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TRANSPORTATION

Highways

The residents of the CTHC region are serviced by a total of 2,872.87 miles of town, county and state highways. Of this total, 2,490 miles (87%) are under town jurisdiction, 295 miles (10%) are under county jurisdiction, and 87 miles (3%) are under state jurisdiction.

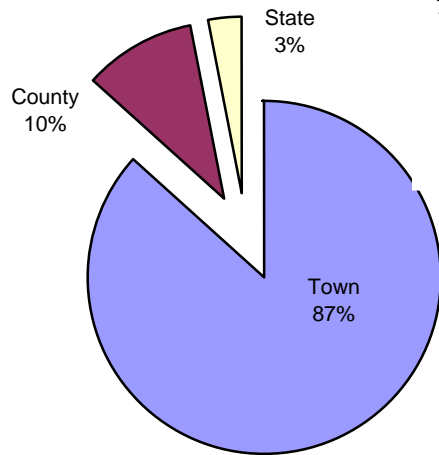


Table 6. Total Centerline Highway Mileage of All Highways in CTHC Region.

	Town	County	State
TOTAL	2490.57	295.58	86.72

Figure 7. Total Centerline Highway Mileage of All Highways by County

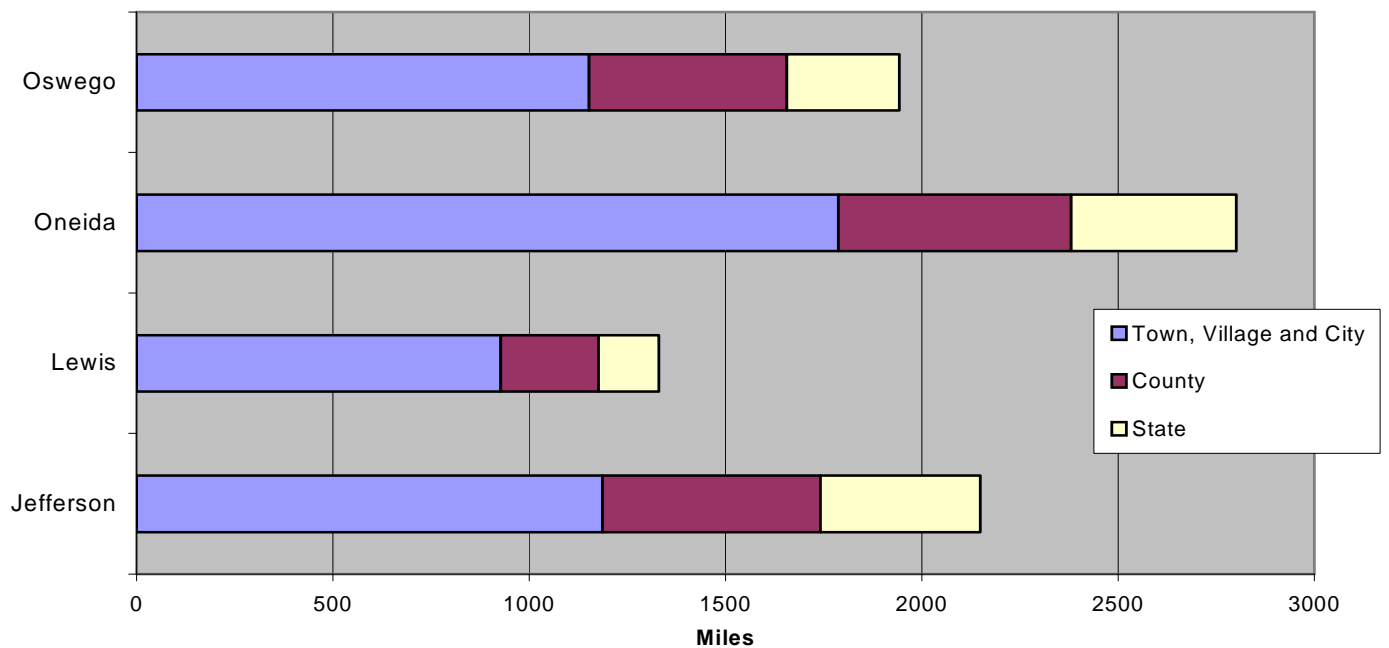
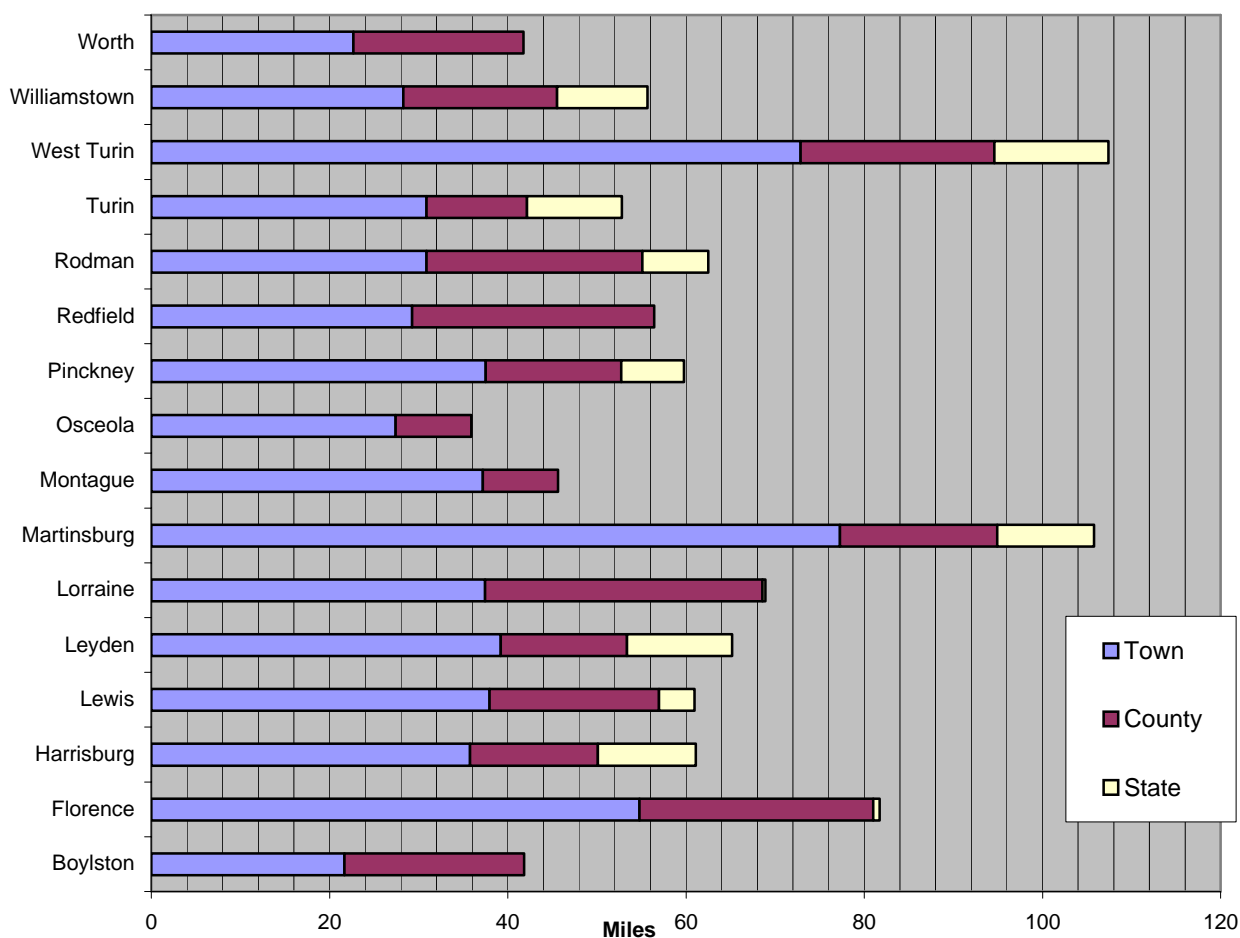


Table 7. Total Centerline Highway Mileage of All Highways by County.

	Town, Village and City	County	State	Total of All
Jefferson	1186.79	554.98	407.56	2150.46
Lewis	927.88	248.64	154.23	1330.75
Oneida	1787.44	592.74	420.59	2849
Oswego	1152.89	503.05	286.75	1946.49

Figure 8. Centerline Highway Mileage by Jurisdiction



Town of Dryden Comprehensive Plan - December 8, 2005

10. Transportation

Goal

Provide for a safe, efficient and diversified transportation system to serve the needs of all town residents.

Objectives

- Ensure land use and growth management policies that promote efficient use of existing streets, roads and highways.
- Provide for a network of streets, roads and highways that have adequate capacity to accommodate traffic without congestion.

- Wherever feasible channel excessive vehicular traffic around established neighborhoods.
- Work with the State and Tompkins County to initiate steps that will channel truck traffic away from residential areas of the town and off minor highways within the town.
- Develop and implement tools to control access to and from major highways within the town to limit congestion along those routes and limit the need to upgrade such facilities in the future.
- Wherever feasible provide for a network of bicycle and pedestrian paths that interconnect residential neighborhoods, commercial centers, schools, parks and places of employment.
- Provide for residential streets that are designed, constructed and maintained in a manner that protects the livability of neighborhoods, and ensures the safety of local residents.
- Identify and provide for a network of existing and future collector roads, and standards for development along such roads to ensure the safety and efficiency of said roads, and the protection of adjacent development from the impacts of anticipated traffic.
- Wherever feasible encourage the increased use of existing or new public transit services as an alternative to individual automobiles.
- Work with the Tompkins Consolidated Area Transit to expand public transit routes within the town and to develop a network of bus stops, park and ride facilities and other facilities that will attract increased use of public transit.
- Where population densities warrant, develop a system of sidewalks and off-street walkways to serve existing and future residential neighborhoods.

Town of Galway Comprehensive Plan - Adopted August 2002

Transportation Goals

- Reduce traffic speed on roads.
- New roads should meet rural road standards to protect rural character.
- Develop a shared roadway system having shoulders suitable for safe biking or walking.
- Improve road maintenance year-round, especially for safety and emergency access.
- Enhance road markings to improve safety.
- Evaluate the need for increased public transportation from Galway to other locations in the Capital District.

Transportation Strategies

- Assist the Town Highway Department secure additional funding for road maintenance.
- Continue use of the Cornell five-year capital improvement plan for roads and equipment. This program evaluates and plans for equipment and personnel needs, and prioritizes maintenance programs.
- Use the Cornell University, Local Roads Program and their summer Student Intern Project for assistance in inventorying roads, and in helping with continuous planning and developing a capital budget for Town Roads.
- Continue to improve communication between the Highway Department and the Town residents about road issues: include highway information and programs in any newsletter published by the Town.
- Keep up-to-date with classifying local roads according to the State of New York, Local Roads Research and Coordination Council's Manual: Guidelines for Rural Town and County Roads.
- Reduce the required paving width of new roads to 18 feet and also reduce right-of-way widths to make roads more compatible with low-volume residential needs.
- In new subdivisions roads should form a grid or modified grid system (such as "hammerhead" roads) as feasible within the overall subdivision plan. Discourage use of cul-de-sacs and dead-end roads.
- Continue using access management techniques, especially in commercial areas to reduce impacts of traffic near new development. These techniques could include use of shared driveways, connections between parking lots, use of service lanes, and limiting the number of access points to development on major arterials and highways in Galway.
- Encourage parking lots for new commercial buildings to be placed to the side or rear of the structure to help

maintain the aesthetic and rural character of the development.

- Continue to communicate regularly with NYS DOT and the Saratoga County Department of Public Works.
- Request increased state and county police presence along roads for traffic control.
- Develop shared road system to support motor vehicles, pedestrians, and bicyclists, where appropriate.
- With public input, study and identify bike/walking routes.
- Continue program of year round maintenance of roads and making sand available to the public.
- Continue keeping shoulders and at intersections mowed to keep sight distances on low-visibility roads open. Consider adding a second mowing within 100 feet of intersections.
- Continue to look for ways to increase safety of roads and keep up to date with alternative ways to note dangerous areas.
- Encourage the Town to petition Saratoga County Public Works and NYS Department of Transportation to reduce speed on roads.
- Contact transportation companies to interest them in providing transit services to Galway.

Town of Saratoga - 2002 Comprehensive Land Use Plan

2.9 Infrastructure

A. Issues

Infrastructure issues center on providing safe passable roads for residents. Additional significant issues are related to the provision of extending municipal sewer and water services to areas beyond the immediate boundary of Saratoga Lake and beyond the Villages of Victory and Schuylerville.

B. Goals

Improve the quality of transportation systems and infrastructure in the community.

C. Recommendations

1. Develop road specifications that are adequately configured given the projected level of use. For example, local collector roads would require reduced lane widths, shoulders, and total right-of-way when compared to a regional arterial. Develop road design and layout standards that require roads to conform to the features of the natural landscape and reduce cuts and fills of the natural grade.
2. Forward design guidelines for roads on to the regional office of the NYS Department of Transportation and the County highway department so these agencies are aware of the Town's intentions for all roads in the community.
3. Develop a Capital Improvements Plan that reviews sewer and water districts and plans for new service and extensions based on recommendations in the new Comprehensive Plan. Pay careful attention to the areas around Saratoga Lake and future impacts of development on that sewer district. Consider areas where there can be an extension of the existing sewer and water lines. Refer to the new sewer study being conducted by Saratoga County.
4. Continue to develop a regular schedule of maintenance on Town roads for resurfacing and drainage and repairs. Develop a detailed prioritized list of capital projects for improving Town roads by addressing dangerous curves, unsafe intersections. Work with the County Department of Public Works, the NYS Department of Transportation and the Capital District Transportation Council as necessary to make improvements to the Transportation Improvement Program.
5. Financially support annual education and training programs for the Town Highway staff such as the Cornell Local Roads Program.
6. Identify intersections and road sections which do not have suitable dimension for truck access such as Burgoyne Road.

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PLANNING ACCORD FOR TUG HILL (PATH)

A 15-town Plan for the Future of the Cooperative Tug Hill Council Area - 1991

GOALS FOR OUR FUTURE

6.0 Retain scenic vistas and roads that are important to the character of our area.

- 6.1 Assist member towns in the identification of scenic vistas and stretches of road on a town-by-town basis.
- 6.2 Share information on scenic vistas and roads among member towns.
- 6.3 Avoid development that would diminish the quality of scenic vistas and scenic stretches of road through town planning and land use controls.

7.0 Control the costs of public road maintenance.

- 7.1 Avoid new public roads into or across remote areas not now served by public roads, especially in the core forest of our area, in areas that would lead to the breakup of lands important to forest management, wildlife, fanning, hunting, fishing and recreation.
- 7.2 Identify on a town-by-town basis portions of roads that might be appropriate for some form of abandonment or seasonal use designation. Share this information among member towns.
- 7.3 Support state legislation that would limit town responsibilities for maintenance on designated remote roads.

2006 Community Survey - Summary

Towns of Harrisburg, Martinsburg, Montague & Pinckney

7. How satisfied are you with the following Town services? (Please check () the column that best describes your opinion for each.)

Of those responding to the question about “**How satisfied are you with the following Town services?**” the top six answers included: **snow removal** (81%), **town hall facility** (69%), **fire protection** (69%), **recreational and park facilities** (64%), and **road maintenance** (63%). 62% of the respondents had no opinion on senior services.

9. Which of the following issues are you concerned about? (Please check () all that apply.)

Of those responding to the question about issues they are concerned with, the number one issue is **property taxes** (74%), followed by **road maintenance** (54%), **ATV's** (54%), **snowmobiles** (46%), **hunting & fishing** (31%), and **wind farm development** (30%).

	Overall	Harrisburg	Martinsburg	Montague	Pinckney
Property taxes	74%	77%	76%	72%	70%
Road maintenance	54%	61%	54%	49%	57%
ATV's	54%	52%	46%	58%	66%
Snowmobiles	46%	41%	42%	51%	55%
Hunting & fishing	31%	32%	21%	40%	40%
Wind farm development	30%	43%	31%	22%	23%