

Community Facilities

2. COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Four major aspects of community facilities, which are critical to the County:

1. Community Structures (libraries, meeting spaces, parks, museums, attractions, theaters)
2. Communications (high speed internet, mobile technology, radio and EMS communications, cable/satellite/FioS/fiber and other systems)
3. Infrastructure Facilities (sewer, water, utilities, electric, natural gas, etc.)
4. Transportation Facilities (railroads, air service, bus service, roads, blueways and trails)

Community Structures:

Community structures are provided and maintained by a wide variety of groups

Allegany County has a wide variety of community facilities located in many Towns and Villages. The following outlines some of the many assets of the County.

Libraries: Allegany County has Libraries that are part of the Southern Tier Library System. The following are Member Libraries:

Alfred Box of Books Library
 Almond 20th Century Club Library
 Andover Free Library
 Angelica Free Library
 Belfast Public Library
 Belmont Literary & Historical Society Free Library
 Bolivar Free Library
 Canaseraga, Essential Club Free Library
 Cuba Circulating Library Association

Fillmore, Wide Awake Club Library
 Friendship Free Library
 Little Genesee, Genesee Library
 Richburg, Colonial Library
 Rushford Free Library
 Scio Memorial Library
 Wellsville, David A. Howe Public Library
 Whitesville Public Library



David A. Howe Library in Wellsville

In addition to these public libraries, there are additional facilities at Alfred State College: Walter C. Hinkle Memorial Library and the Wellsville Campus Library; Alfred University: Herrick Memorial Library and Scholes Library of Ceramics; Houghton College: Willard J. Houghton Library.

Theaters: The Grand Movie Theater in Wellsville offers first run showings of the latest movies. The Nevins Theater on the Alfred University campus offers first run showings

and Alternative Cinema during the school year at the Nevins Theater at the Campus Center.



Nancy Howe Auditorium Theater Production

Nancy Howe Auditorium is a large facility in Wellsville that offers many different activities including lectures, music and stage productions. The Fireman's Theater in Alfred has occasional stage shows. The Palmer Opera House in Cuba is finishing a major renovation and is planning to open for events in 2013. Angelica Library has a theater and an active Angelica Players Group. The Short Tract Players offer shows throughout the year. The Players of Allegany County have been doing plays for over 35 years. All the high schools have theaters, offer plays, and musical entertainment.

At Alfred State College's Orvis Activity Center, the Cappadonia Auditorium offers many events including

choir and band concerts, drama club productions, talent shows, and awards ceremonies.

Houghton College's Wesley Chapel is a large facility utilized for symphony concerts, recitals and many other productions during the school year.

Alfred University has four facilities, with two at the Miller Performing Arts Center. The newest is the Miller Theater for larger productions. The C.D. Smith III Theatre is utilized for small productions. The Holmes Auditorium is located at Harder Hall and seats about 430 people. The Nevins Theater includes a modern surround-sound facility and a great place to catch newly released films every Friday and Saturday and alternative cinema screenings on Saturday nights. At the weekly Bergren Forum, AU faculty lecture about everything from the Grateful Dead to space exploration. Hear nationally known speakers here as well.

Outdoor Venues: Many of our communities have facilities in their parks such as Bandstands or Gazebos: Alfred, Angelica, Almond, Wellsville Island Park, Cuba, Fillmore and many others around the County. Angelica, Belfast, Rushford, Alfred and Wellsville offer live outdoor music in the summer months. Alfred has the large Davis Memorial Carillon that offers concerts throughout the year that ring out across the valley. The Allegany County Fairgrounds has a large Grandstand and stage.



Angelica Park Circle

There are three fairgrounds in the County: The Allegany County Fair in Angelica, the Rushford Fairgrounds, and Cuba Fireman's Park.

Farmers Markets are a growing sector in Allegany County. The oldest one has been in the Village of Belmont for many years. In about 2007, a Farmer's Market was started in Angelica, followed in succession by Wellsville and Alfred. There is additional interest now by other communities to explore the creation of markets in their communities to broaden the local foods programs. Allegany Harvest Cooperative Market is recently started and is located in the hamlet of Houghton.



SPCA Serving Allegany County

The SPCA Serving Allegany County was founded in Cuba, New York, in 1911. The SPCA Serving Allegany County is moving forward with plans to build a new animal shelter. The current building, which was donated by the late Kenneth M. Clark, was constructed as an animal shelter decades ago and is in a dilapidated state. Years of use have taken a toll on the structure, and the SPCA Serving Allegany County hopes to build a modern new shelter to serve the needs of the people of Allegany County and its homeless animals. Land has been donated in the Town of Amity for the new shelter. The new shelter building will be designed using the latest shelter design techniques, including sound mitigation, energy efficiency and sanitation. Improved systems will make the building more comfortable for volunteers, visitors, and resident animals. In addition, the SPCA will be looking to incorporate

"green" building strategies to minimize environmental impacts and increase efficiency.



Little League Play

Sports: Most communities support spring T-Ball, Little League and Softball Leagues. There are also Soccer Leagues and Basketball Leagues for children under 14 throughout the County. In addition, there are traveling teams for soccer throughout most of the year.

There are adult Soccer Town teams that play around the County and nearby counties. Adult Leagues are also in place for softball, baseball and bowling. The Allegany County Nitros Baseball team plays home games in Wellsville in the New York Collegiate Baseball League. This League was founded in 1978, and is a summer wood bat development league for professional baseball. The Nitros were organized in 1998 and proudly point out that

37 former Nitro players have advanced and signed Major League Baseball contracts. A new team named the Genesee Rapids is being organized in Houghton and will play on the new Houghton College Baseball Field.

Museums: Dyke Museum in Wellsville, Hume Town Museum, Terra Cotta in Alfred, Pioneer Oil Museum, Cheese Museum in Cuba, Hagadorn House in Almond, The Schein-Joseph Ceramic Museum in Alfred, Richburg-Wirt Historical Museum.

Art Galleries: Ortlip Art Gallery in Houghton, Fosdick-Nelson Gallery in Alfred, Fountain Arts Gallery in Belmont.

Artisans: Allegany Artisans Tour each October offers over 40 studio tours. Other artists have shops and galleries throughout the County.

Events/Festivals

- Andover Maple Festival
- Wellsville Trout Derby
- Alfred's Hot Dog Day
- Dairy Week in Cuba
- Pioneer Oil Days
- Andover Independence Day Events
- Lavender Festival in Angelica
- The Great Wellsville Balloon Rally
- The Wellsville Main Street Festival
- The Allegany County Fair
- Heritage Days in Angelica

- Belfast Irish Festival
- Corn Festival in Angelica
- Rushford Labor Day Weekend Event
- Almond Community Day
- Canaseraga Fall Festival
- Caneadea Bounty of the County
- Civil War Reenactment in Angelica
- Cuba Garlic Festival
- Ridgewalk & Run
- Allegany Artisans Tours

Community Structures Goal:
Sustain and expand the availability of community structures throughout Allegany County.

Community Structures Objectives:

- Enhance the existence of vibrant programs and events in offering rich cultural opportunities in every community.

Community Structures Strategies

- Support community efforts to create new and maintain existing structures such as libraries, museums, theaters and galleries.
- Encourage the financial well-being of the existing programs throughout the County.
- Encourage the startup of needed programs to fill niche markets and needs.
- Revitalize the Arts Council and encourage its growth.
- Encourage more investment in the Arts through grants and donations.

- Work to create new facilities where needed in the County.
- Reuse existing structures as possible for creative new uses.

Communications:

High-speed internet and data capacity is going to be developed and expanded by the private sector. With dial-up, a few quasi-government organizations tried early to bring this technology to the area only to have their efforts superseded by the private sector, which was able to accomplish the distribution faster and more efficiently. The private sector should be informed of the advantages of bringing their technology to us. Recently STW has successfully applied for and received a grant to install towers and work with a private provider to bring high-speed internet to local customers in the northern half of the County. Ion Communications received a grant through the ARRA Stimulus program to install broadband trunk line through the County and serve the colleges. This line is 96-strand fiber optic that runs along the primary north/south 19 corridor from Belmont to Houghton/Fillmore and approximately east-west along the middle to Alfred and then south-west to Wellsville then easterly to Whitesville.

Allegany County understands the need for effective communications including high-speed broadband connectivity. The County recognizes that economic development depends on having a state of the art communication system. Allegany County has received a grant to expand availability of broadband throughout the County from NYS in 2013. It is expected that this is just

one-step in the continuing effort to improve the communications capability of the businesses and residents of the County.

Cable Television

The communities of Alfred, Almond, Angelica, Belmont, Friendship, Fillmore, Belfast, Scio, Wellsville, Cuba, and Bolivar are all serviced by various cable companies.

High Speed Internet/Data Capacity

Frontier and Time Warner provide service in Alfred and Almond; Verizon DSL and Time Warner Road Runner serve the Villages of Belmont, Cuba, Wellsville, the hamlet of Friendship, and the Village of Angelica (Time Warner only). Wireless internet services exist in certain areas near towers; Southern Tier Wireless has been expanding its service from its hub in Rushford and now has some service across Rushford and the northern Towns to Swain as well as service south to the Black Creek area. They are working to continue expansion. Broadband has been installed along a new corridor by ION from Cuba to Belvidere thence north to Houghton and on to Rochester; from Belvidere to Belmont to Alfred thence to Wellsville and eventually to Whitesville. Two studies on broadband access have been completed in the past few years to determine what the future of broadband should be in Allegany County. Cell services continue to improve in many areas but are challenged by some deep valleys and high hills that block signals. Satellite TV service is widespread in the rural areas and in areas where there is no broadband service residents are utilizing Hughes Net, Wildblue or other services.



Microwave Transmission Tower

Communications Goal:

Bring modern wireless and broadband capacity to all residents and businesses in Allegany County.

Communications Objectives:

- Create the most efficient and up-to-date communications services system in all communities of Allegany County.

Communications Strategies:

- Develop campaign to market the County to the providers of high-speed data technology.
- The County needs to continue to gain access to fiber optic, DSL, wireless or latest available technology for internet.
- Obtain Internet service Countywide with fast broadband and video component.

- Provide Internet training for senior citizens perhaps through the Office of the Aging.
- Identify what new technology is needed to bring additional high-speed internet capacity to the County.



New Bridge Installation

Infrastructure Facilities

Many of our Villages and population clusters currently have adequate sewer and water capacity. However, this does not allow for much expansion and does not cover the corridors between these population centers. There are certain communities that have need to expand beyond their traditional service areas as businesses and residential projects have been created and are presently utilizing on-site water wells and on-site septic systems. The infrastructure in a few of our Villages is approaching 80 – 90 years of age. These pipes are living on borrowed time, and planning must begin to repair or replace this part of the infrastructure.

Sewer and water are the basic items of infrastructure that require local government involvement and initiative. Sewer and water will spur development, which could require County and State governments to build and improve roads. Development will require or entice utilities to bring service to the area. All projects are subject to the SEQR process if needed during their respective implementation. As more and more insurance companies are requiring fire protection in the form of sprinkler systems, only a municipal system can economically provide adequate water and pressure.

Municipal Electric Communities

The Villages of Andover, Angelica, Wellsville enjoy reduced electric rates due to municipal electric company status. These rates tend to be up to ten cents less per kilowatt than the competing utilities.



Electric Line Workers



Electric Providers Map

Municipal Water

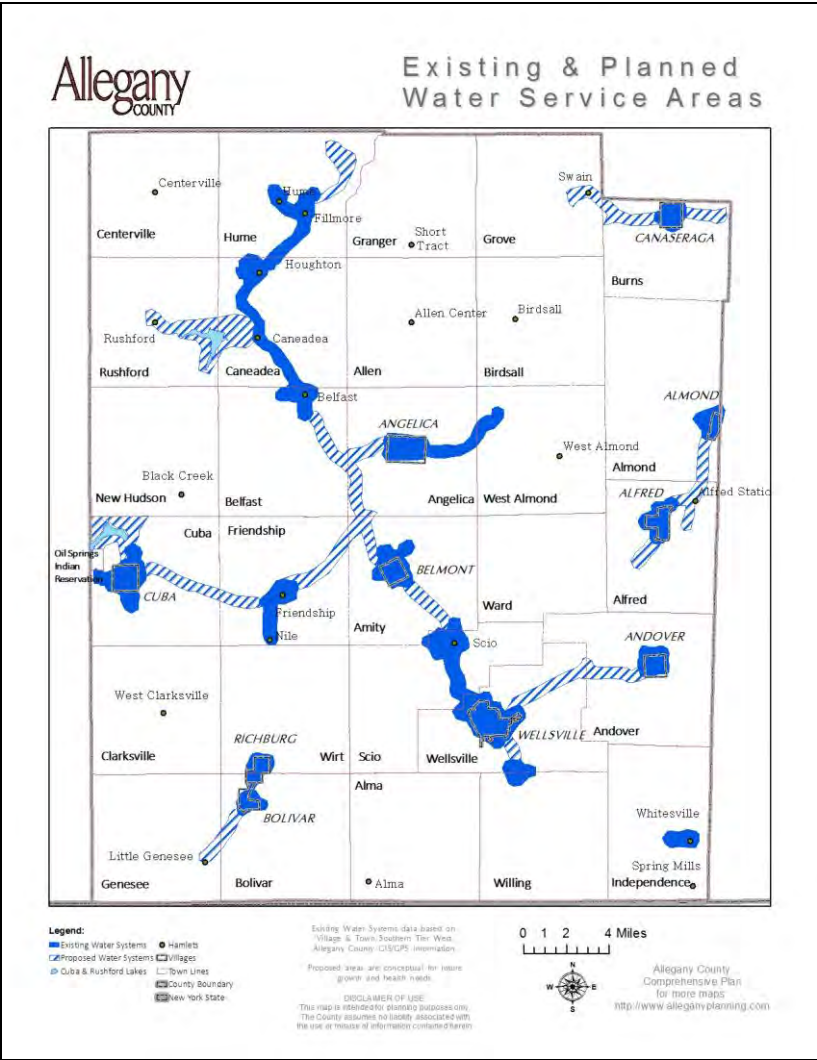
The areas surrounding Alfred, Almond, Angelica, Andover, Belfast, Belmont, Bolivar, Caneadea, Canaseraga, Cuba, Friendship, Fillmore, Houghton, Hume, Richburg, Scio, Stannards, Wellsville, and Whitesville all have access to municipal water service. Water service is dependent on source, quality, elevation of structures and the age of the lines and equipment.



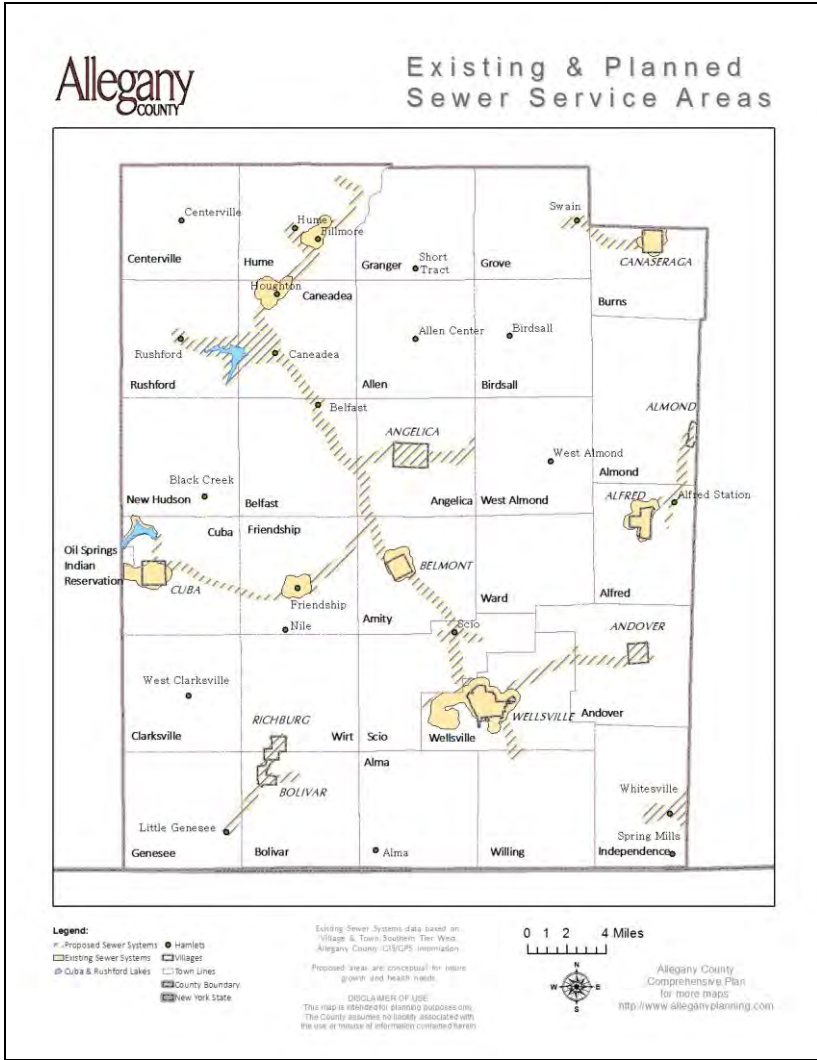
Wellsville Water Reservoirs

Municipal Sewer

The areas near Alfred, Belmont, Bolivar, Canaseraga, Cuba, Fillmore, Friendship, Houghton and Wellsville have access to Municipal Sewer service. Sewer service is dependent on the size of the treatment plant, age of the infrastructure and quantity being produced compared to the discharge point.



Existing & Planned Water Service Areas Map



Existing & Planned Sewer Service Areas

INFRASTRUCTURE

Goal:

To expand, repair and improve the infrastructure of the County

Objectives:

- Utilize development corridors as the basis for future expansion of sewer, water, data infrastructure improvements.
- Create the most efficient and up-to-date infrastructure system in all communities of Allegany County.

Strategies:

- Encourage County coordination of infrastructure along development corridors such as but not limited to Alfred-Almond, Swain-Canaseraga, Friendship-Angelica-Amity -Belmont, (Rte I-86/Rte19), Andover-Wellsville-Scio, Fillmore-Houghton-Caneadea-Belfast, north and south of Cuba along NYS 446, southwest of Bolivar along NYS 417.
- Identify where and what infrastructure needs to be expanded.
- Maximize the advantages of the municipal electric in Angelica, Andover and Wellsville.
- Undertake efficiency in government studies.

Water and Sewer Infrastructure

- Identify which sewer and water systems are in jeopardy due to age and other causes.
- Develop a Countywide existing conditions GIS map of all utilities/infrastructure first, before you can determine

deficiencies throughout the County; this is fundable through grants.

- A Countywide water & sewer agency is the best solution for financing and upgrading sewer systems. As the older systems are becoming fragile, the Villages could be relieved of the responsibility of repairing and replacing the old parts of their systems. This could be the selling point for them to give up control of this infrastructure. However, a sewer authority should be set up very carefully, to prevent any one segment of the County gaining control over development. There are a few good models; one is the Ithaca water district, another is the Alfred-Almond sewer district. Although the sewer was never built, the authority was organized and created.
- Facilitate sewer and water district expansion with municipalities along I-86/Rt 19 including Friendship, Angelica, Amity, Belmont, Scio, Wellsville and Belfast and others to the north and south. Sewer services are needed in Andover, Almond, and from Canaseraga to Swain.
- Establish a priority list for sewer and water projects.
- Develop strategies for creating infrastructure for water, sewer, roads, telecommunications and utilities by reducing provincial thinking and focus on total County needs
- Develop plans to finance these improvements and repairs in identified corridors.
- Intensify lobbying for public support of key development items identified above.

- Continue efforts to obtain public and private funding. The plans for these projects should be developed to satisfy grant application parameters.
- Work toward developing or creating a “Countywide Water and Sewer Agency”.
- Develop and adopt the acceptable legal structure for a countywide sewer and water agency or authority. As part of this effort, develop a complete countywide sewer and water plan.
- Develop a plan to deal with the lack of or aging sewer and water infrastructure.
- Infrastructure questions include: where is the sewer, water, electric, gas and high speed data capacity?
- Determine which sites should have additional infrastructure improvements made to them
- Develop plans to provide the identified corridors with sewer and water; develop plans to repair, replace the parts of the systems that are in jeopardy.
- Have plans and finances in place for I-86 for water and sewer near exits that can support development.
- Immediately proceed with the construction for the water that is planned for I-417 East of Wellsville area.
- Immediately proceed with the construction for the sewer and water that is planned for I-86 and Rte 19 area.

Transportation:

Allegany County has a wide variety of high quality transportation infrastructure including Interstate 86, exceptional NYS Routes, and a very good County Road system. At the local level, the Towns and Villages

maintain connector streets. There are services for air transport at the Wellsville Airport. Two rail companies service our County also. Hiking, biking and blueway trails are abundant.

Transportation Modes

Air

Air service through the Wellsville Municipal Airport located just south of Wellsville serves Allegany County and northern PA. The runway is over 5,000 feet long and can accommodate small plane traffic as well as many corporate jets. The airport offers flying lessons, mechanic and fuel services, and charter services.



Wellsville Airport

Commercial traffic is offered from the larger metropolitan areas such as Buffalo, Rochester, and Elmira-Corning.



County Crew Bridge & Paving Project

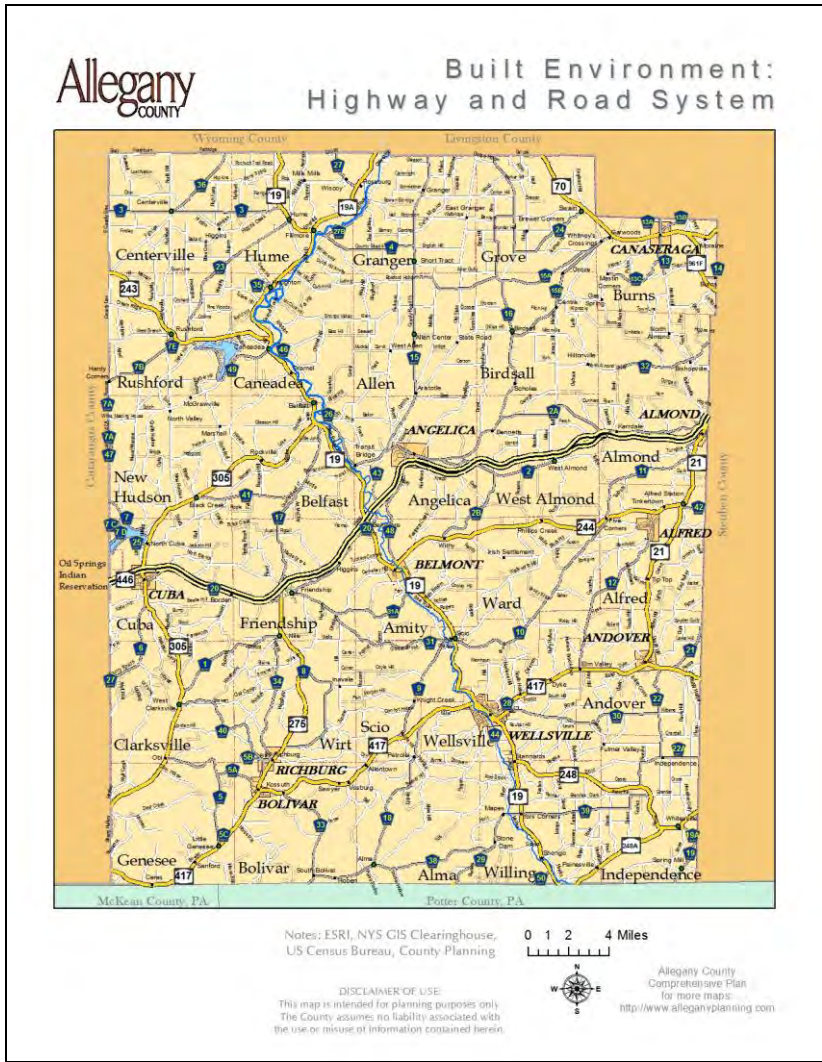
Roads

The streets and highways of Allegany County are maintained by the various levels of municipal government. The primary east-west route is Interstate 86. This route enters the County in the east at Almond and has exits at Almond, West Almond, Angelica, Belmont, Friendship, and Cuba, then continues west toward Olean. Our primary north-south Route is NYS 19 from the Pennsylvania border along the Genesee River north to the Livingston County border. The other primary roads that are maintained by New York State Department of Transportation include NYS Routes north-south 21, 70, 305, and east-west 243, 244, and 417.

The secondary system is maintained by the Allegany County Department of Public Works. The County operates an extensive road infrastructure that is generally built to standards similar to New York State. The remaining tertiary roads are maintained by the Towns, or the streets are maintained by the Villages. Roads within State Forest lands are the responsibility of the NYSDEC. Bridges on County, Town, and Village streets are officially owned by the Town and maintained by the Town with assistance from the County.



County Paving Crew



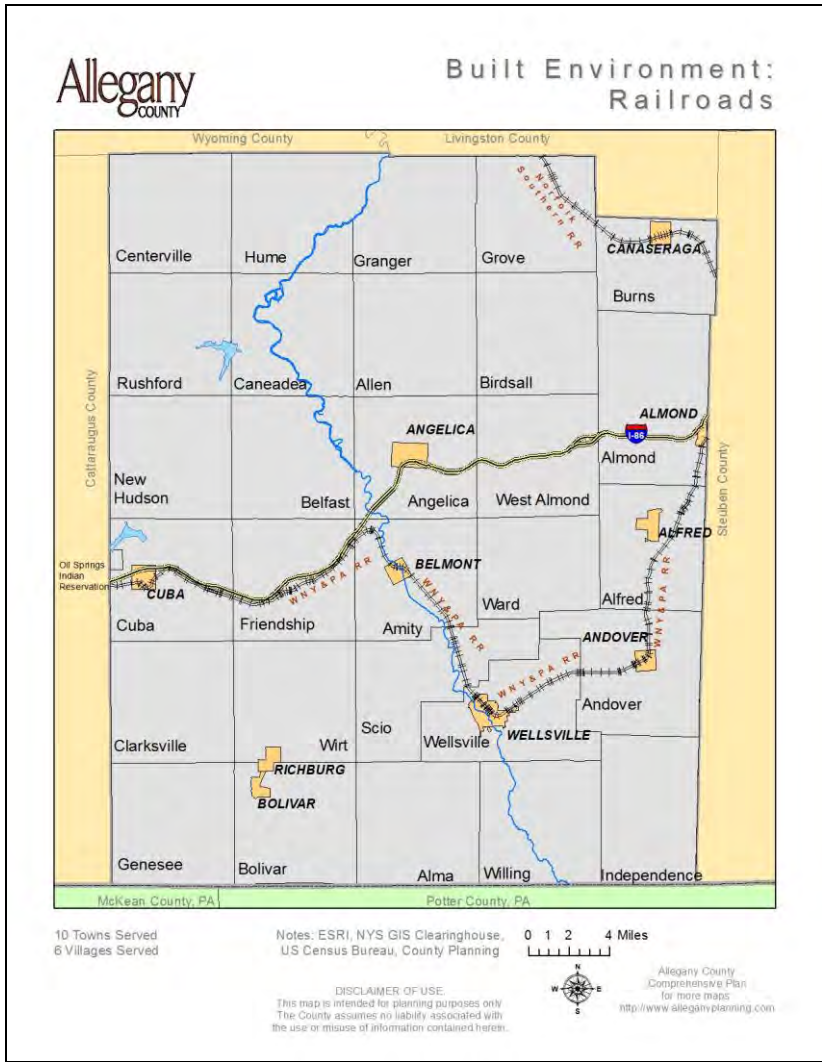
Highway and Road System

| COMMUTING TO WORK | Number |
|---|--------|
| Workers 16 years and over | 20,851 |
| Car, truck, or van -- drove alone | 14,855 |
| Car, truck, or van -- carpooled | 2,265 |
| Public transportation (excluding taxicab) | 133 |
| Walked | 2,498 |
| Other means | 305 |
| Worked at home | 795 |
| Mean travel time to work (minutes) | 21.3 |

2007-2011 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates – US Census

Rail

The rail system in Allegany County is currently limited to freight. The mainline is an east-west route that is operated by Western New York and Pennsylvania Railroad. The mainline route runs from Hornell in the east through Alfred, Wellsville, Belmont, Cuba and on to the west toward Olean. Another line is operated through the northeast part of the County operated by Norfolk-Southern Railroad running from Hornell through Canaseraga, Swain and on toward Nunda.



Railroad Lines in Allegany County

Blueways

Allegany County has a significant potential for a Blueway in the form of the Genesee River. The river runs from

northern Pennsylvania to Lake Ontario crossing south to north through the entire County and on to Letchworth State Park, Rochester, and Irondequoit Bay. There are at least six major waterfalls along this route that require portages but none in Allegany County. Historically there were only “unofficial” access points in the County. Recently three Access Parks have been opened with additional sites scheduled for completion in the coming years.



Opening of the first River Access Park

Trails

The walking and biking trail system is extensive. The largest are the Genesee Valley Greenway and the Finger Lakes Trail systems. The Genesee Valley Greenway runs from Rochester south into Allegany County near Fillmore, then follows the Genesee River to Belfast, where it heads southwest to Cuba. Efforts are continuing to connect all portions of the Genesee Valley Greenway.

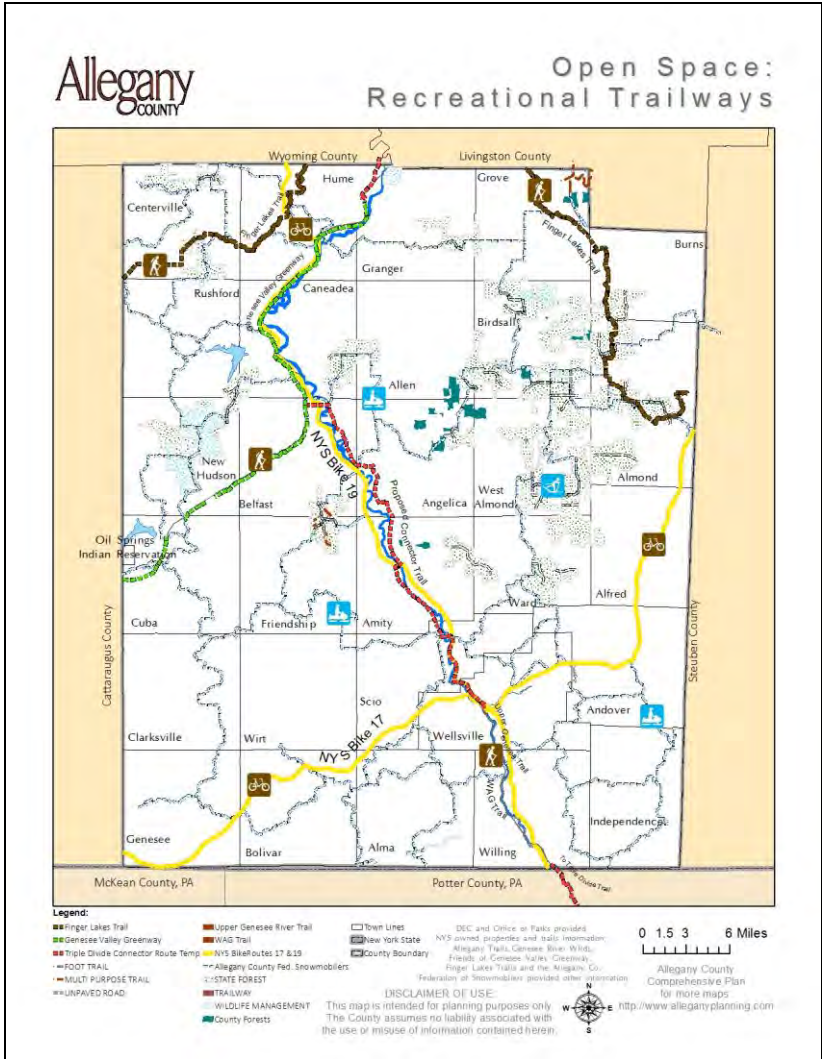
Recently a new group called Genesee River Wilds has been created to work on Blueways and Trails in the area. Allegany Trails has worked with NYSDEC and BP Oil to make improvements to the Upper Genesee River [WAG] Trail in the Wellsville area. The Finger Lakes Trail is an older system that runs approximately east-west from the northwest corner of the County up to Letchworth Park, and then re-enters the County in the northeast corner running down through Grove, West Almond, and Almond, and continuing into Steuben County. The Finger Lakes Trail is considered part of the North Country Trail System that runs across parts of New York west to the mid-west.

There is now a plan to connect the Genesee Valley Greenway to the Upper Genesee River Trail, and then the WAG Trail and south into PA to create a system called the Triple Divide Trail system. An additional plan is to connect many of the greenway trails into a Western New York Greenway system that will allow large loops and connectors throughout the entire region.

The New York State Bike 17 Trail runs west to east along the existing NYS 417 to Andover and then follows NYS 21 toward Hornell. There is also a designation by NYS for a bike trail along NYS Route 19. Many of the County roads are utilized for biking as well.

An extensive snowmobile trail system exists within the County and is acknowledged by New York State in its annual map distribution. A snowmobile trail map is available from the Office of Tourism and/or the Allegany County Snowmobile Federation for a nominal fee.

Cross Country Ski Trails are available at the Phillips Creek/Palmer’s Pond area of New York State Forest.





Allegany Access Public Bus System

Public Transportation – Bus

The public transportation consists of the Allegany Access program that has five main routes throughout the County and a local express route within the Wellsville area. This system connects to the Hornell Area Transit [HAT] bus system to points east. The system offers service to Olean and from there riders can connect into the Olean Area Transportation System [OATS] to the west. A Shortline bus provides service to the New York City area from Alfred and Belmont.



Public Transportation

Transportation Goal:

To expand, improve, develop and maintain an effective state-of-the-art transportation infrastructure that will attract new commercial, residential and tourism development, and enhance as well as support existing commercial, residential and tourism development.

Transportation Objectives:

- Enhance the “curb-appeal” of I-86 Exits in Allegany County, thus encouraging travelers to exit the expressway within the County.
- Enhance the comfort, convenience and economy of travel opportunities within the County for all residents and visitors.
- Seize the opportunities related to I-86, encouraging drivers to utilize services in Allegany County.
- Increase the utilization of our public transportation system.
- Maintain and improve our bridges, roads, railroads, airport, and trails.
- Improve and make better use of the public transportation system.
- Improve access to highways and railroads for commercial developments.
- Enhance access to rural areas for development, tourism and recreation trails, river access, blueways and greenways.
- Develop strategies to increase ridership.
- Encourage additional development and use of the railway system.
- Encourage the installation of lighting at appropriate I-86 interchanges.

- To encourage additional development and use of the Wellsville Airport and its facilities.
- To ensure the safety and well-being of all individuals, goods and services traveling in or through the County.



Allegany County Town Road

Transportation Strategies:

- Improve Rural Access - long term maintenance of roads and existing infrastructure
- Encourage Hazard Mitigation projects on roads, rails and trails.
- Develop mechanism for increasing the use of public transportation.
- Encourage the development a Multi-modal and/or Trans-Rail facilities.

- Implement the Wellsville Airport planning documents that have been developed.
- Implement the plans of the Western New York and Pennsylvania Railroad.
- Improve signs for all entrances to the County and at the I-86 Interchanges. Consider the interchanges as “Entrances” rather than “Exits” to our County.
- Encourage the installation of lighting at appropriate I-86 interchanges.
- Improve the attractiveness of the interchanges along I-86 to make them more appealing to the tourism public; encourage local community groups to adopt I-86 exits, Plant shrubs and flowers around all exits, keep areas including exits litter-free, especially along I-86 and the by-ways of the County.
- Establish additional access points along the Genesee River to create the blueway trail that connects the upper and lower Genesee River as a recreational route for canoes and kayaks.
- Post appropriate signage listing the area’s attractions.



Ridgewalk & Run



Western New York & Pennsylvania Railroad