

**Environmental Assessment
Determinations and Compliance Findings
for HUD-assisted Projects
24 CFR Part 58**

Project Information

Project Name: Seward-Street-Reconstruction-Project

HEROS Number: 900000010301538

Responsible Entity (RE): WATERTOWN, 245 Washington St Watertown NY, 13601

RE Preparer: Geoffrey Urda

State / Local Identifier:

Certifying Officer: Jeffrey M. Smith, Mayor

Grant Recipient (if different than Responsible Entity):

Point of Contact:

Consultant (if applicable):

Point of Contact:

Project Location: Seward Street, Watertown, NY 13601

Additional Location Information:

The project is located in the City's Northeast CDBG Target Area and is located in Census Tract 613, Block Group 2, which is characterized as having a low-to-moderate income population of 61.44 percent.

Direct Comments to:

Description of the Proposed Project [24 CFR 50.12 & 58.32; 40 CFR 1508.25]:

This project consists of a complete reconstruction of Seward Street. Improvements will include sidewalk replacement, constructing new sidewalks where walks do not exist currently, ADA ramp replacement, curbing replacement, new pavement, and replacement of various utilities (water, sanitary sewer, storm sewer), green infrastructure (where possible) and tree planting.

Statement of Purpose and Need for the Proposal [40 CFR 1508.9(b)]:

The purpose of this project is to improve vehicular and pedestrian safety and connectivity, as well as improve general quality of life in a CDBG Target Area with a high number of Low to Moderate Income (LMI) residents. Seward Street is located in Census Tract 613, Block Group 2, which has an LMI population of 61.44 percent at the time the City wrote its 2022 Annual Action Plan. This section of Seward Street is predominantly residential and features several slope, utility and right-of-way (ROW) challenges, particularly related to ADA accessibility. The City of Watertown proposes to reconstruct approximately 680 linear feet of street, including new sidewalks on both sides of the street. There is a 280 foot gap in the sidewalk network on the north side Seward Street, between Grant Street and Starbuck Avenue, where the City proposes to install new sidewalks where none previously existed, meaning the sidewalks on Seward Street will increase in size or capacity by more than 20 percent. On the opposite side of Starbuck Avenue from the eastern terminus of Seward Street is a large industrial campus, occupied by a company known as New York Air Brake, and on which the primary buildings are set back hundreds of feet from the road. While it is possible that some New York Air Brake employees may use the reconstructed Seward Street, the primary beneficiaries will be the residents of Seward Street and the other perpendicular residential streets. This project will allow the City to meet an important need identified in our Consolidated Plan by reconstructing a substandard street and filling in gaps in the pedestrian infrastructure while replacing substandard sidewalks around those gaps. This project will address the need of Public Infrastructure Improvements.

Existing Conditions and Trends [24 CFR 58.40(a)]:

Seward Street spans two blocks in length and is entirely residential on both sides, with a mixture of single-family dwellings and duplexes. There is significant elevation change on Seward Street despite its short length, cresting a hill as it travels east to west. The eastern terminus is on Starbuck Avenue, across from New York Air Brake, an industrial use. The western terminus is on Hancock Street, another residential street. Grant Street (also residential) intersects Seward Street at its halfway point. The existing pavement and sidewalks are in poor condition for much of the street's length and the east end of the street currently does not have curbs on either side.

Maps, photographs, and other documentation of project location and description:

Determination:

✓	Finding of No Significant Impact [24 CFR 58.40(g)(1); 40 CFR 1508.13] The project will not result in a significant impact on the quality of human environment
	Finding of Significant Impact

Approval Documents:

**7015.15 certified by Certifying Officer
on:**

**7015.16 certified by Authorizing Officer
on:**

Funding Information

Grant / Project Identification Number	HUD Program	Program Name
B-22-MC-36-0121	Community Planning and Development (CPD)	Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) (Entitlement)

**Estimated Total HUD Funded,
Assisted or Insured Amount:** \$250,080.00

This project anticipates the use of funds or assistance from another federal agency in addition to HUD in the form of:

Estimated Total Project Cost [24 CFR 58.2 (a) (5)]: \$850,000.00

Compliance with 24 CFR §50.4, §58.5 and §58.6 Laws and Authorities

<p>Compliance Factors: Statutes, Executive Orders, and Regulations listed at 24 CFR §50.4, §58.5, and §58.6</p>	<p>Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?</p>	<p>Compliance determination (See Appendix A for source determinations)</p>
<p>STATUTES, EXECUTIVE ORDERS, AND REGULATIONS LISTED AT 24 CFR §50.4 & § 58.6</p>		
<p>Airport Hazards Clear Zones and Accident Potential Zones; 24 CFR Part 51 Subpart D</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>	<p>The project site is not within 15,000 feet of a military airport or 2,500 feet of a civilian airport. The project is in compliance with Airport Hazards requirements.</p>
<p>Coastal Barrier Resources Act Coastal Barrier Resources Act, as amended by the Coastal Barrier Improvement Act of 1990 [16 USC 3501]</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>	<p>This project is not located in a CBRS Unit. Therefore, this project has no potential to impact a CBRS Unit and is in compliance with the Coastal Barrier Resources Act.</p>
<p>Flood Insurance Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 and National Flood Insurance Reform Act of 1994 [42 USC 4001-4128 and 42 USC 5154a]</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>	<p>Based on the project description the project includes no activities that would require further evaluation under this section. The project does not require flood insurance or is excepted from flood insurance. While flood insurance may not be mandatory in this instance, HUD recommends that all insurable structures maintain flood insurance under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). The project is in compliance with Flood Insurance requirements.</p>
<p>STATUTES, EXECUTIVE ORDERS, AND REGULATIONS LISTED AT 24 CFR §50.4 & § 58.5</p>		
<p>Air Quality Clean Air Act, as amended, particularly section 176(c) & (d); 40 CFR Parts 6, 51, 93</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>	<p>Based on the project description, this project includes no activities that would require further evaluation under the Clean Air Act. The project is in compliance with the Clean Air Act.</p>
<p>Coastal Zone Management Act Coastal Zone Management Act, sections 307(c) & (d)</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>	<p>This project is not located in or does not affect a Coastal Zone as defined in the state Coastal Management Plan. The project is in compliance with the Coastal Zone Management Act.</p>
<p>Contamination and Toxic Substances 24 CFR 50.3(i) & 58.5(i)(2)]</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>	<p>Site contamination was evaluated as follows: None of the above. On-site or nearby toxic, hazardous, or radioactive substances that could affect the health and safety of project occupants or</p>

		conflict with the intended use of the property were not found. The project is in compliance with contamination and toxic substances requirements.
Endangered Species Act Endangered Species Act of 1973, particularly section 7; 50 CFR Part 402	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	This project has been determined to have No Effect on listed species. This project is in compliance with the Endangered Species Act without mitigation.
Explosive and Flammable Hazards Above-Ground Tanks)[24 CFR Part 51 Subpart C	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Based on the project description the project includes no activities that would require further evaluation under this section. The project is in compliance with explosive and flammable hazard requirements.
Farmlands Protection Farmland Protection Policy Act of 1981, particularly sections 1504(b) and 1541; 7 CFR Part 658	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	This project does not include any activities that could potentially convert agricultural land to a non-agricultural use. The project is in compliance with the Farmland Protection Policy Act.
Floodplain Management Executive Order 11988, particularly section 2(a); 24 CFR Part 55	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	This project does not occur in a floodplain. The project is in compliance with Executive Order 11988.
Historic Preservation National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, particularly sections 106 and 110; 36 CFR Part 800	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Based on the project description the project has No Potential to Cause Effects. The project is in compliance with Section 106.
Noise Abatement and Control Noise Control Act of 1972, as amended by the Quiet Communities Act of 1978; 24 CFR Part 51 Subpart B	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Based on the project description, this project includes no activities that would require further evaluation under HUD's noise regulation. The project is in compliance with HUD's Noise regulation.
Sole Source Aquifers Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended, particularly section 1424(e); 40 CFR Part 149	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	The project is not located on a sole source aquifer area. The project is in compliance with Sole Source Aquifer requirements.
Wetlands Protection Executive Order 11990, particularly sections 2 and 5	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Based on the project description this project includes no activities that would require further evaluation under this section. The project is in compliance with Executive Order 11990.
Wild and Scenic Rivers Act Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968, particularly section 7(b) and (c)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	This project is not within proximity of a NWSRS river. The project is in

		compliance with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act.
HUD HOUSING ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARDS		
ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE		
Environmental Justice Executive Order 12898	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	No adverse environmental impacts were identified in the project's total environmental review. The project is in compliance with Executive Order 12898.

Environmental Assessment Factors [24 CFR 58.40; Ref. 40 CFR 1508.8 &1508.27]

Impact Codes: An impact code from the following list has been used to make the determination of impact for each factor.

- (1) Minor beneficial impact
- (2) No impact anticipated
- (3) Minor Adverse Impact – May require mitigation
- (4) Significant or potentially significant impact requiring avoidance or modification which may require an Environmental Impact Statement.

Environmental Assessment Factor	Impact Code	Impact Evaluation	Mitigation
LAND DEVELOPMENT			
Conformance with Plans / Compatible Land Use and Zoning / Scale and Urban Design	1	The City's Comprehensive Plan designates the entire length of Seward Street for "Residential Low Density." The reconstructed street and new sidewalks will improve quality of life for residents.	None.
Soil Suitability / Slope/ Erosion / Drainage and Storm Water Runoff	1	Seward Street (from east to west) is characterized by Niagara silt loam, Collamer silt loam and Madrid sandy loam soils, with slopes as steep as 13-to-15 percent along the western half.	The project will include green infrastructure in the form of pervious asphalt on the eastern half of the street (the bottom of the hill draining from the heavy slope on the western half) that will prevent a significant amount of stormwater runoff from reaching Starbuck Avenue at Seward Street's eastern terminus. The project will

Environmental Assessment Factor	Impact Code	Impact Evaluation	Mitigation
LAND DEVELOPMENT			
			also include bioretention areas within the margin in the 30 feet closest to the intersection with Starbuck Avenue.
Hazards and Nuisances including Site Safety and Site-Generated Noise	1	Reconstructed sidewalks will improve pedestrian safety on a street with severe slopes. The project will temporarily increase noise levels on the site during the construction period.	None.
Energy Efficiency	2	The project does not have the potential to affect energy efficiency.	None.
SOCIOECONOMIC			
Employment and Income Patterns	2	According to 2017-to-2021 American Community Survey (ACS) five-year estimates, an estimated 310 of 792 eligible residents (Universe: population 16 and older) in Census Tract 613, Block Group 2 are in the civilian labor force, with an estimated 482 not in the labor force. The ACS data estimates zero unemployment for the block group. Estimated median Income in the block group is \$34,010 according to the ACS. The only major employer in the vicinity of the project area is New York Air Brake, and its buildings are located hundreds of feet in from the road. The project has no potential to affect employment and income patterns in a significant manner.	None.

Environmental Assessment Factor	Impact Code	Impact Evaluation	Mitigation
LAND DEVELOPMENT			
Demographic Character Changes / Displacement	2	According to the 2020 Decennial Census Redistricting data, 79.4 percent (792/997) of people living in Census Tract 13, Block Group 2 were Non-Hispanic White. The project has no potential to alter the demographic character of the neighborhood in any significant manner.	None.
COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND SERVICES			
Educational and Cultural Facilities (Access and Capacity)	2	Starbuck Elementary School is located approximately 800 feet north of the project area, which is located entirely within the enrollment footprint for the school. The proposed sidewalks will improve pedestrian access to the elementary school	None.
Commercial Facilities (Access and Proximity)	2	Seward Street is an entirely residential street. The project has no potential to affect access to any commercial facilities.	None.
Health Care / Social Services (Access and Capacity)	2	Seward Street is an entirely residential street. The project has no potential to affect access to any health care or social services facilities.	None.
Solid Waste Disposal and Recycling (Feasibility and Capacity)	2	This project will not affect the amount of solid waste generated by the adjacent community.	None.
Waste Water and Sanitary Sewers (Feasibility and Capacity)	2	This project will not affect the amount of solid waste generated by the adjacent community.	None.

Environmental Assessment Factor	Impact Code	Impact Evaluation	Mitigation
LAND DEVELOPMENT			
Water Supply (Feasibility and Capacity)	2	This project will not affect the demand for potable water in the adjacent community.	None.
Public Safety - Police, Fire and Emergency Medical	1	There are no emergency services (hospital, police, fire, etc.) within walking distance of this project area, and therefore none are relevant to this assessment. The improved roadway will make it easier for emergency services to access Seward Street if there is an emergency on Seward Street itself.	None.
Parks, Open Space and Recreation (Access and Capacity)	1	There is a playground at Starbuck Elementary School, approximately 800 feet north of the project area. The proposed sidewalks will improve pedestrian access to this destination.	None.
Transportation and Accessibility (Access and Capacity)	1	Replacing substandard sidewalks and filling in gaps in the sidewalk network will improve pedestrian comfort throughout the project area. Reconstructing the street will improve vehicular access for residents of Seward Street.	None.
NATURAL FEATURES			
Unique Natural Features /Water Resources	2	Sidewalk construction in the gap in the network where sidewalks previously did not exist will result in a minimal increase in impervious surface.	None.
Vegetation / Wildlife (Introduction, Modification,	2	The only disruption will be the small amounts of grass removed to make way for new sidewalks.	None.

Environmental Assessment Factor	Impact Code	Impact Evaluation	Mitigation
LAND DEVELOPMENT			
Removal, Disruption, etc.)			
Other Factors 2			

Supporting documentation

[Extracted pages from 1_PRINT_WatertownCompPlan2019_FINAL.pdf](#)
[20230113_09332209188_3_Soil_Map.pdf](#)

Additional Studies Performed:

None.

Field Inspection [Optional]: Date and completed by:

List of Sources, Agencies and Persons Consulted [40 CFR 1508.9(b)]:

Google Maps (for Airport Distance) United States Fish and Wildlife Service - Coastal Barrier Resources System Mapper Federal Emergency Management Agency - Flood Insurance Rate Maps - Create a FIRMet New York State Geographic Information Gateway - Coastal Boundary Systems Layer United States Environmental Protection Agency - NEPAassist and Envirofacts United States Environmental Protection Agency - Sole Source Aquifer Map United States Fish and Wildlife Service - National Wetland Inventory National Wild and Scenic Rivers System - Wild and Scenic Rivers Map United States Department of Agriculture - Web Soil Survey City of Watertown Comprehensive Plan American Community Survey, Table B23025: Employment Status For The Population 16 Years And Over Decennial Census, Table P2: Hispanic Or Latino, And Not Hispanic Or Latino By Race

List of Permits Obtained:

The City of Watertown will require the chosen contractor to obtain the following permits: General City Permit Sidewalk Permit Water Permit Sewer Permit

Public Outreach [24 CFR 58.43]:

NOI-RROF and FONSI published in the Watertown Daily Times newspaper on January 20, 2023. NOI-RROF and FONSI and full ERR published on City of Watertown official website from January 20 - February 6, 2023 on "CDBG Public Comment Opportunities" page. Written letters sent to: New York State Department of Environmental Conservation - Albany headquarters, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation - Watertown Regional Office, United States Environmental Protection Agency - New York City Regional Office, Jefferson County Planning Department.

Cumulative Impact Analysis [24 CFR 58.32]:

Seward Street is a residential street on which many houses are over 100 years old. There is currently two vacant lots on the street, an unimproved residential lot at 416 Seward Street and a vacant industrial lot with improvements at 725 Starbuck Avenue, a corner lot on which pavement fronts the entire Starbuck Ave frontage while a 400 SF garage/storage building fronts the Seward Street side. Reconstructing the street could make the vacant residential lot more attractive, increasing the likelihood of developing a residential use on property in the future. This project has little potential to spur any future improvements on the industrial lot. As discussed in the Land Development section of the Environmental Assessment Factors, installing pervious asphalt and bioretention areas as part of the project will decrease stormwater runoff after the project is complete and will continue to have these benefits over the useful life of the reconstructed street.

Alternatives [24 CFR 58.40(e); 40 CFR 1508.9]

None.

No Action Alternative [24 CFR 58.40(e)]

A "no action alternative" would result in the residents of Seward Street continuing to live with a substandard street with poor pavement quality, poor drainage and poor sidewalk conditions.

Summary of Findings and Conclusions:

This Environmental Assessment found that the positive impacts of the project far outweigh any potential adverse impacts. Reconstructing Seward Street and installing new sidewalks will improve the quality of life on a residential street in an LMI neighborhood.

Mitigation Measures and Conditions [CFR 1505.2(c)]:

Summarized below are all mitigation measures adopted by the Responsible Entity to reduce, avoid or eliminate adverse environmental impacts and to avoid non-compliance or non-conformance with the above-listed authorities and factors. These measures/conditions must be incorporated into project contracts, development agreements and other relevant documents.

The staff responsible for implementing and monitoring mitigation measures should be clearly identified in the mitigation plan.

Law, Authority, or Factor	Mitigation Measure or Condition	Comments on Completed Measures	Mitigation Plan	Complete
Conformance with Plans / Compatible Land Use and Zoning / Scale and Urban Design	None.	N/A	None.	
Soil Suitability / Slope/ Erosion / Drainage and Storm Water Runoff	The project will include green infrastructure in the form of pervious asphalt on the eastern half of the street (the bottom of the hill draining from the heavy slope on the western half) that will prevent a significant amount of stormwater runoff from reaching Starbuck Avenue at Seward Street's eastern terminus. The project will also include bioretention areas within the margin in the 30 feet closest to the intersection with Starbuck Avenue.	N/A	The improvements identified will produce significant stormwater benefits. The City Engineering Department will verify their correct installation as a part of construction inspection.	
Hazards and Nuisances including Site Safety and Site-Generated Noise	None.	N/A	None.	
Energy Efficiency	None.	N/A	None.	
Employment and Income Patterns	None.	N/A	None.	
Demographic Character	None.	N/A	None.	

Changes / Displacement				
Educational and Cultural Facilities (Access and Capacity)	None.	N/A	None.	
Commercial Facilities (Access and Proximity)	None.	N/A	None.	
Health Care / Social Services (Access and Capacity)	None.	N/A	None.	
Solid Waste Disposal and Recycling (Feasibility and Capacity)	None.	N/A	None.	
Waste Water and Sanitary Sewers (Feasibility and Capacity)	None.	N/A	None.	
Water Supply (Feasibility and Capacity)	None.	N/A	None.	
Public Safety - Police, Fire and Emergency Medical	None.	N/A	None.	
Parks, Open Space and Recreation (Access and Capacity)	None.	N/A	None.	
Transportation and Accessibility (Access and Capacity)	None.	N/A	None.	
Unique Natural	None.	N/A	None.	

Features /Water Resources				
Vegetation / Wildlife (Introduction, Modification, Removal, Disruption, etc.)	None.	N/A	None.	
Climate Change	None.	N/A	None.	
Environmental Justice EA Factor	None.	N/A	None.	
Other Factors 1	None.	N/A	None.	

Project Mitigation Plan

The City Engineering Department will oversee the chosen contractor during construction to verify the correct installation of pervious asphalt and bioretention areas.

Supporting documentation on completed measures

APPENDIX A: Related Federal Laws and Authorities

Airport Hazards

General policy	Legislation	Regulation
It is HUD's policy to apply standards to prevent incompatible development around civil airports and military airfields.		24 CFR Part 51 Subpart D

1. To ensure compatible land use development, you must determine your site's proximity to civil and military airports. Is your project within 15,000 feet of a military airport or 2,500 feet of a civilian airport?

No

Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section. Document and upload the map showing that the site is not within the applicable distances to a military or civilian airport below

Yes

Screen Summary

Compliance Determination

The project site is not within 15,000 feet of a military airport or 2,500 feet of a civilian airport. The project is in compliance with Airport Hazards requirements.

Supporting documentation

[Airport Distance Map.pdf](#)

Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?

Yes

No

Coastal Barrier Resources

General requirements	Legislation	Regulation
HUD financial assistance may not be used for most activities in units of the Coastal Barrier Resources System (CBRS). See 16 USC 3504 for limitations on federal expenditures affecting the CBRS.	Coastal Barrier Resources Act (CBRA) of 1982, as amended by the Coastal Barrier Improvement Act of 1990 (16 USC 3501)	

1. Is the project located in a CBRS Unit?

No

Document and upload map and documentation below.

Yes

Compliance Determination

This project is not located in a CBRS Unit. Therefore, this project has no potential to impact a CBRS Unit and is in compliance with the Coastal Barrier Resources Act.

Supporting documentation

[Coastal Barrier Resources System Map.png](#)

Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?

Yes

No

Flood Insurance

General requirements	Legislation	Regulation
Certain types of federal financial assistance may not be used in floodplains unless the community participates in National Flood Insurance Program and flood insurance is both obtained and maintained.	Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 as amended (42 USC 4001-4128)	24 CFR 50.4(b)(1) and 24 CFR 58.6(a) and (b); 24 CFR 55.1(b).

1. Does this project involve financial assistance for construction, rehabilitation, or acquisition of a mobile home, building, or insurable personal property?

- No. This project does not require flood insurance or is excepted from flood insurance.

Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section.

Yes

4. While flood insurance is not mandatory for this project, HUD strongly recommends that all insurable structures maintain flood insurance under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Will flood insurance be required as a mitigation measure or condition?

Yes

- No

Screen Summary

Compliance Determination

Based on the project description the project includes no activities that would require further evaluation under this section. The project does not require flood insurance or is excepted from flood insurance. While flood insurance may not be mandatory in this instance, HUD recommends that all insurable structures maintain flood insurance under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). The project is in compliance with Flood Insurance requirements.

Supporting documentation

Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?

Yes

- No

Air Quality

General requirements	Legislation	Regulation
The Clean Air Act is administered by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), which sets national standards on ambient pollutants. In addition, the Clean Air Act is administered by States, which must develop State Implementation Plans (SIPs) to regulate their state air quality. Projects funded by HUD must demonstrate that they conform to the appropriate SIP.	Clean Air Act (42 USC 7401 et seq.) as amended particularly Section 176(c) and (d) (42 USC 7506(c) and (d))	40 CFR Parts 6, 51 and 93

1. Does your project include new construction or conversion of land use facilitating the development of public, commercial, or industrial facilities OR five or more dwelling units?

Yes

No

Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section.

Screen Summary

Compliance Determination

Based on the project description, this project includes no activities that would require further evaluation under the Clean Air Act. The project is in compliance with the Clean Air Act.

Supporting documentation

Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?

Yes

No

Coastal Zone Management Act

General requirements	Legislation	Regulation
Federal assistance to applicant agencies for activities affecting any coastal use or resource is granted only when such activities are consistent with federally approved State Coastal Zone Management Act Plans.	Coastal Zone Management Act (16 USC 1451-1464), particularly section 307(c) and (d) (16 USC 1456(c) and (d))	15 CFR Part 930

1. Is the project located in, or does it affect, a Coastal Zone as defined in your state Coastal Management Plan?

Yes

No

Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section. Document and upload all documents used to make your determination below.

Screen Summary

Compliance Determination

This project is not located in or does not affect a Coastal Zone as defined in the state Coastal Management Plan. The project is in compliance with the Coastal Zone Management Act.

Supporting documentation

[Coastal Boundary Systems Map.png](#)

Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?

Yes

No

Contamination and Toxic Substances

General requirements	Legislation	Regulations
It is HUD policy that all properties that are being proposed for use in HUD programs be free of hazardous materials, contamination, toxic chemicals and gases, and radioactive substances, where a hazard could affect the health and safety of the occupants or conflict with the intended utilization of the property.		24 CFR 58.5(i)(2) 24 CFR 50.3(i)

1. How was site contamination evaluated? Select all that apply. Document and upload documentation and reports and evaluation explanation of site contamination below.

American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) Phase I Environmental Site Assessment (ESA)

ASTM Phase II ESA

Remediation or clean-up plan

ASTM Vapor Encroachment Screening

None of the Above

2. Were any on-site or nearby toxic, hazardous, or radioactive substances found that could affect the health and safety of project occupants or conflict with the intended use of the property? (Were any recognized environmental conditions or RECs identified in a Phase I ESA and confirmed in a Phase II ESA?)

No

Explain:

This project does not involve the use of any hazardous materials, contaminants, toxic chemicals or gases or any radioactive substances. There are no adjacent properties to the project location identified on NEPAassist or Envirofacts as having contamination or toxic substances present.

Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section.

Yes

Screen Summary

Compliance Determination

Site contamination was evaluated as follows: None of the above. On-site or nearby toxic, hazardous, or radioactive substances that could affect the health and safety of project occupants or conflict with the intended use of the property were not found. The project is in compliance with contamination and toxic substances requirements.

Supporting documentation

[NEPAssist Map.png](#)

[Envirofacts Map.png](#)

Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?

Yes

✓ No

Endangered Species

General requirements	ESA Legislation	Regulations
Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) mandates that federal agencies ensure that actions that they authorize, fund, or carry out shall not jeopardize the continued existence of federally listed plants and animals or result in the adverse modification or destruction of designated critical habitat. Where their actions may affect resources protected by the ESA, agencies must consult with the Fish and Wildlife Service and/or the National Marine Fisheries Service (“FWS” and “NMFS” or “the Services”).	The Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 <i>et seq.</i>); particularly section 7 (16 USC 1536).	50 CFR Part 402

1. Does the project involve any activities that have the potential to affect species or habitats?

No, the project will have No Effect due to the nature of the activities involved in the project.

No, the project will have No Effect based on a letter of understanding, memorandum of agreement, programmatic agreement, or checklist provided by local HUD office

- ✓ Yes, the activities involved in the project have the potential to affect species and/or habitats.

2. Are federally listed species or designated critical habitats present in the action area?

No, the project will have No Effect due to the absence of federally listed species and designated critical habitat

- ✓ Yes, there are federally listed species or designated critical habitats present in the action area.

3. What effects, if any, will your project have on federally listed species or designated critical habitat?

- ✓ No Effect: Based on the specifics of both the project and any federally listed species in the action area, you have determined that the project will have absolutely no effect on listed species or critical habitat. in the action area.

Document and upload all documents used to make your determination below. Documentation should include a species list and explanation of your conclusion, and may require maps, photographs, and surveys as appropriate

May Affect, Not Likely to Adversely Affect: Any effects that the project may have on federally listed species or critical habitats would be beneficial, discountable, or insignificant.

Likely to Adversely Affect: The project may have negative effects on one or more listed species or critical habitat.

6. For the project to be brought into compliance with this section, all adverse impacts must be mitigated. Explain in detail the exact measures that must be implemented to mitigate for the impact or effect, including the timeline for implementation. This information will be automatically included in the Mitigation summary for the environmental review. If negative effects cannot be mitigated, cancel the project using the button at the bottom of this screen.

Mitigation as follows will be implemented:

- ✓ No mitigation is necessary.

Explain why mitigation will not be made here:

While the project location is within the defined habitat of the Indiana Bat and the Northern Long-Eared Bat, the project will not involve any tree removal and therefore has no potential to affect the bats' habitat.

Screen Summary
Compliance Determination

This project has been determined to have No Effect on listed species. This project is in compliance with the Endangered Species Act without mitigation.

Supporting documentation

Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?

Yes

No

Explosive and Flammable Hazards

General requirements	Legislation	Regulation
HUD-assisted projects must meet Acceptable Separation Distance (ASD) requirements to protect them from explosive and flammable hazards.	N/A	24 CFR Part 51 Subpart C

1. Is the proposed HUD-assisted project itself the development of a hazardous facility (a facility that mainly stores, handles or processes flammable or combustible chemicals such as bulk fuel storage facilities and refineries)?

No

Yes

2. Does this project include any of the following activities: development, construction, rehabilitation that will increase residential densities, or conversion?

No

Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section.

Yes

Screen Summary

Compliance Determination

Based on the project description the project includes no activities that would require further evaluation under this section. The project is in compliance with explosive and flammable hazard requirements.

Supporting documentation

Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?

Yes

No

Farmlands Protection

General requirements	Legislation	Regulation
The Farmland Protection Policy Act (FPPA) discourages federal activities that would convert farmland to nonagricultural purposes.	Farmland Protection Policy Act of 1981 (7 U.S.C. 4201 et seq.)	7 CFR Part 658

1. Does your project include any activities, including new construction, acquisition of undeveloped land or conversion, that could convert agricultural land to a non-agricultural use?

Yes

No

If your project includes new construction, acquisition of undeveloped land or conversion, explain how you determined that agricultural land would not be converted:

Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section. Document and upload all documents used to make your determination below.

Screen Summary

Compliance Determination

This project does not include any activities that could potentially convert agricultural land to a non-agricultural use. The project is in compliance with the Farmland Protection Policy Act.

Supporting documentation

Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?

Yes

No

Floodplain Management

General Requirements	Legislation	Regulation
Executive Order 11988, Floodplain Management, requires federal activities to avoid impacts to floodplains and to avoid direct and indirect support of floodplain development to the extent practicable.	Executive Order 11988	24 CFR 55

1. Do any of the following exemptions apply? Select the applicable citation? [only one selection possible]

- 55.12(c)(3)
- 55.12(c)(4)
- 55.12(c)(5)
- 55.12(c)(6)
- 55.12(c)(7)
- 55.12(c)(8)
- 55.12(c)(9)
- 55.12(c)(10)
- 55.12(c)(11)

None of the above

2. Upload a FEMA/FIRM map showing the site here:

[FM3603540002F \(2\).pdf](#)
[3603540002F.tif](#)

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) designates floodplains. The FEMA Map Service Center provides this information in the form of FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs). For projects in areas not mapped by FEMA, use **the best available information** to determine floodplain information. Include documentation, including a discussion of why this is the best available information for the site.

Does your project occur in a floodplain?

No

Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section.

Yes

Screen Summary

Compliance Determination

This project does not occur in a floodplain. The project is in compliance with Executive Order 11988.

Supporting documentation

Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?

Yes

No

Historic Preservation

General requirements	Legislation	Regulation
Regulations under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) require a consultative process to identify historic properties, assess project impacts on them, and avoid, minimize, or mitigate adverse effects	Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. 470f)	36 CFR 800 "Protection of Historic Properties" https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/CFR-2012-title36-vol3/pdf/CFR-2012-title36-vol3-part800.pdf

Threshold

Is Section 106 review required for your project?

- No, because the project consists solely of activities listed as exempt in a Programmatic Agreement (PA). (See the PA Database to find applicable PAs.)
- ✓ No, because the project consists solely of activities included in a No Potential to Cause Effects memo or other determination [36 CFR 800.3(a)(1)].
- Yes, because the project includes activities with potential to cause effects (direct or indirect).

Threshold (b). Document and upload the memo or explanation/justification of the other determination below:

Based on the project description, the project has No Potential to Cause Effects. The project is in compliance with Section 106.

Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section.

Screen Summary

Compliance Determination

Based on the project description the project has No Potential to Cause Effects. The project is in compliance with Section 106.

Supporting documentation

Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?

Yes

Seward-Street-
Reconstruction-Project

Watertown, NY

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✓ No

Noise Abatement and Control

General requirements	Legislation	Regulation
HUD's noise regulations protect residential properties from excessive noise exposure. HUD encourages mitigation as appropriate.	Noise Control Act of 1972 General Services Administration Federal Management Circular 75-2: "Compatible Land Uses at Federal Airfields"	Title 24 CFR 51 Subpart B

1. What activities does your project involve? Check all that apply:

New construction for residential use

Rehabilitation of an existing residential property

A research demonstration project which does not result in new construction or reconstruction

An interstate land sales registration

Any timely emergency assistance under disaster assistance provision or appropriations which are provided to save lives, protect property, protect public health and safety, remove debris and wreckage, or assistance that has the effect of restoring facilities substantially as they existed prior to the disaster

None of the above

Screen Summary

Compliance Determination

Based on the project description, this project includes no activities that would require further evaluation under HUD's noise regulation. The project is in compliance with HUD's Noise regulation.

Supporting documentation

Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?

Yes

✓ No

Sole Source Aquifers

General requirements	Legislation	Regulation
The Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974 protects drinking water systems which are the sole or principal drinking water source for an area and which, if contaminated, would create a significant hazard to public health.	Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 201, 300f et seq., and 21 U.S.C. 349)	40 CFR Part 149

1. Does the project consist solely of acquisition, leasing, or rehabilitation of an existing building(s)?

- Yes
- ✓ No

2. Is the project located on a sole source aquifer (SSA)?

A sole source aquifer is defined as an aquifer that supplies at least 50 percent of the drinking water consumed in the area overlying the aquifer. This includes streamflow source areas, which are upstream areas of losing streams that flow into the recharge area.

- ✓ No

Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section. Document and upload documentation used to make your determination, such as a map of your project (or jurisdiction, if appropriate) in relation to the nearest SSA and its source area, below.

Yes

Screen Summary

Compliance Determination

The project is not located on a sole source aquifer area. The project is in compliance with Sole Source Aquifer requirements.

Supporting documentation

[Sole Source Aquifer Map.png](#)

Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?

Yes

No

Wetlands Protection

General requirements	Legislation	Regulation
Executive Order 11990 discourages direct or indirect support of new construction impacting wetlands wherever there is a practicable alternative. The Fish and Wildlife Service's National Wetlands Inventory can be used as a primary screening tool, but observed or known wetlands not indicated on NWI maps must also be processed Off-site impacts that result in draining, impounding, or destroying wetlands must also be processed.	Executive Order 11990	24 CFR 55.20 can be used for general guidance regarding the 8 Step Process.

1. Does this project involve new construction as defined in Executive Order 11990, expansion of a building's footprint, or ground disturbance? The term "new construction" shall include draining, dredging, channelizing, filling, diking, impounding, and related activities and any structures or facilities begun or authorized after the effective date of the Order

✓ No

Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section.

Yes

Screen Summary

Compliance Determination

Based on the project description this project includes no activities that would require further evaluation under this section. The project is in compliance with Executive Order 11990.

Supporting documentation

[Wetlands Map.png](#)

Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?

Yes

✓ No

Wild and Scenic Rivers Act

General requirements	Legislation	Regulation
The Wild and Scenic Rivers Act provides federal protection for certain free-flowing, wild, scenic and recreational rivers designated as components or potential components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System (NWSRS) from the effects of construction or development.	The Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1271-1287), particularly section 7(b) and (c) (16 U.S.C. 1278(b) and (c))	36 CFR Part 297

1. Is your project within proximity of a NWSRS river?

No

Yes, the project is in proximity of a Designated Wild and Scenic River or Study Wild and Scenic River.

Yes, the project is in proximity of a Nationwide Rivers Inventory (NRI) River.

Screen Summary

Compliance Determination

This project is not within proximity of a NWSRS river. The project is in compliance with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act.

Supporting documentation

[Wild and Scenic Rivers Map.png](#)

Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?

Yes

No

Environmental Justice

General requirements	Legislation	Regulation
Determine if the project creates adverse environmental impacts upon a low-income or minority community. If it does, engage the community in meaningful participation about mitigating the impacts or move the project.	Executive Order 12898	

HUD strongly encourages starting the Environmental Justice analysis only after all other laws and authorities, including Environmental Assessment factors if necessary, have been completed.

1. Were any adverse environmental impacts identified in any other compliance review portion of this project's total environmental review?

Yes

No

Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section.

Screen Summary

Compliance Determination

No adverse environmental impacts were identified in the project's total environmental review. The project is in compliance with Executive Order 12898.

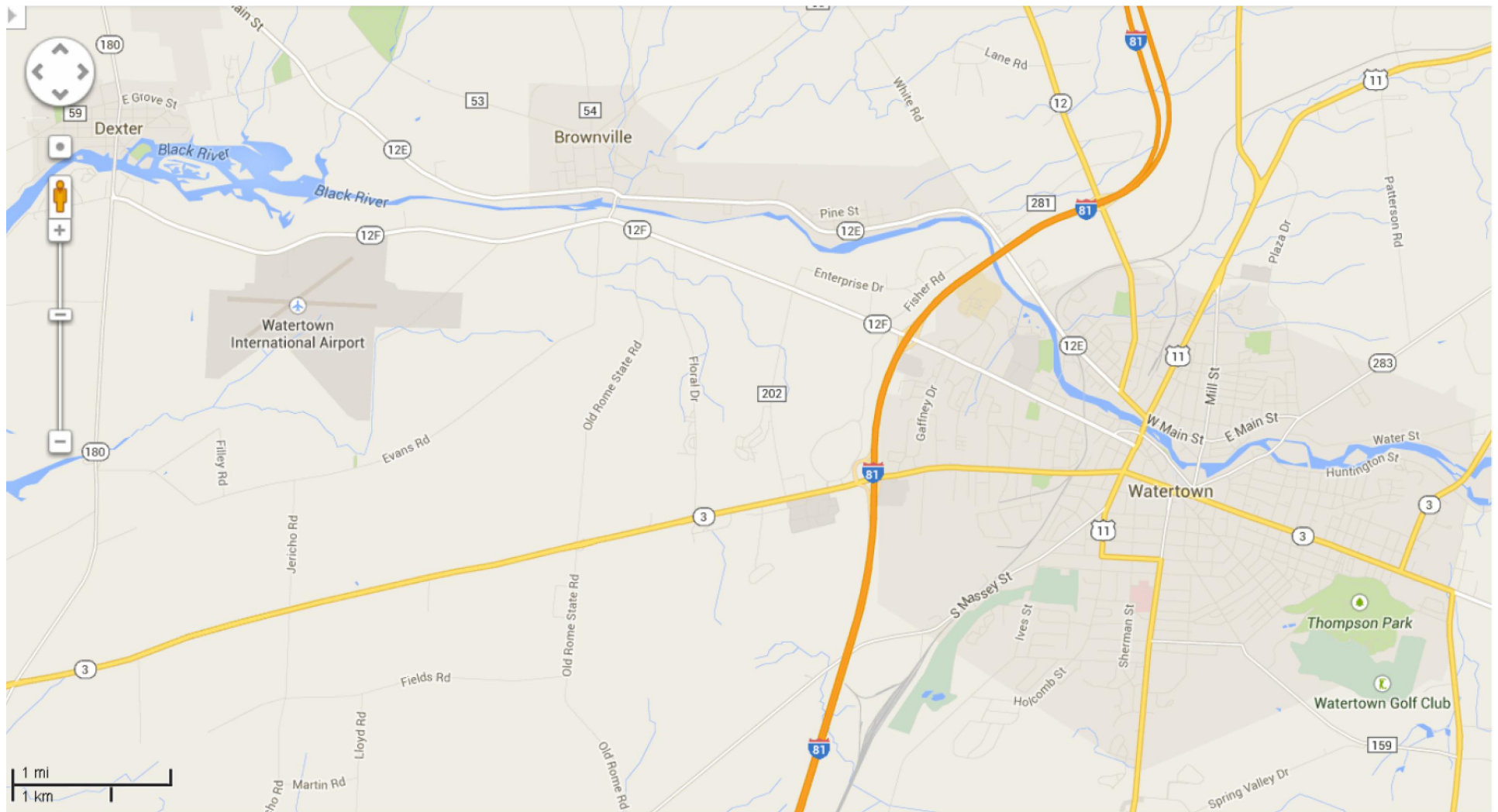
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Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?

Yes

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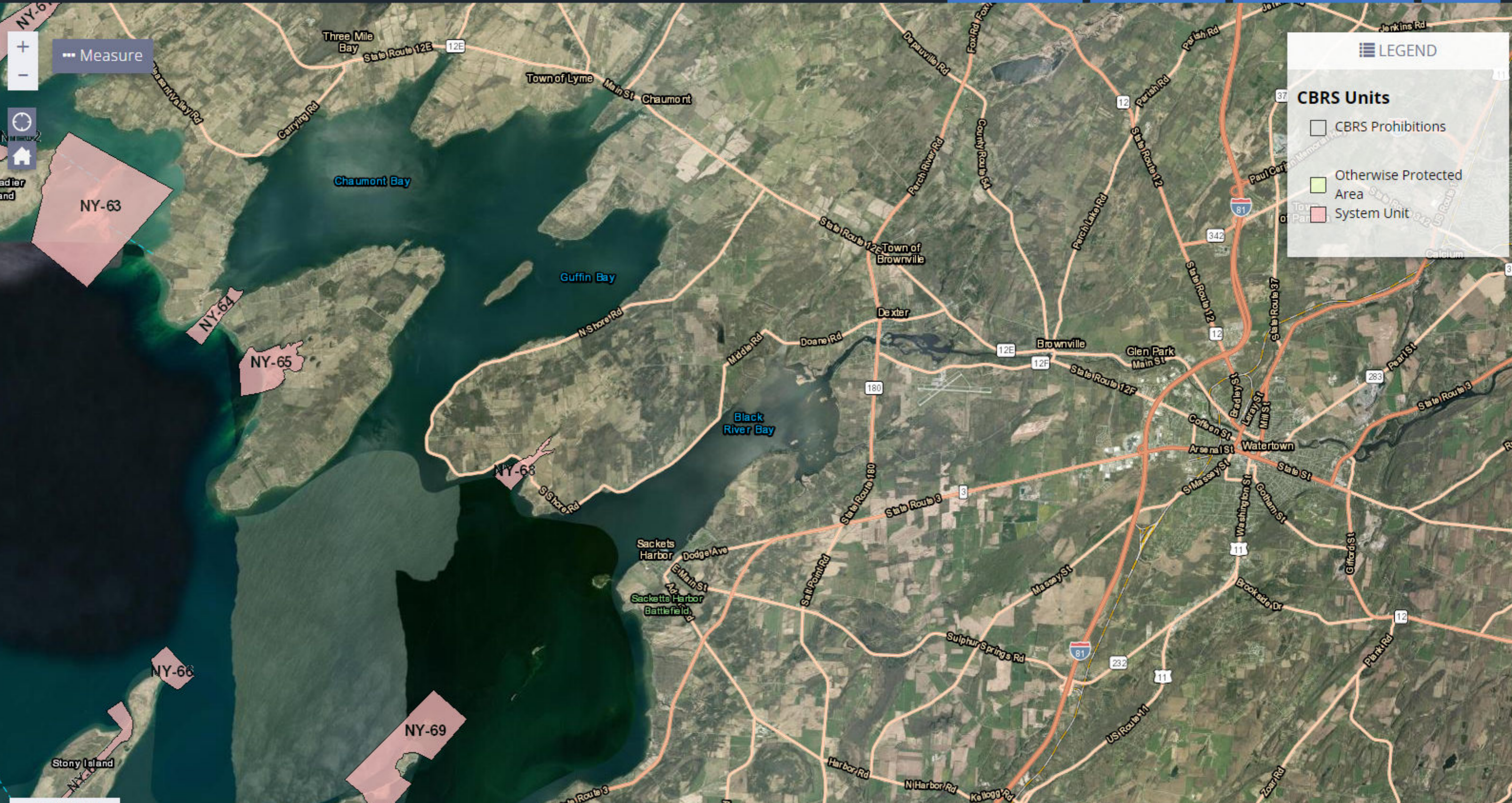
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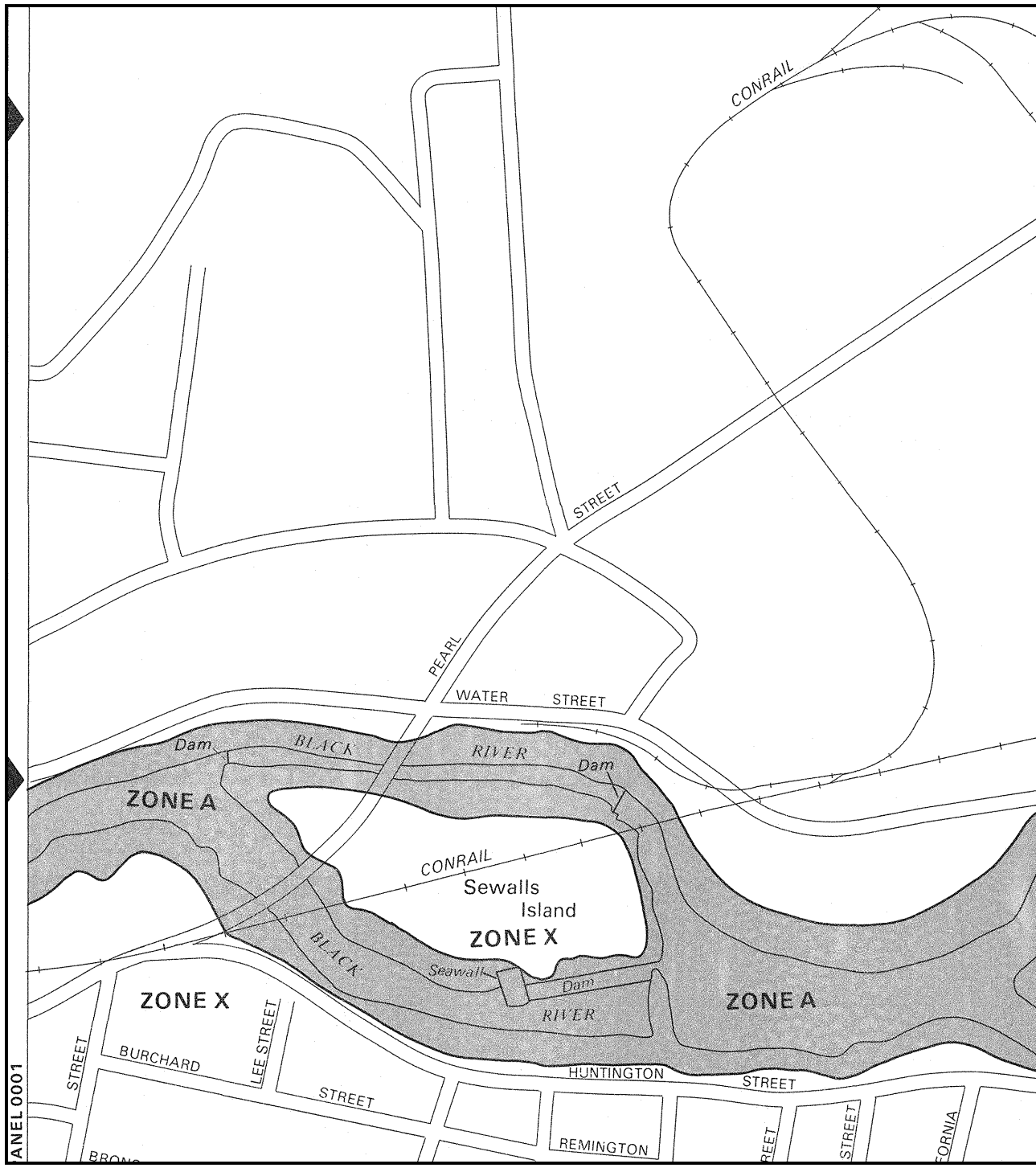
CBRS Units
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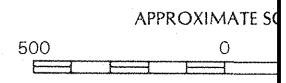
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CBRS Units

- CBRS Prohibitions
- Otherwise Protected Area
- System Unit



To determine if flood insurance is available in your area, contact your insurance agent or call the National Flood Insurance Program at 1-800-358-7777.

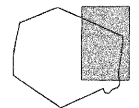


NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM

FIRM
FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP

CITY OF
WATERTOWN,
NEW YORK
JEFFERSON COUNTY

PANEL 2 OF 4
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PANEL LOCATION

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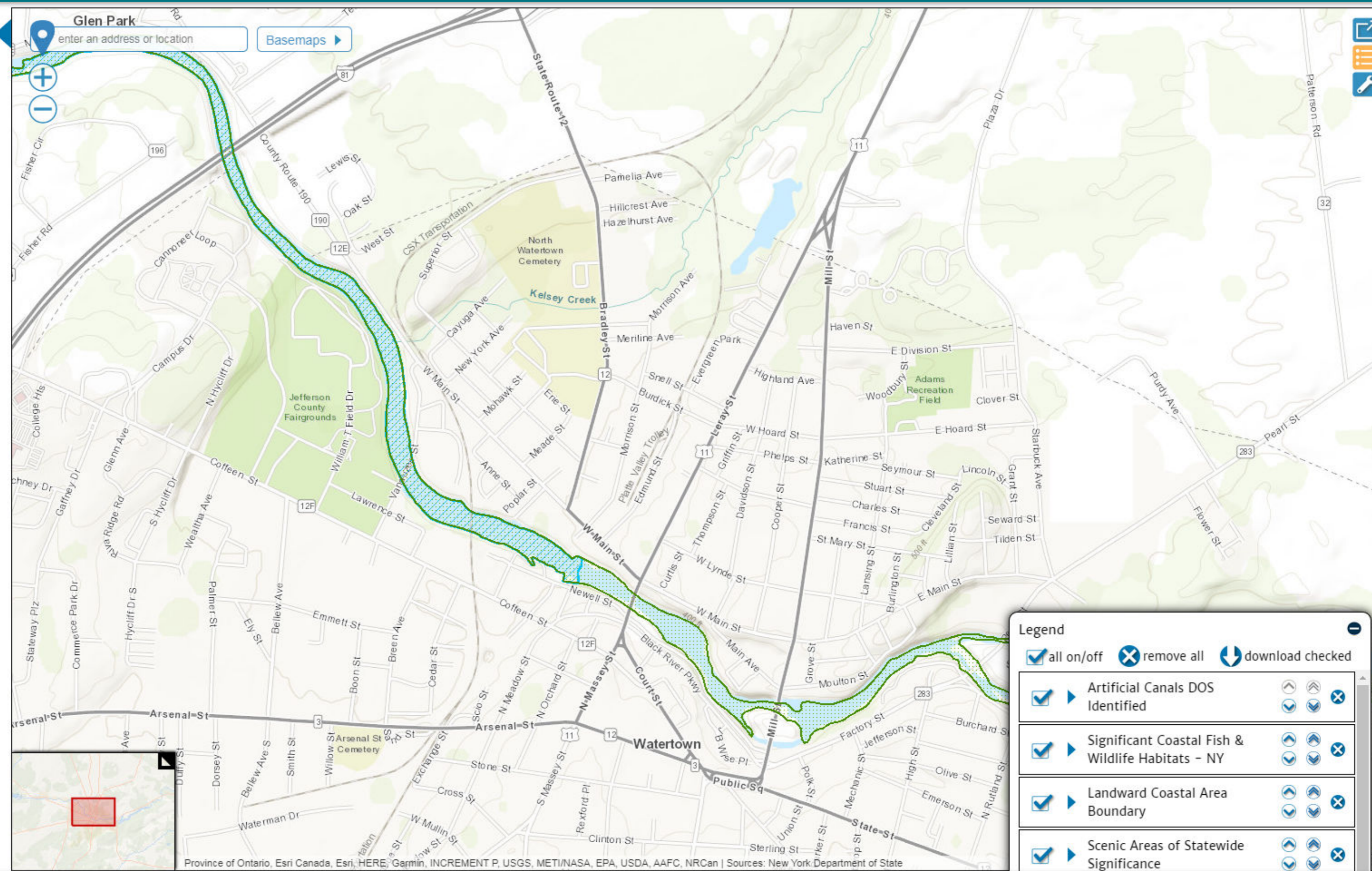


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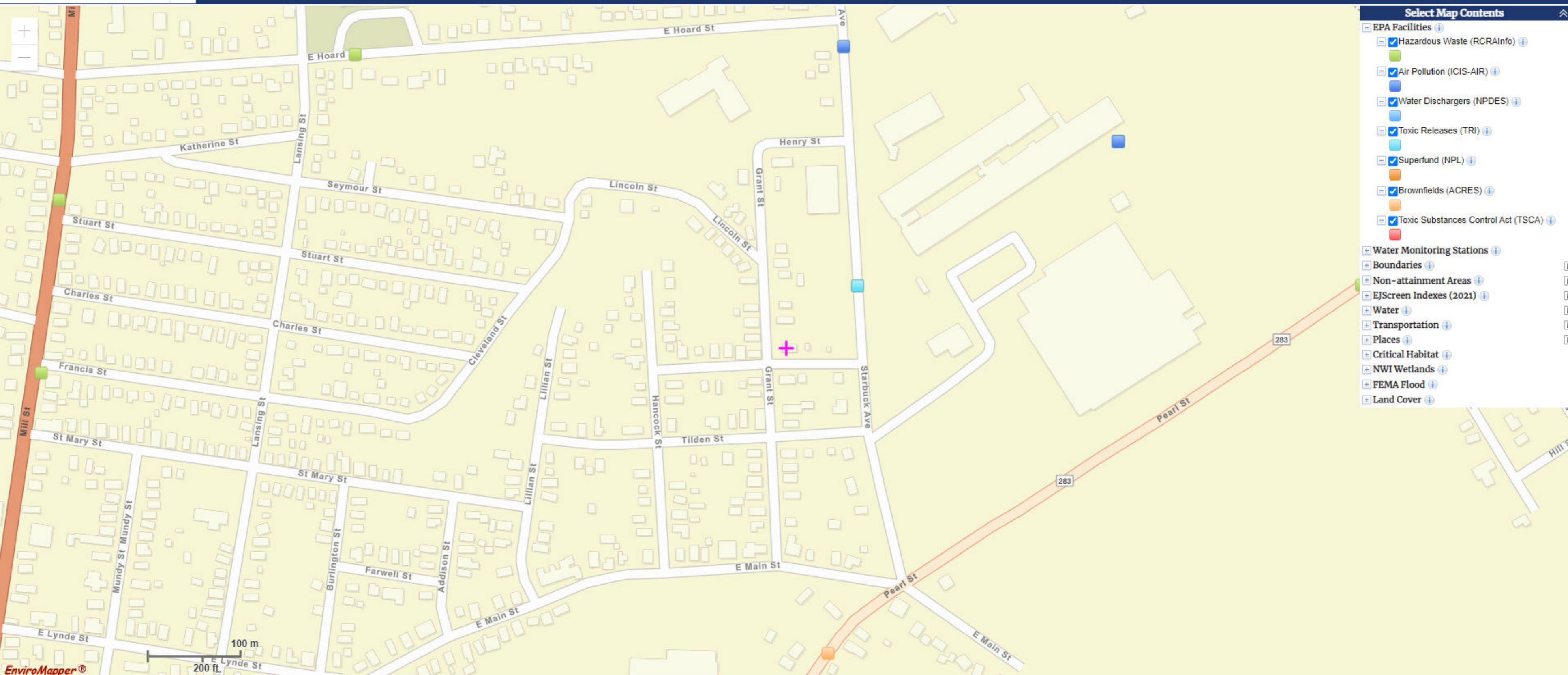
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503 Seward St, Watertown

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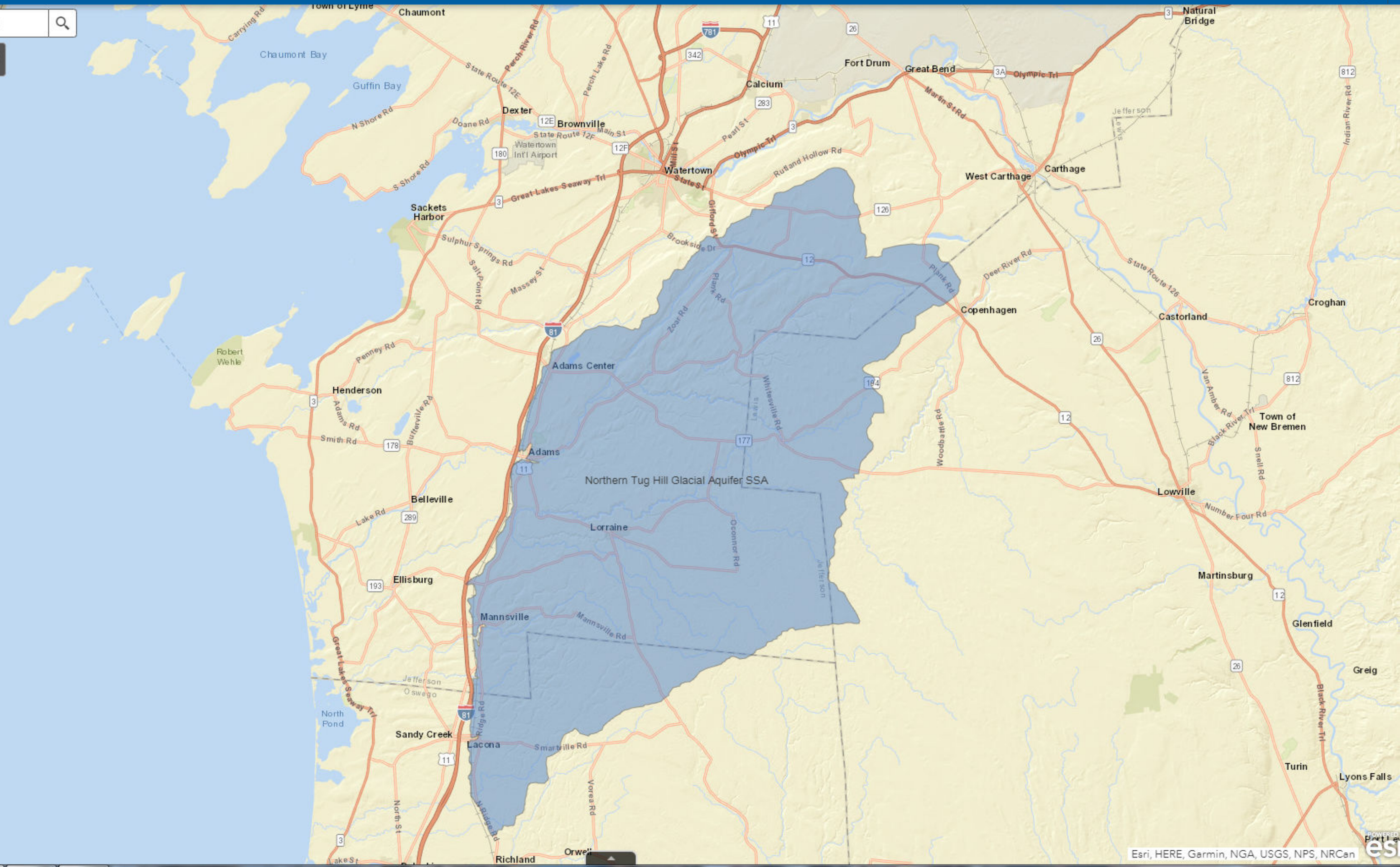
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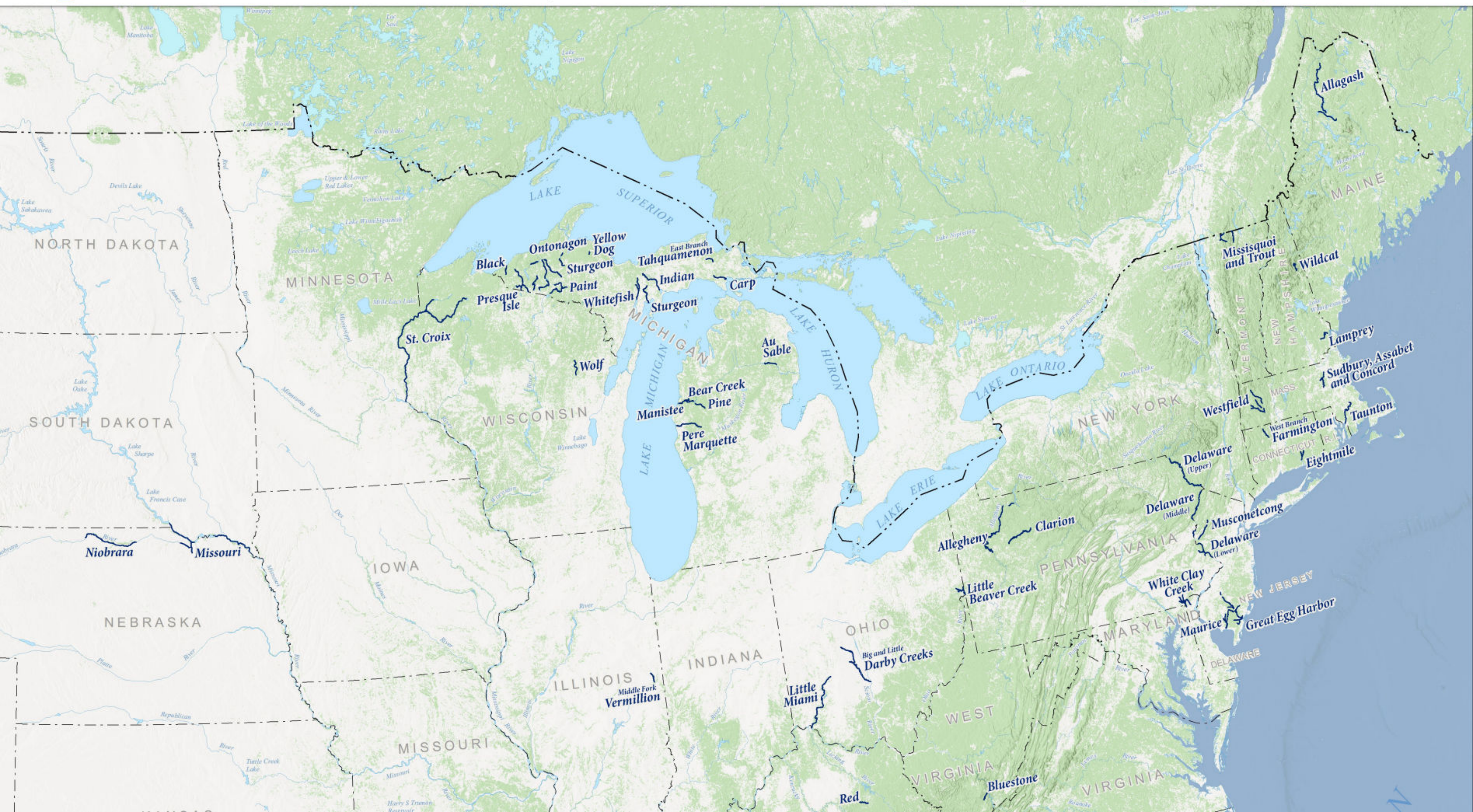


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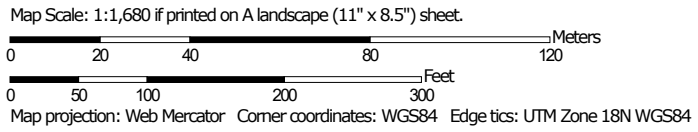




Soil Map—Jefferson County, New York
(Seward Street)




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MAP LEGEND

Area of Interest (AOI)

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Soils

 Soil Map Unit Polygons

 Soil Map Unit Lines

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Special Point Features



Blowout



Borrow Pit



Clay Spot



Closed Depression



Gravel Pit



Gravelly Spot



Landfill



Lava Flow



Marsh or swamp



Mine or Quarry



Miscellaneous Water



Perennial Water



Rock Outcrop



Saline Spot



Sandy Spot



Severely Eroded Spot



Sinkhole



Slide or Slip



Sodic Spot



Spoil Area



Stony Spot



Very Stony Spot



Wet Spot



Other



Special Line Features

Water Features



Streams and Canals

Transportation



Rails



Interstate Highways



US Routes



Major Roads



Local Roads

Background



Aerial Photography

MAP INFORMATION

The soil surveys that comprise your AOI were mapped at 1:15,800.

Warning: Soil Map may not be valid at this scale.

Enlargement of maps beyond the scale of mapping can cause misunderstanding of the detail of mapping and accuracy of soil line placement. The maps do not show the small areas of contrasting soils that could have been shown at a more detailed scale.

Please rely on the bar scale on each map sheet for map measurements.

Source of Map: Natural Resources Conservation Service

Web Soil Survey URL:

Coordinate System: Web Mercator (EPSG:3857)

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Soil Survey Area: Jefferson County, New York

Survey Area Data: Version 22, Sep 10, 2022

Soil map units are labeled (as space allows) for map scales 1:50,000 or larger.

Date(s) aerial images were photographed: Jul 19, 2020—Nov 5, 2020

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Map Unit Legend

Map Unit Symbol	Map Unit Name	Acres in AOI	Percent of AOI
CnB	Collamer silt loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes	4.1	31.2%
MdC	Madrid sandy loam, 8 to 15 percent slopes	3.3	25.5%
MdD	Madrid sandy loam, 15 to 25 percent slopes	2.8	21.7%
NoA	Niagara silt loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes	2.0	15.2%
Ur	Urban land	0.8	6.4%
Totals for Area of Interest		13.0	100.0%

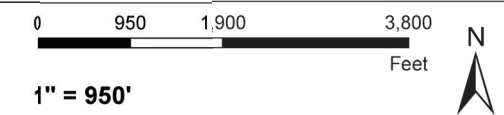
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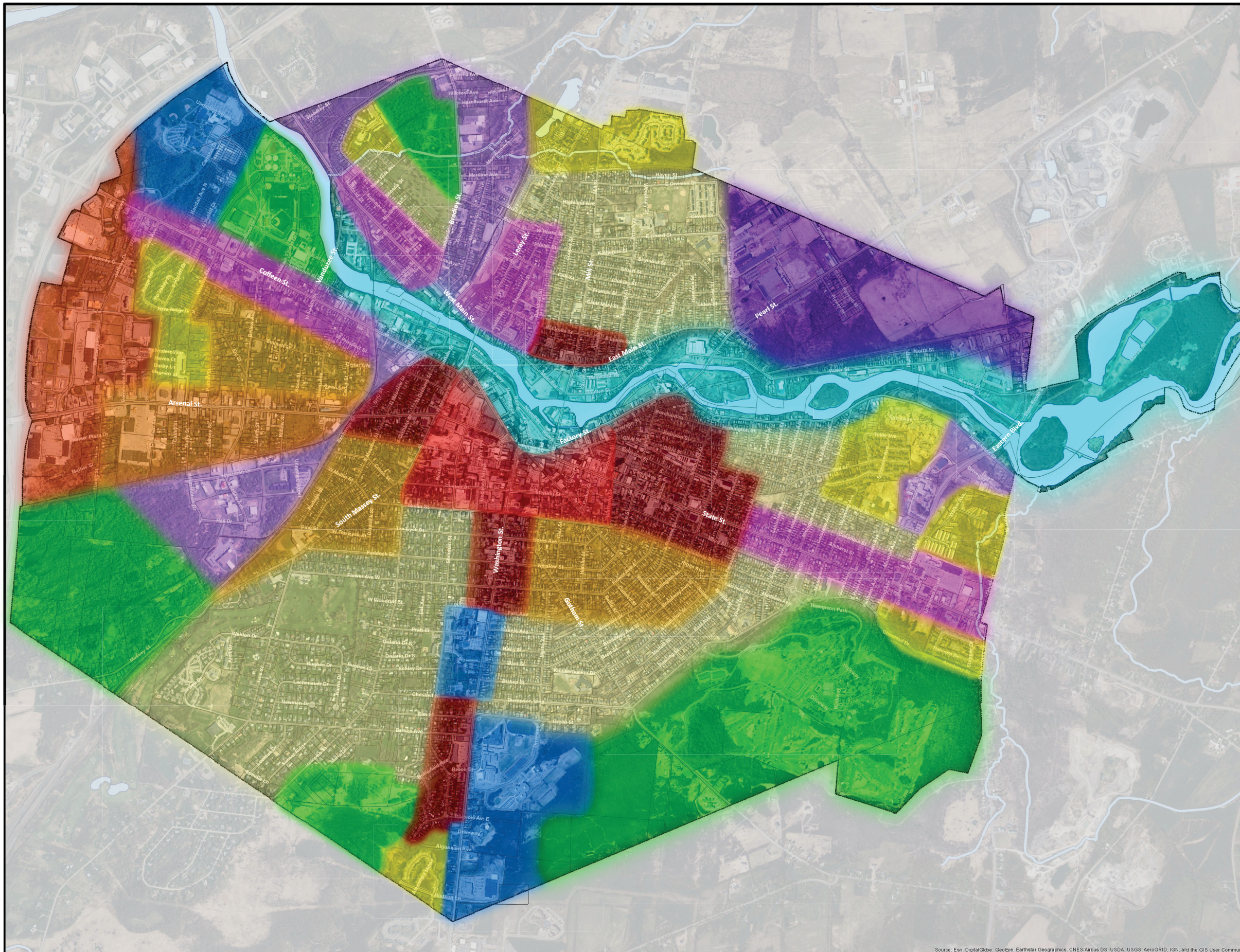
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- Campus Health & Education
- Light Industry
- Heavy Industry
- Open Space



Date: 07/03/2019
Data Sources: City of Watertown
NYS GIS Clearinghouse (gis.ny.gov)



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Project Information

Project Name: Seward-Street-Reconstruction-Project

HEROS Number: 900000010301538

Project Location: Seward Street, Watertown, NY 13601

Additional Location Information:

The project is located in the City's Northeast CDBG Target Area and is located in Census Tract 613, Block Group 2, which is characterized as having a low-to-moderate income population of 61.44 percent.

Description of the Proposed Project [24 CFR 50.12 & 58.32; 40 CFR 1508.25]:

This project consists of a complete reconstruction of Seward Street. Improvements will include sidewalk replacement, constructing new sidewalks where walks do not exist currently, ADA ramp replacement, curbing replacement, new pavement, and replacement of various utilities (water, sanitary sewer, storm sewer), green infrastructure (where possible) and tree planting.

Funding Information

Grant Number	HUD Program	Program Name
B-22-MC-36-0121	Community Planning and Development (CPD)	Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) (Entitlement)

Estimated Total HUD Funded Amount: \$250,080.00

Estimated Total Project Cost [24 CFR 58.2 (a) (5)]: \$850,000.00

Mitigation Measures and Conditions [CFR 1505.2(c)]:

Summarized below are all mitigation measures adopted by the Responsible Entity to reduce, avoid or eliminate adverse environmental impacts and to avoid non-compliance or non-conformance with the above-listed authorities and factors. These measures/conditions must be incorporated into project contracts, development agreements and other relevant documents. The staff responsible for implementing and monitoring mitigation measures should be clearly identified in the mitigation plan.

Law, Authority, or Factor	Mitigation Measure or Condition
Conformance with Plans / Compatible Land Use and Zoning / Scale and Urban Design	None.
Soil Suitability / Slope/ Erosion / Drainage and Storm Water Runoff	The project will include green infrastructure in the form of pervious asphalt on the eastern half of the street (the bottom of the hill draining from the heavy slope on the western half) that will prevent a significant amount of stormwater runoff from reaching Starbuck Avenue at Seward Street's eastern terminus. The project will also include bioretention areas within the margin in the 30 feet closest to the intersection with Starbuck Avenue.
Hazards and Nuisances including Site Safety and Site-Generated Noise	None.
Energy Efficiency	None.
Employment and Income Patterns	None.
Demographic Character Changes / Displacement	None.
Educational and Cultural Facilities (Access and Capacity)	None.
Commercial Facilities (Access and Proximity)	None.
Health Care / Social Services (Access and Capacity)	None.
Solid Waste Disposal and Recycling (Feasibility and Capacity)	None.
Waste Water and Sanitary Sewers (Feasibility and Capacity)	None.
Water Supply (Feasibility and Capacity)	None.
Public Safety - Police, Fire and Emergency Medical	None.
Parks, Open Space and Recreation (Access and Capacity)	None.
Transportation and Accessibility (Access and Capacity)	None.
Unique Natural Features /Water Resources	None.
Vegetation / Wildlife (Introduction, Modification, Removal, Disruption, etc.)	None.
Climate Change	None.
Environmental Justice EA Factor	None.
Other Factors 1	None.
Permits, reviews, and approvals	The City of Watertown will require the chosen contractor to obtain the following permits: General City Permit Sidewalk Permit Water Permit Sewer Permit

Project Mitigation Plan

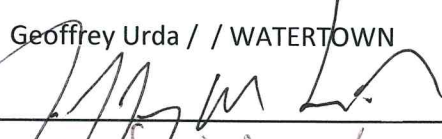
The City Engineering Department will oversee the chosen contractor during construction to verify the correct installation of pervious asphalt and bioretention areas.

Determination:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Finding of No Significant Impact [24 CFR 58.40(g)(1); 40 CFR 1508.13] The project will not result in a significant impact on the quality of human environment
<input type="checkbox"/>	Finding of Significant Impact

Preparer Signature:  Date: 1/19/23

Name / Title / Organization: Geoffrey Urda / / WATERTOWN

Certifying Officer Signature:  Date: 1/19/2023

Name / Title: JEFFREY M SMITH / Mayor

This original, signed document and related supporting material must be retained on file by the Responsible Entity in an Environment Review Record (ERR) for the activity / project (ref: 24 CFR Part 58.38) and in accordance with recordkeeping requirements for the HUD program(s).