visitors may be of local, regional, or national origin.

Context of viewer - The viewer group and associated viewer sensitivity is distinguished among viewers in residential, recreational/open space, tourist commercial establishments, and workplace areas, with the first two having relative high sensitivity.

Number of viewers - The number of viewers is established by the amount of people estimated to be exposed to the view. In comparing viewing locations to each other, one can consider if the area is a high public use area or if it is a location that is less frequently visited or more inaccessible where the public is not expected to be present (such as marshes or swamps).

Duration of view - Duration of view is the amount of time a viewer would actually be looking at a particular site. Use areas are locations that receive concentrated public-use viewing with views of long duration such as residential back yards. Recreational long duration views include picnic areas, favorite fishing spots, campsites, or day use in smaller local parks. Comparatively, drivers, hikers, snowmobilers, or canoeists will likely encounter a shorter, more rapid transient experience as a person transitions from one linear segment to the next but will encounter more visually varied experiences.

Viewer activities - Activities can either encourage a viewer to observe the surrounding area more closely (hiking) or discourage close observation (commuting in traffic).

# 5.0 Discussion

The site plan in Attachment 1 shows the Project Area and the parcel limits that are available to construct the solar arrays. The viewshed analysis results (Figures 1 and 3, Attachment 2), or that area colored in pink, show areas of expected visibility. For the analysis, available Light Detection and Ranging (LiDAR) data was obtained from the New York State GIS Program website. LiDAR data is the best available elevation data as it includes high resolution accurate ground elevations in addition to building heights and individual tree heights that offer physical visual impediments. The top of the panels was set at 12 feet in height above ground surface and placed within the LiDAR tree and building modeling environment.

The majority of visibility that is expected occurs mostly within the Project parcels themselves. Although the panels are sited in open farmland, the low profile panels set against existing riparian tree buffers, hedgerows, and tree groups that frame the panel locations is enough to obscure many views. Because of a 12 foot panel maximum height in relation to the mature vegetation, there are minimal far reaching views outside of the general array locations. The landscape has rolling topography with distinct hill features in some areas that assist in blocking views to the solar panels as well. There are predicted views that occur farther out, in particular to the west and also north of the Mohawk River. Many of these far views are in farm fields and open land where the public is not expected to be while short segments of roadway may have transient and distant intermittent views. The New York Thruway lies north and adjacent to the site. Minimal and transient views are expected along the Thruway as well. As noted by the results, the most visibility is expected along the roads interior to the Project such as Pattersonville Road, Bulls Head Road, Mohr Road, and Persons Road.

Visual changes with respect to the visual resources listed in Table 1 are minimal to none, as most of these receptors lie outside of 2 miles, predominantly in the City of Amsterdam area to the northwest. Impacts to historic sites are not expected. The Erie Canal Trailway runs east-west approximately 2200 feet north of the Project. Views are not expected from this resource since the Trailway is lined by trees and there are also trees that exist between the Trailway and the site.

Visibility is not relatively extensive or abundant outside of the general project area and this therefore limits the choice of numerous and diverse locations for photosimulations in publicly accessible places. Therefore, most of the photo viewpoints that show a good part of the Project with clearer and unobstructed lines of site are from interior or Project perimeter roads. It is doubtful that several higher elevation but longer distant viewpoints such as VP 7, 9, 10, and 22 will have views but will be verified with the 3d visualization software during the simulation production process. VP26 will provide a fairly nice higher elevation representative view from the north across the Mohawk River. Attempts to represent all LSZs are typically made however obtaining photo viewpoints from a representative forested area is often moot, since there are not expected to be outward views from within a forested area. As well, most recreational and public (state) forest parcels are outside of two miles and several are at the five mile perimeter, all of which do not expect to have visibility of the Project. Most viewpoints then are taken in the remaining two but abundant LSZs which is agricultural open land and roads and closer to the Project.

# ATTACHMENT 1

# PRELIMINARY SITE PLANS


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SCALE: 1" = 500'

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| | A | ISSUED FOR CLIENT REVIEW | 4-17-19 | ESB | PGT | PMM |

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REVIEW 2

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HIGH RIVER ENERGY CENTER, LLC
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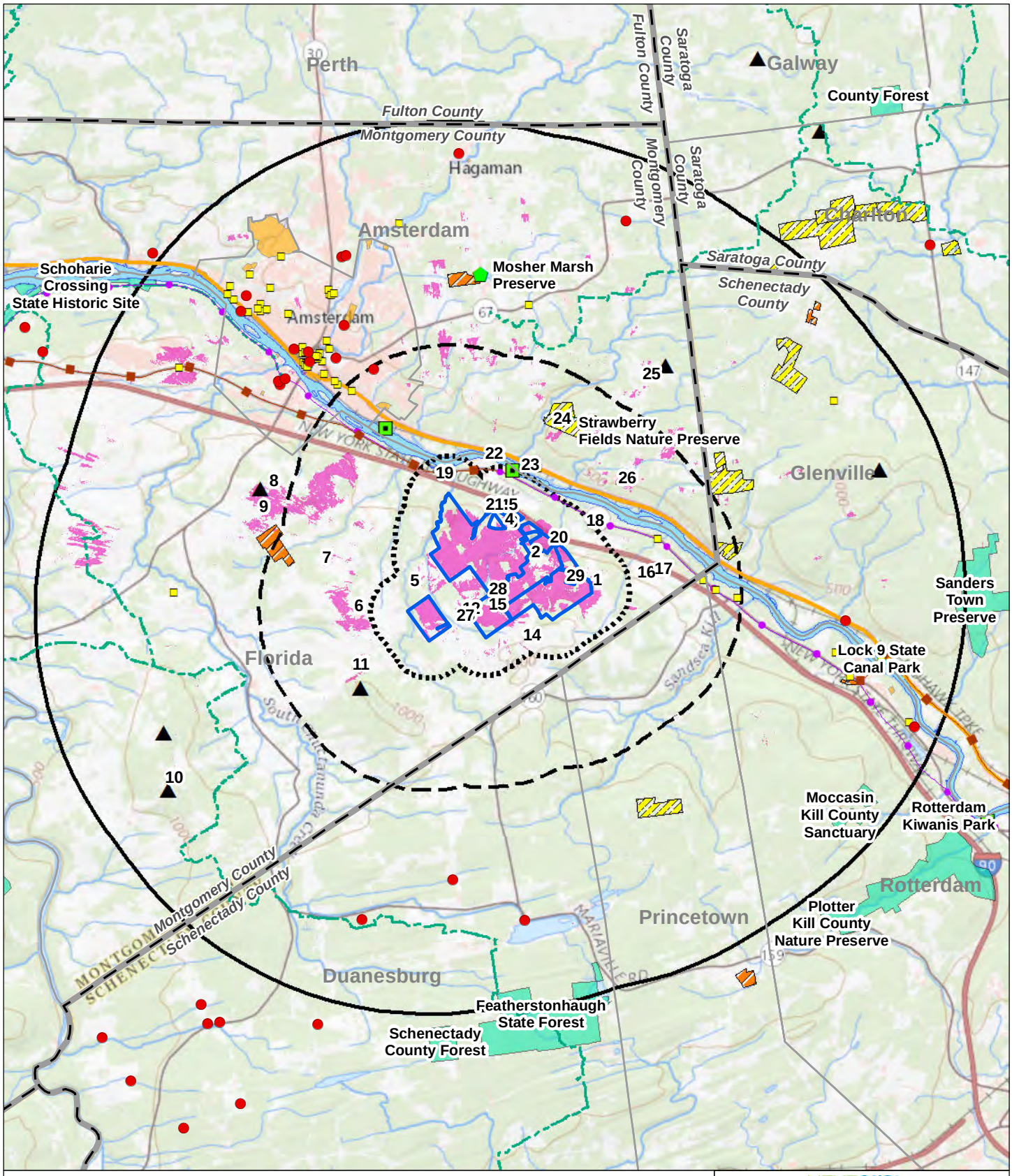
# ATTACHMENT 2

# MAPS




1 Photo Viewpoint Location April 2018, Jan 2019
Predicted Visibility
Project Area
National Register of Historic Places Sites
Historic_Eligible
Preserve
Boat Launch
Bikeways
Erie Canal Trailway
State Bikeway Route 5

Scenic Byway Revolutionary Trail
Local Park
Snowmobile Trail
Erie Canalway Heritage Corridor
High Point Location
Federal-State-County Recreation
County Boundary
Municipal Boundary

CONSERVATION EASEMENT
Federal
Schoharie Land Trust
DISTANCE ZONES
Half Mile Radius
Two Mile Radius
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**OVERVIEW MAP WITH VISUAL RESOURCES**

**HIGH RIVER ENERGY CENTER**
**TOWN OF FLORIDA, NY**

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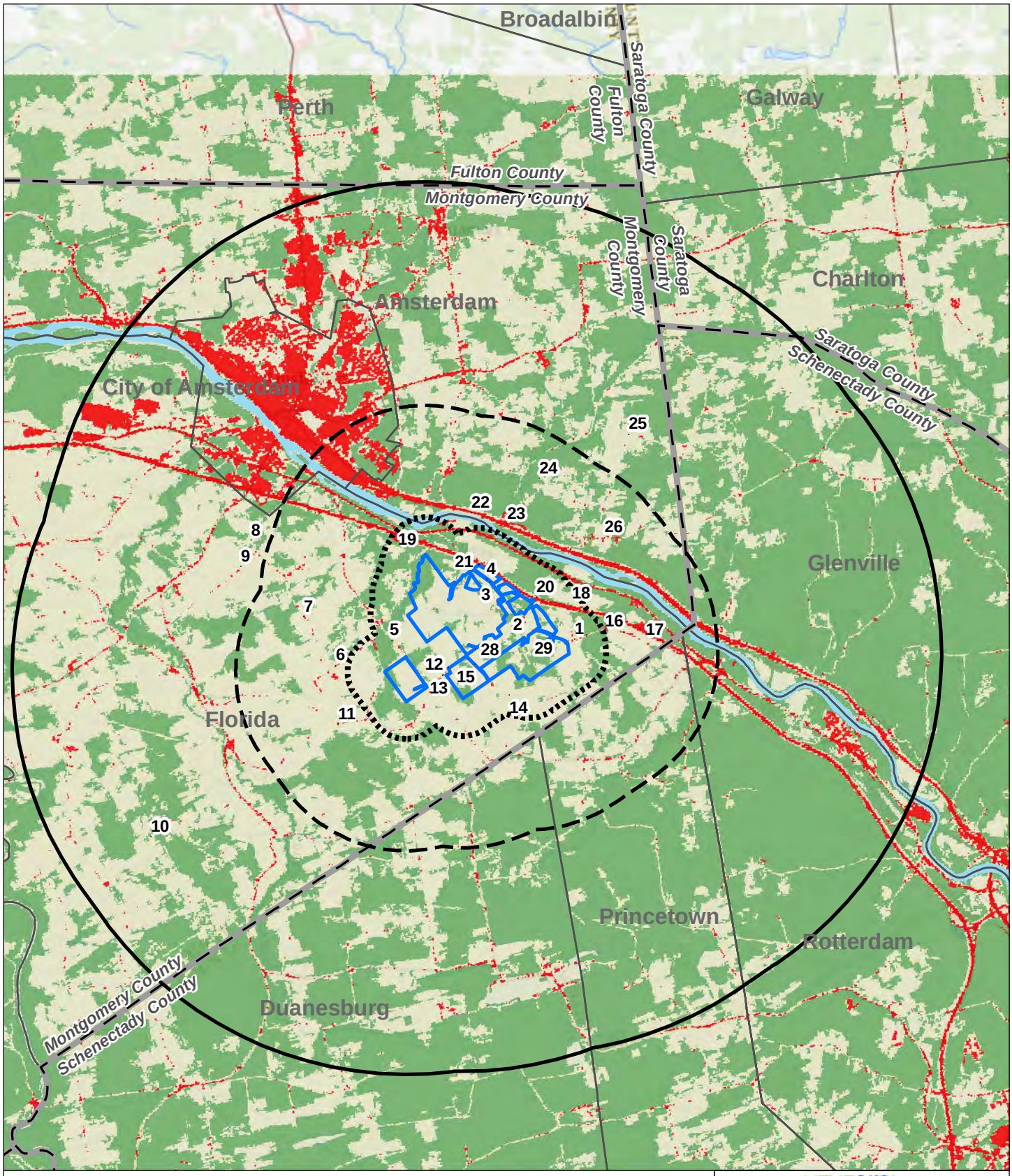


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LANDSCAPE SIMILARITY ZONE

Agricultural/Open Land

Forest

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**LANDSCAPE SIMILARITY ZONES**

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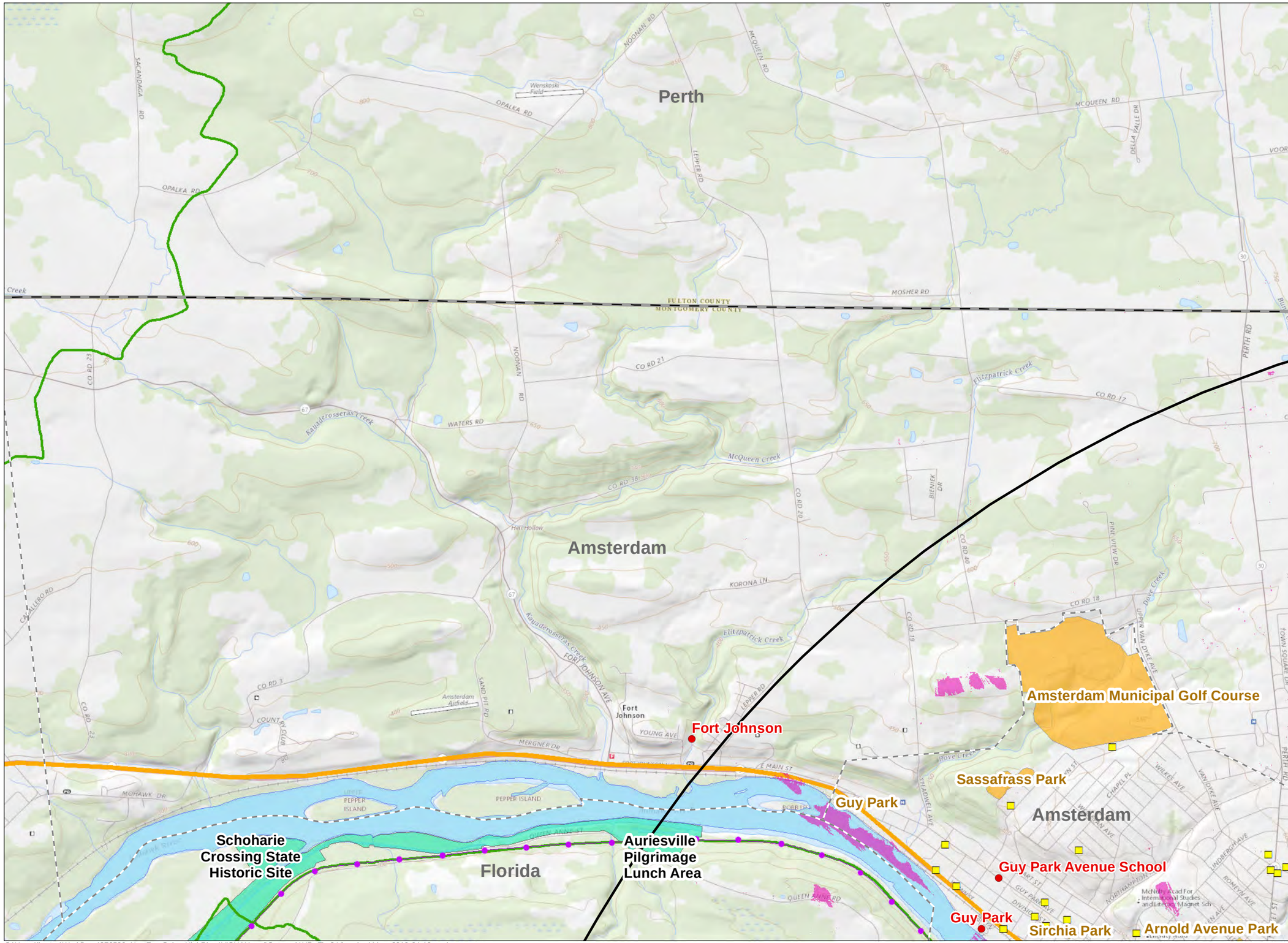


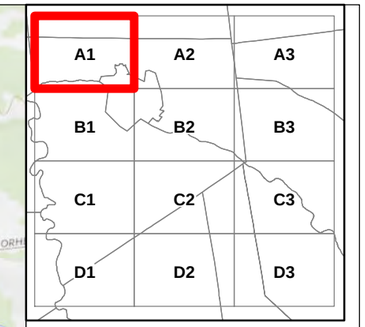


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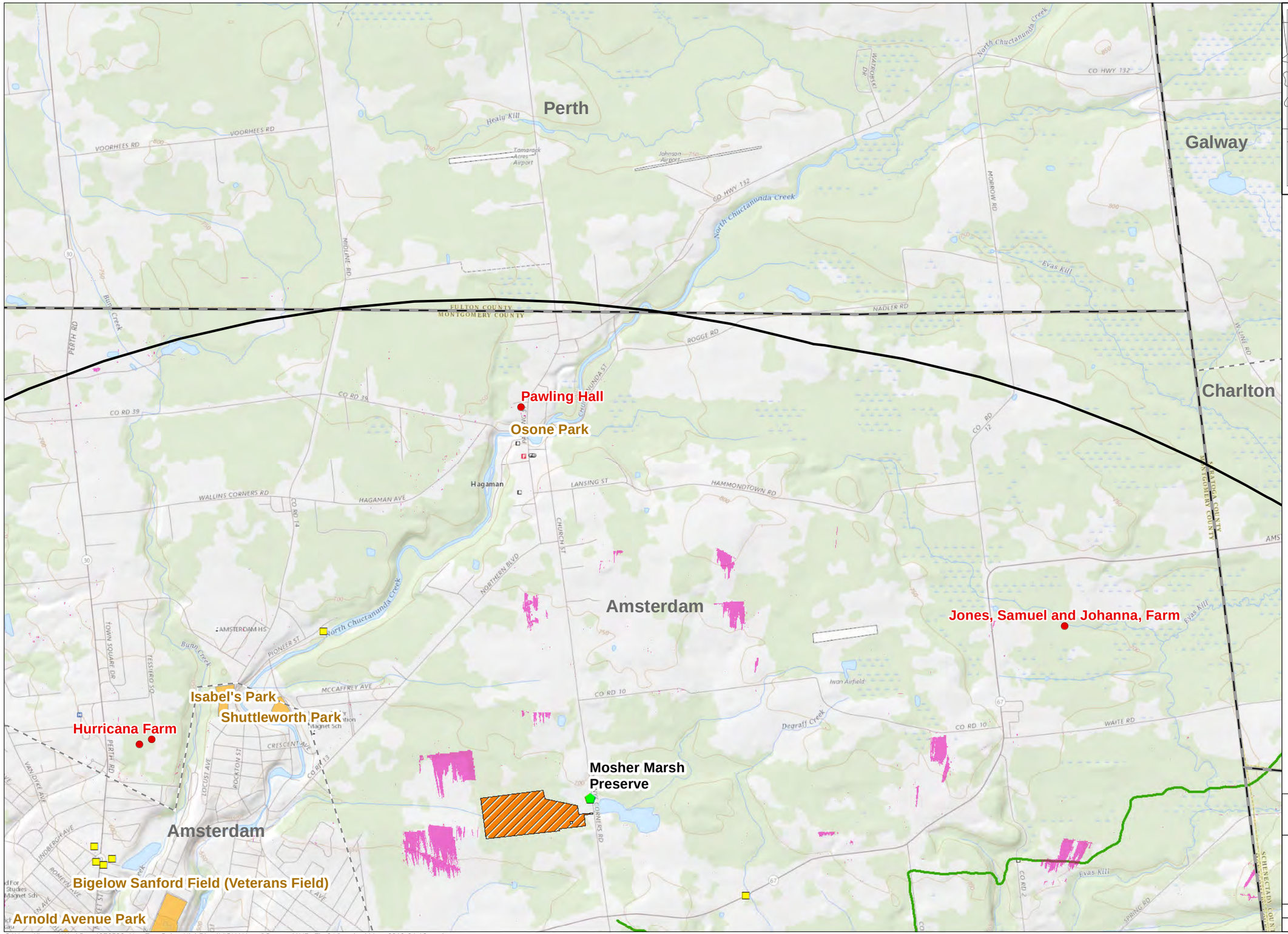


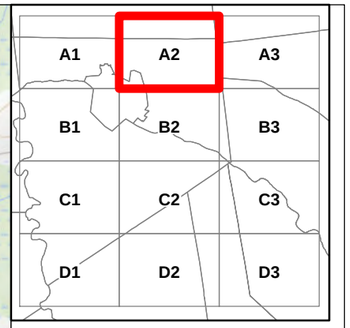


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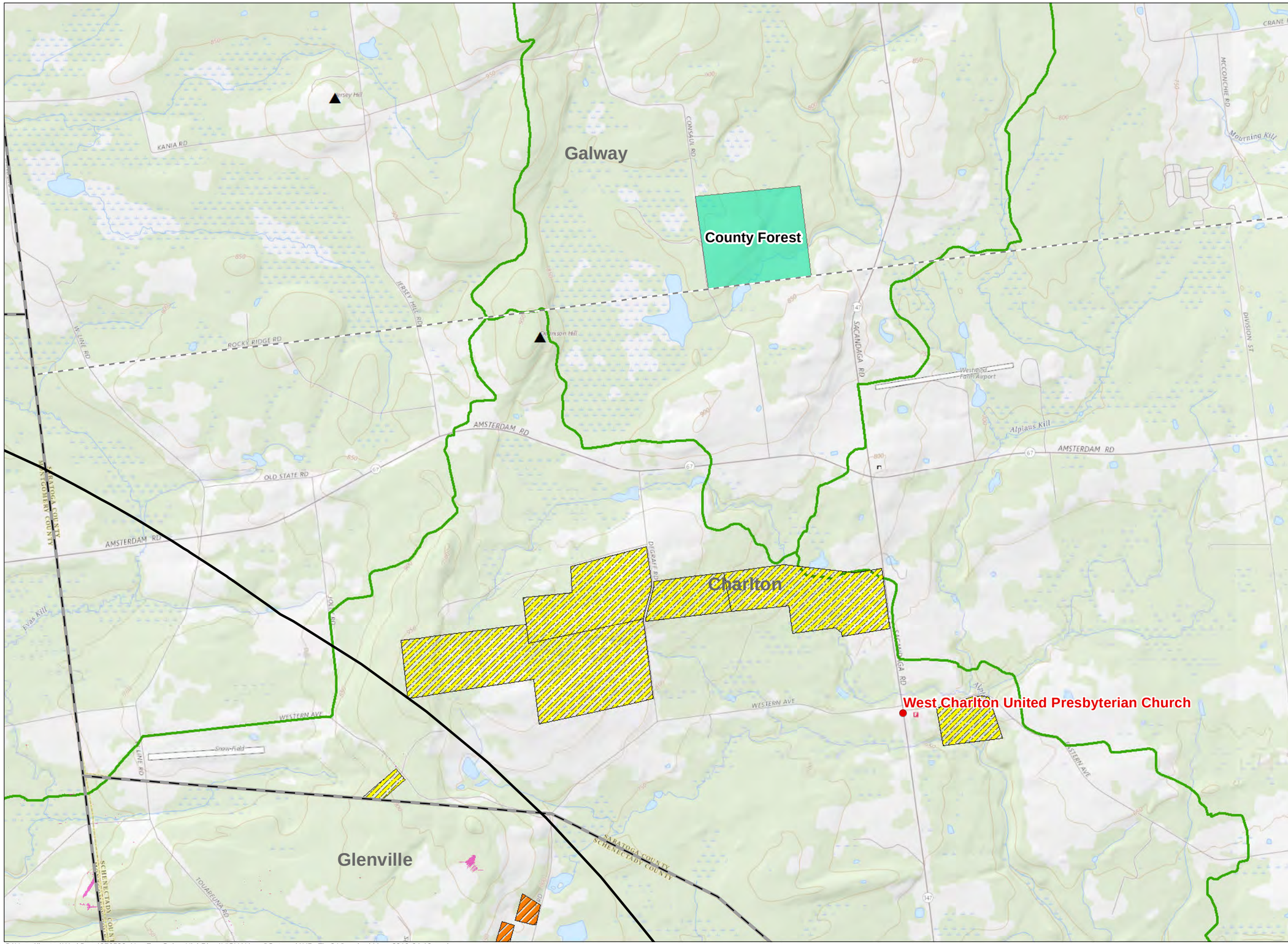


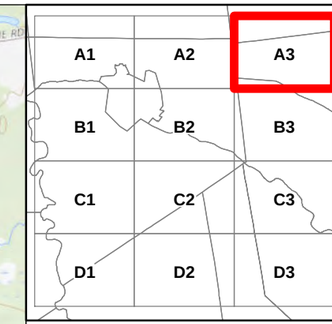


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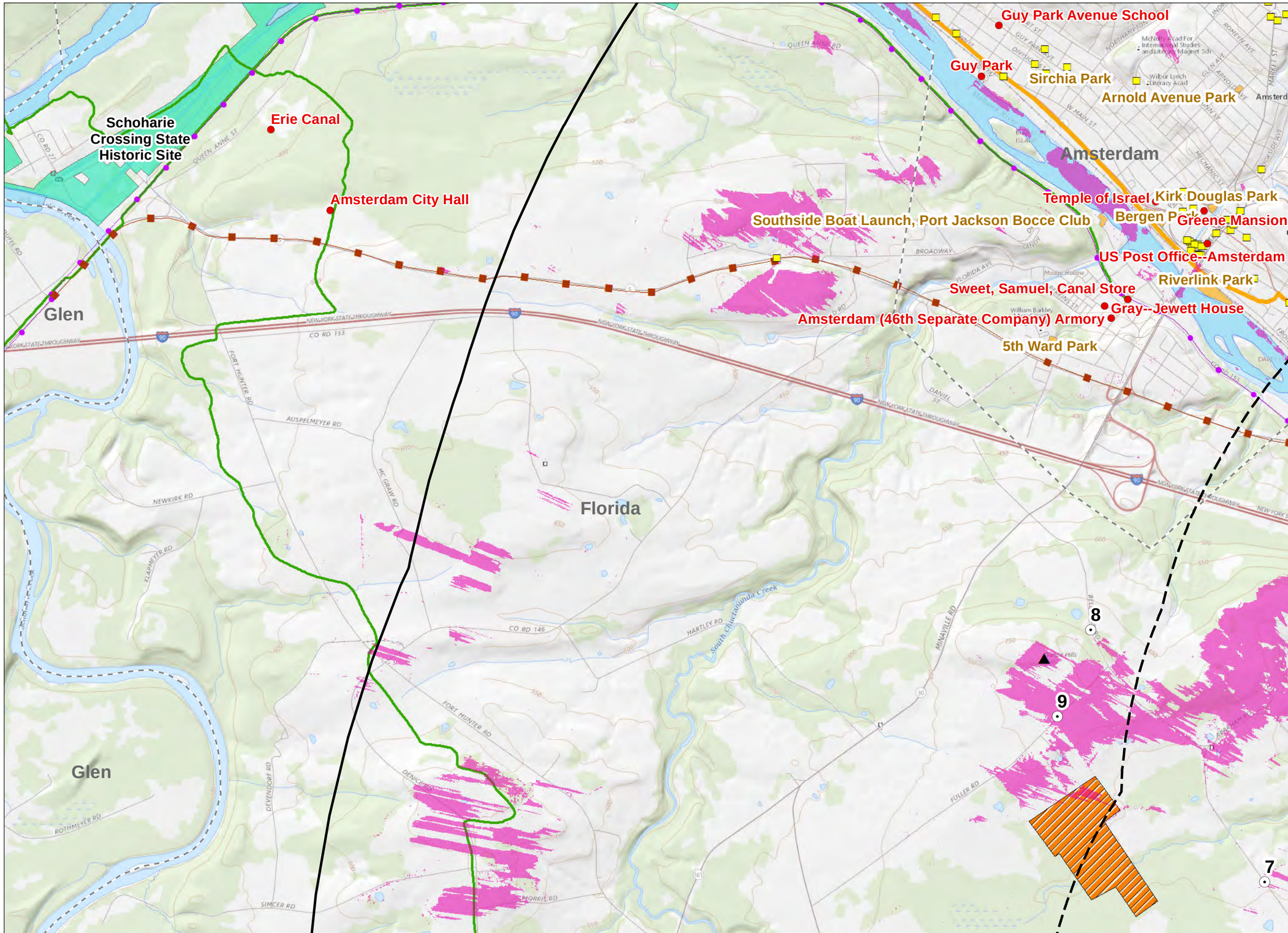


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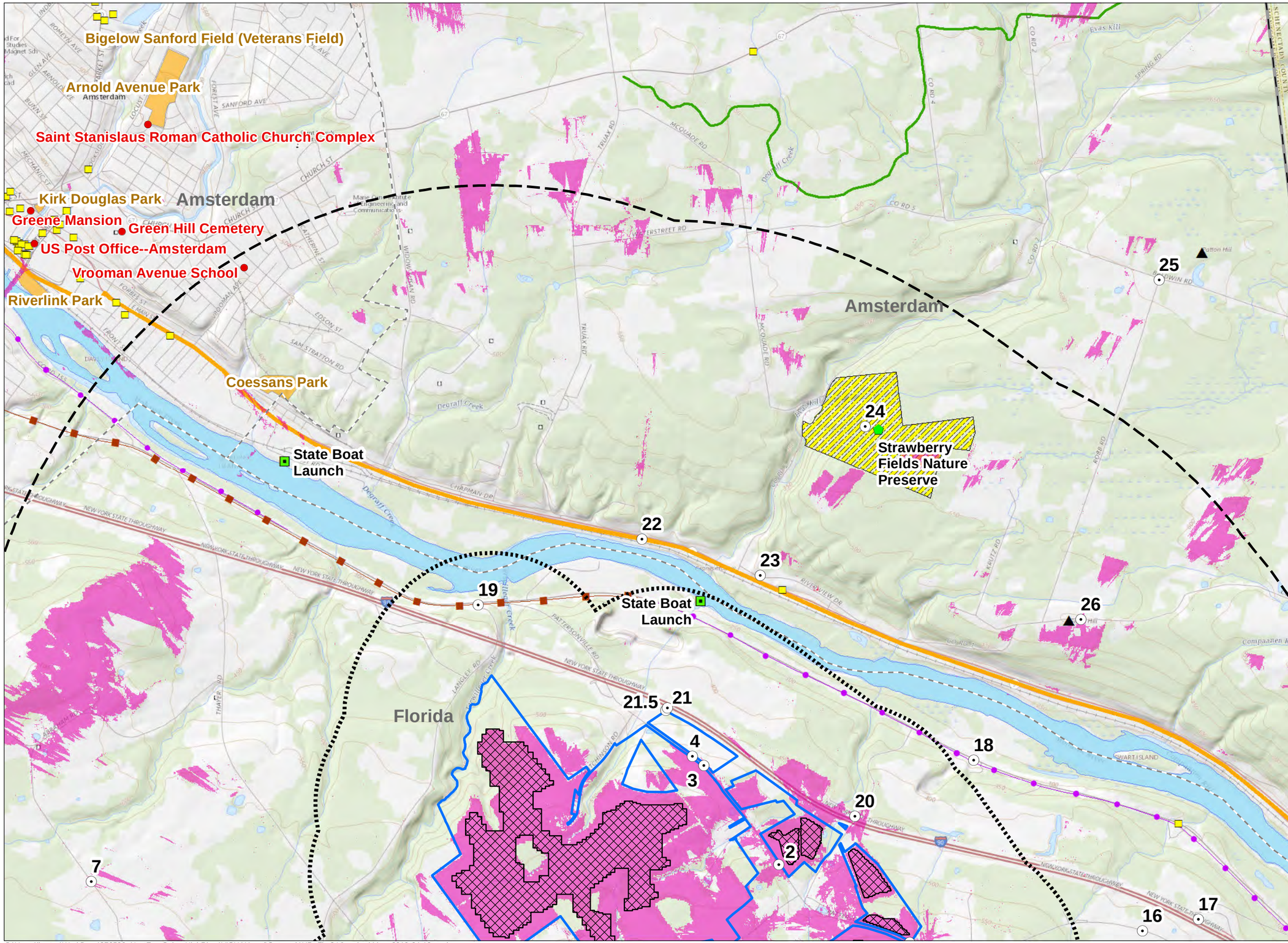


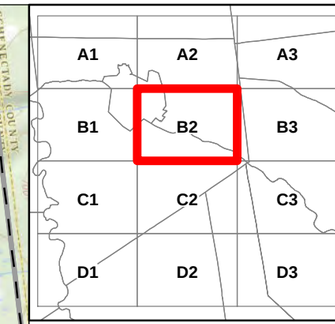


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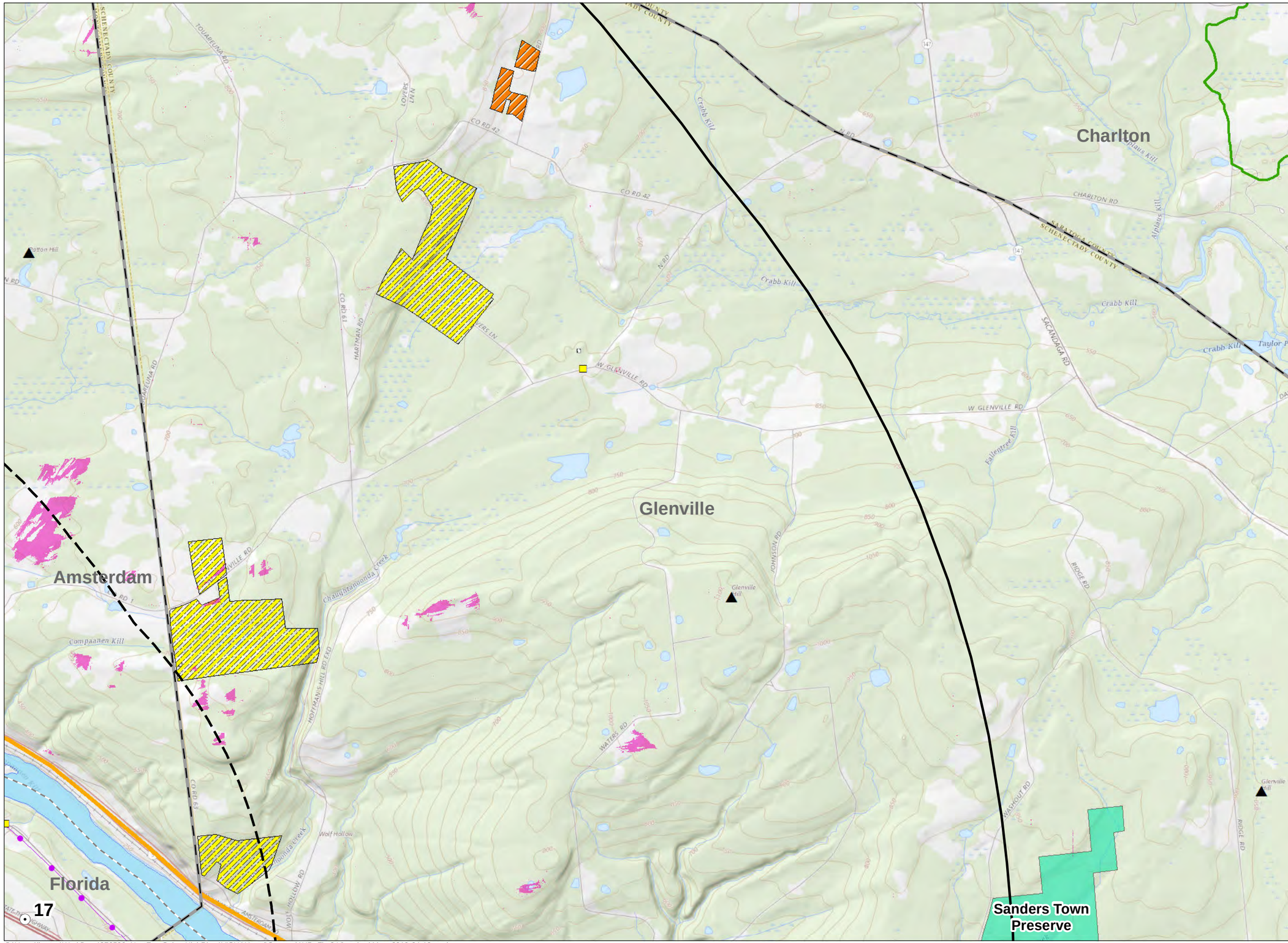


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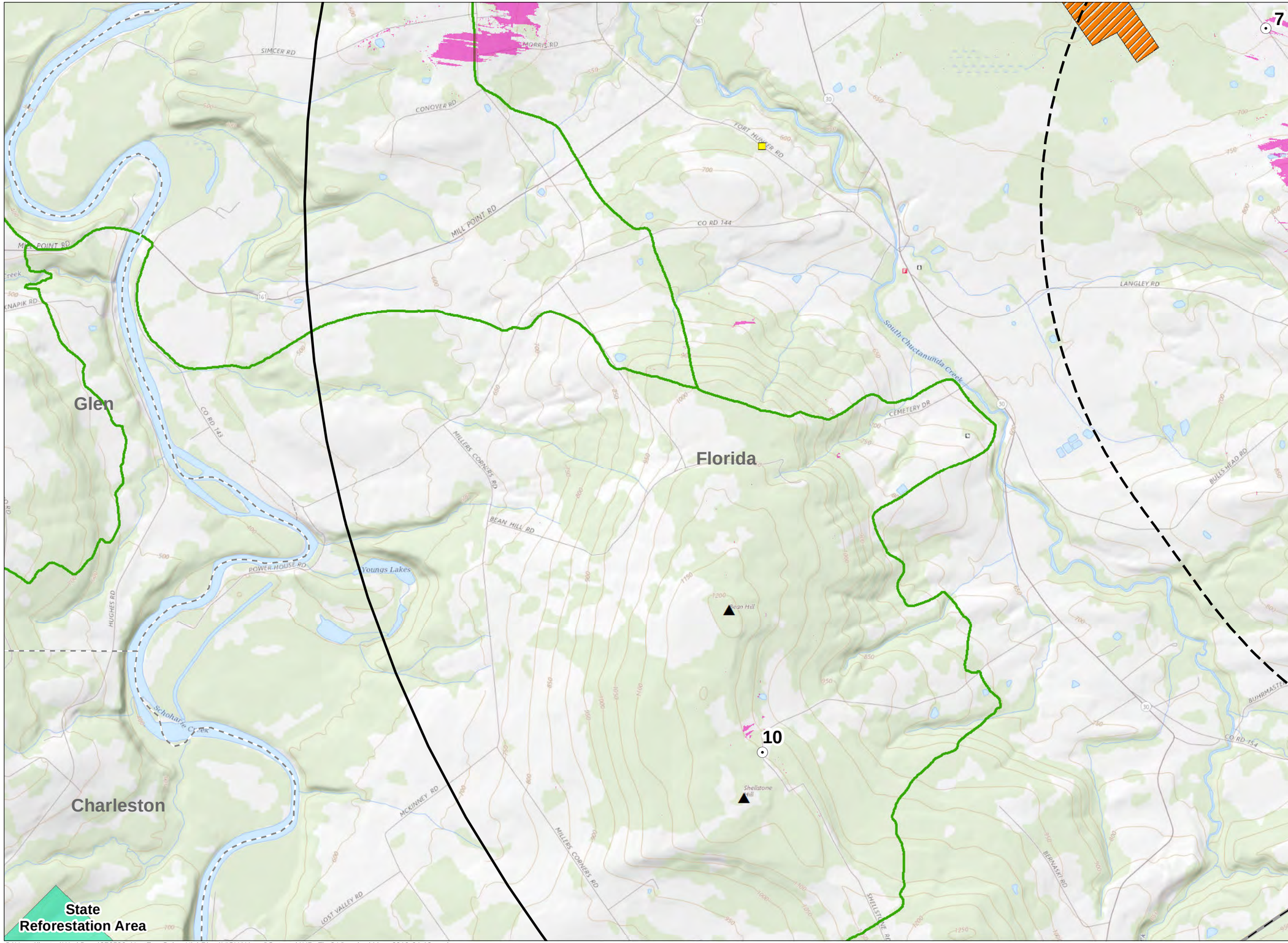


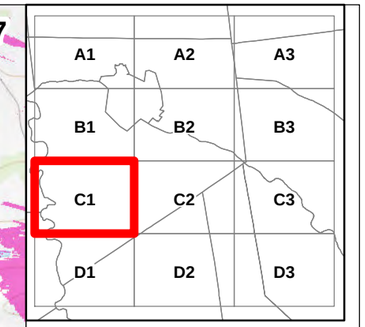


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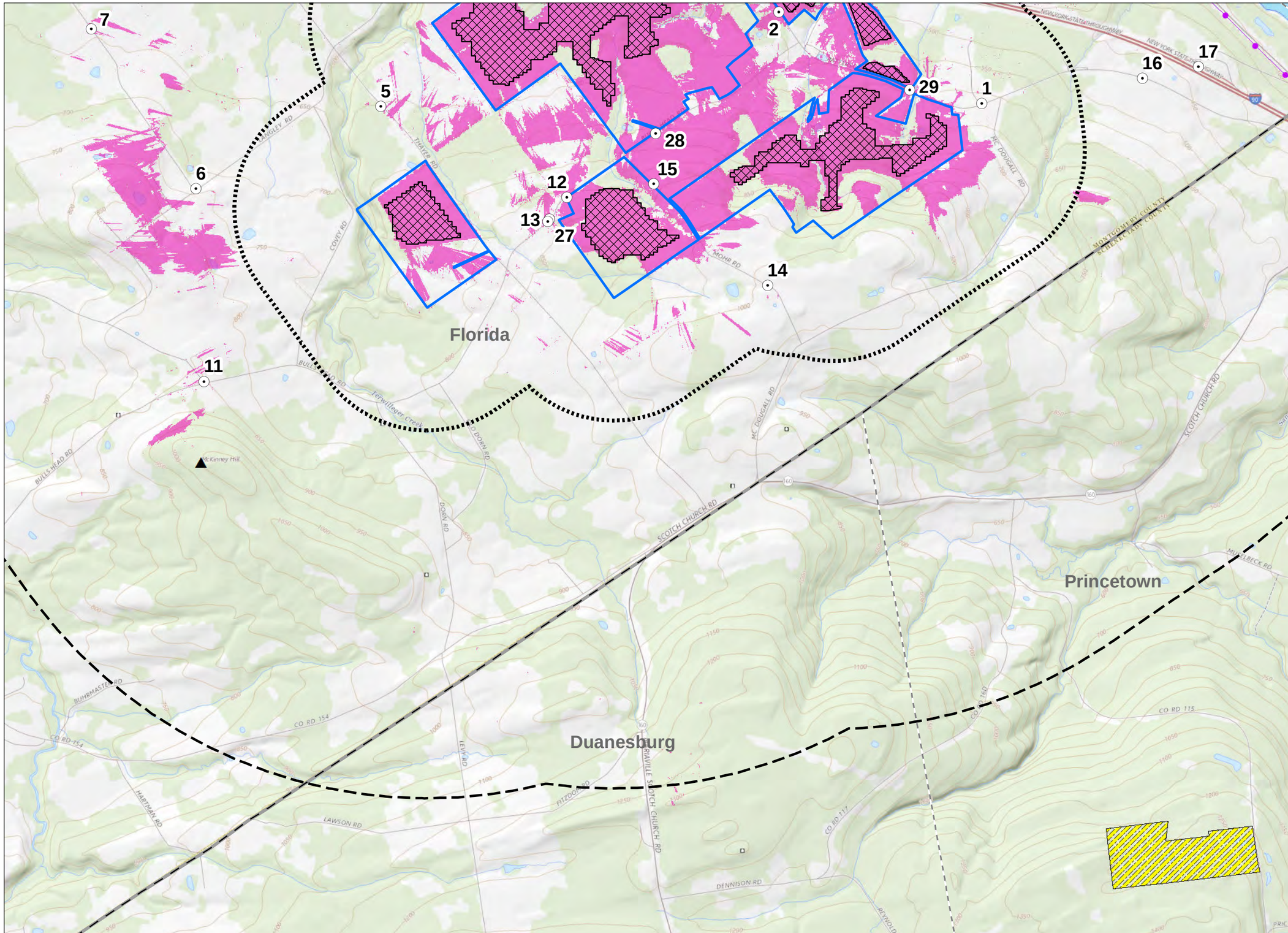


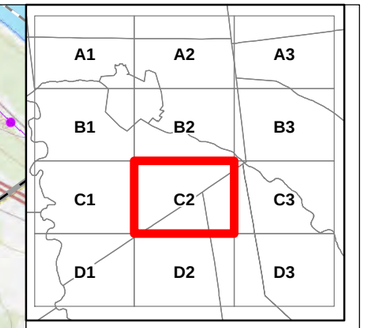


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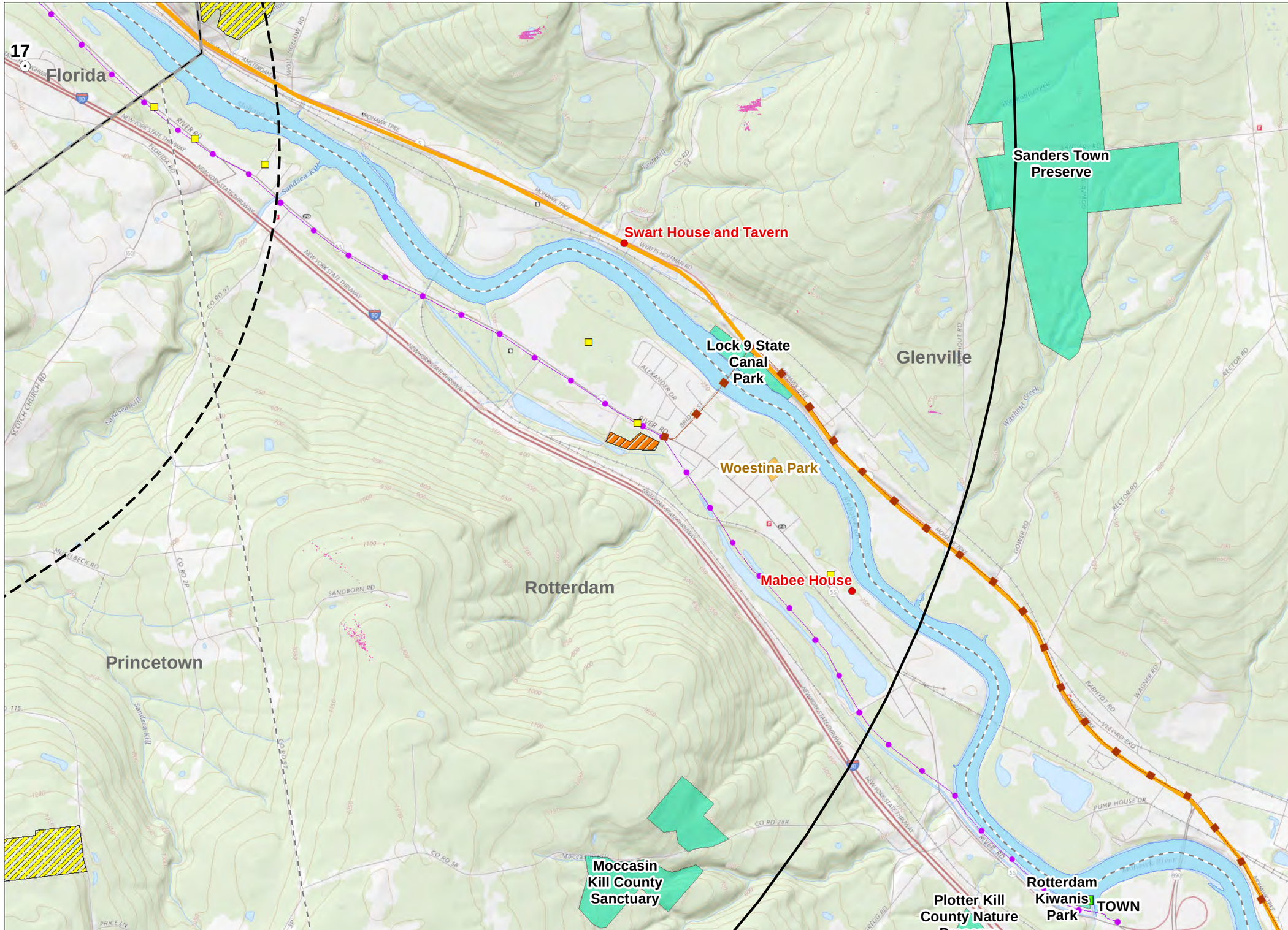


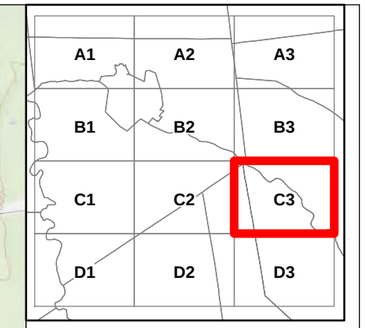


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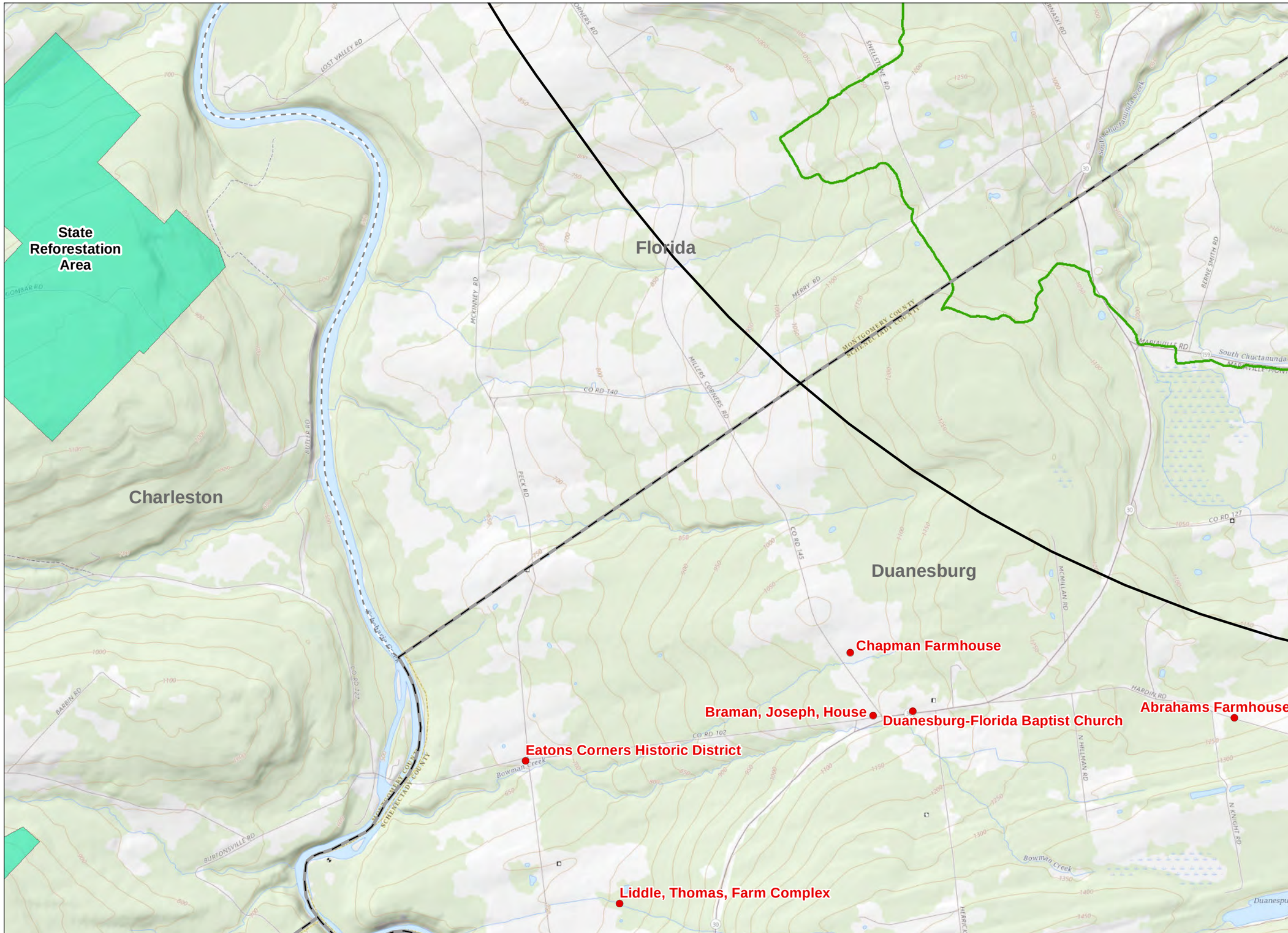


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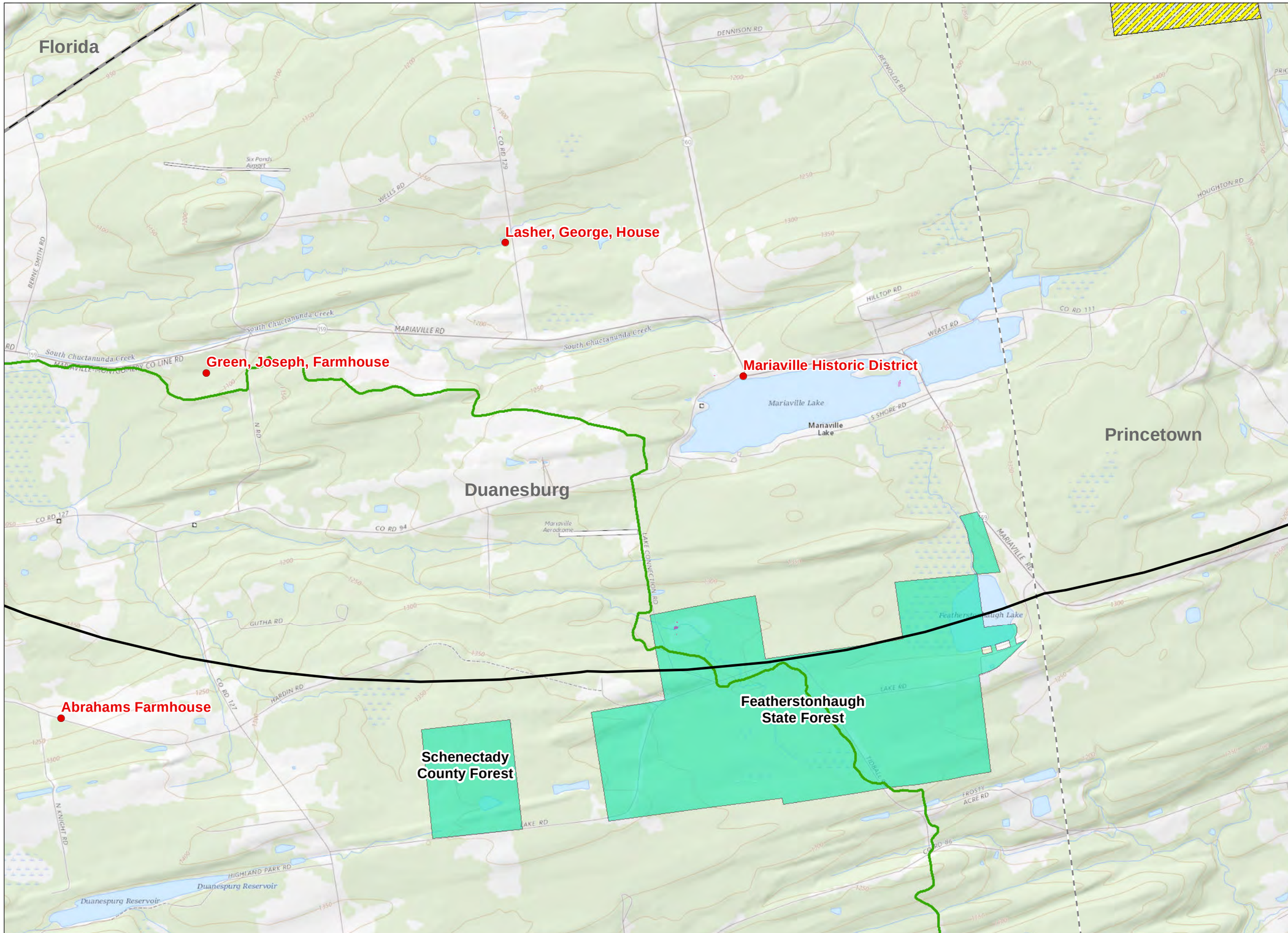


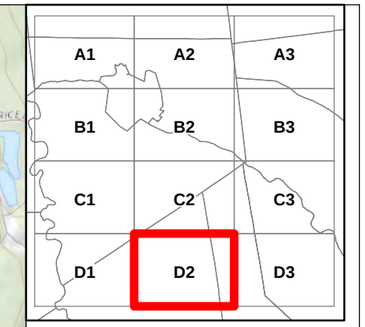


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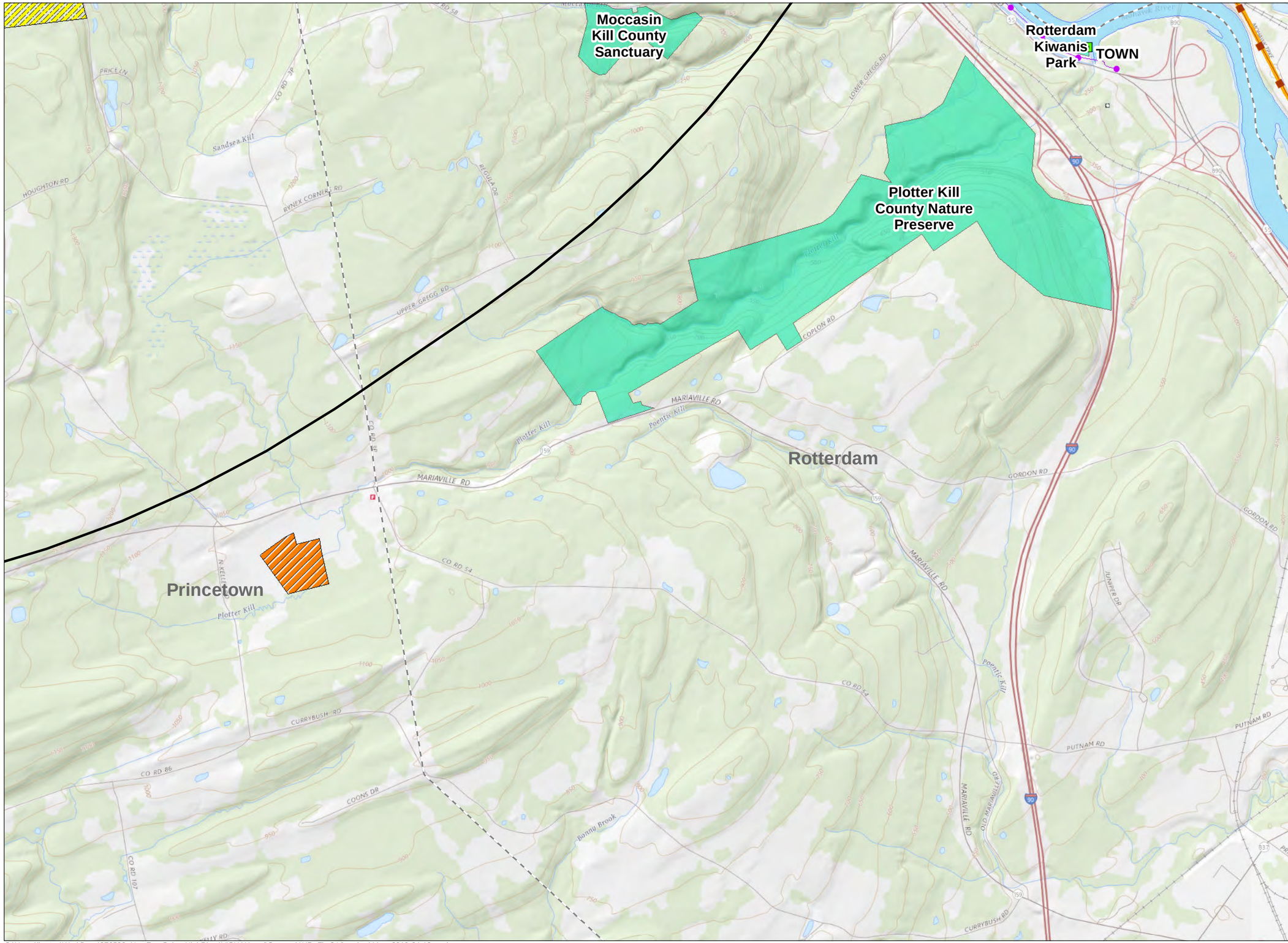


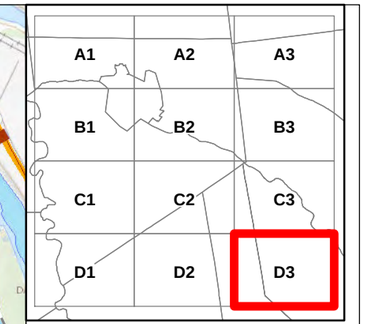


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# PHOTOLOG


**Viewpoint VP1**

4235, 4236, 4237

**Location**

Pattersonville Rd.

Town: Florida

Photo Date: 4-23-2018

Orientation: W

**Viewpoint VP2**

*4240, 4242,4243,4244*

**Location**

Pattersonville Rd.

Town: Florida

Photo Date: 4-23-2018

Orientation: N to E

**Viewpoint VP3**

4245, 4246,4247

**Location**

Pattersonville Rd.

Town: Florida

Photo Date: 4-23-2018

Orientation: S to W

**Viewpoint VP4**

4248, 4249

**Location**

Pattersonville Rd

Town: Florida

Photo Date: 4-23-2018

Orientation: NE to E

**Viewpoint VP5**

4250, 4251, 4252,

**Location**

Thayer Rd

Town: Florida

Photo Date: 4-23-2018

Orientation: E

**Viewpoint VP7**

4254, 4255

**Location**

Belldons Rd

Town: Florida

Photo Date: 4-23-2018

Orientation: E

## Viewpoint 8

**Location**

Belldons Rd, 119d east

Town: Florida

Photo Date: 4-23-2018

*4256*

## Viewpoint 9

**Location**

Fuller Rd, 119d east

Town: Florida

Photo Date: 4-23-2018

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**Viewpoint VP10**

4258, 4259

**Location**

Shellstone Rd.

Town: Florida

Photo Date: 4-23-2018

Orientation: NE

**Viewpoint VP11**

4260, 4261

**Location**

Bulls Head Rd

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Photo Date: 4-23-2018

Orientation: E

**Viewpoint VP12**

4262, 4263, 4264

**Location**

Bulls Head Rd

Town: Florida

Photo Date: 4-23-2018

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**Viewpoint VP13**

4265, 4266

**Location**

Bulls Head Rd.

Town: Florida

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Orientation: NE

**Viewpoint VP15a**

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**Location**

Mohr Rd

Town: Florida

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Orientation: E to NE

**Viewpoint VP15b**

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**Location**

Mohr Rd

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**Viewpoint VP15c**

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**Location**

Mohr Rd

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**Viewpoint VP15d**

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**Viewpoint VP16**

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**Location**

Pattersonville Rd

Town: Florida

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## Viewpoint 14

**Location**

Mohr Rd, 330d north

Town: Florida

Photo Date: 4-24-2018

*4268*

## Viewpoint 17

**Location**

NY Thruway Pattersonville Service Area

Town: Florida

Photo Date: 4-24-2018

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## Viewpoint 20

### Location

NY Thruway

View toward "Community Solar" and Collector Station.

Town: Florida

Photo Date: 4-24-2018

*4292*

## Viewpoint

### Location

Town:

Photo Date:

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**Viewpoint VP21**

4293, 4295, 4296, 4297

**Location**

NY Thruway

Town: Florida

Photo Date: 4-24-201

Orientation: S to W

**Viewpoint VP21.5**

4298, 4299, 4300, 4301

**Location**

NY Thruway

Town: Florida

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Orientation: SE to S

**Viewpoint VP22**

4302, 4303, 4304

**Location**

State Highway 5

Town: Amsterdam

Photo Date: 4-24-201

Orientation: S

**Viewpoint VP23**

4305, 4306, 4307

**Location**

Riverview Drive

Town: Amsterdam

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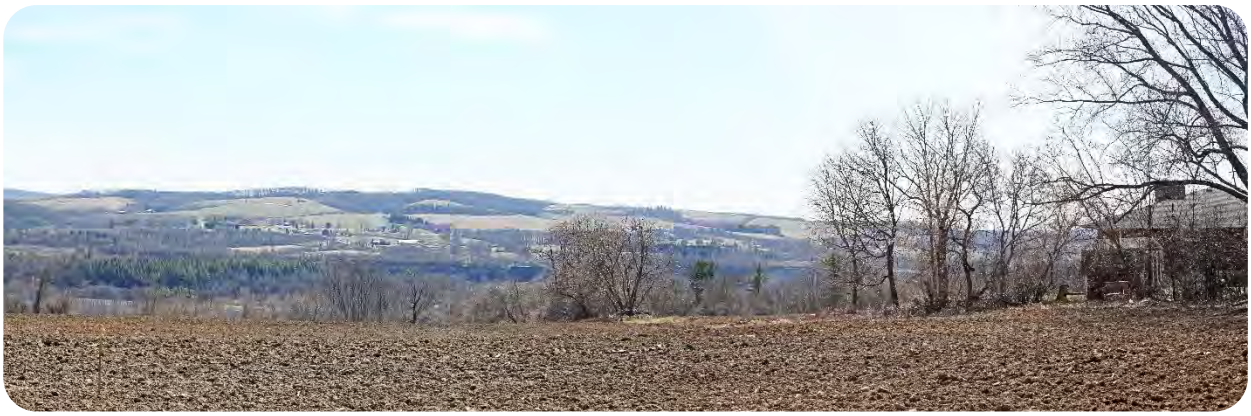

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4313, 4315

**Location**

Swart Hill Rd

Town: Amsterdam

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Orientation: SW

**Viewpoint 27**

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**Location**

Bulls Head Road

Town: Florida

Photo Date: 1-8-2019

Orientation: N

**Viewpoint 28**

*0461*

**Location**

Bulls Head Road

Town: Florida

Photo Date: 1-8-2019

Orientation: N

**Viewpoint 29**

*0476*

**Location**

Pattersonville Road

Town: Florida

Photo Date: 1-8-2019

Orientation: S

**Viewpoint**

**Location**

Town:

Photo Date:

Orientation: