INTRODUCTION

Thank you for attending the Public Meeting for the Greater Baldwinsville Joint Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP).

While at this Public Meeting, we invite you to:

- Browse the poster gallery to learn about the project,
- Place comments on the posters to provide your input, and
- Fill out the comment card and share your ideas,
- Meet and discuss the project with the Waterfront Advisory Committee (WAC) and Consultant Team

Please note that all Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP) Update material presented at this Public Information Meeting is in DRAFT form.

We are actively soliciting community input through this Public Meeting, and additional opportunities to engage in this project will be provided in the future. **We need your input in order to shape the Greater Baldwinsville LWRP. Thank you for participating and sharing your ideas and feedback!**

What is an LWRP?

A Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP) is a locally prepared, comprehensive land and water use program for a community's designated inland waterway. It often includes a Harbor Management Plan (HMP) to help manage water-dependent activities.

- Authorized by the New York State Coastal Management Program
- Reflects a shared community vision shaped by public input
- Balances natural resource protection with waterfront economic development
- Ensures that future projects within the riverfront area are consistent with local policies, promoting sustainable use and preventing resource impairment

Waterfront Advisory Committee

- Bob Geraci, Former Town Councilor (Lysander)
- Karen Rice, Clerk to the Board (Lysander)
- Taran Pashow, DPW Superintendent (Baldwinsville)
- Jesse McMahon, Planning Board Member (Van Buren)
- Roger Hand, Town Board Member (Van Buren)
- Doug Beachel, Radisson Board Member (Van Buren)
- Joe Saraceni, Resident (Baldwinsville)
- Robert Wicks, Riverfront Business Owner (Baldwinsville)
- Ed Schmitt, Town Councilor (Lysander)
- Dan O'Hara, Resident/Former Mayor (Baldwinsville)
- Mark Wilder, Community Member/Former Trustee (Baldwinsville)

Project Team

- Kevin Rode, Town Supervisor (Lysander)
- Bruce Stebbins, Village Mayor (Baldwinsville)
- Wendy Van Der Water, Town Supervisor (Van Buren)
- Megan Costa, Project Manager (Onondaga Co. Planning)
- Jeffrey Harrop, Planner (Onondaga Co. Planning)

Anticipated Process and Timeline

2025

- Project Kick-Off
- Section I WRA Boundary

2026

- Section II Inventory & Analysis
- **Public Information Meeting** ← We Are Here
- Section III Local Waterfront Revitalization Program Policies
- Section IV Proposed Land and Water Uses and Proposed Projects
- **Public Information Meeting**
- Section V Existing and Proposed Local Laws
- Section VI Actions with Effects Laws
- Section VII Consultation & Commitment

2027

- Draft LWRP Plan
- **Public Information Meeting**
- SEQRA & NYS DOS Referral
- Final LWRP

Consultant Team

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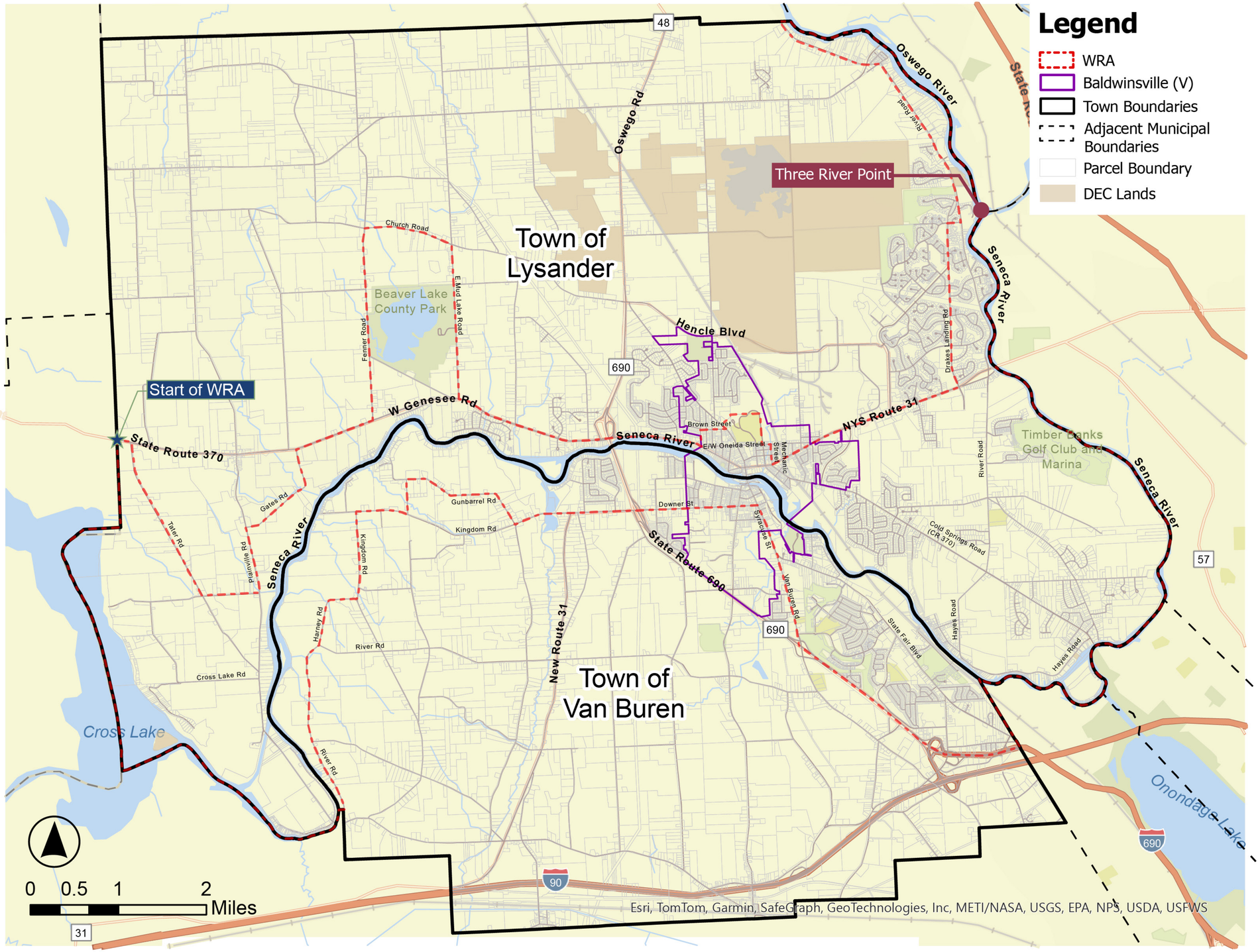
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HIGHLAND PLANNING

WATERFRONT REVITALIZATION BOUNDARY

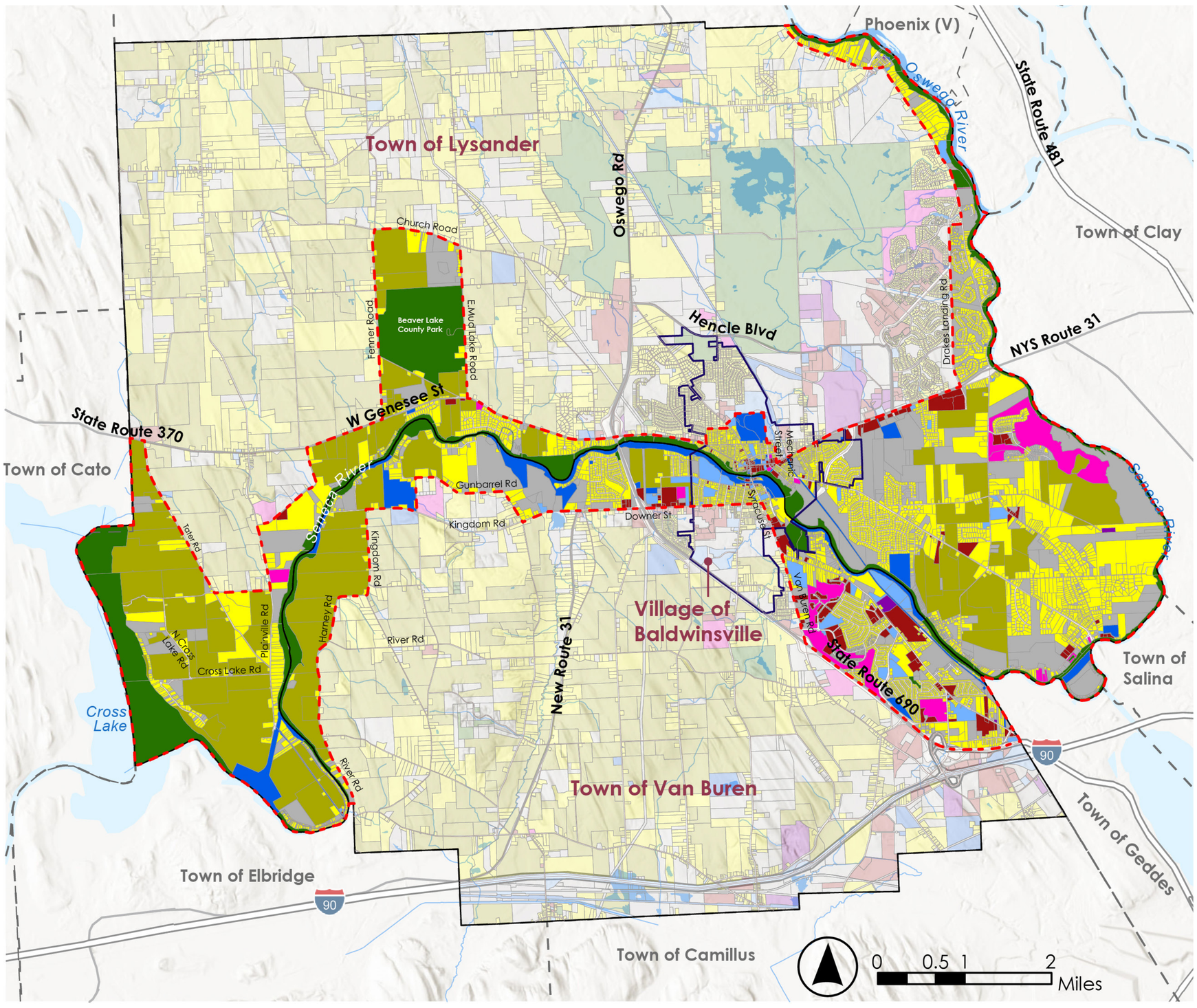
The WRA is intentionally designed to strengthen connections between local neighborhoods and the waterfront, fostering a unified community vision that blends economic growth with recreational development.

The Waterfront Revitalization Area (WRA) included within the Town of Lysander, Town of Van Buren and Village of Baldwinsville LWRP encompasses a total of approximately 18853.77 acres. From west to east, key water features that it follows are Cross Lake (bordering the western boundary of the Town of Lysander), Mud Lake (within Beaver Lake Nature Center in Lysander), the Seneca River (bordering the southern boundary of the Town of Lysander and the southern/eastern boundary of the Town of Van Buren, and crossing through the Village of Baldwinsville), and the Oswego River (bordering the eastern boundary of the Town of Lysander), as illustrated in figure on right.



DEVELOPMENT & AGRICULTURAL LANDS

Understanding existing land use patterns within the Waterfront Revitalization Area (WRA) provides important context for identifying opportunities and constraints for future waterfront planning and development. The WRA includes a mix of residential neighborhoods, agricultural lands, commercial corridors, recreational facilities, and natural open spaces distributed across the Towns of Lysander and Van Buren and the Village of Baldwinsville. While residential uses represent the largest share of land within the WRA, significant areas of agricultural land and natural resources also contribute to the rural and waterfront character of the region. Commercial and community-oriented uses are primarily concentrated within the Village of Baldwinsville and along major transportation corridors, supporting local economic activity and community services.



Suggested Projects – place a sticky note with your own ideas for projects related to development and agricultural lands within the WRA.

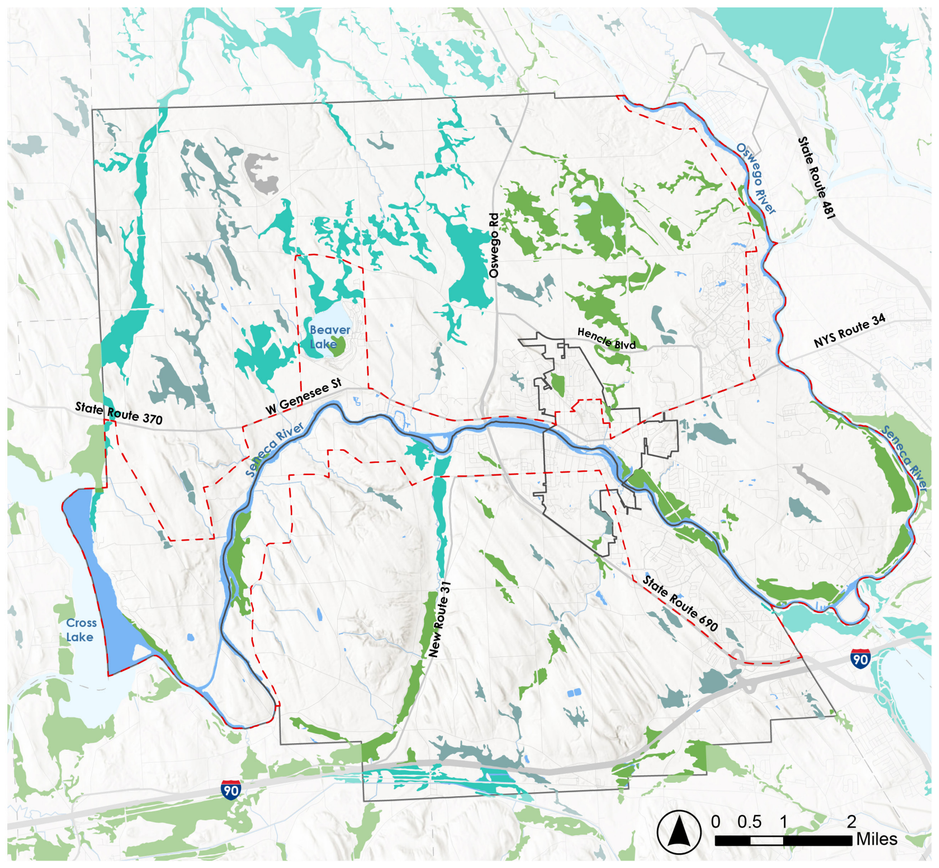
WETLANDS & FLOODING/EROSION HAZARDS

Wetlands

Mapped wetlands exceeding (±) 5,940 acres or 16.7% of the WRA are designated as possessing "unusual local importance" and regulated under the NYS DEC Freshwater Wetlands Act, as shown in figure below. These wetlands may also include adjacent 100-foot regulatory buffer zones, which can influence land use decisions within the WRA. Future project planning must incorporate wetland permitting requirements, including Article 24 Freshwater Wetlands Permits and potential coordination with federal agencies under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act.

Flood Hazard Areas

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) last updated the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) for the WRA in 2016. Within the WRA, several flood hazard zones have been delineated, as shown in the figure below, including areas subject to the 1% annual chance flood hazard or 100-year floodplain, and the 0.2% annual chance flood hazard or 500-year floodplain. The FEMA mapping identifies significant flood risk areas along the Seneca River, Oswego River, and Cross Lake. While much of the residential areas within the Village and Towns lie outside of these high-risk areas, areas such as downtown Baldwinsville, Mills Island, Water St, Meadow St, Hayes St, as well as portions of W Genesee St in the Town of Lysander, intersect designated flood zones.



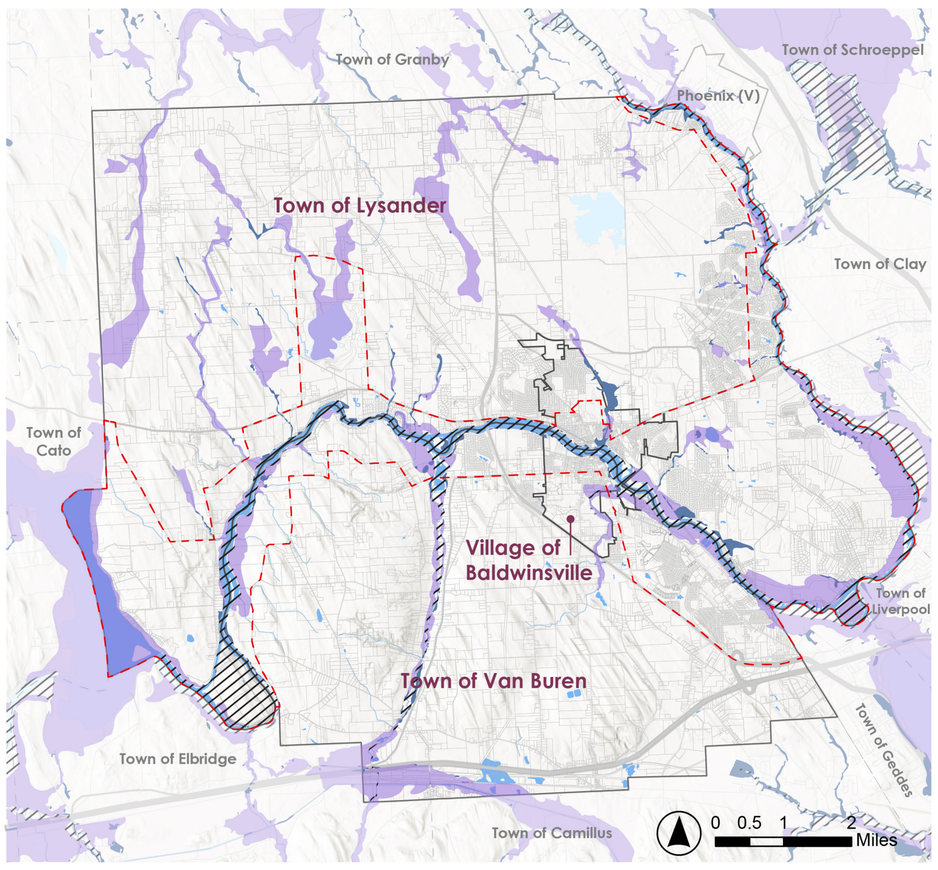
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Previously Mapped Freshwater Wetlands

Legend
- Neighboring Municipc Boundaries
- Village of Baldwinsville Towns of Lysander & Van Buren
- WRA Boundary
- Road Network

DEC Mapped Wetlands
- Class 1
- Class 2
- Class 3
- Other

Sources
Base Map: Esri, NASA, NGA, USGS, FEMA, Esri, TomTom, Garmin, SafeGraph, Geo Technologies, Inc, METI/ NASA
Roadways: NYSDOTs Roadway Inventory System, 2024
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Flood Hazard Areas
- Regulatory Floodway
- 1% Annual Flood Hazard
- 0.2% Annual Flood Hazard

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FEMA Flood Hazard Area, November 2025

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PUBLIC ACCESS, RECREATION, & HISTORIC/SCENIC RESOURCES

Public Access & Recreation

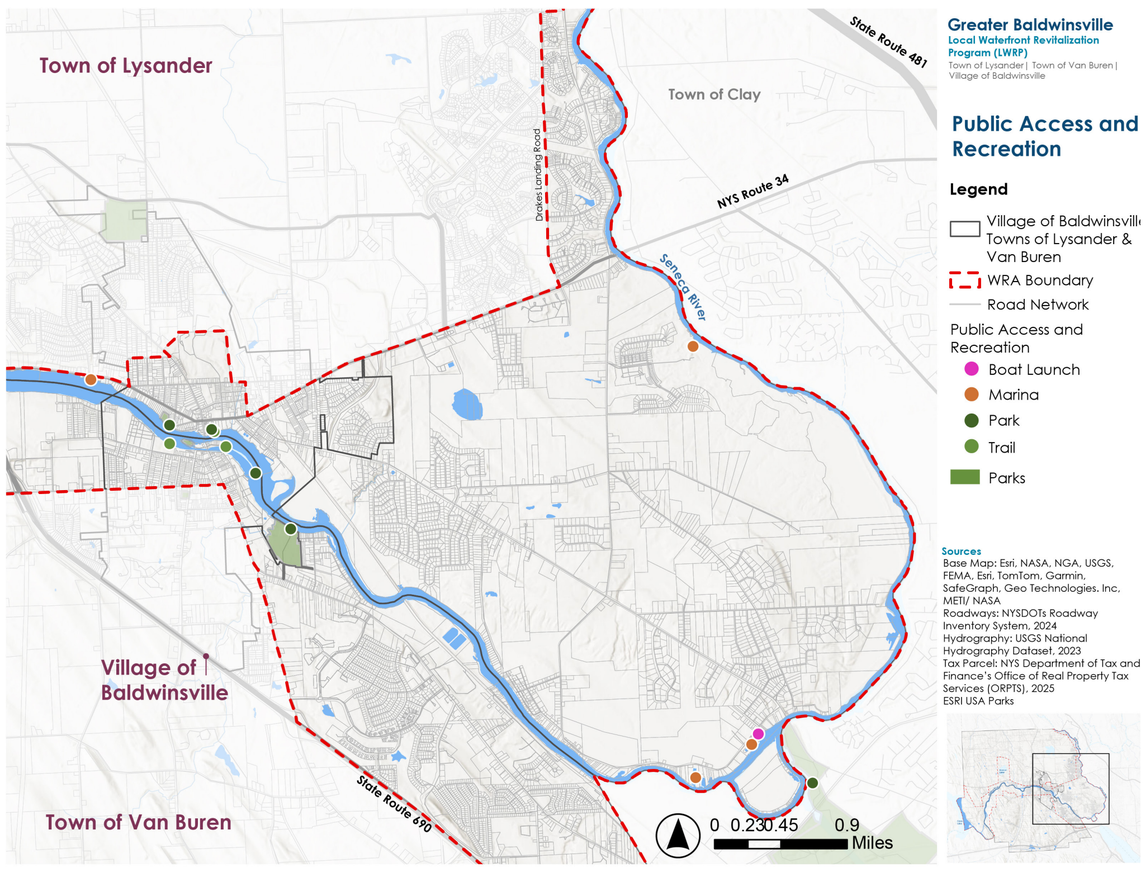
Within the WRA boundary, there are several sites of public access and recreation, the majority of which are located within the Village of Baldwinsville. In the Village of Baldwinsville, there are several waterfront parks and trails that are publicly accessible. Within the rest of the WRA boundary, public access to the waterfront is limited, with several private/commercial access points. These sites includes:

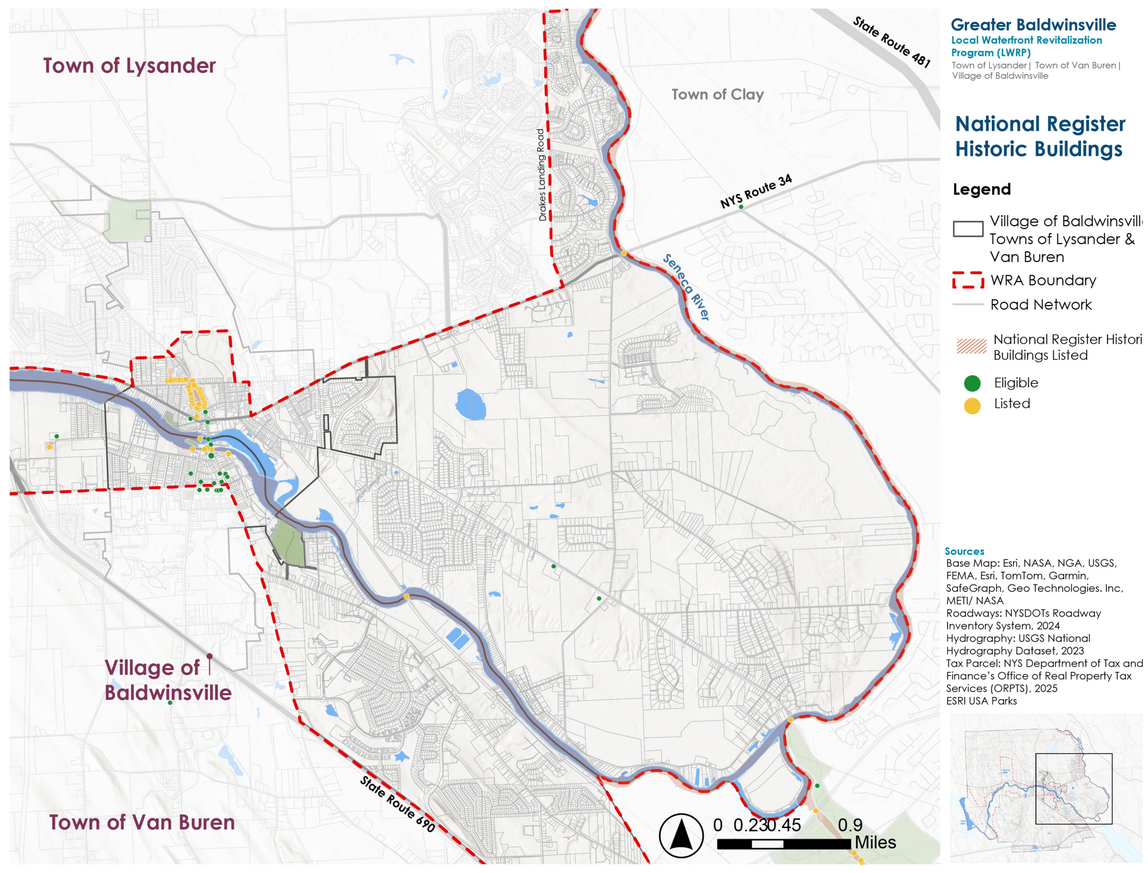
- Paper Mill Island Park and Trails
- Volunteer Park
- Mercer Park
- McHarrie Park
- Baldwinsville Community Park
- Baldwinsville Canal Square
- Diana Reeves Memorial Park
- The Yevich Trail
- South Shore West Trail
- South Shore East Trail

Historic & Cultural Features

There are a number of historical resources located within the WRA, and few properties listed within the National Register of Historic Places. In the Village of Baldwinsville, there are 48 listed and 13 eligible properties. In the Town of Lysander, there are 5 listed and 2 eligible properties. Within the Town of Van Buren, there is 1 listed and 2 eligible properties. Additionally, the Lock O-1 Taintor Gate is a listed property within the WRA.

The properties are predominantly located within the historic Village center, with a couple of outlying properties in more rural areas of the Towns. The properties include a variety of private residences, historic churches, municipal buildings, and historic sites.



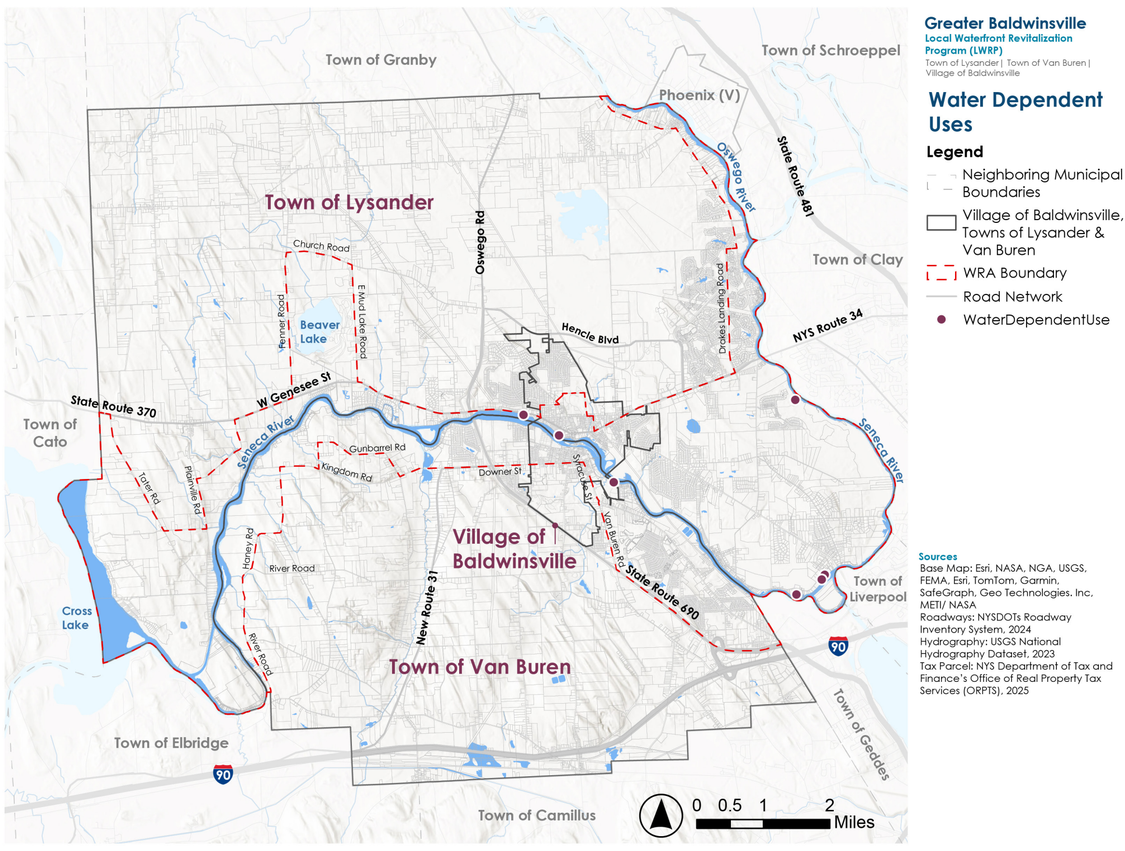


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PUBLIC ACCESS, RECREATION, & HISTORIC/SCENIC RESOURCES

Water Dependent Uses

Water-dependent uses within the WRA include a mix of recreation-based public boat and hand-launch sites and private/commercial marinas.



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Water Dependent Uses

Legend

- Neighboring Municipal Boundaries
- Village of Baldwinsville, Towns of Lysander & Van Buren
- WRA Boundary
- Road Network
- WaterDependentUse

Sources
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Name	Owner Type	Municipality	Address	Type
Case Marina LLC	Private	Baldwinsville	2302 W Genesee Rd, Baldwinsville, NY 13027	Marina
J & S Marine	Private	Baldwinsville	3558 Hayes Rd A, Baldwinsville, NY 13027	Marina
Timber Banks Golf Course & Marina	Private	Baldwinsville	3536 Timber Banks Pkwy, Baldwinsville, NY 13027	Marina
Cold Springs Marina	Private	Baldwinsville	3642 Hayes Rd, Baldwinsville, NY 13027	Marina
Seneca River Boat Launch Site	Public	Lysander	3664 Hayes Road, Lysander	Public Boat Launch
Baldwinsville Community Park & Boat Launch	Public	Baldwinsville	Community Park, Lions Pkwy, Baldwinsville, NY 13027	Public Boat Launch
Mercer Park Kayak/ Canoe Launch	Public	Baldwinsville	North St, Baldwinsville, NY 13027	Public Kayak/Canoe Launch
Radisson Boat Launch	Private	Baldwinsville		Private Boat Launch

Water Enhanced Uses

Within the WRA, several water-enhanced uses were identified, including public and private parks/trails and various types of businesses. These uses benefit from their proximity to the Seneca River but are not entirely dependent on their location.

Public Parks/Trails

- Paper Mill Island Park & Trail
- Volunteer Park/Canal Park
- Mercer Park
- McHarrie Park
- Baldwinsville Community Park
- Baldwin Canal Square
- South Shore West Trail
- The Yevich Trail
- South Shore East Trail
- Marble Street Trail (owned by NYS Canal Corp)
- Beaver Lake Nature Center, Beaver Lake County Park
- Harbor Heights Park

Commercial

Commercial water-enhanced uses that are located either directly on the waterfront or are located in proximity to the waterfront are listed in the table below.

Directly on Waterfront	Proximate to Waterfront
Restaurants	
Trappers	Tassone's Wine Garden
The Reef	Fireside By the River
The Suds Factory River Grill	Angry Smokehouse
San Miguel Mexican Bar and Grill	Lock 24 Ice Cream
WT Brews (trail separates from water)	
The Winds of Cold Springs Harbor	
The Tiki Bar	
Lodging	
	Sunset Park Campground
Entertainment/Shops and Stores	
Timber Banks Golf Club (and Marina)	Fire Fox Golf Course
Bud Light Amphitheater at Paper Mill Island	

Suggested Projects – place a sticky note with your own ideas for projects related to water dependent uses and water enhanced uses within the WRA.

WATER & AIR RESOURCES

Water Quality

The Seneca and Oswego Rivers and their tributaries require good water quality indicators in order to effectively maintain a balanced natural ecosystem and support public recreation and services. Water quality classifications for waterways and waterbodies in NYS are established in accordance with Title 6 of the New York Code of Rules and Regulations (NYCRR), Part 701-Classifications – Waters and Groundwaters.

Within the WRA, both the Seneca and Oswego Rivers and Cross Lake are Class B fresh surface waters. This means that the best usages of these rivers are primary and secondary contact recreation and fishing, and that they are suitable for fish, shellfish, and wildlife propagation and survival.

All tributaries to the Seneca and Oswego Rivers – within the WRA – are Class C fresh surface waters. This means the best usage of the tributaries is fishing, and that the tributaries shall be suitable for fish, shellfish, and wildlife propagation and survival as well as primary and secondary contact recreation.

Important to note is that none of the fresh surface waters within the WRA is Class A, which means that none are recommended for use as a source of water supply for drinking, culinary, or food processing purposes.

Air Quality

The AQI Reports document measurements of five air pollutants: carbon monoxide, nitrogen dioxide, ground-level ozone, PM2.5 (particulate matter with a diameter of 2.5 micrometers and smaller), and PM10 (particulate matter with a diameter of 10 micrometers and smaller).

In 2024, the Onondaga County AQI Report documented 317 "good" and 48 "moderate" air quality days, with no reports of unhealthy or hazardous air quality days. In the same report, ground-level ozone was identified as the main pollutant on 251 of the 365 days, while PM2.5 was identified as the main pollutant on 114 of the 365 days. However, neither of the daily AQI values for ground-level ozone or PM2.5 reached the level of an AQI exceedance threshold (ground-level ozone: 0.071 ppm or greater, PM2.5: 35.5 ug/m3 or greater). Moreover, since 2000, the number of ozone level exceedances has declined. These results suggest that Onondaga County has relatively healthy air quality.

Priority Waterbodies

The NYSDEC Division of Water periodically issues a list of surface waters that are not fully usable as resources or that exhibit conditions harmful to environmental integrity. This "Waterbody Inventory/Priority Waterbodies List" serves as a foundational tool for program planning and management Waterbodies in the WRA that are listed in this inventory are detailed below:

Waterbody	Category	Impaired/Stressed Uses or Conditions	Severity	Pollutants or Causes
Cross Lake ***Segment ID: 0701-0002***	Needs verification	Fishing	Impaired	Dissolved oxygen; pH
		Secondary contact recreation	Unassessed	-
		Primary contact recreation	Unassessed	-
Tribs to Cross Lake ***Segment ID: 0701-0029***	Unassessed	-	-	-
Seneca River, Lower, Main Stem ***Segment ID: 0701-0008***	Impaired	Fishing	Impaired	Dissolved oxygen; fecal coliforms; PCBs, other toxics; total dissolved solids (TDS)
		Secondary contact recreation	Impaired	Dissolved oxygen; fecal coliforms
Minor Tribs to Lower Seneca River ***Segment ID: 0701-0031***	Unassessed	-	-	-
Dead Creek and Tribs ***Segment ID: 0701-0032***	Needs verification	Fishing	Fully supported	Dissolved oxygen; pH
		Secondary contact recreation	Unassessed	-
Mud Lake ***Segment ID: 0701-0028***	Needs verification	Fishing	Impaired	pH
		Secondary contact recreation	Unassessed	-
Ox Creek and Tribs ***Segment ID: 0701-0027***	Unassessed	-	-	-
Seneca River, Lower, Main Stem ***Segment ID: 0701-0001***	Impaired	Fishing	Impaired	Dissolved oxygen; PCBs and other toxics
		Secondary contact recreation	Impaired	Dissolved oxygen; PCBs and other toxics
Minor Tribs to Lower Seneca River ***Segment ID: 0701-0030***	Unassessed	-	-	-
Oswego River, Upper, Main Stem ***Segment ID: 0701-0021***	Needs verification	Fishing	Stressed	Dissolved oxygen; pH
		Secondary contact recreation	Unassessed	-
		Primary contact recreation	Unassessed	-
Minor Tribs to Oswego River ***Segment ID: 0701-0023***	Needs verification	Fishing	Stressed	Dissolved oxygen
		Secondary contact recreation	Unassessed	-

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FISH & WILDLIFE

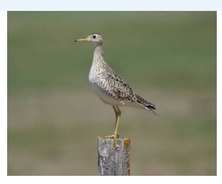
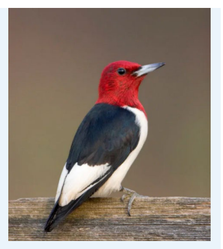
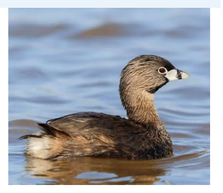
Birds & Animals

Analysis conducted with the NYSDEC Nature Explorer online mapping system shows the WRA includes Natural Communities of rare plants or animals, significant natural communities, and areas that should be screened for mussels.

Through more detailed exploration of the ecological communities, it can be noted that this area boasts valuable wildlife species, with many being threatened or endangered. Data from several sources, including the New York Natural Heritage Program, and the Nature Serve Explorer Pro (NY Natural Heritage Program) online mapping application, was collected to create a comprehensive view of the diverse ecology of the area.

Much of the WRA, is in the vicinity of birds, bats and animals listed as endangered or threatened, and aquatic fish, which is listed as threatened. The tables and information in the sections below provide details about the types of species and their status in NYS as protected, threatened, or endangered.

When planning for projects within the WRA, further exploration of specific sites is recommended, based on existing habitat and on-site observations to determine the presence of the species identified.

Common Name	Scientific Name	Conservation Status	NYS Listing	Last Observation	Image
Animals: Mussels					
Wabash Pigtoe	Fusconaia flava	G5, S2		2012	
Pink Heelsplitter	Potamilus alatus	G5, S2		2012	
Fragile Papershell	Potamilus fragilis	G5, S2, S3		2012	
Paper Pondshell	Utterbackia imbecillis	G5, S2, S3		2012	
Animals: Birds					
Great Blue Heron	Ardea herodias	G5, S5	Protected	1981	
Upland Sandpiper	Bartramia longicauda	G5, S3B	Threatened	2002	
Bald Eagle	Haliaeetus leucocephalus	G5, S2B,S2N	Threatened	2024	
Red-headed Woodpecker	Melanerpes erythrocephalus	G5, S2B	Special Concern	2012	
Pied-billed Grebe	Podilymbus podiceps	G5, S3B,S1N	Threatened	2002	
King Rail	Rallus elegans	G4, S1B	Threatened	2009	
Animals: Fish					
Lake Sturgeon	Acipenser fulvescens	G3, G4, S2, S3	Threatened	1981	
Animals: Mammals					
Eastern Small-footed Myotis (Bat)	Myotis leibii	G4, S1, S3	Special Concern	2003	

Suggested Projects – place a sticky note with your own ideas for projects relate to fish and wildlife within the WRA.

ENERGY & ICE MANAGEMENT

Energy

While National Grid is the primary electric service provider in the WRA, both National Grid and NYSEG provide gas service. There are no community solar farm installations with the WRA, nor wind farms.

Cables and Pipelines

Overhead cables are present in several areas over the Seneca and Oswego Rivers within the WRA. These locations include:

- On the Oswego River, just to the northeast of the Lansom Rd bridge
- On the Seneca River, just to the south of the intersection of River Rd and Melvin Dr (to the east of the Radisson community)
- On the Seneca River, just to the south of the Belgium Rd bridge
- On the Seneca River, near Elmcrest Elementary School in the Town of Salina
- On the Seneca River, just to the west of the Cold Springs Rd bridge
- On the Seneca River, at the eastern end of Klein Island
- On the Seneca River, at Fobes Island
- On the Seneca River, just east of the Oswego St and Seneca St bridges
- On the Seneca River, just west of the Baldwinsville Dam and Lock E24
- On the Seneca River, just east of the Route 690 bridge
- On the Seneca River, just to the south of the Plainville Rd #1 bridge
- On the Seneca River, just to the south of the Plainville Rd #2 bridge

While submarine pipelines across the Oswego and Seneca Rivers are less common than overhead cables, there is one on the Seneca River, just east of Community Park.

The cables and pipelines provide necessary utilities to the communities within the WRA. Future development along the waterfront should be aware of the locations of these cables and pipelines, as they may impact scenic viewsheds, restrict navigation, or limit the types of feasible development.

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