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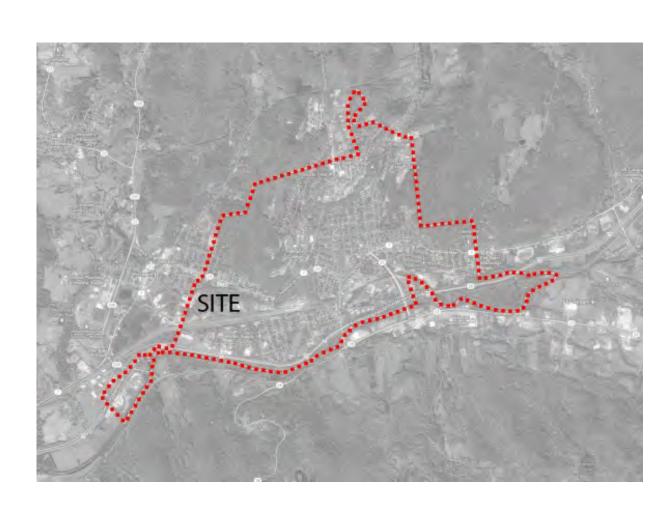
### **Parcel Overview**

### **MARKET ANALYSIS**

# For the City of Oneonta

- 1. Social & Economic Conditions
- 2. Retail Market
- 3. Industrial Market
- 4. Housing Market
- 5. Hotel Market

**Primary Market Research Area**:
The City of Oneonta

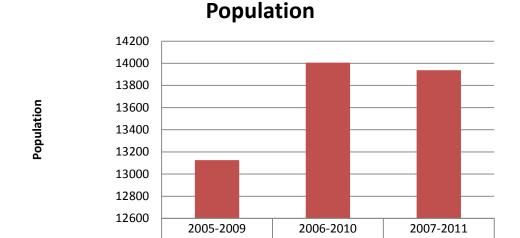


### **Population:**

The population of city of Oneonta increase around 800

### **Labor Force:**

Nearly 50% of people in Oneonta are not in labor force, many of them are students.



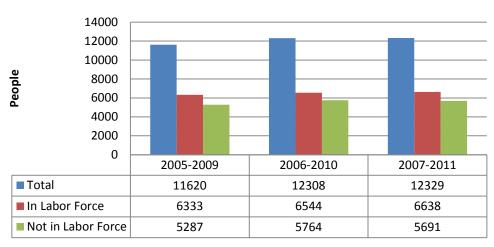
#### **Labor Force Structure**

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■ The City of Oneonta



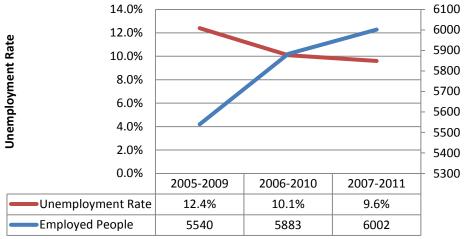
### **Employment:**

- Unemployment rate decreased significantly from 12.4% to 9.6% in past 5 years
- Number of employed people increased by 460

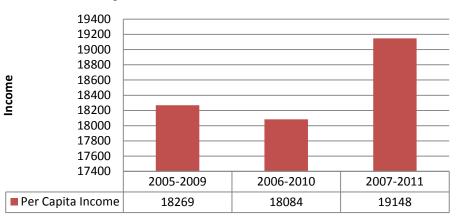
### **Per Capita Income:**

 The per capita income of Oneonta citizens also increased 5.5% from 2005 to 2011

# Employment

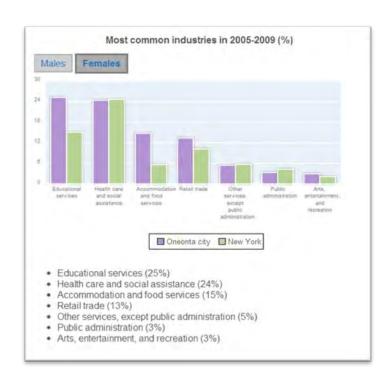


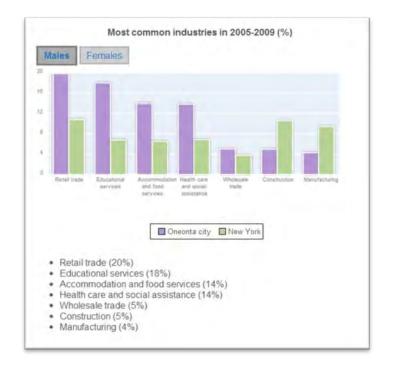
### Per Capita Income (dollar adjusted in 2009)



### **Main Employment Sectors:**

Male	Female
Retail Trade	Education Service
Education Service	Health Care and social Assistance
Food Service	Food Service



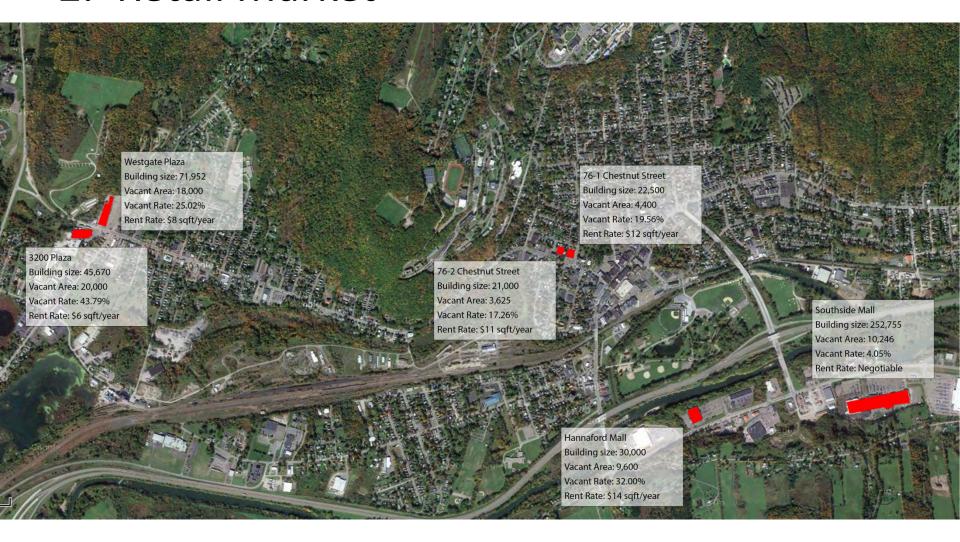


### **Big-Box Retail**:

- Wal-mart
- Tops......

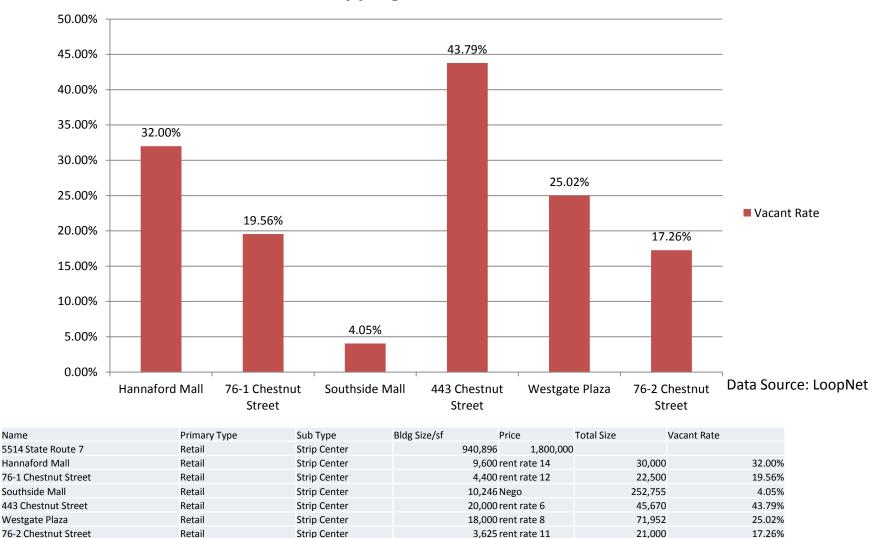
### **Niche Players:**

- Special Restaurants
- Book Stores
- Antique Malls

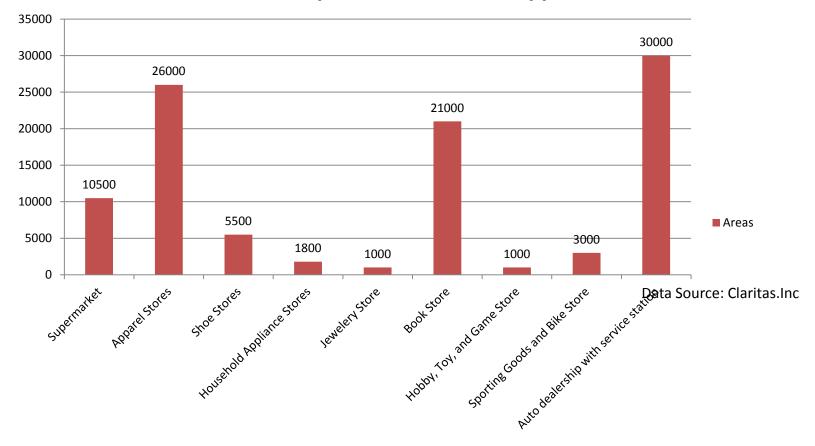


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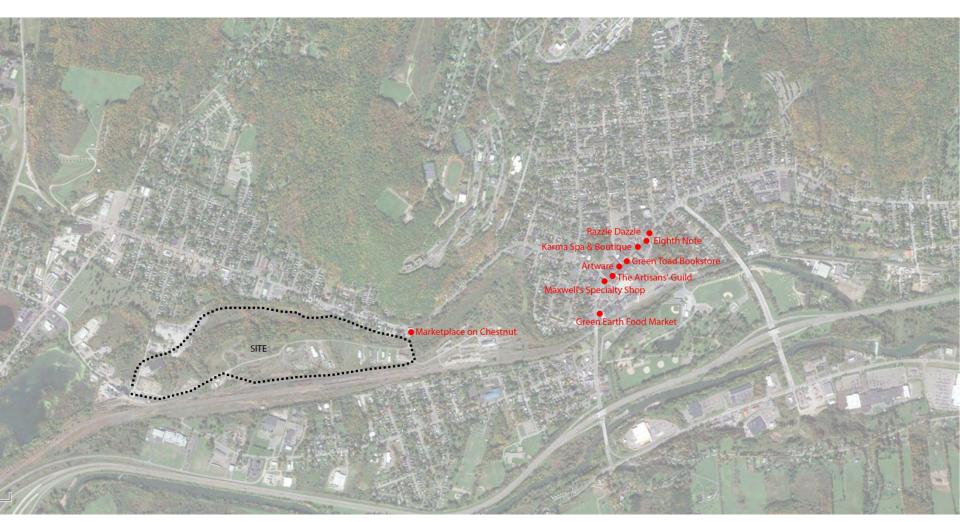
### **Shopping Mall Vacant Rate**



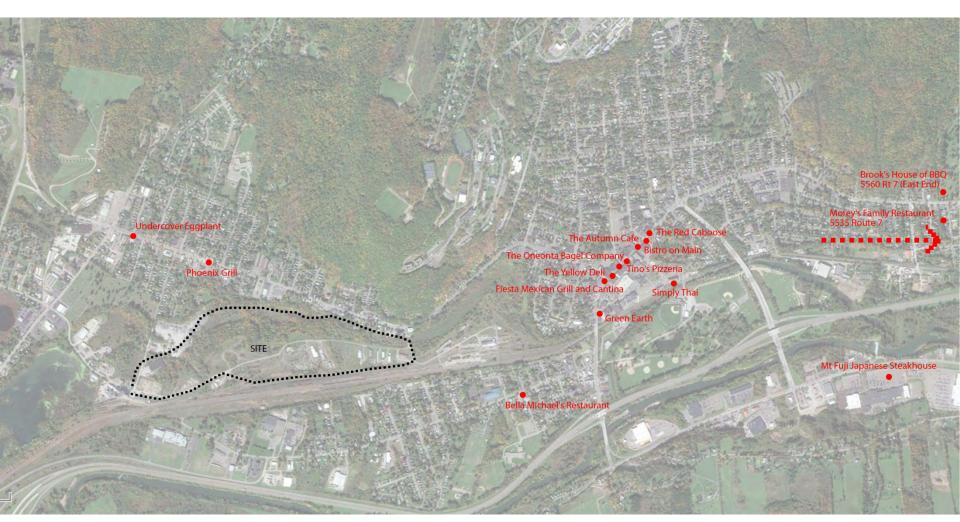
### **New Retail Space Oneonta Can Support**



Туре	Area/sqft
Supermarket	10500
Apparel Stores	26000
Shoe Stores	5500
Household Appliance Stores	1800
Jewelery Store	1000
Book Store	21000
Hobby, Toy, and Game Store	1000
Sporting Goods and Bike Store	3000
Auto dealership with service station	30000



Typical Retail Niche Players



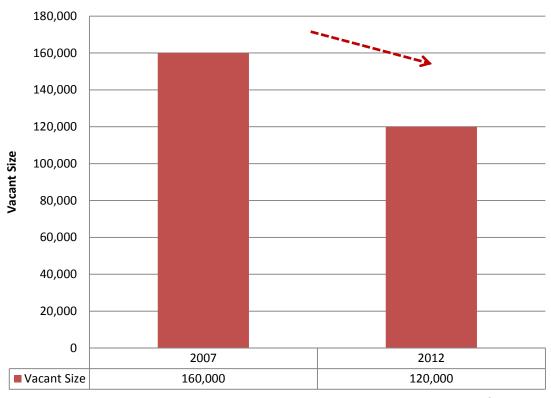
**Great Restaurants in Oneonta** 

### **Retail Market Conclusions:**

- Moderate Market
- Potential 99,800 sqft Retail Area
  - mainly restaurants, apparel, book stores
- No Shopping Mall
- Niche Players Recommended

A cursory estimation of vacancy size of industry property in Oneonta shows the vacancy size decreases from 160,000 sqft to 120,000 sqft between 2007 to 2012.

### **Cursory Vacant Size**

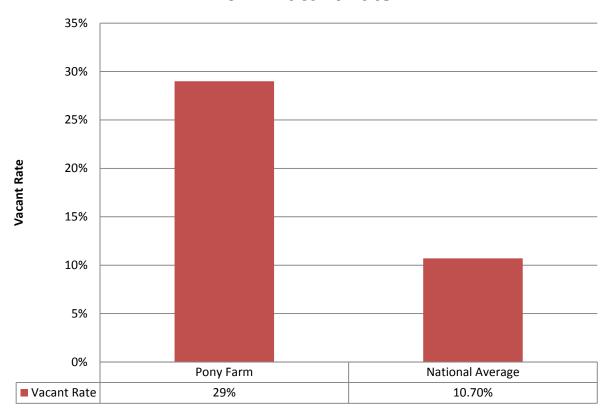


Data Source: Claritas.Inc

Address	Туре	Price	Bldg/sqft
152 Corporate Drive	Warehouse	rent rate 7.5	22,000
139 Oneida St	Warehouse	349,90	0 6,368
Sign Shop	Manufacturing	350,00	0 13,476
Total			41,844

- Pony Farm is suffering a high vacancy rate at 30%
- National average vacancy rate of industrial property is only 10.7%

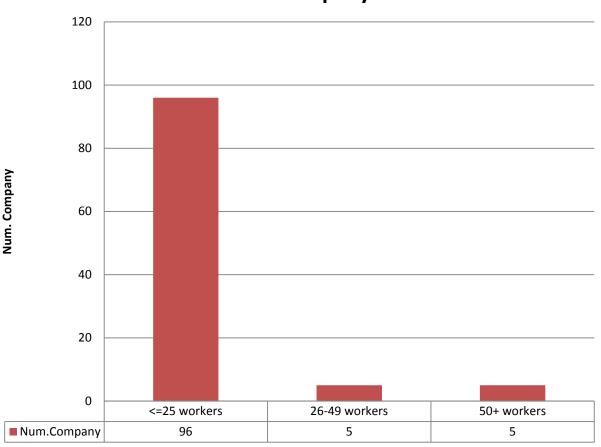
#### 2012: Vacant Rate



Pony Far	rm
Previous Renter	Bldg/sqft
Valley Fashion	47000
Covidien	22000
Vacant Rate	29%
National Average	10.7%

### **Industrial Company Size**

Over 90% of Oneonta industrial companies are small companies with fewer than 25 workers



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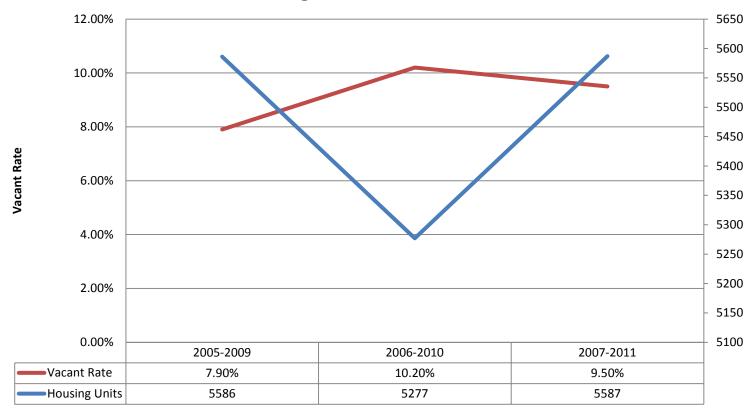
Company Size	Number
<=25 workers	96
26-49 workers	5
50+ workers	5

### **Industry Market Conclusion**

- Small Positive Market
- Estimated Absorption rate is 8,000 sqft/year
- Begin with small companies

- Housing units increased by 310 units after the economic crisis
- Vacancy rate simultaneously decreased from 10.2% to 9.5%

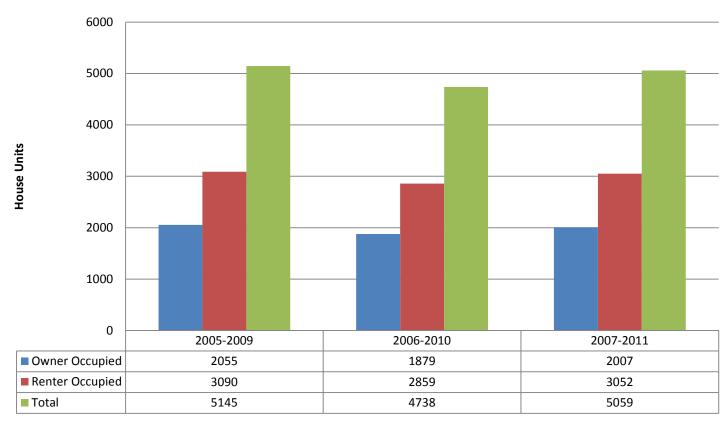
### **Housing Units & Vacant Rate**



### **Renter housing Market:**

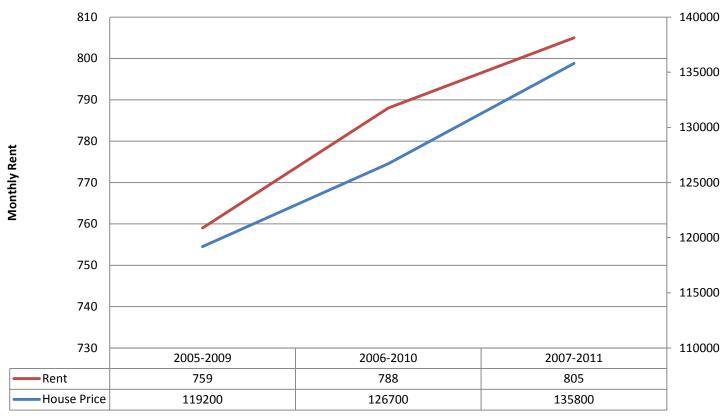
Nearly 60% of all houses are renter occupied houses.





Median house price **increased 14%** over the past 7 years and median monthly rent also increased by \$50

### Monthly Rent & House Price (Median Dollar Adjusted in 2009)



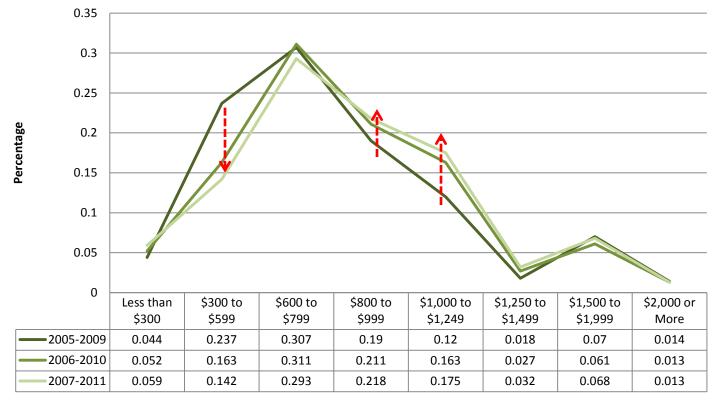
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#### **House Value Distribution**



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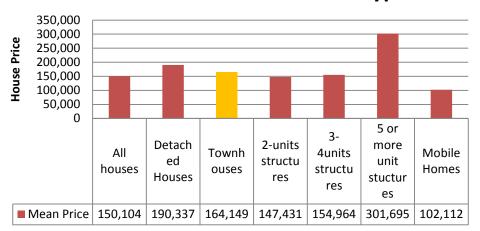
The quarter home sales in Oneonta are around 40

Houses with price ranging from 120k to 180k are most popular.



Data Source: City Data

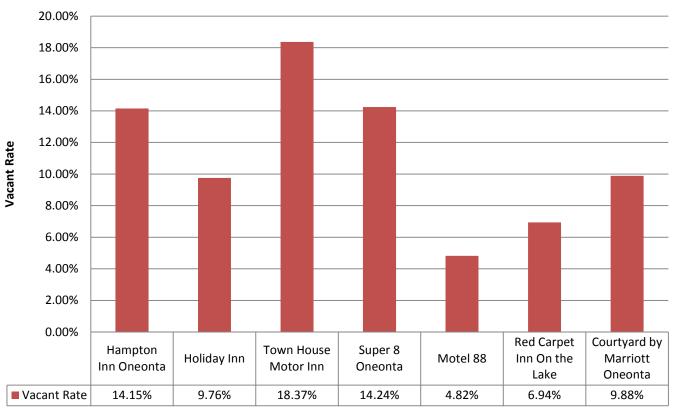
### **Mean Price of Different House Types**



### **Housing Market Conclusion**

- Growing Market
- Houses for sale: 35 units/year Price: \$110k ---- \$180k
- Apartments for rent: 55 units/year Price: \$800/month ---- \$1200/month

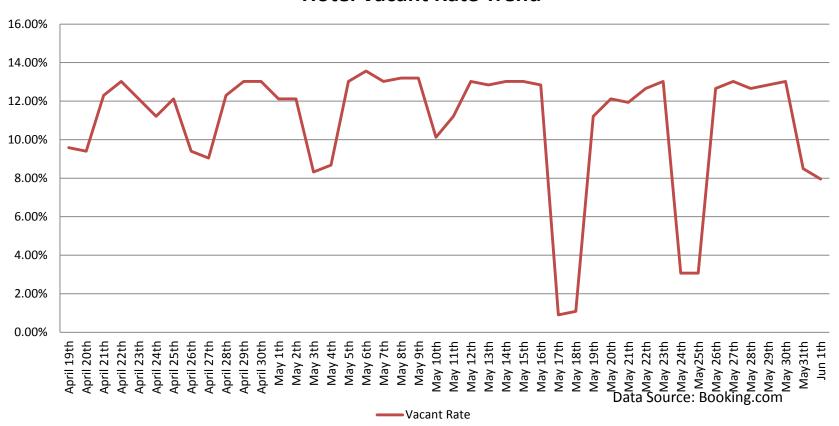
### **Vacant Rate of Each Hotel**



Data Source: Booking.com

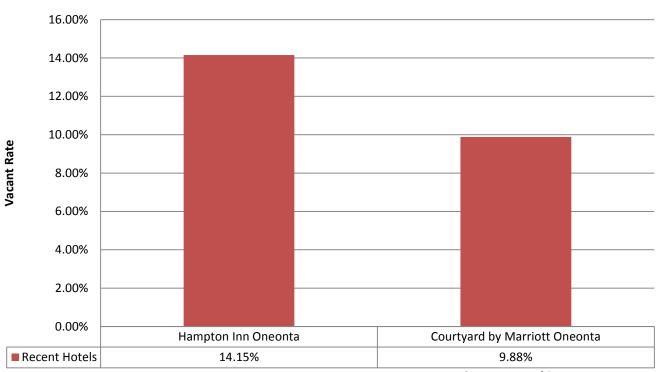
Hotels	Total Rooms	Vacant Rate	Rent Rate
Hampton Inn Oneonta	106	14.15%	\$122.00
Holiday Inn	160	9.76%	\$101.25
Town House Motor Inn	37	18.37%	\$69.00
Super 8 Oneonta	60	14.24%	\$55.25
Motel 88	66	4.82%	\$75.00
Red Carpet Inn On the Lake	38	6.94%	\$65.00
Courtyard by Marriott Oneonta	86	9.88%	\$139.00

#### **Hotel Vacant Rate Trend**



- Courtyard
   Marriott
   opened most
   recently, in
   2012
- Courtyard Marriott vacancy rate is 10%

#### **Recent Hotels**



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### **Hotel Market Conclusion**

- Moderate Market
- Short-term construction not recommended
- Long-term investment recommended (5-10 years later)

# **Market Conclusion for The City of Oneonta**

Industry	Small Market Estimated Absorption rate is 8,000sqft/year Begin at small companies
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#### **Recommended Use for Our Site**

Туре	Pros and Cons of Our Site	Recommended Use of Our Site
Industry	Pros: Rail Way Reuse of existing warehouses Business Incubator Program	Food Distribution Brewery Other small manufactories 10,000 12,000 sqft
Retail	Pros: Successful niche players around our site Lower land rent than downtown	Antique Malls Book Stores Restaurants 5,000 8,000 sqft
Hotel	Pros: Landscape Cons: heavy land development costs infrastructure improvements	Not recommended now Possible Hotel investment in future
Housing	Cons: no convenient transportation heavy land development costs infrastructure improvements	Not recommended now Possible House Construction in future

## Business Incubator

History

Challenges

Possible Solutions

Potential

### Incubator

#### **History**

- Incubators linked to Universities
  - Hartwick Telecenter
  - SUNY Fredonia Tech Incubator
- Downtown
  - 250 Main St Incubator offices (mainly office-type uses)



- Financial: long-term funding, utility costs, economies of scale
- Technological: changing technology
- **Services**: regulations, training
- Community: NIMBYist opposition



#### An incubator would provide:

- **Building**/space at reduced cost
- Services in the following: financing, technology, knowledge of regulations and how to start a business, etc.
- Safety net and economies of scale

### Incubator

#### Possible solutions to current challenges

 Problem of community/outside opposition to development initiatives



 Education and outreach for community members

Retention of skilled labor force



 Provide access to services and funding for graduates and community members

Lack of local entrepreneurs



 Training and support for local entrepreneurs

 Lack of support for business start-ups



- Provide services, training, funding and support network for start-ups
- Form cooperatives, work together for best interests (i.e. restaurants with food hub)

## Incubator

#### **Potential**

#### **Two Options:**

- Combined Incubator Program glue that holds new businesses at the site together; support network
- Virtual Incubator Program / Service Provider

#### **Possible Users:**

- Brewery
- Malting Facility
- Food Hub Facility





# Finding a Home for Oneonta's Homebrewers

Approximately 60 Active Members

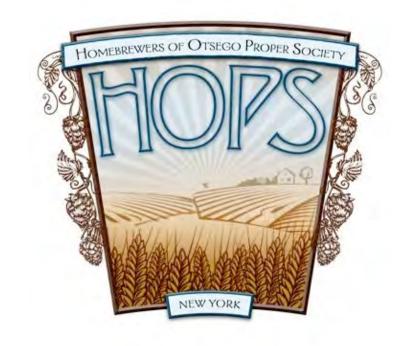
Centered in Oneonta

Monthly Get-Togethers

Biannual Fundraising Events

(Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, to benefit Oneonta Theater)

Several Members Have Been Discussing The Possibility of a Cooperative Brewery



Home-grow a commercial brewer in Oneonta!

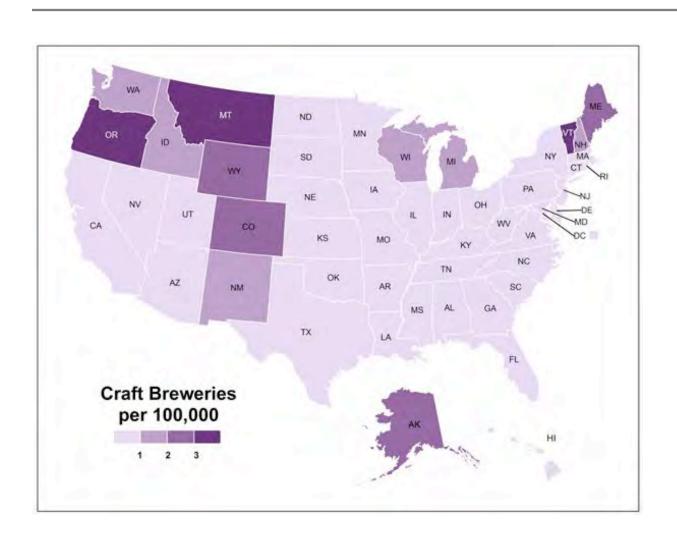
# Connecting with Otsego County's Beer History



# National Trend in Craft Brewing



# NYS Craft Breweries — 40<sup>th</sup> out of 50 States (2011)

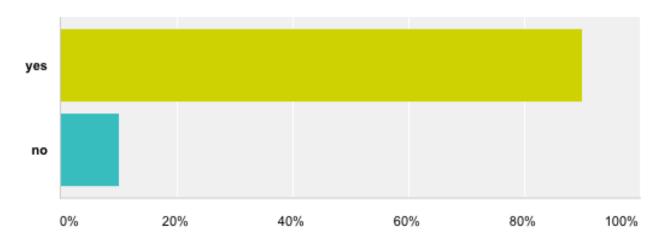


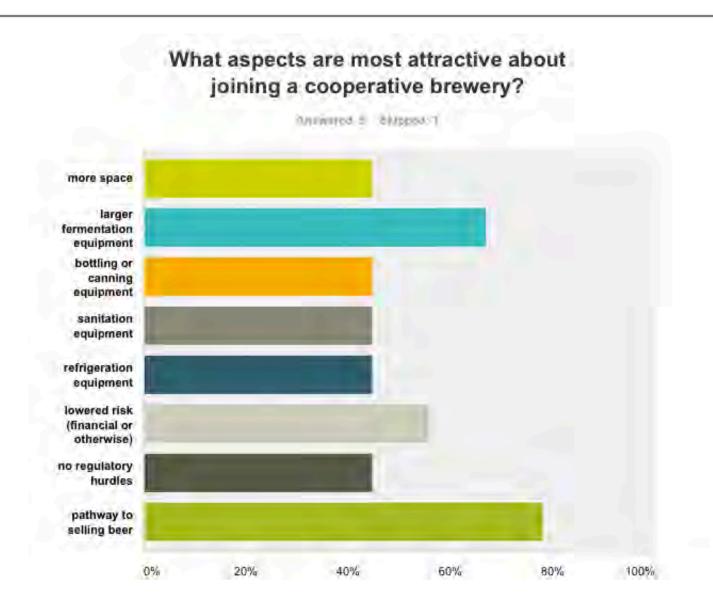
# Local Craft Brewing and Beverage Tourism



# Would you be interested in renting time/space in a cooperative brewery where brewing equipment (and some technical support) is provided?

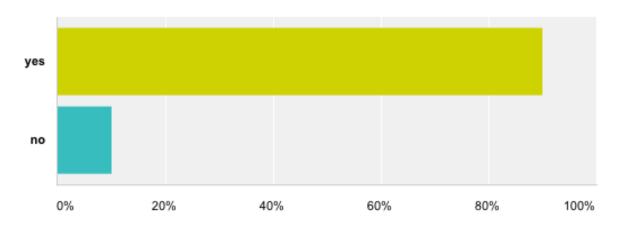
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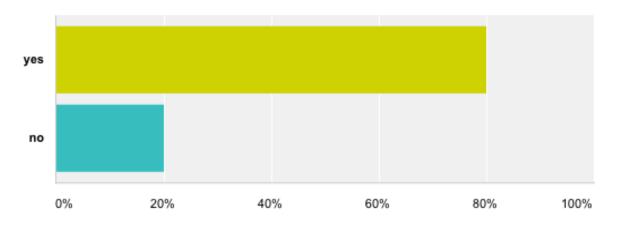
## Do you feel there is a need for home brewing supplier in Oneonta?

Answered: 10 Skipped: 0



## Are you ultimately interested in selling your beer?

Answered: 10 Skipped: 0





## First Phase: The Co-Hop in the Smaller Structure

Main Use is Cooperative Brewery

Also Includes:

Tasting Room/Refrigeration

Home Brew Supply Shop

Restrooms

Tasting Room is Dependent on Securing a Brewery License or Courting a Farm Brewery "Branch Office"



# Next Phase: The Co-Hop Beergarden

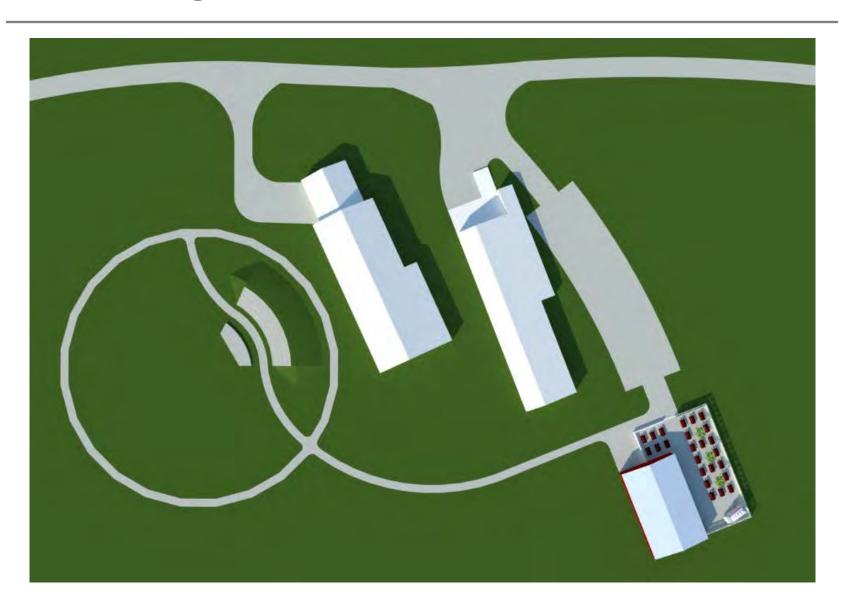
- -Would Require Retail Sales Permit
- -Food Served by Mobile Vendor



# Next Phase: The Co-Hop Beergarden



# Connecting to the Roundhouse Ruins



# Redeveloping the Roundhouse: Case Study 1

Toronto, Ontario

Owned by City of Toronto

Houses Steam Whistle Brewery (2/3 of Structure)

Also Includes Rail Museum

1/3 Demolished, Then Rebuilt
Connects to Larger Park
Miniature Train Ride



# Redeveloping the Roundhouse: Case Study 2

Evanston, Wyoming

Funding Support from Rocky Mountain Power

Various Historic and EPA Grants

Modular Restoration (ongoing)

\$12M in Restoration So Far

**Houses City Hall** 

Premier Event Space



# Incremental Redevelopment of Roundhouse

Capitalize on the "Legend" of the Roundhouse

Public Partnership Potential (See Above)

Unique Real Estate Product

**Historical Tax Credits** 





# Food Hubs

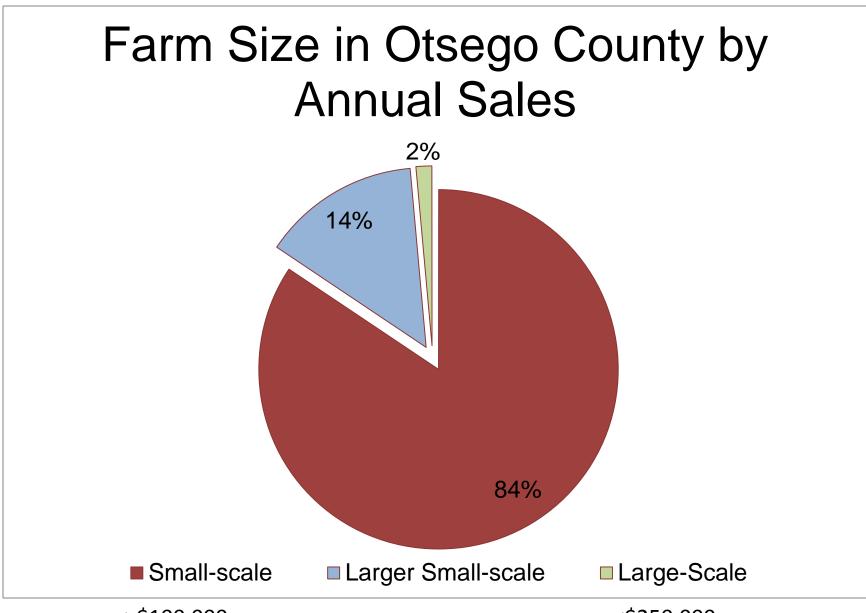


### Outline

 Agriculture in context to Otsego and surrounding counties

Opportunities

Challenges



>\$100,000 <\$250,000

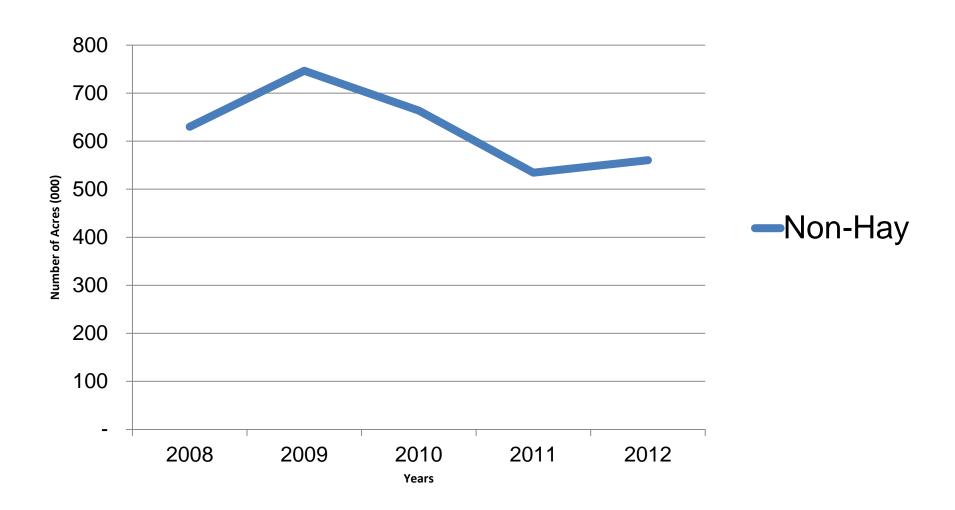
USDA 2007 Census of Agriculture

# Top Agricultural Uses

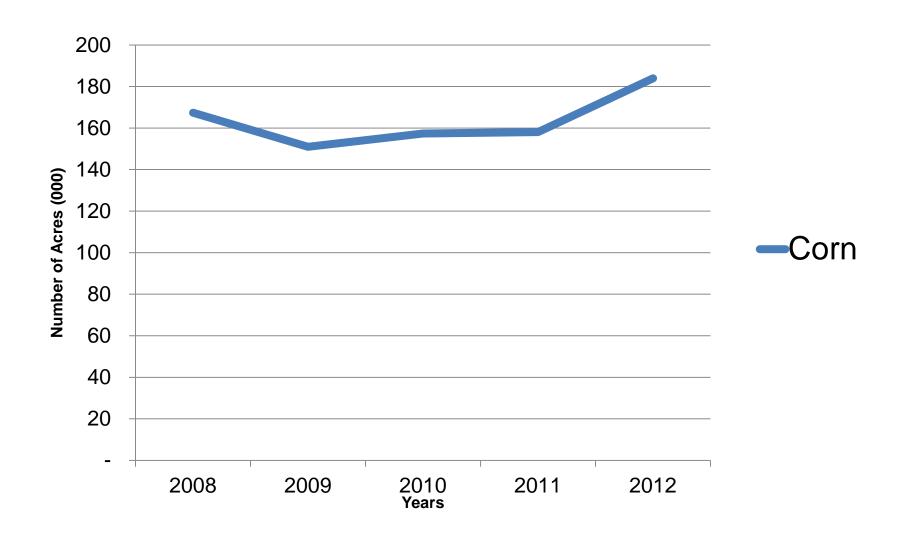
Agricultural Land Use	Acres	%
Other Hay/Non Alfalfa	560,403.8	49.8%
Pasture/Grass	238,536.2	21.2%
Corn	183,942.2	16.3%
Alfalfa	64,736.5	5.8%
Fallow/Idle Cropland	50,780.8	4.5%
Soybeans	12,771.9	1.1%

Source: USDA NASS Cropscape Data Layer

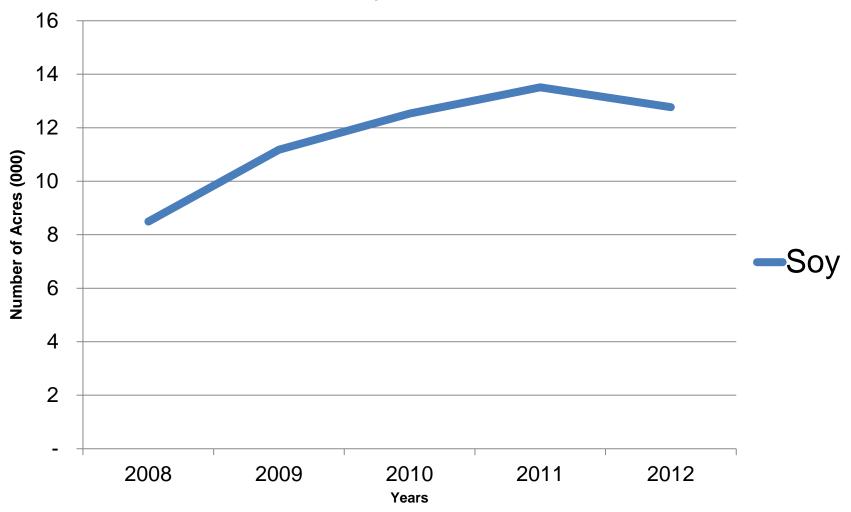
# Other Hay Trend



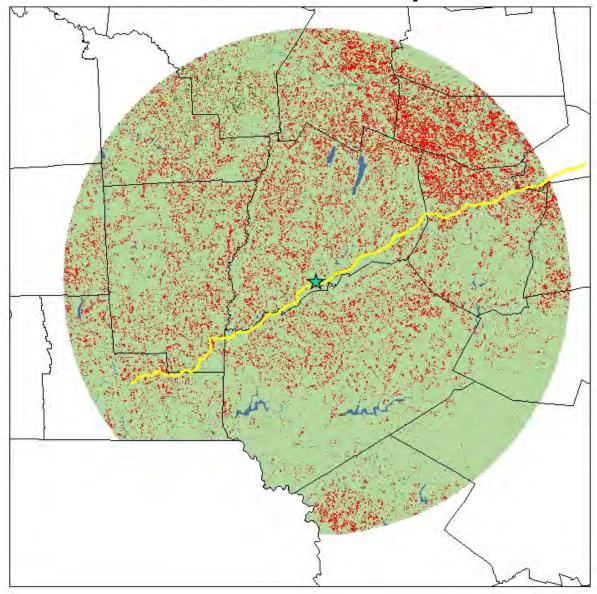
### **Corn Trend**



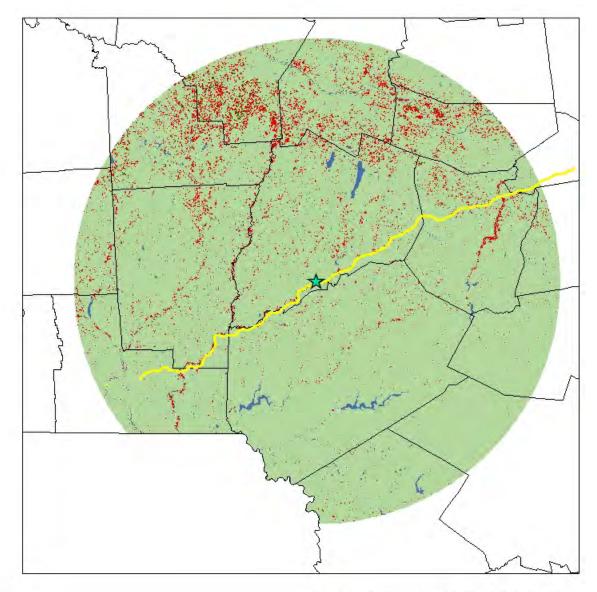
# Soy Trend



# Land Dedicated to Hay Production



## Land Dedicated to Corn Production



Source: USDA NASS Cropscape Data Layer 2012 http://nassgeodata.gmu.edu/CropScape/

# Livestock in Oneonta and Surrounding

County and District	All Cattle and Calves	Milk Cows	Beef Cows
Otsego	24,000	11,100	2,300
Chenango	37,000	10,300	3,800
Delaware	29,000	13,700	2,900
Herkimer	28,500	18,600	2,200
Madison	42,000	13,600	1,600
Montgomery	30,000	13,200	1,600
Oneida	33,000	5,900	1,700
Schoharie	14,000	16,700	1,900
NYS TOTAL	1,410,000	610,000	100,000
%	16.8%	16.9%	18.0%

New York office of USDA's NASS 2012 Estimate

# Livestock in Oneonta and Surrounding

County and District	Hogs	Sheep
Otsego	782	2,134
Delaware	657	1,201
Chenago	878	1,200
Madison	274	1,684
Herkimer	306	1,832
Montgomery	102	2,339
Schoharie	291	1,305
Oneida	723	1,302
NYS TOTAL	85,741	63,182
% of Total	4.7%	20.6%

USDA 2007 Agriculture Census

# Opportunities



- Connection to I-88
- Proximity to Albany and Binghamton
- Livestock

# Challenges

Majority of Small Farmers in Otsego

Limited Market in Oneonta

Cost of a Facility (seasonal vs. annual)

# Opportunities for Funding (USDA Rural Development)

- Community Facilities Grants & Loans
- Business & Industry Guaranteed Loan Programs
- Rural Business Enterprise Grant (RBEG)
- Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant Program (REDLG)
- Community Food Projects Competitive Grant Program

# Intermodal Transportation

Local, Regional, and Interstate
Connection

# Transportation Analysis Outline

- > Transportation Context & Identification of Needs
- Comparison Site & Establishment of Goals
- Incremental Plan for Intermodal Facility
- > Impacts (Economic, Environment, etc.)

### **Transportation Context:**

Connectivity disadvantages

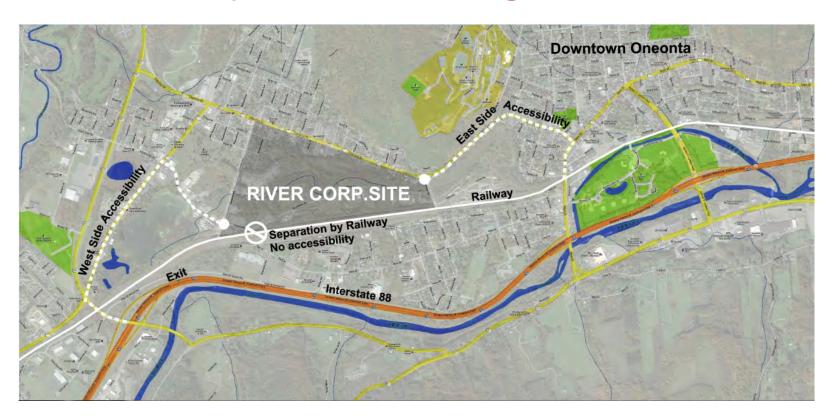


#### Railway

- 8 trains pass through daily, serving one local business
- Unreliable service is due to inadequate demand
- No paved roads to the railroad sidings

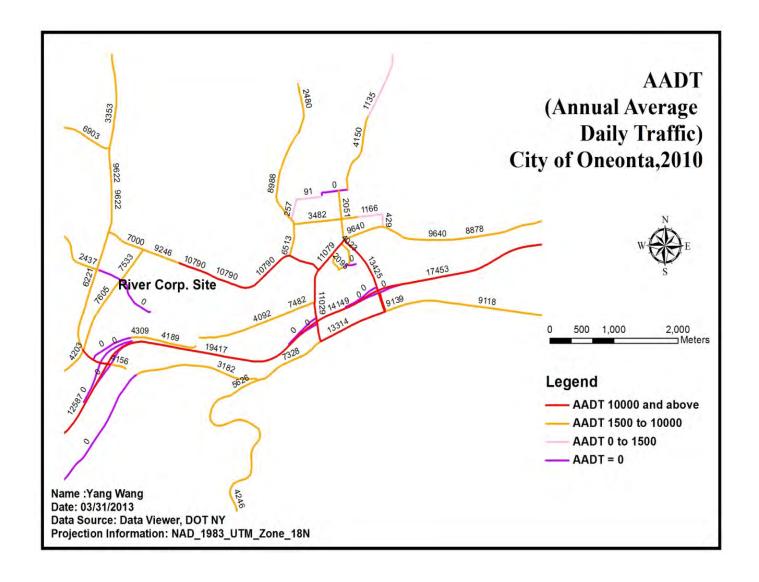
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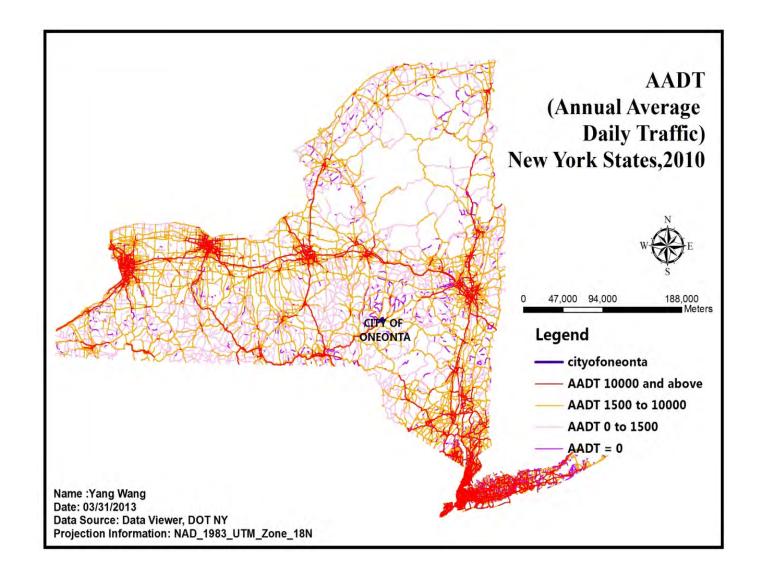


#### Highway

- Site is located in close proximity to the interstate
- Low accessibility from the site to the interstate



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# Locational disadvantages:

# Wetlands:



Inability to build infrastructure upon wetlands

### Identification of Needs:

#### **CURRENT NEEDS:**

#### **Lutz Feed Company:**

- Only local business using the railway system
- Uses the rail service every 6 days to transport raw materials
- Sends out 6 trucks per day to deliver final product
  Corning, Inc:
  - Major employer near the site, on the south side of the tracks
  - May contribute to demand for rail use

#### **FUTURE NEEDS:**

- Brewery transport hops and barley
- Food Hub inbound and outbound transportation of other food products

# Comparison Site

Murphy Warehouse Company

905 Yankee Doodle Road, Eagan, Minnesota





#### Range of products:

- Forest: paper, pulp, building materials, panel board
- Food and Beverage: salt, beer, canned goods, sugar

#### Capacity:

- ➤ Remove, install and transport heavy equipment through rigging, millwright, equipment & heavy haul service.
- ➤ Light assembly work
- Promotional product distribution and product sampling
- > Just-in-time production support
- Short-term public warehouse space during expansions, renovations and new construction

### Establishment of Goals:

#### ➢ Goal 1:

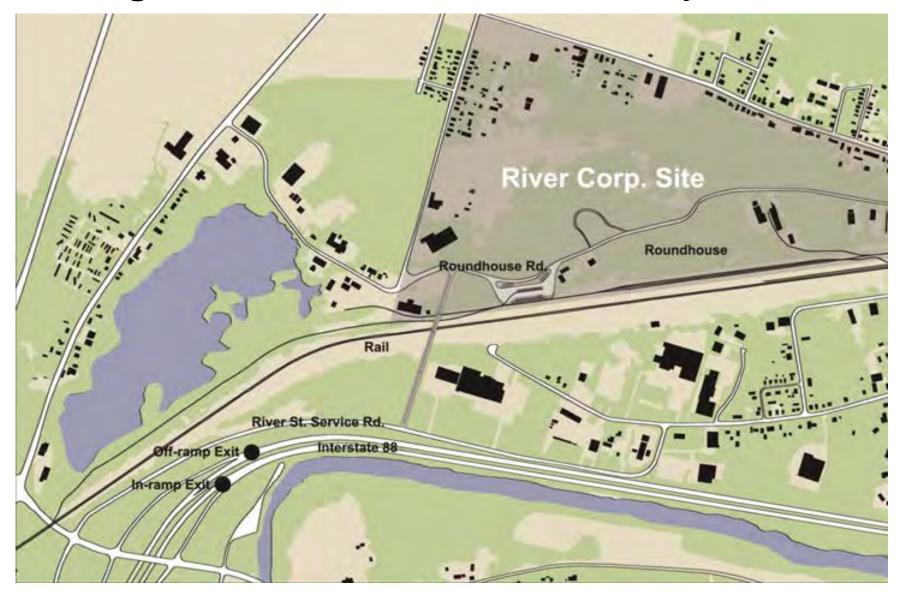
Pave the Roundhouse Road

#### ➤ Goal 2:

Attract demand for the railway system Increase the priority in the railway system Access reliability of the railway system

#### ➢ Goal 3:

Connect the highway to the site and the railway Enhance site attraction

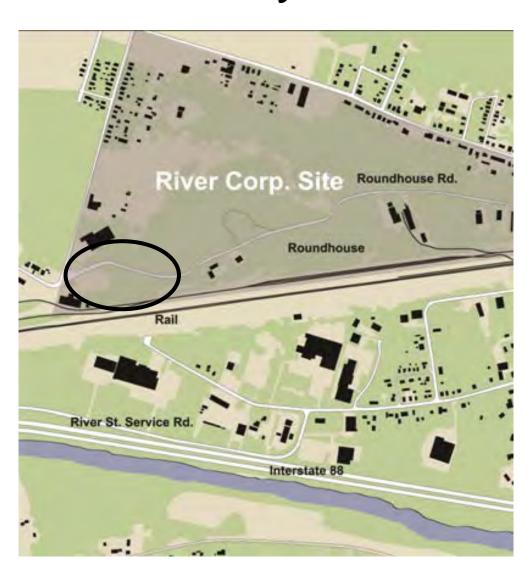


#### Phase I

#### Situation:

- Pave the Roundhouse Road segment from Fonda Ave. to Ceperley Ave.
- Reserve ample space for building up the new bridge

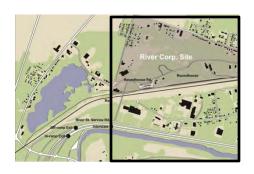




#### Phase II

#### Situation:

 Construct the intermodal terminal at the southern edge of the site





#### Phase II Detail:

# BUILD THE INTERMODAL TERMINAL

#### Parking area

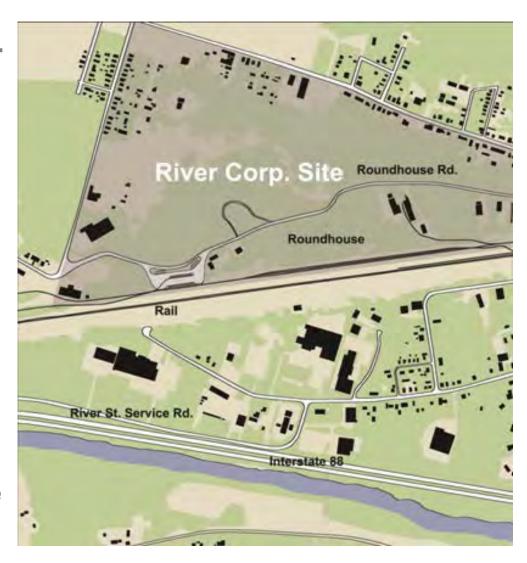
 Platform adjacent to rail track is designed for receiving goods from either dumpers or containers

#### **Small size slope**

 Allows the forklifts convenient access

#### Segmented rail track

Temporary train car storage



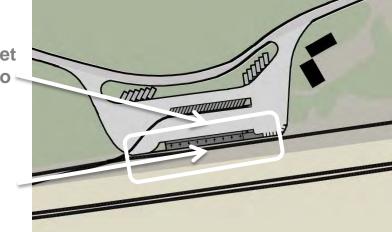
Phase II Detail: Forklift and

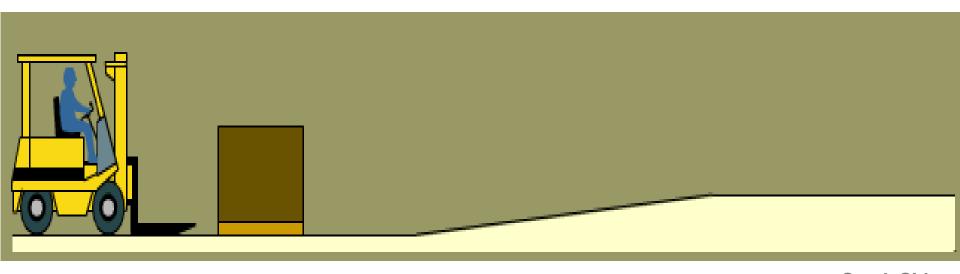
Slope operation section

view:

North Side, to get goods directly to trucks

South Side, to get goods off the trains



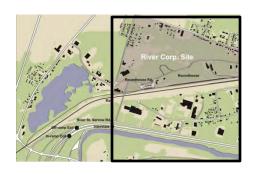


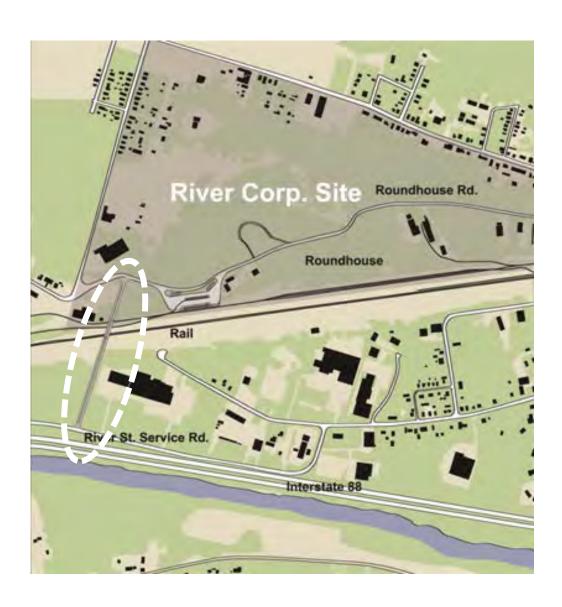
North Side South Side

#### Phase III:

#### Situation:

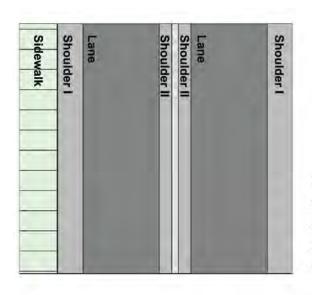
 Construct a bridge connecting the Roundhouse Rd. to the River St. Service Rd.





# Impact of Intermodal-Transportation

### Bridge:





Lane: 12 feet
Shoulder I: 4-8 feet
Shoulder II: 2 feet
Barrier Wall: 1 foot
Sidewalk: 6-8 feet

#### Design of the bridge:

- Two lanes in total
- Approximately 43' to 53'
   (13 m to 16.15 m)
- 1' to 2' barrier wall to divide the two lanes
- 6' to 8' sidewalks to the west side of the bridge.



#### Phase Overview:

	Phase I	Phase II	Phase III
Construction	Pave the Roundhouse Rd.	Construct the new Intermodal Terminal	Construct the new bridge connecting Roundhouse Rd. to River St. Service Rd.
Suitability	Minimize costBasic step to increase accessibility	Build up the connection between rail system and on-road transportation & make the site more appealing for goods transfer & distribution	Complete accessibilityAllow pedestrian & bike flowsRelatively higher cost

# Impact of Intermodal-Transportation

### Possible Fund Sources:

Name	Overview
Industrial Access Program (IAP)	The New York State IAP has been designed to complement economic development projects throughout the State where transportation access poses a problem or may offer a unique opportunity to the viability of a project
Statewide Transportation Improvement Program for Federal Fiscal Years 2011 - 2014	The Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) is a list of all projects, or project phases, in New York State proposed for Federal funding, that are scheduled to begin in the four federal fiscal years (FFY) 2011 - 2014 (between October 1, 2010 and September 30, 2014).

Source: Grants and funding, DOT, NYS

# Impact of Intermodal-Transportation Economic Comparison:

- Increasing the cost-efficiency
  - -- Rail fuel efficiency :156 ton-miles/gallon
  - -- Truck fuel efficiency:68-133 ton-miles/gallon
  - -- On average, shipping 100,000 tons of goods via railway saves **\$2,800/mile** over trucking

# Impact of Intermodal-Transportation

### **Environmental Influence:**

Reducing the amount of average carbon dioxide emission

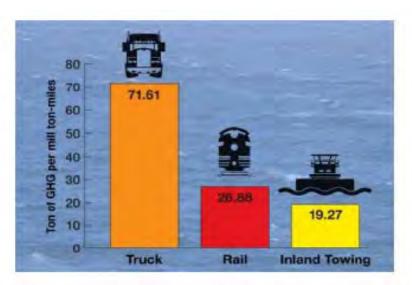


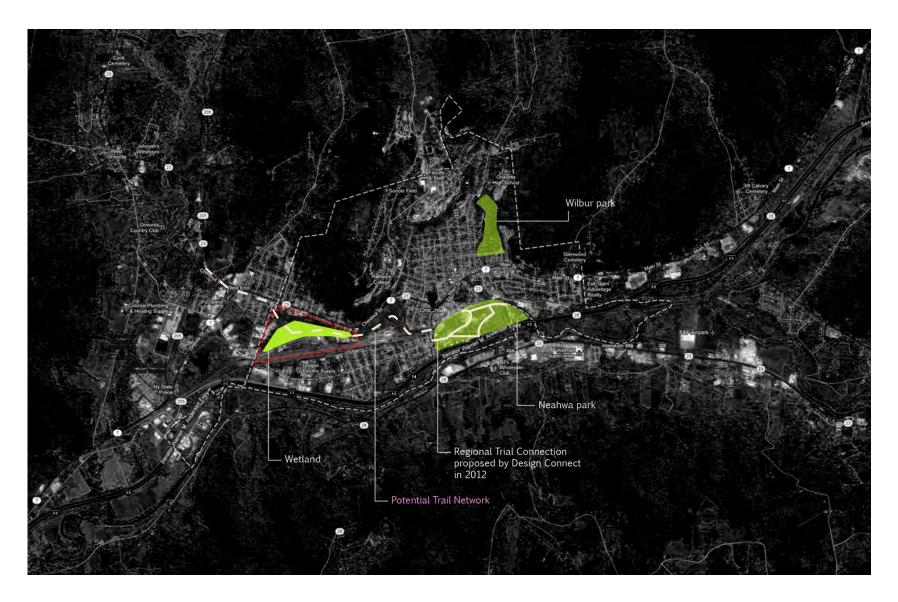
Figure 14. From Texas Transportation Institute report (page 36)20.

 Moving freight by rail, rather than trucking, lowers green house gas emissions by 75%

# **Wetlands Boardwalk**

Making Oneonta Walkable

### **East-West Connection**



# Walkable Areas Follow Wetlands



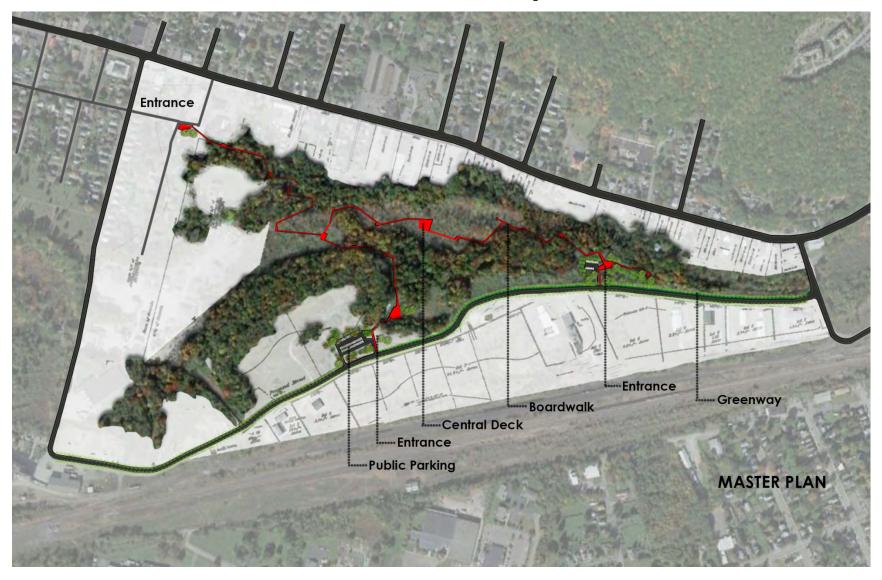
# Tree Canopy Establishes Nodes



# Trail Linkage



# Master Landscape Plan



### **Section Views**







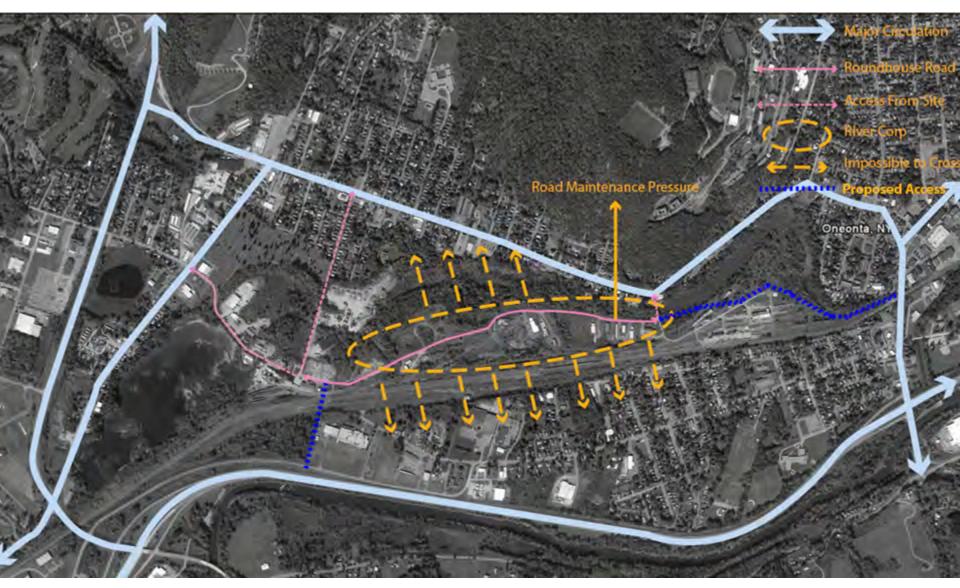
Enhancement of Roadside Walkability



# Parcel Acquisition

Connection to Downtown
Connection to Highway

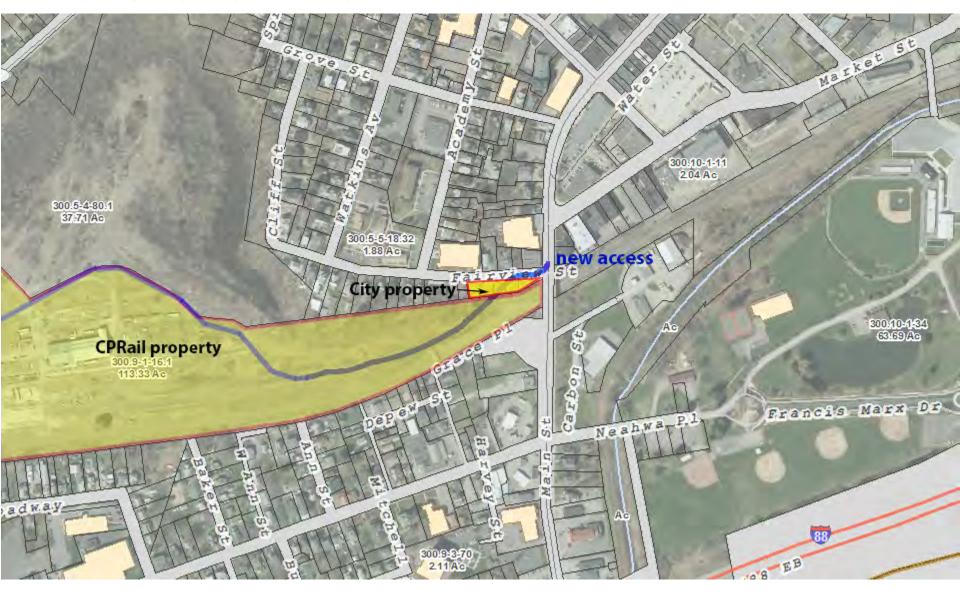
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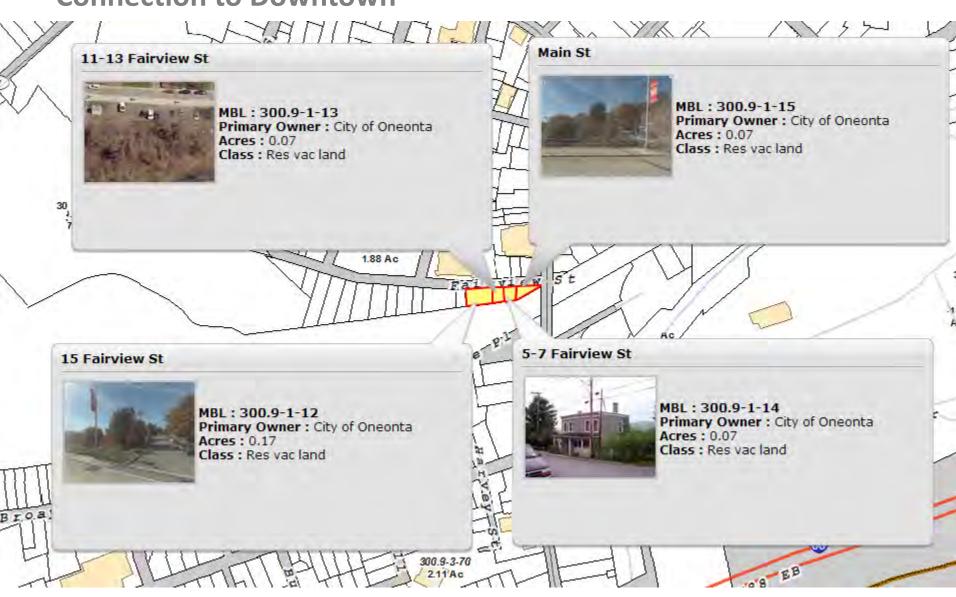
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#### **Connection to Downtown**



#### **Connection to Downtown**



# Acquisition

#### City

- Step 1: Define Physical Boundaries
- Step 2: Appraisal (survey, evaluation and environmental review)
- Step 3: Acquisition Options:
  - City Owned Properties:
    - 15 Fairview parking lot
    - 11-13 Fairview property
    - 5-7 Fairview property
    - Fairview Main corner property
  - CPRail Property:
    - Donation
    - Lease
    - Easement / Right of Way Acquisition
    - Direct Purchase
    - Eminent Domain





# Acquisition

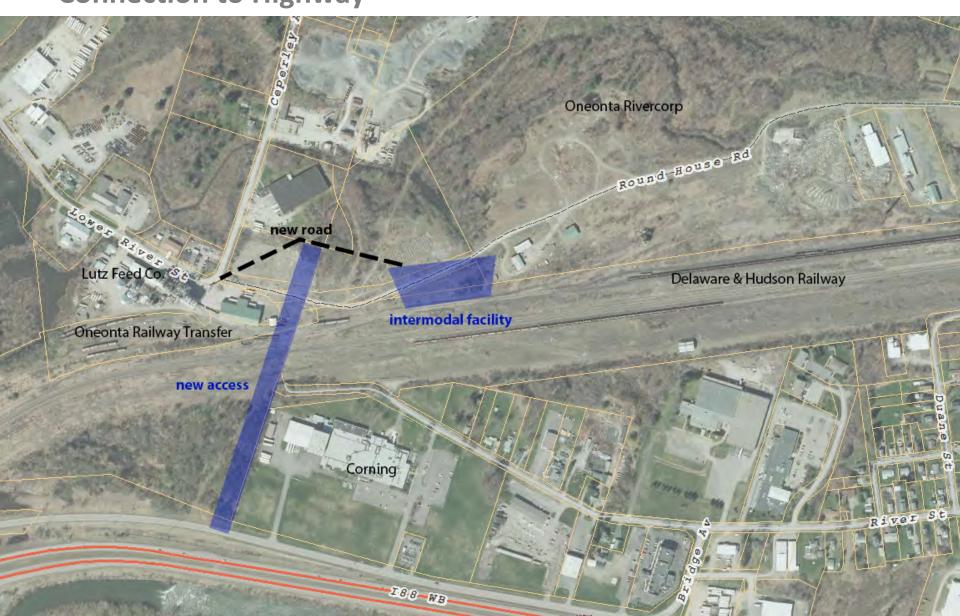
#### **Third Party**

- Step 1: Define Physical Boundaries
- Step 2: Appraisal (survey, evaluation and environmental review)
- Step 3: Acquisition Options:
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    - 5-7 Fairview property
    - Fairview Main corner property
      - Donation
      - Lease
      - Easement
      - Direct Purchase of land
  - CPRail Property:
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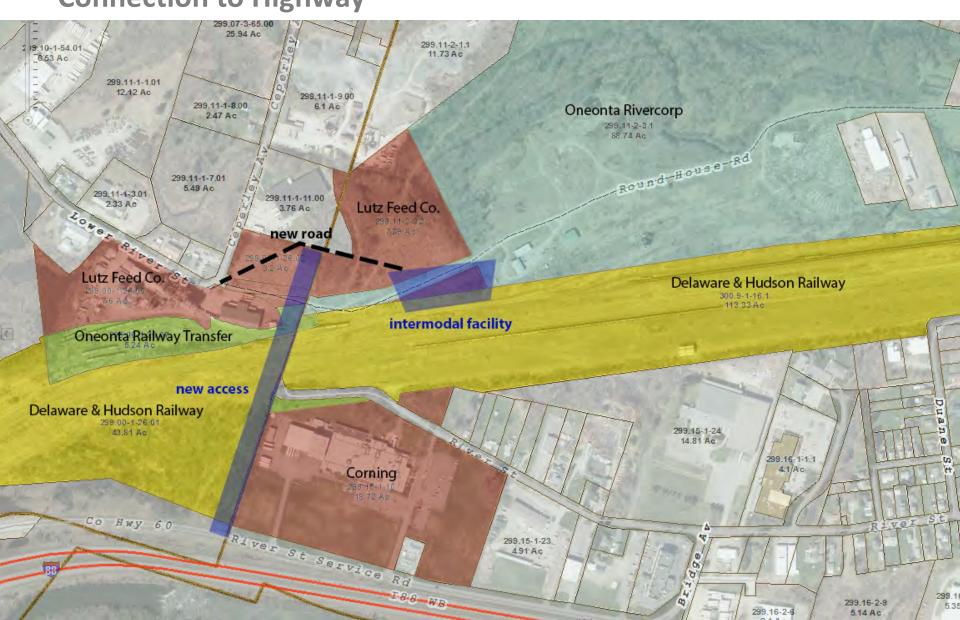




#### **Connection to Highway**



**Connection to Highway** 



**Connection to Highway** 



# Acquisition

#### City, Town and County

- Step 1: Apply for DOT funds
- Step 2: Appraisal (survey, evaluation, environmental and public review)
- Step 3: Acquisition Options:
  - CPRail Property:
    - Donation
    - Lease
    - Easement / Right of Way Acquisition
    - Direct Purchase
    - Eminent Domain
  - Lutz Feed Property:
    - Donation
    - Lease
    - Easement / Right of Way Acquisition
    - Direct Purchase
  - River Corp Property:
    - Direct Purchase / Donation

