



Department of
Transportation

NYS Route 8 Safety Enhancements Project



Towns of Norwich, New Berlin, Columbus, Chenango County
Public Hearing – September 28, 2022

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Agenda

- Existing Conditions
- Project Objectives
- Design Alternatives
- Property Impacts
- Environmental Impacts
- Next Steps
- Public Comment Period

Public Comments

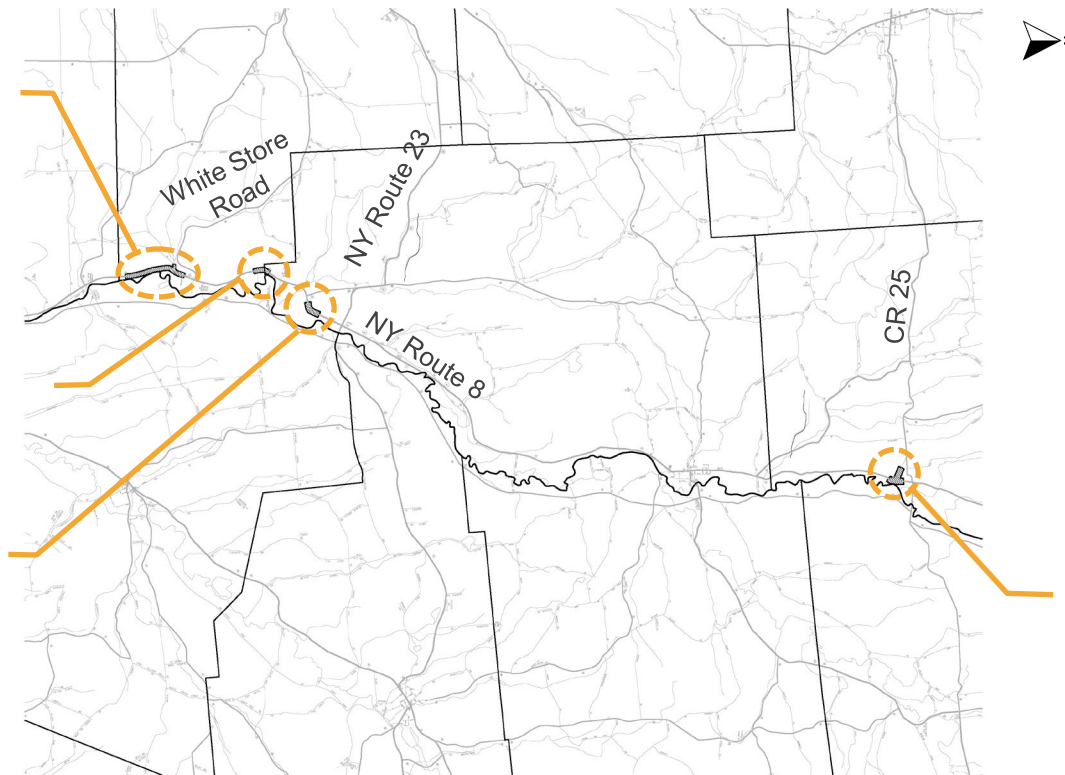
- Spoken comments will be taken at the conclusion of this presentation, from both virtual and in person attendees.
- Prior to the start of the comment period, we will demonstrate the process for those attending online.
- This hearing and all spoken comments will be recorded tonight and transcribed to become part of the public record.

Site Locations

Site 1 – Town of
Norwich

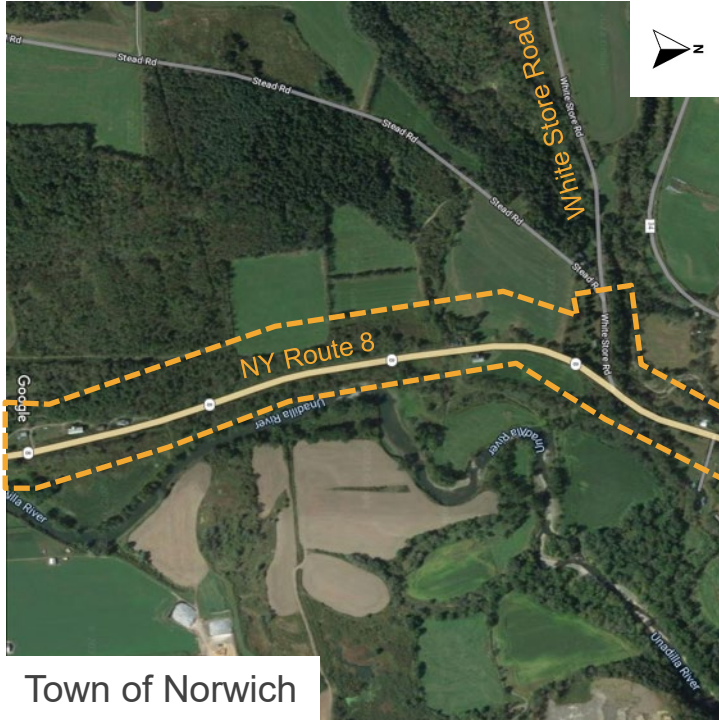
Site 2 – Town of
Norwich / Town of
New Berlin

Site 3 – Town of
New Berlin

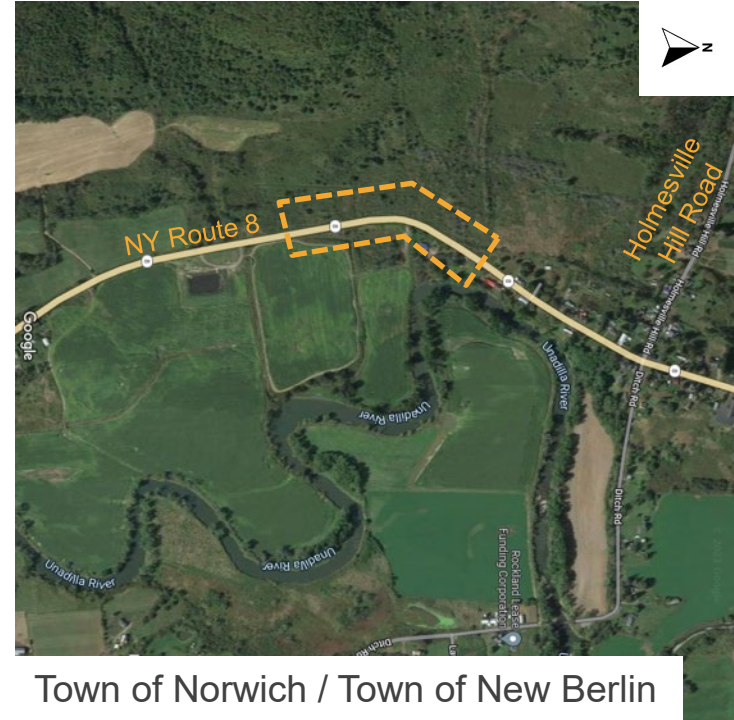


Site 4 – Town of
Columbus

Site Locations



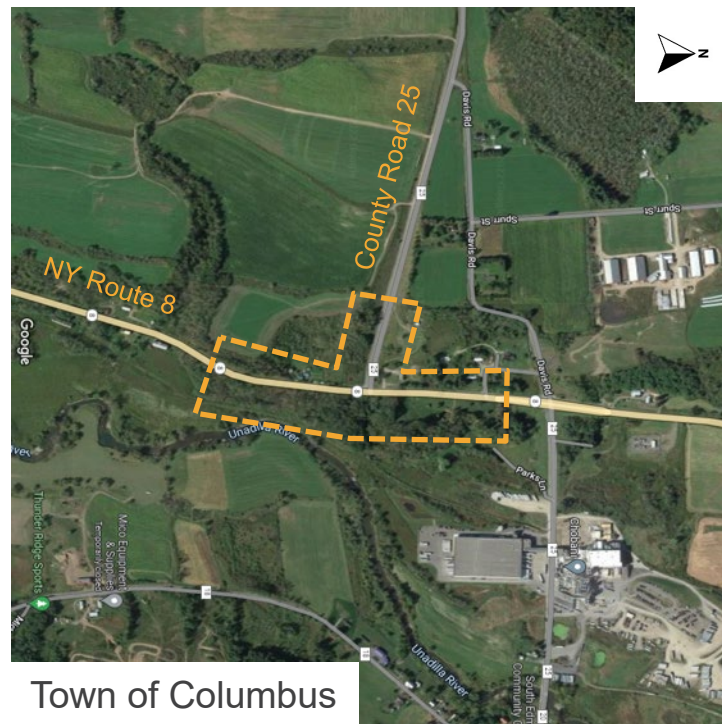
Site 1



Site 2



Site 3



Site 4

Existing Conditions

- Traffic Conditions
 - Primary Freight Route – 20% Truck Traffic
 - Design Speed: 60 mph (55 mph Posted)
 - Crash Rates
 - Large Truck Crashes
 - Design Traffic Volumes (Vehicles Per Day):

Site 1	Site 2	Site 3	Site 4
1920	1920	1920	3000

Existing Conditions

- Non-Standard Roadway Features
 - Travel Lane Width
 - Shoulder Width
 - Stopping Sight Distance
 - Horizontal Curve Radius
 - Superelevation (Banking)

Existing Conditions

- Other Considerations
 - Wetlands
 - Farmland
 - Cultural Resources
 - Environmental Justice
 - Endangered Species
 - Private Property
 - Visual Impacts
 - Construction Cost

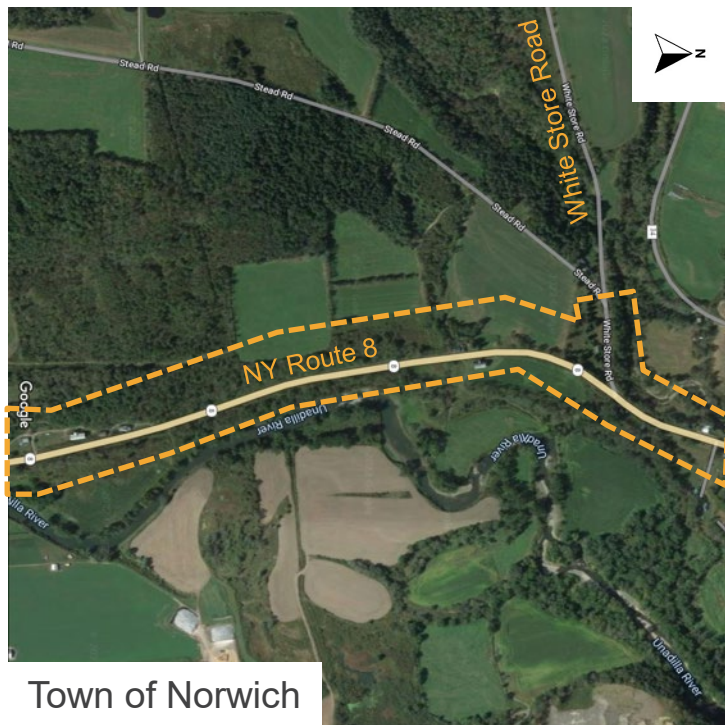
Project Purpose and Objectives

- Reduce the probability and severity of large truck crashes within the project area by improving key highway elements.
- Enhance traffic safety and operations.
- Enhance safety by bringing roadway to current standards.

Alternatives Considered

- No Build – Does not meet project objectives
- Selected Alternative – Reconstruction to meet standards
- Dismissed Alternative – Does not meet standards

Site 1

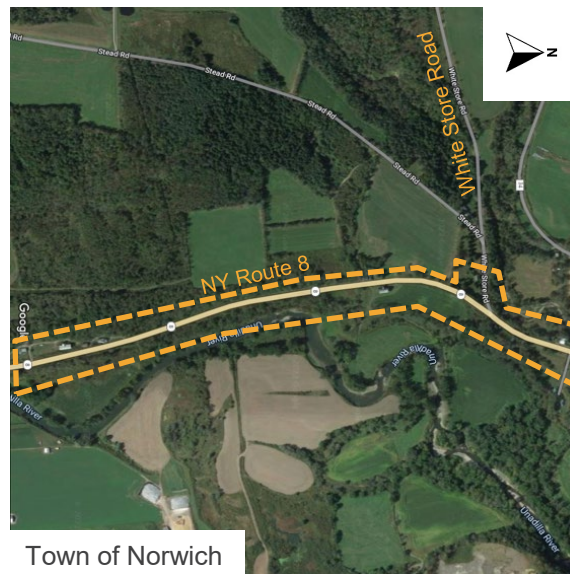


Town of Norwich

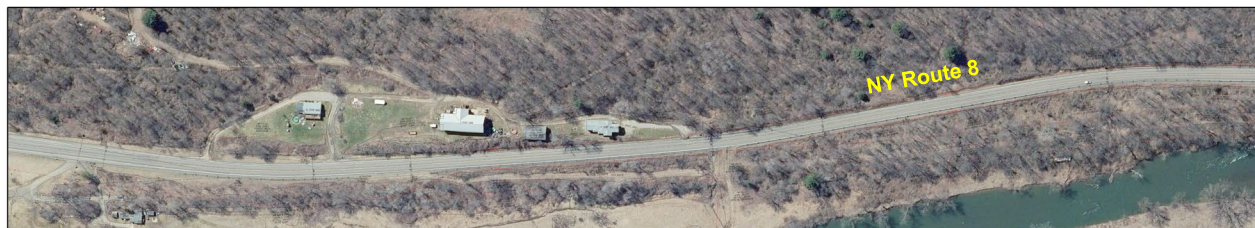


Proposed Alternative – Site 1

- Full Roadway Reconstruction
 - 12-Foot-Wide Travel Lanes
 - 6-Foot-Wide Shoulders
- Clear Zone Enhancements
- Drainage Enhancements
- New Stormwater Treatment
- Realign White Store Road
- Replace Existing Guiderail
- Requires Property Acquisitions & Residential Building Acquisition



Aerial View – Site 1 – Existing

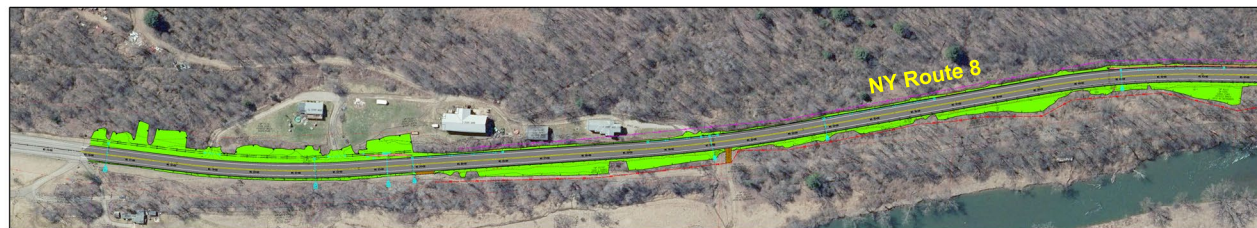
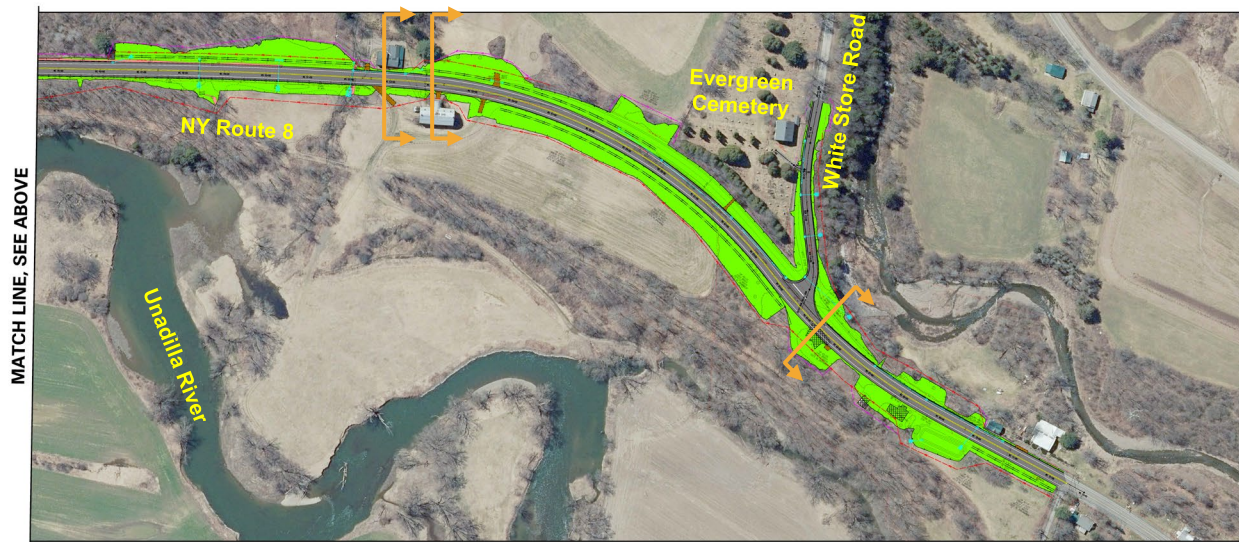


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Aerial View – Site 1 – Proposed



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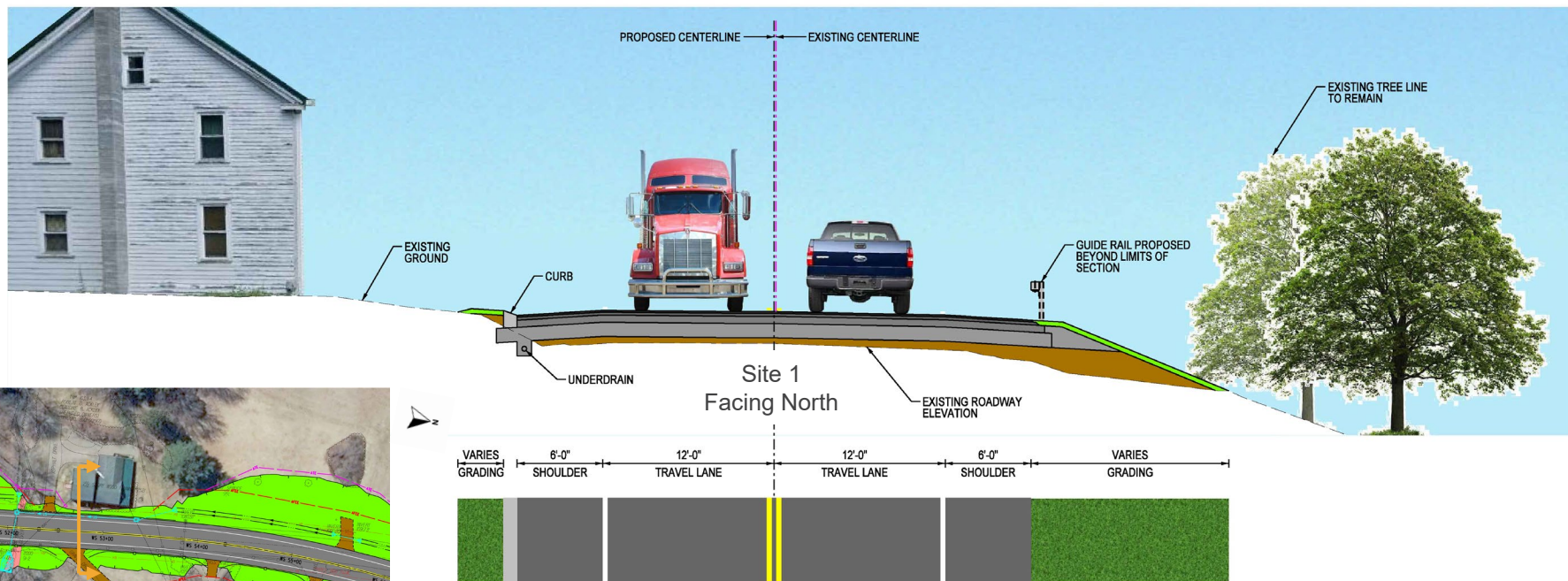
-  Proposed Roadway
-  Proposed Driveway Reconstruction
-  Proposed Wetland Impacts
-  Proposed Earthwork Limits
-  Proposed Impacted Structures
-  Section View Location

Aerial View – Site 1 – Proposed



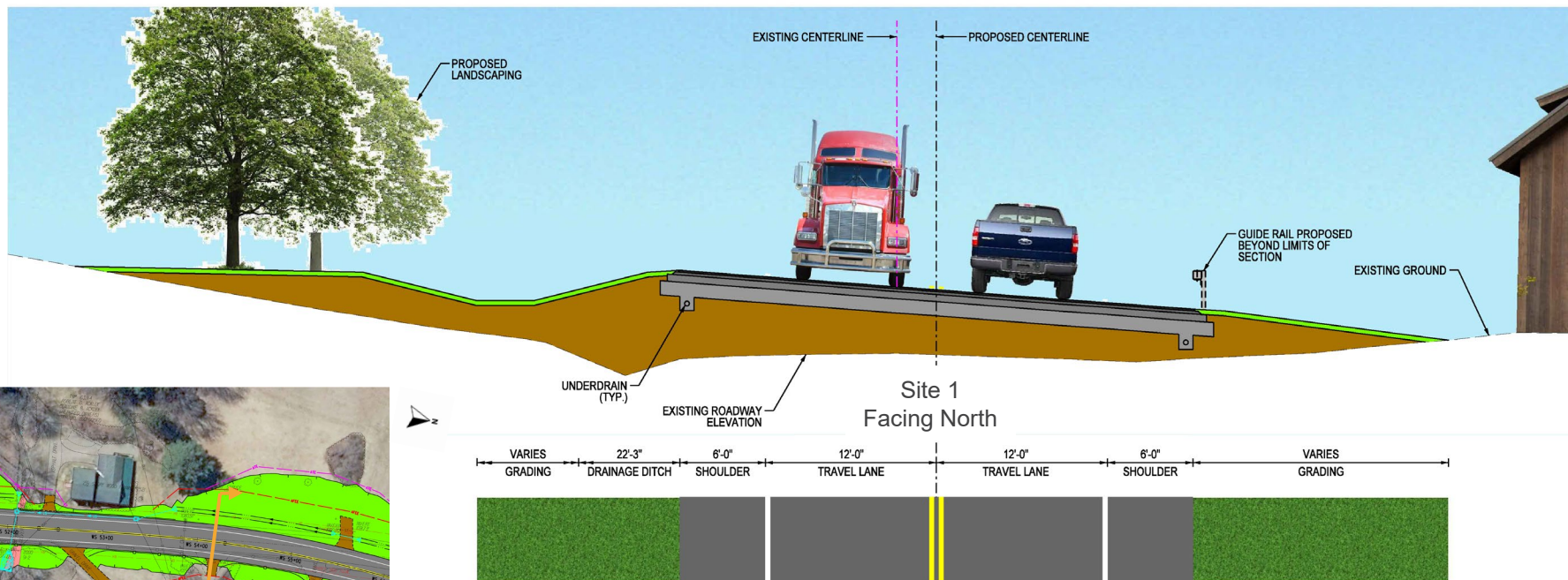
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Section View – Site 1 – 2521 NY Route 8



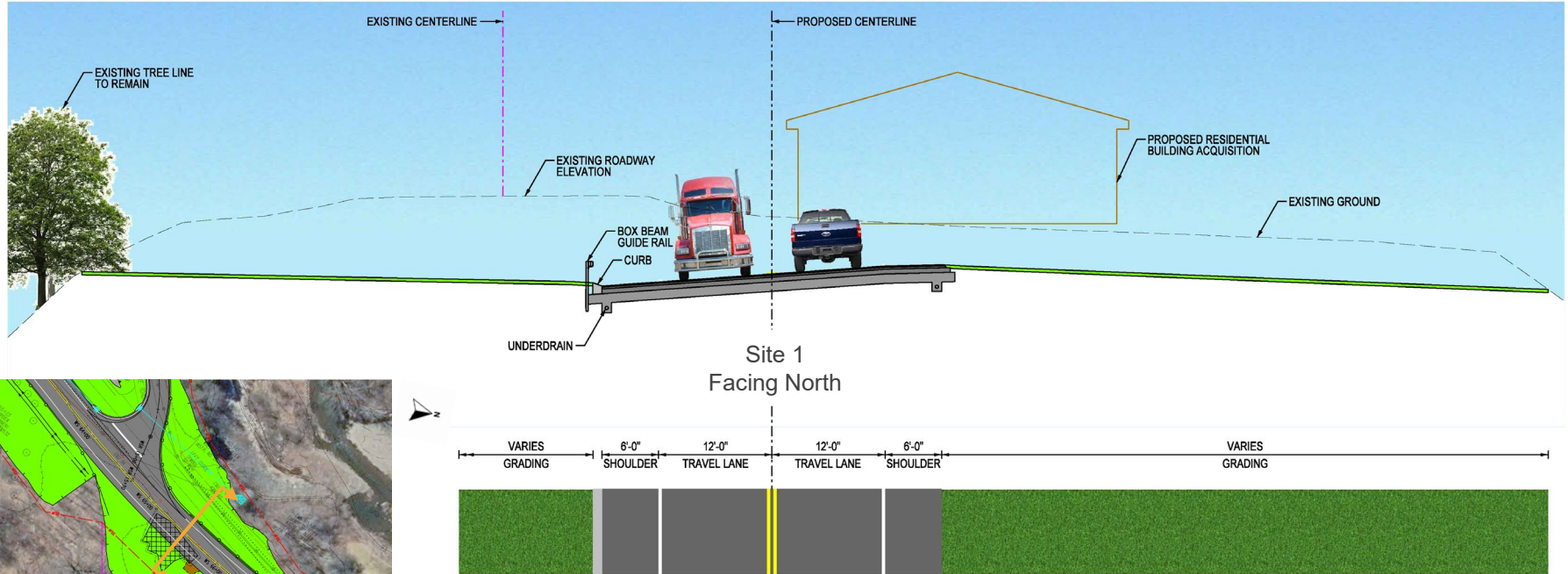
2521 NY Route 8
Facing North

Section View – Site 1 – 2521 NY Route 8



2521 NY Route 8
Facing North

Section View – Site 1 – 2582 NY Route 8



2582 NY Route 8
Facing North

Simulation – Site 1 – 2521 NY Route 8



Existing

2521 NY Route 8
Facing East



Proposed



Location

LEGEND



Simulation View Location

Simulation – Site 1 – 2582 NY Route 8



Existing



Proposed

2582 NY Route 8
Facing South



Location

LEGEND



Simulation View Location

Simulation – Site 1 – 2582 NY Route 8

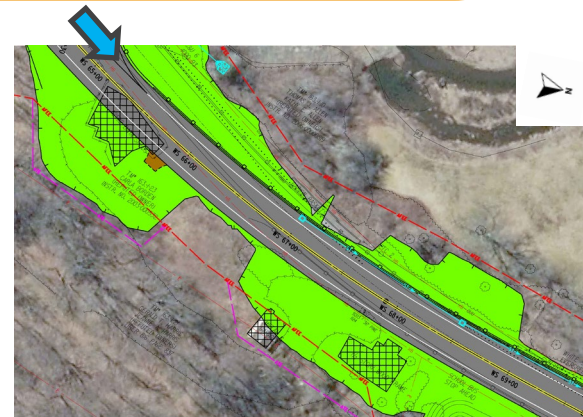


Existing

2582 NY Route 8
Facing North



Proposed



Location

LEGEND



Simulation View Location

Acquisitions – Site 1

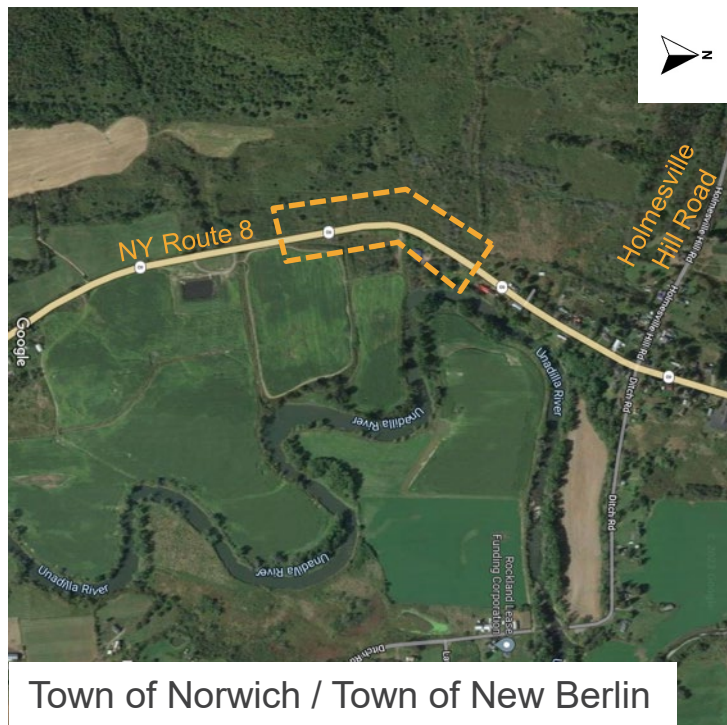


# of Parcels	Type of Acquisition
1	Residential Building Acquisition
10	Fee Acquisition
8	Temporary Easement

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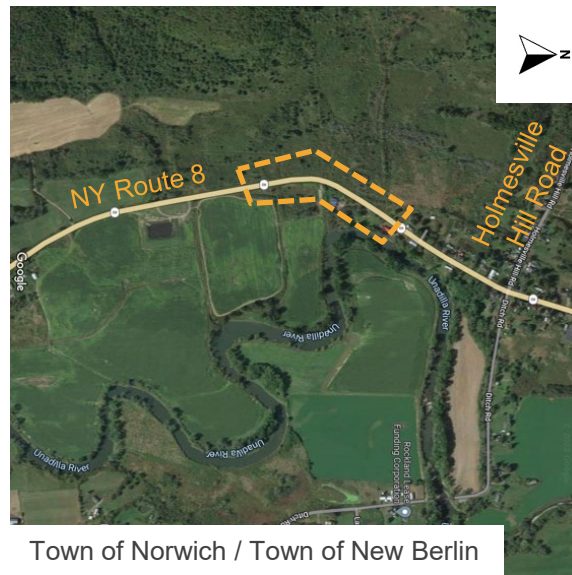
-  Proposed Right-of Way Acquisition
-  Proposed Temporary Easement
-  Proposed Impacted Structures

Site 2



Proposed Alternative – Site 2

- Full Roadway Reconstruction
 - 12-Foot-Wide Travel Lanes
 - 6-Foot-Wide Shoulders
- Clear Zone Enhancements
- Drainage Enhancements
- New Stormwater Treatment
- Requires Property Acquisitions



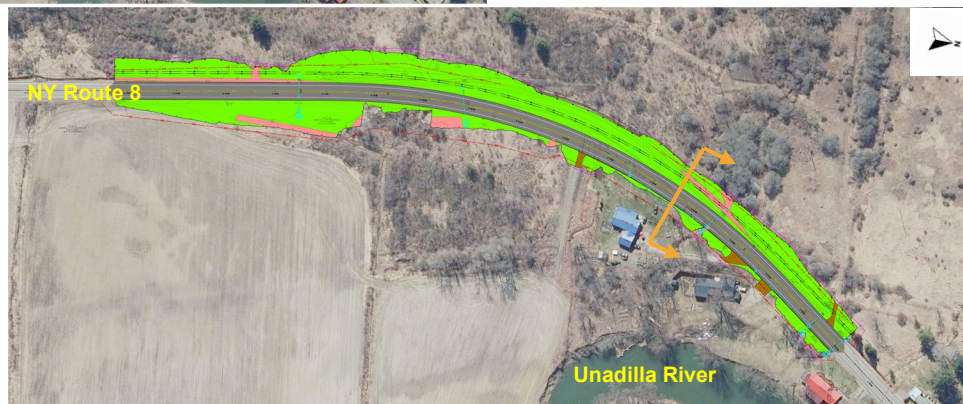
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Aerial Views – Site 2



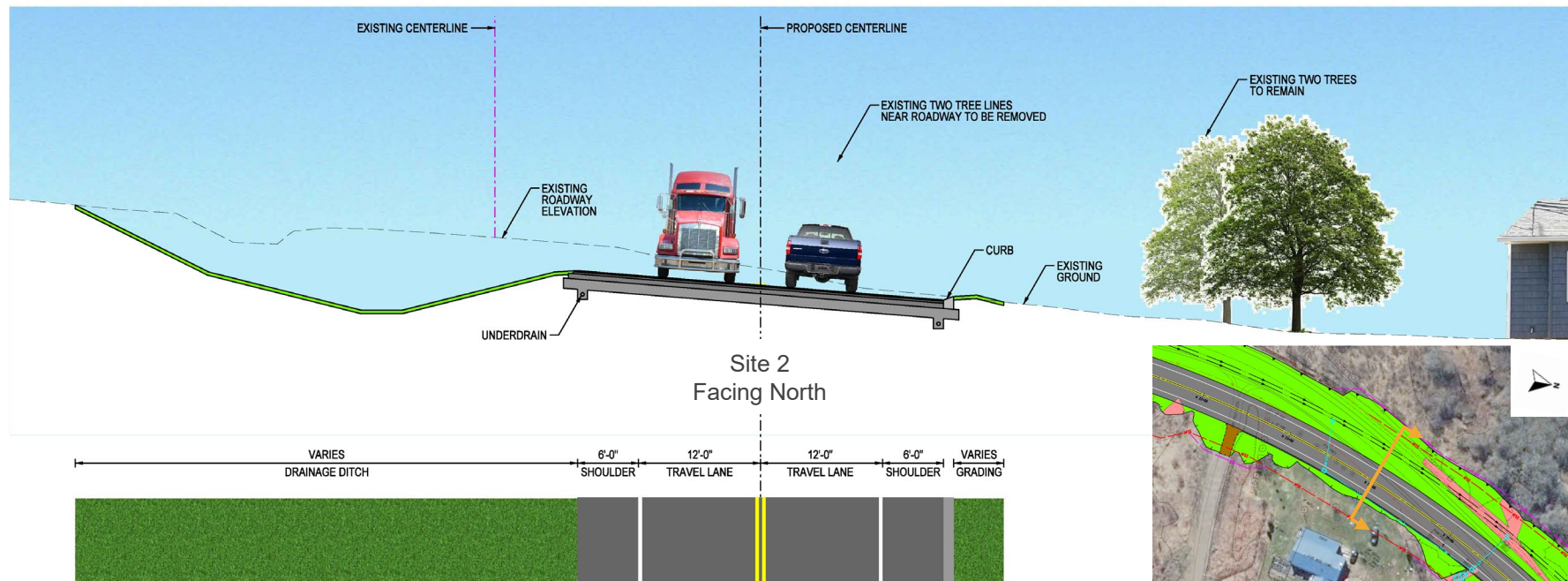
Existing

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	Proposed Roadway
	Proposed Driveway Reconstruction
	Proposed Wetland Impacts
	Proposed Earthwork Limits
	Section View Location



Proposed

Section View – Site 2 – 2938 NY Route 8



2938 NY Route 8
Facing North

Simulation – Site 2 – 2938 NY Route 8



Existing



Proposed

2938 NY Route 8
Facing South



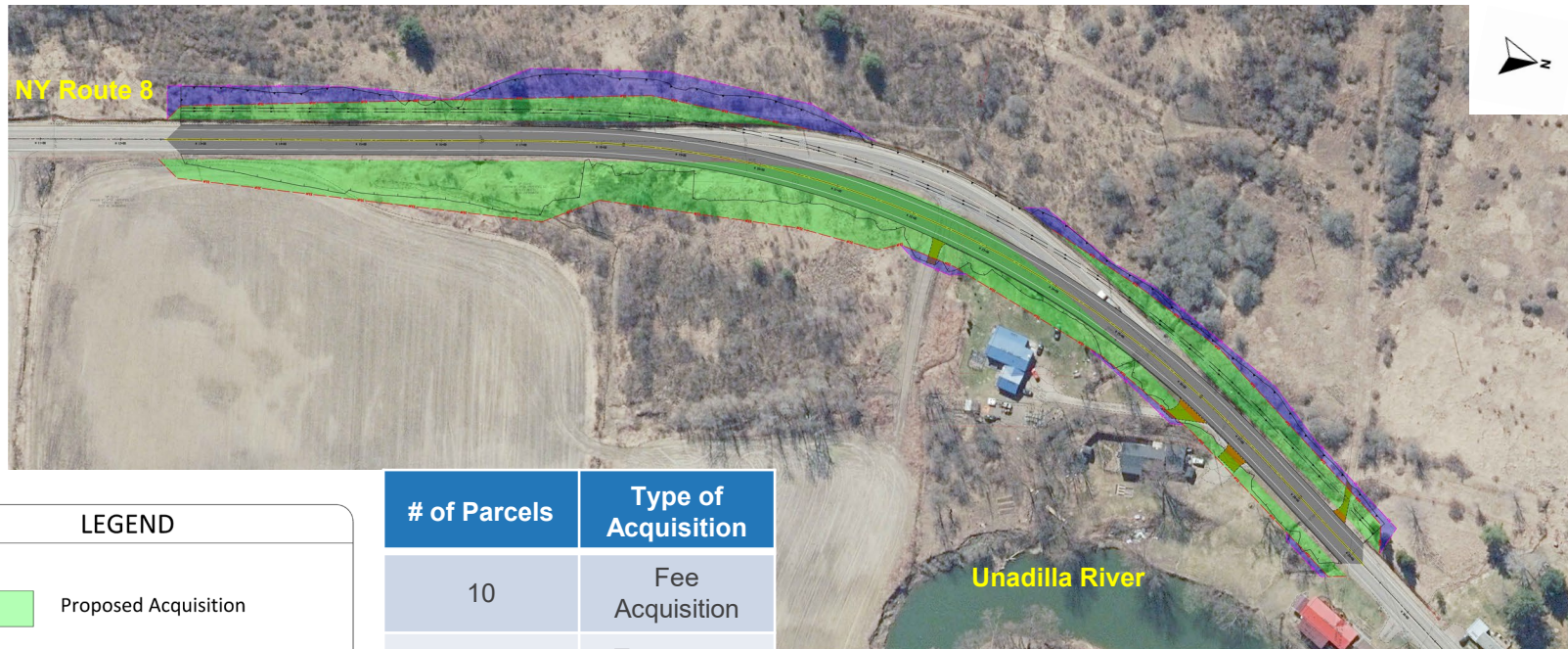
Location

LEGEND



Simulation View Location

Acquisitions – Site 2



LEGEND



Proposed Acquisition



Proposed Temporary Easement

# of Parcels	Type of Acquisition
10	Fee Acquisition
10	Temporary Easement

Site 3

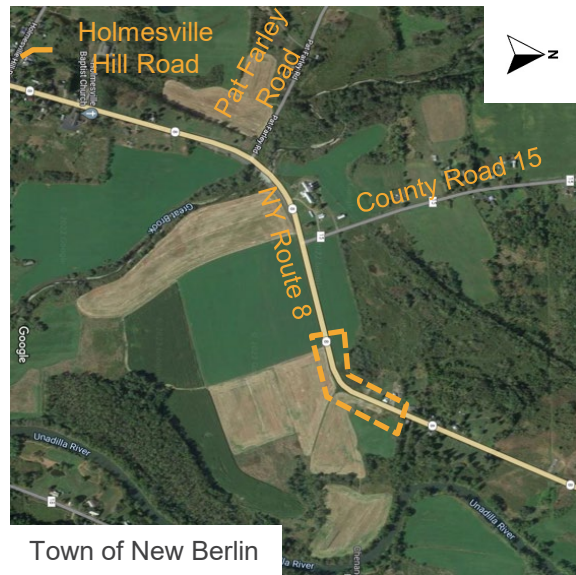


Town of New Berlin



Proposed Alternative – Site 3

- Full Roadway Reconstruction
 - 12-Foot-Wide Travel Lane
 - 6-Foot-Wide Shoulders
- Drainage Enhancements
- New Stormwater Treatment
- Requires Property Acquisitions & Residential Building Acquisition



Aerial Views – Site 3



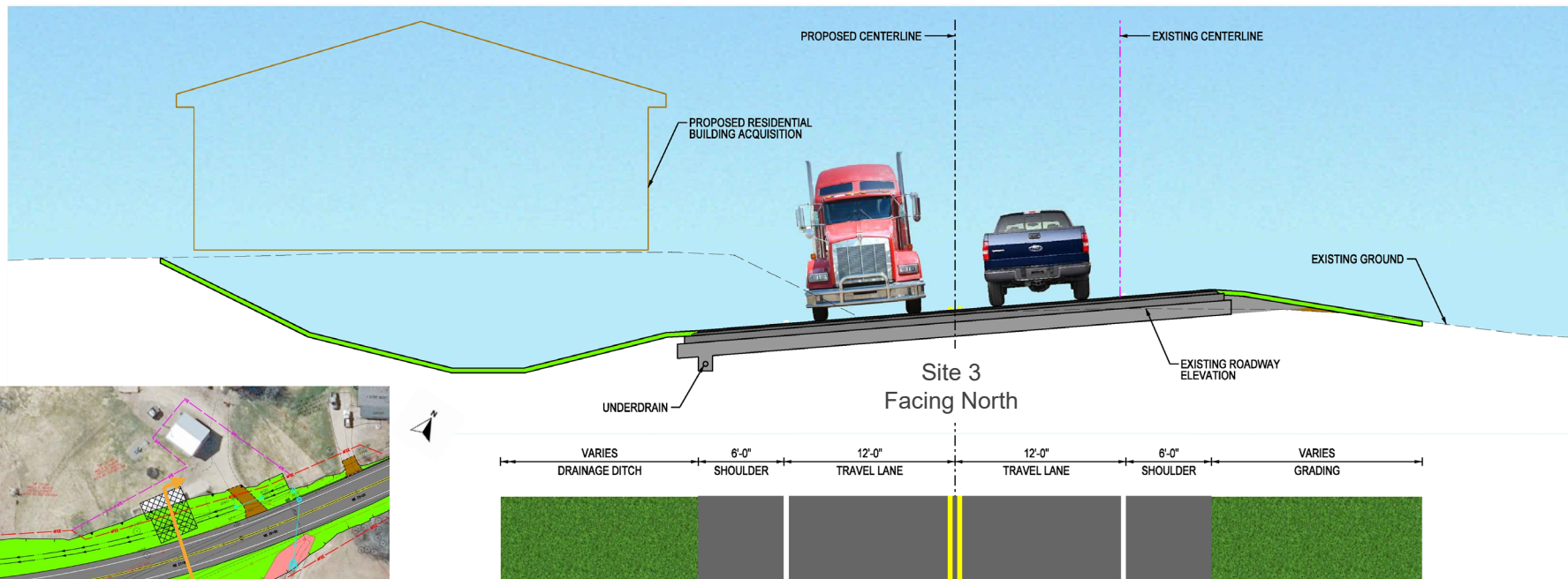
Existing

LEGEND	
	Proposed Roadway
	Proposed Driveway Reconstruction
	Proposed Wetland Impacts
	Proposed Earthwork Limits
	Proposed Impacted Structures
	Section View Location



Proposed

Section View – Site 3 – 3193 NY Route 8



3193 NY Route 8
Facing North

Simulation – Site 3 – 3193 NY Route 8



Existing

3193 NY Route 8
Facing Southwest



Proposed



Location

LEGEND



Simulation View Location

Acquisitions – Site 3

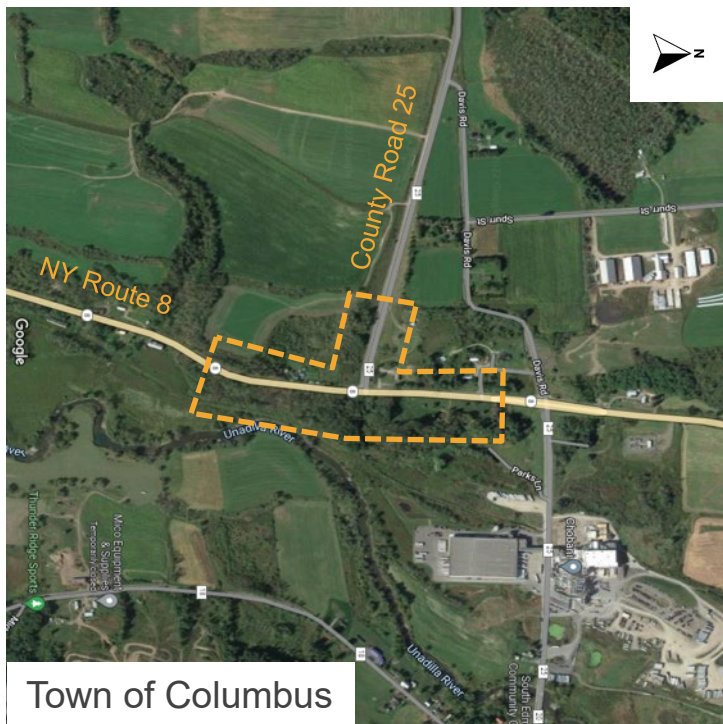


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- Proposed Right-of Way Acquisition
- Proposed Temporary Easement
- Proposed Impacted Structures

# of Parcels	Type of Acquisition
1	Residential Building Acquisition
4	Fee Acquisition
2	Temporary Easement

Site 4

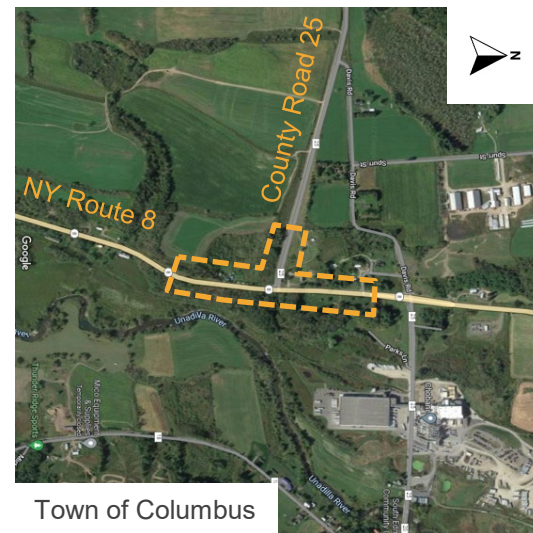


Town of Columbus



Proposed Alternative – Site 4

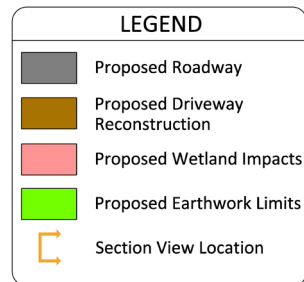
- Full Roadway Reconstruction – NY 8 & CR 25
 - 12-Foot-Wide Lanes
 - 8-Foot-Wide Shoulders
- Northbound Left-Turn Lane
- Flashing Overhead Traffic Light
- Drainage Enhancements
- New Stormwater Treatment
- Replace Guiderail
- Requires Property Acquisitions



Aerial Views – Site 4

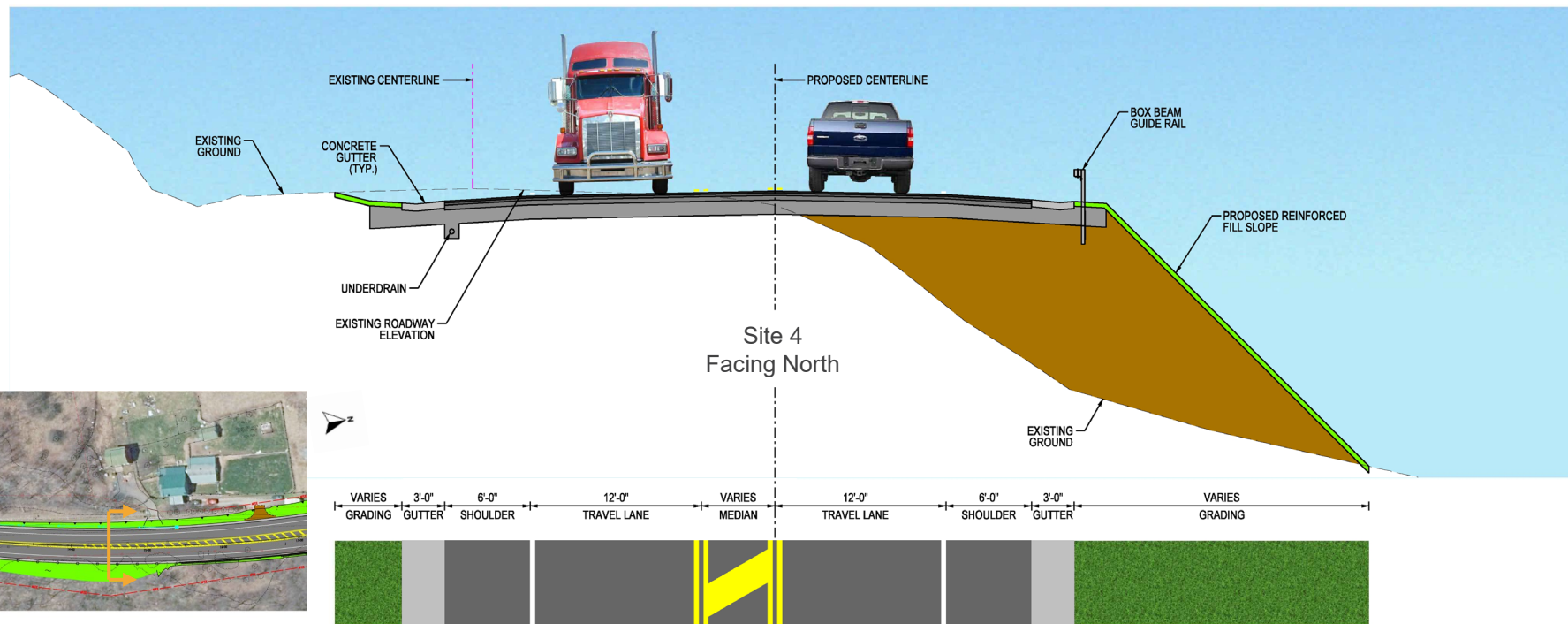


Existing



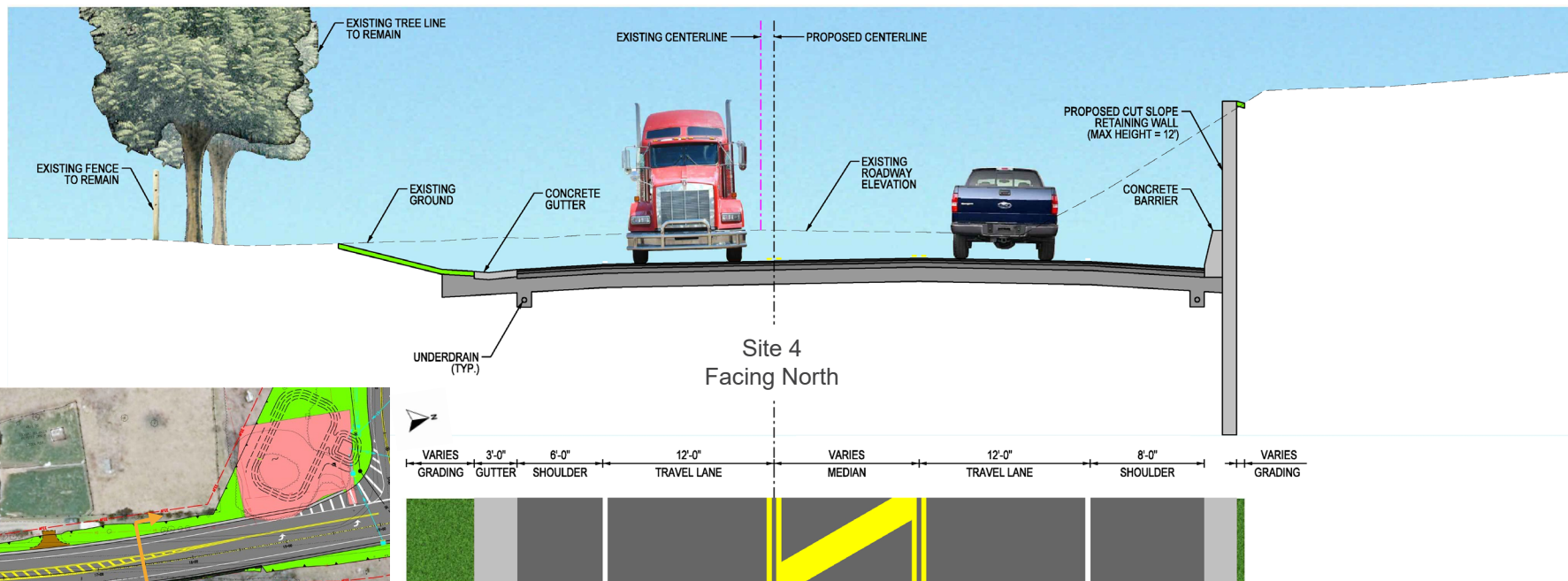
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Section View – Site 4 – 5663 NY Route 8



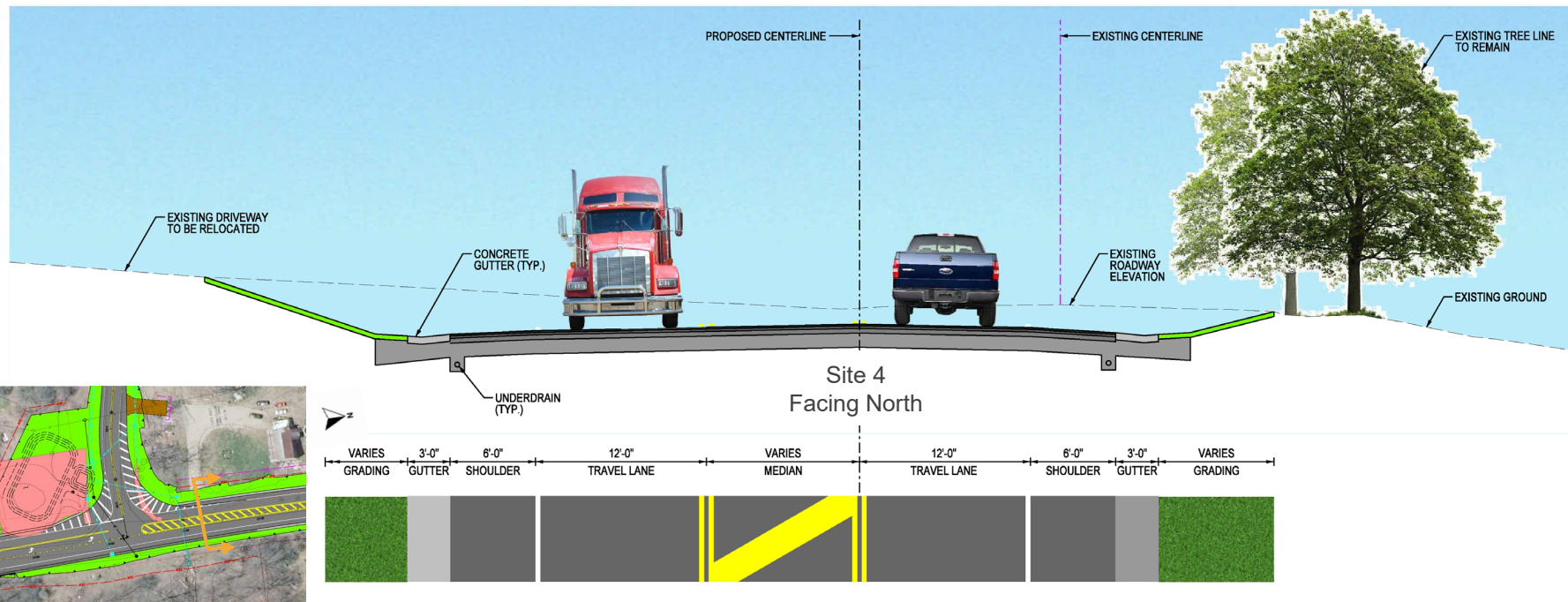
5663 NY Route 8
Facing North

Section View – Site 4 – 5663 NY Route 8



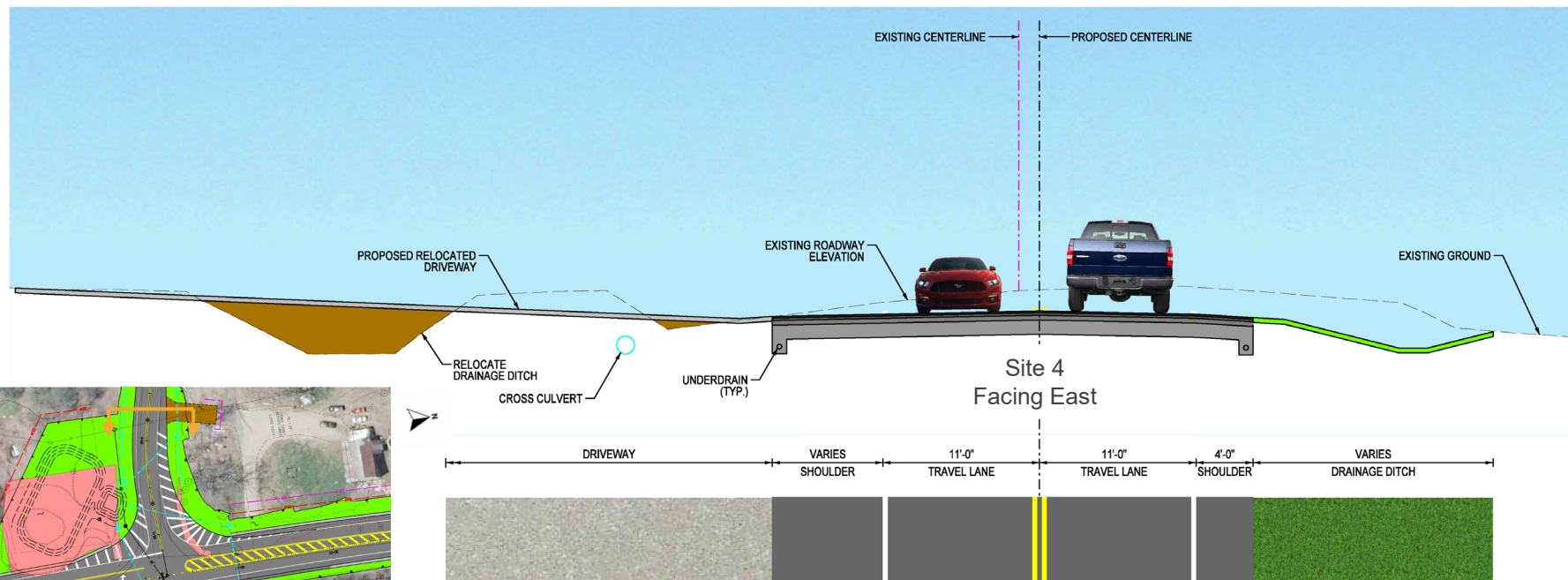
5663 NY Route 8
Facing North

Section View – Site 4 – 5689 NY Route 8



5689 NY Route 8
Facing North

Section View – Site 4 – 5689 NY Route 8



5689 NY Route 8
Facing East from County Road 25

Simulation – Site 4 – 5689 NY Route 8

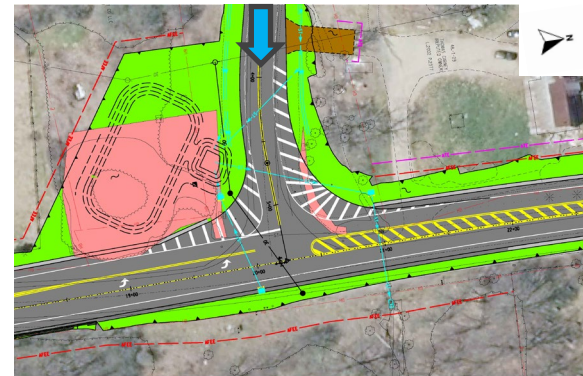


Existing

5689 NY Route 8
Facing East from
County Road 25



Proposed



Location

LEGEND



Simulation View Location

Simulation – Site 4 – 5689 NY Route 8

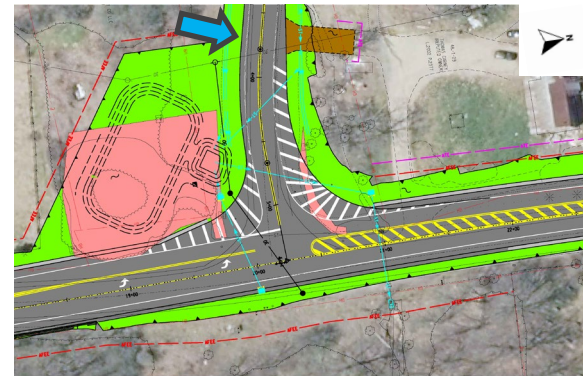


Existing

5689 NY Route 8
Facing Northeast from
County Road 25



Proposed



Location

LEGEND



Simulation View Location

Simulation – Site 4 – 5689 NY Route 8

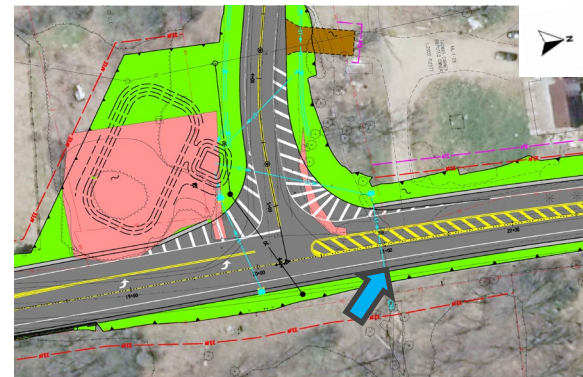


Existing

5689 NY Route 8
Facing Northwest from
NY Route 8



Proposed



Location

LEGEND



Simulation View Location

Acquisitions – Site 4

# of Parcels	Type of Acquisition
5	Fee Acquisition
2	Temporary Easement
1	Permanent Easement



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-  Proposed Right-of-Way Acquisition
-  Proposed Temporary Easement
-  Proposed Permanent Easement

Environmental Impacts

- Cultural Resources
 - Project will have an adverse effect on cultural resources
 - NYSDOT and FHWA prepared and filed memorandum of agreement
- Visual Impacts
 - Efforts made during design to avoid impacts to existing trees where feasible
 - New trees will be planted to replace trees where feasible

Environmental Impacts

- Wetland Impacts
 - Design efforts made to reduce impacts where possible

Wetland Impact Area	Site 1	Site 2	Site 3	Site 4	Total
	0.140 Ac.	0.229 Ac.	0.161 Ac.	0.274 Ac.	0.804 Ac.

- Farmland Impacts
 - Design efforts made to reduce impacts where possible

Farmland Impact Area	Site 1	Site 2	Site 3	Site 4	Total
	4.269 Ac.	2.333 Ac.	2.359 Ac.	1.066 Ac.	10.027 Ac.

Environmental Process

- NEPA (National Environmental Policy Act)
 - Proposed Class II Categorical Exclusion
- SEQRA (State Environmental Quality Review Act)
 - Proposed Non-Type II

- Copy of Reports Available:

NYSDOT

44 Hawley St.

Binghamton, NY 13901

<https://dot.ny.gov/Rt8Safety>

Summary – All Sites

Criteria	Site 1	Site 2	Site 3	Site 4
Non-Standard Features Removed	7	5	4	4
Proposed Wetland Impacts	0.140 Ac.	0.229 Ac.	0.161 Ac.	0.274 Ac.
Proposed Farmland Impacts	4.269 Ac.	2.333 Ac.	2.359 Ac.	1.066 Ac.
Proposed Cultural Resource Impacts	None	1 Site; No Adverse Effects	None	1 Site; Adverse Effects
Proposed Environmental Justice Impacts	No Disproportionate High And Adverse Effects	No Effect	No Effect	No Effect
Proposed Endangered Species Impacts	Bald Eagle	None	None	None
Construction Cost	\$5.48M	\$1.78M	\$1.21M	\$3.45M

Property Impact Summary

Criteria	Site 1	Site 2	Site 3	Site 4	Total
Affected Property Owners	8	7	4	6	25
Residential Building Acquisitions	1	0	1	0	2
Fee Acquisitions	10 (5.643 Ac.)	10 (2.456 Ac.)	4 (2.358 Ac.)	5 (1.329 Ac.)	29 (11.786 Ac.)
Temporary Easements	8 (1.377 Ac.)	10 (0.708 Ac.)	2 (0.357 Ac.)	2 (0.124 Ac.)	22 (2.566 Ac.)
Permanent Easements	0	0	0	1 (0.010 Ac.)	1 (0.010 Ac.)

Role of Right-of-Way Group

1. Acquire real estate needed for the project in accordance with New York State Eminent Domain Procedure Law.
2. Determine compensation due to property owners for the real estate being acquired.
3. Payment of compensation due to the property owner for the acquired real estate.
4. Provide relocation assistance to occupants of acquired dwellings.
5. Provide additional information: “How Does New York State Acquire Property For Public Purposes?”

Acquisition Process

1. Owner Contact & Property Inspection
 - Owner involvement – In person or by telephone
 - Preliminary acquisition map and related project plans provided
 - Detailed explanation of acquisition & effects of project
 - In person property inspection
 - Legal determination of ownership and property interests
2. Determine Compensation
 - Staff or consultant appraiser
 - Owner may accompany appraiser during property inspection
 - Fair market value established – Highest approved appraisal

Acquisition Process – Offer

1. Offer Is Made

- One offer system
- Offer is highest approved appraisal amount
- Offer may be by mail or in person
- Offers involving relocation are made in person
- Choice of agreements included – Agreement of advanced payment or adjustment
- Second contact by Office of Right-of-Way staff within 2 weeks – Answer questions, address concerns

Legal Acquisition of Property – Vesting

1. Acquire property
 - Map filed (vested) with county clerk – Title transferred to State
 - Owner notified by certified mail
 - Payment processed – or –
 - Full amount of offer deposited by the NYS Comptroller's Office into interest bearing account
2. Once payment is made, or funds deposited, acquisition is complete.
 - Contractors are allowed on the property for construction

Payment for Acquisition

1. Process Payment

- Signed agreement required
- Closing papers signed and approved by attorney general
- Payment mailed from state comptroller
 - Usually within 90 days of Department of Law's receipt of all signed closing papers

Relocation Assistance Program

1. Important Points

- Do not move before speaking to someone from Office of Right-of-Way
- To be eligible, you **must occupy the dwelling** to be acquired at the time that negotiations are initiated
- No site occupants will be required to move without at least 90 days written notice

Relocation Assistance Program

1. Conceptual Stage Relocation Plan

- In depth study of proposed relocations at sites 1 & 3
- Currently 18 single family residences available for sale in surrounding area
- Sufficient for anticipated relocation needs
- Expect that all occupants will be successfully relocated within 12 to 18 months from date their property is acquired.
- Report available for review on project website

Relocation Assistance Program

1. Acquisition & Relocation Process

- Begins once final design alternative has been chosen
- Includes day to day relocation assistance
- In depth interview regarding relocation needs and preferences
- Offer of compensation and any relocation benefits made in person
- Booklet - “If You Must Move... We Can Help!”

Relocation Assistance Program

1. Additional Residential Relocation Services

- Moving expenses
 - Either actual moving costs based on approved estimate within 50 miles or
 - A schedule based on contents and number of rooms
- May be eligible for supplemental housing benefit
 - Eligibility and determination of amount is explained in detail at initial interview

Construction Phasing

- Alternating one-way traffic with temporary traffic signals
- Work may be phased
- Schedule restrictions due to endangered species and tree clearing
- Property owners will be notified prior to construction

Next Steps

Step	Estimated Date
Design Approval	Winter 2022
Final Design And Proposed Property Acquisition	Fall 2022 to Spring 2024
Construction Start	Fall 2024
Construction Complete	December 2026

Public Comment Period

- We ask everyone to respectfully listen to all comments.
- Please address all comments towards this project and its proposed work.
- Questions will not be answered at this forum, but they will be recorded and answered as part of the final design report.

How to submit a comment – Virtual Attendees

**All attendees are muted upon joining.
When the host unmutes you the red
microphone will turn green.**

Jennifer Taylor

Host

The screenshot shows a sidebar on the right side of the meeting window. It has three sections: 'Participants (2)' with a search bar, 'Panelists (1)' listing Jennifer Taylor as the Host, and 'Attendees (1)' listing Susan Pitely as 'Me'. The 'Attendees' section is highlighted with a red rectangle, and a red arrow points from the word 'microphone' below to the microphone icon in Susan Pitely's entry.

Participants (2)

Search

Panelists (1)

Jennifer Taylor
Host

Attendees (1)

Susan Pitely
Me

microphone

microphone

Unmute

How to submit a comment – Virtual Attendees

The Raise Hand icon will show up next to your name when selected. The host will unmute one attendee at a time to make a comment.

Jennifer Taylor
Host

Raise Hand Icon



A screenshot of a virtual meeting interface. The top section shows 'Participants (2)' with a search bar. Below that is 'Panelists (1)' with Jennifer Taylor as the Host. The 'Attendees (1)' section shows Susan Pitely with a 'Raise hand (Ctrl + Shift + R)' button and a 'Raise Hand Icon' (a hand with a raised index finger) circled in red. The bottom section shows a 'Chat' window with a message to Jennifer Taylor (Host & Presenter) and a text input field. The bottom toolbar includes 'Unmute', 'Raise Hand Icon' (circled in red), and other icons. The text 'Raise Hand Icon' is written in red above the icon in the toolbar.

How to submit a comment – Virtual Attendees

The screenshot displays a virtual meeting interface. The main area shows a placeholder for a video feed with the text "Jennifer Taylor" and "Host" below it. On the right side, there is a sidebar with a search bar and a list of participants. The list is organized into sections: "Participants (2)", "Panelists (1)", and "Attendees (1)". Under "Attendees (1)", a participant named "Susan Pitely" is listed with the label "Me" below their name. At the bottom of the interface, there is a control bar with buttons for "Unmute", a microphone icon, a camera icon, a three-dot menu, and a red "X" button. To the right of these buttons, there are two tabs: "Participants" and "Chat". The "Chat" tab is highlighted with a red box, and a red arrow points down to it from the text "Chat Function" written in red above the arrow.

Participants (2)

Search

Panelists (1)

Jennifer Taylor
Host

Attendees (1)

Susan Pitely
Me

Chat Function

Unmute

Participants Chat

How to submit a comment – Virtual Attendees

The screenshot displays a virtual meeting interface. On the left, a large gray area shows the host's name, "Jennifer Taylor", with "Host" underneath. Below this, red text states: "Comments may also be sent in via chat to the host." On the right, a sidebar contains a list of participants. Under "Participants (2)", there is a search bar. Under "Panelists (1)", Jennifer Taylor is listed as the Host. Under "Attendees (1)", Susan Pitely is listed as "Me". At the bottom of the sidebar, a "Chat" section is visible. It includes a "To:" dropdown menu set to "Jennifer Taylor (Host & Presenter)". Below this is a text input field with the placeholder "TYPE IN HERE TO CHAT" and a send button (a right-pointing arrow). A red arrow points from the bottom center of the screen towards this chat input field. At the very bottom of the screen, there is a control bar with buttons for "Unmute", a microphone icon, a video icon, a settings icon (three dots), and a close icon (a red X).

Jennifer Taylor
Host

Comments may also be sent in via chat to the host.

Participants (2)

Search

Panelists (1)

Jennifer Taylor
Host

Attendees (1)

Susan Pitely
Me

Chat

To: Jennifer Taylor (Host & Presenter)

TYPE IN HERE TO CHAT

Unmute

Participants Chat

How to submit a comment – In Person

- Raise Hand. Wait for microphone.
- State full name and address. Speak directly into microphone.
- **3-minute time limit** (Submit lengthier comments in writing).
- Comment forms available here and online at <https://dot.ny.gov/Rt8Safety>.
- Alternate between in-person and virtual attendees.

Public Comment Period

Deadline for Written Comments: October 10, 2022

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Project Website:

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