



One of many views of Seneca Lake from the Seneca Lake Scenic Byway

Seneca Lake Scenic Byway Nomination Proposal

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Explanation of Terms

In the following documents and further presentations you will see references to several groups and other documents. Some of the documents and groups will overlap each other in purpose. Below is the description of each:

GROUPS:

The Hector Community Association – (HCA): (Formerly the West Hector Community Association) This group was formed by the citizens of Hector, and is open to all residents or landowners of Hector who are interested in its Mission and topics. The HCA Mission is: "To preserve, protect and promote the natural beauty, environment and resources of the Seneca Lake Hector Watershed District through the development of a comprehensive plan, consistent with economic stability of the area; agricultural interests, business development, water quality and quantity, tourism and scenic by-way." Web page is <http://home.htva.net/~townofhector/HCA/index.html>

The Seneca Lake Scenic Byway Project Team – (SLSBPT): The group of community members who have come together to work on the Seneca Lake Scenic Byway Nomination Proposal project. These people have volunteered to gather information and produce a document to present to the Hector & Lodi Community, Town and Village Boards, and to the NYS DOT representatives who will approve the project. It was formed from HCA members and expanded.

Seneca Lake Byway Inc. – (SLBI): AFTER the Seneca Lake Scenic Byway Proposal is accepted and designated an official NYS Byway, this is the group that will continue to coordinate the long-range plans for the community. This is a 501C not-for-profit organization formed in 2008, who will be able to accept funding for various projects on the byway.

DOCUMENTS:

Seneca Lake Scenic Byway Nomination Proposal – this document provides the introduction and support for the designation of the 18-mile corridor of NYS route 414 within the Towns of Hector and Lodi, as an official Scenic Byway by the State of New York.

Seneca Lake Scenic Byway Implementation Plan – AFTER the corridor has been designated as an official NYS Byway, this document provides the overall view and provisional plans for the development of the Seneca Lake Scenic Byway, and its various attractions along the route to be developed. These plans will need to be further refined and approved by the Towns and Villages of Hector and Lodi AND this document will also be used to coordinate ongoing efforts to attain and sustain funding sources, and create a maintenance plan, for the development and upkeep of the Seneca Lake Scenic Byway. It is not exclusive; other ideas are welcomed and will be incorporated in the future.

Foreword

The Seneca Lake Scenic Byway is one portion of New York State's Route 414 corridor, which parallels the east side of Seneca Lake in the Finger Lakes region of upstate New York. The route features scenic views of Seneca Lake and its shores, rural and woodland landscapes and includes numerous intrinsic recreational, natural, tourist and cultural attractions. Between Elmira and Corning, Route 414 is an alternative to Interstate 86 and Route 14, leading to NYS Thruway Route 90. The Seneca Lake Scenic Byway offers travelers an opportunity to observe the glacial-formed Seneca Lake, visit local wineries and farms, explore the region's villages and hamlets with their unique cultural and historical stories, and utilize Seneca Lake's extensive recreational resources.

The *Seneca Lake Scenic Byway CMP* seeks to capitalize upon the current and unique nature of the Seneca Lake Scenic Byway route to generate sustainable economic growth along the corridor. The Plan advocates:

- ❖ The creation and use of themed signage to link the attractions of the two towns together as a system;
- ❖ The development of a regional marketing campaign to highlight attractions along the entire Byway as a single destination to tourists along the Lake;
- ❖ The improvement of current natural pull-off areas, public access areas and local businesses, to be marked with signage as Byway stops;
- ❖ The creation of information kiosks for the pull-off stops, to tell the story of the area's geology, agriculture, history, culture, and industry;
- ❖ Monitoring changes in tourism based activity to gauge the impact of Scenic Byway activity on the local economy;
- ❖ The protection of our natural resources;
- ❖ The creation of a Visitor's Center (or further use of an existing center) to provide Scenic Byway informational material regarding Byway features and accommodations.
- ❖ The creation of a Hector and/or Lodi Museum
- ❖ The shared management of the Scenic Byway route through the utilization of not-for-profit organization.
- ❖ The promotion of a Scenic Byway Designation around the entire loop of Seneca Lake.

The Seneca Lake Scenic Byway provides a solid foundation for development of a Seneca Scenic Lake Byway, which when combined with the nearby Cayuga Lake Byway, augers well for a future Finger Lakes Scenic Byway network. The Seneca Lake Scenic Byway recognizes the outstanding natural recreational and cultural value that currently exists along the New York Finger Lakes. It encourages responsible and coordinated utilization of these resources to generate economic activity along the Byway Routes. Finally, it advocates the protection of the area's cultural and natural character for the enjoyment of the area's residents and visitors.

Nomination Proposal Introduction

The **New York State Scenic Byway Program** defines a scenic byway as a road corridor that is of regionally outstanding scenic, recreational, cultural, historic significance. These corridors offer an alternative travel route to our major highways and daily travel patterns, while telling a story about New York State's heritage, recreational activities or beauty. View the NYS Scenic Byway Program web page <https://www.nysdot.gov/display/programs/scenic-byways/seneca-lake-hector-lodi>

A scenic byway corridor is managed to protect its outstanding character and to encourage economic development through tourism and recreation.

Located in the Finger Lakes Region of Central New York State, scenic Seneca Lake and specifically the Towns of Hector and Lodi, have long been sites of interest for visitors and residents. Rich in natural landscape, recreational opportunities, and diverse history, the proposed NYS Route 414 Seneca Lake Scenic Byway provides visitors and residents 19 miles of unsurpassed natural beauty. This corridor provides incredible views of rolling vineyards, orchards and breath taking vistas of the Hector and Lodi rural community on Seneca Lake, while also highlighting our rich history and traditions predating the arrival of Europeans to our area.

In 2002, residents of the Town of Hector expressed a strong interest in forming a group to champion the NYS Route 414 Hector Scenic Byway. In 2003, through the **West Hector Community Association (HCA)** the **Hector Scenic Byway Project Team (HSBPT)** was formed to develop a scenic byway nomination proposal package, and to work within the Town of Hector to review/update the package to reach a community wide consensus. In 2004, we added the Town of Lodi, located in Seneca County, as an addition onto the length of the Scenic Byway. Now the team is known as the Seneca Lake Scenic Byway Project Team (**SLSBPT**).

The SLSBPT and the HCA, on behalf of the residents of the Town of Hector and Lodi:

- Prepared an inventory of the numerous resources located on or adjacent to the proposed byway route;
- Facilitated a public participation campaign, which introduced the Scenic Byway concept to the residents of Hector and Lodi, Hector and Lodi Town Board members, business, civic and environmental organizations to solicit community support for the nomination and to address any community reservations about the project;
- Created an implementation proposal outlining funding resources, allocating stewardship and resource management responsibilities, and identifying Byway monitoring methods; and,
- Are Developing a CMP to guide Byway resource development through the Towns of Hector and Lodi, tourism development, marketing and promotion of the byway.

The **Seneca Lake Scenic Byway Nomination Proposal** package submitted to the New York State Department of Transportation Scenic Byway Board includes the inventory, CMP, implementation plan, and public participation notes/outcomes. The package will be submitted on behalf of the residents of the Town of Hector and Lodi.

1. NYS Route 414 Seneca Lake Scenic Byway

The NYS Route 414 Seneca Lake Scenic Byway is the north-south corridor through the Towns of Hector and Lodi, that features overlooks of the shores of Seneca Lake, rural and woodland landscapes and numerous intrinsic recreational, natural, tourist and cultural attractions. This thoroughfare provides visitors an opportunity to observe the glacial formation characteristic of Seneca Lake, visit landmarks of historic significance, explore the Finger Lakes National Forest, experience local wineries, farms and trades people, and enjoy the extensive recreational activities associated with Seneca Lake.

The proposed 18-mile Byway route represents the entire length of New York State Route 414 within the Town of Hector, (which includes the villages of Burdett and Valois), Schuyler County, and approximately 8 miles within the Town of Lodi in Seneca County. The Byway offers panoramic views of Seneca Lake, the area's agricultural fields, rolling woodlands, vineyards and orchards. In addition to scenes of Seneca Lake, the rural roadside includes views of waterfalls, common and rare indigenous plants, and many sites of cultural and historical significance.

Within the Towns of Hector and Lodi, visitors may explore the first hand opportunity of recreating on Seneca Lake at our public Smith Park and Lodi Park, a hike through the Finger Lakes National Forest, shopping at a number of specialty retail shops featuring local products and the experience the rich past of through a number of historical sites.

The heritage of the last Ice Age created topography in our region that has long attracted admirers and is doing so in ever-increasing numbers. Striding waterfalls and cavernous gorges provide spectacular views from the roadside, or may be enjoyed by hiking along the many trails leading to these sights. Widespread beauty, coupled with ample recreational opportunities and rich history continue to make our area a growing destination for tourists and residents.

Visitors and residents appreciate the agricultural bounty of the region. Wineries along Seneca Lake offer wine-tasting, tours, and sell bottles of their locally grown vintages; some wineries appeal to visitors with on-premise restaurants, shops or inns as well. During the growing season, roadside farm stands and Bed and Breakfast's offer visitors seasonal favorites such as strawberries, cherries, blueberries, raspberries, blackberries, fresh corn, grapes, beans, apples, peaches and a large variety of vegetables for sale.

Recreation seekers have long enjoyed the clean air, natural landscape, and wide variety of opportunities in the Seneca Lake region. Boating and swimming are always popular lakefront activities. Whether one brings one's own vessel or rents a boat, the Towns of Hector and Lodi offer boat launch facilities. As part of the NY State Erie Canalway System, those enjoying watercraft on Seneca Lake can travel to the Atlantic Ocean. Sportsmen and women can enjoy hunting in the Finger Lakes National Forest (FLNF) and world-class fishing for brown, lake, rainbow trout, salmon, pike and numerous other game fish within Seneca Lake. At the south end of the Byway is access to Queen Catharine's Marsh bird sanctuary providing ideal opportunities for bird watchers. Choices of golfing, cross-country skiing, horseback riding, bicycling, and hiking are also available through federal, municipal or private facilities.

The Towns of Hector and Lodi also offer food, fuel and lodging in quaint settings for visitors. Those interested in history have numerous points of interest to explore, which will be

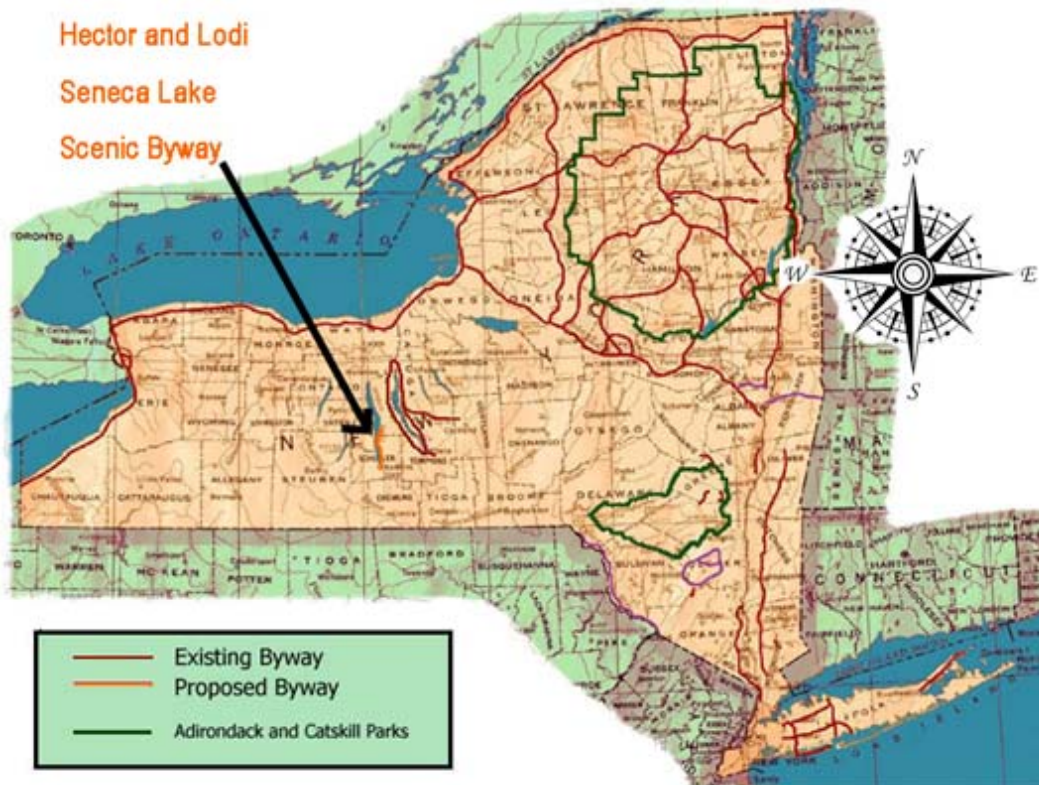
expanded and enhanced, with the implementation of the CMP. The history of Native Americans, the Revolutionary War, and the role of industrial development will come to life through visitor kiosks, commemorative markers and narratives citing the significance of each location and item.

Seneca Lake is the ideal location for a Scenic Byway, encompassing scenic beauty, a unique natural landscape, and an abundance of local history. Whether boating, fishing, hiking, or pursuing the dozens of other recreational activities, exploring the many gorges, waterfalls, or lakeshore, or enjoying the rich area heritage, the NYS Route 414 Seneca Lake Scenic Byway offers a diverse mix of activities for visitors or residents. As a Scenic Byway, the Route 414 Seneca Lake Scenic Byway establishes an important connection with other major recreational and transportation corridors. The designation of the NYS Route 414 Seneca Lake Scenic Byway is a significant opportunity to generate new economic activity for the residents of the Towns of Hector and Lodi in Schuyler and Seneca County.

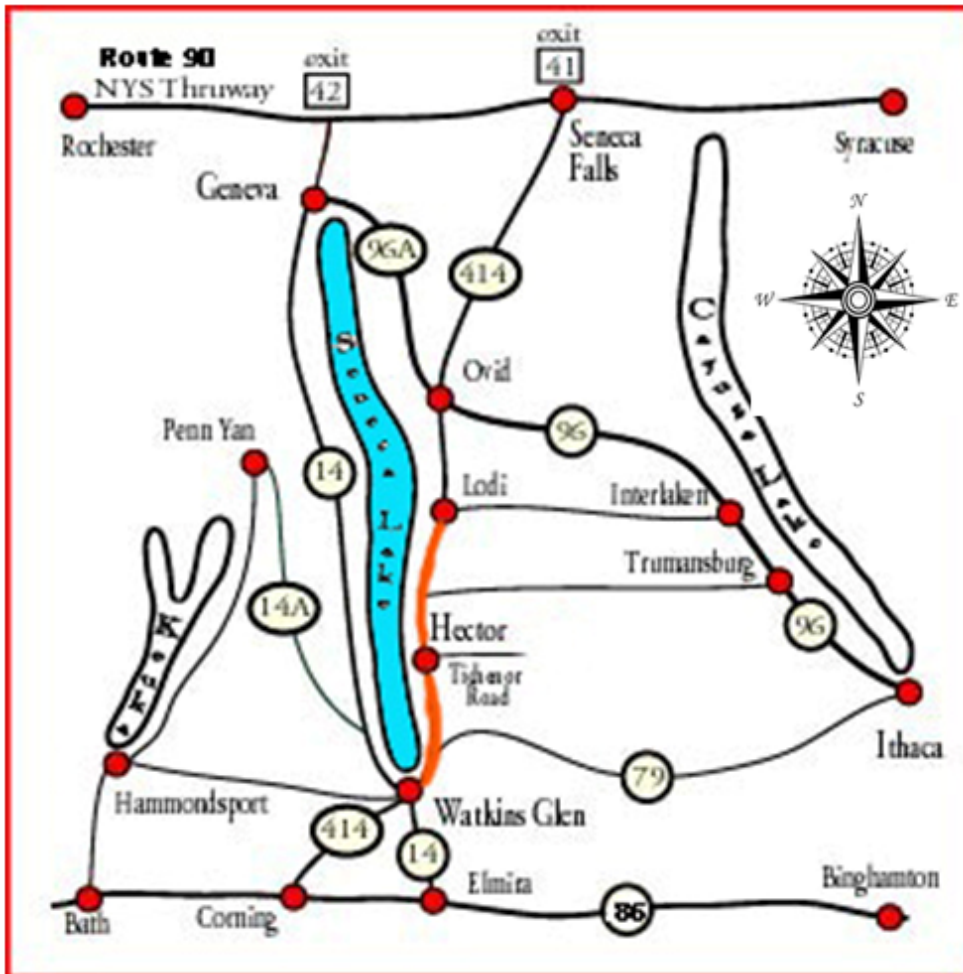
2. Relationship to the New York State Byway System

The NYS Route 414 Seneca Lake Scenic Byway is well located to link with other multi-use scenic and recreational corridors, as well as major transportation routes. Route 414 is a connecting corridor between NYS Route 90 and Route 86. This highway continues to the North as NYS Route 414 into Seneca County and the Village of Seneca Falls, which is included in the Cayuga Lake Scenic Byway (established in 2002). To the south, NYS Route 414 extends into the Village of Watkins Glen, intersecting with NYS route 14 which provides a North-South route along the west side of Seneca Lake, north to Geneva and South to Elmira. The following map shows the NYS Route 414 Seneca Lake Scenic Byway as well as other byways in New York State.

Regional View



Local View



3. **Theme, Vision and Goal Statements**

Theme of the NYS Route 414 Seneca Lake Scenic Byway

Seneca Lake and the history, agriculture, wineries, and tourism related businesses offer many experiences that lead to many sub-themes along the corridor. They include: geology and landforms, water and scenic resources, wildlife, Native American history, agri-tourism, wineries, parks and numerous outdoor recreational opportunities. All sub-themes revolve around the close relationship between Seneca Lake, Route 414 and the towns within that area. The goals, recommendations and implementation suggestions protect-and enhance the experience of visitors and residents as they travel along this corridor.

Vision Statement

The Seneca Lake Scenic Byway is a diverse transportation corridor, which links views of Seneca Lake and the surrounding agriculture and woodlands; year-round recreational opportunities; historical resources and cultural significance; wineries; and, unsurpassed hospitality for visitors, seasonal and permanent residents. This byway captures the spirit

of pride and cohesion in the Hector-Lodi community, and other communities around Seneca Lake.

Goals

The NYS Route 414 Seneca Lake Scenic Byway focuses on the significance of Seneca Lake and seeks to:

- Highlight the heritage and the opportunities of a very special community;
- Conserve and highlight the scenic beauty of the region through publicly endorsed and supported action plans;
- Integrate the numerous natural, recreational, tourism and cultural resources along the corridor;
- Attract increased economic activity along the Byway Route;
- Support tourist activity through carefully designed and maintained by-way enhancements;
- Oversee the Byway route and facilities to make recommendations regarding responsible development decisions and community support of the Byway designation;
- Manage the various resources along the lake to create a sustainable byway and ensure conservation of the many natural resources; and,
- Offer foundation for a *Comprehensive Land Management Plan* for the towns of Hector and Lodi; and for a potential future *Seneca Lake Scenic Byway*.

Corridor Management Plan

This Corridor Management Plan outlines the Stewardship Plan, Tourism Development Plan and Marketing and Promotion Plan for the NYS route 414 Seneca Lake Scenic Byway.

4. Stewardship Plan

Stewardship of the NYS Route 414 Seneca Lake Scenic Byway is important to ensure the resource is available for generations to enjoy while at the same time protecting the quality of life for residents along the corridor. Further details about the plan are on page 18.

Summary of Inventory

The entire NYS Route 414 Seneca Lake Scenic Byway corridor is an attractive experience. A ***partial*** inventory of visual, intrinsic, transportation, and off site advertising is summarized as follows:

Visual Resources

Location

The Finger Lakes region is located in Central New York, south of Lake Ontario. The Town of Hector, located within the heart of the Finger Lakes region, borders Seneca Lake on its south - eastern shores. Seneca Lake is the largest and deepest of the Finger Lakes and is surrounded by the most popular of the New York State Wine Trails. NYS Route 414 is linked to NYS Route 14 in the Village of Watkins Glen (south end of Seneca Lake); NYS Route 79;

NYS routes 5/20 and the NYS 90 Thruway. Interstates 90 and 81, bound the region. The region is home to the Cities of Geneva and Seneca Falls at the north end, Elmira and Corning to the south, and many small hamlets in between. It is linked to

- Interstate 86 – by Routes 414, 14, and 79;
- Interstate 90 – by Routes 414, 14 and 5/20;

Landscape Character

Five major landscape character types dominate the NYS Route 414 Seneca Lake Scenic Byway: agriculture, woodlot, residential and commercial development, and National Forest. This corridor is experiencing a tremendous growth in wineries, bed & breakfast lodging and specialty retail. The Towns of Hector and Lodi in this corridor are characterized by the amount of open space and tremendous views. This corridor also includes fields, marshes, and creeks with waterfalls, lakeshore areas, and open space. Less frequent use includes industrial development. [Link to Land Use MAP](#)

Scenic Resources

The Seneca Lake Scenic Byway is noted for its beautiful, panoramic views of vineyards, farmland, open fields, Seneca Lake and the distant views of the opposite shore. Where woodlands line the Byway route, leaf tunnels, creek channels and rolling hills create an intimate rural travel experience. Hector Falls and Sawmill Gully offer views of the cascading creeks and the FLNF presents travelers with a serene forest and miles of hiking trails and natural flora and fauna splendor. The following photos are a pictorial description of the journey along Route 414. It does not include all of the registered historic locations, nor include the over 40 scenic views. The description leads the reader in a south to north direction along the 18-mile stretch of Route 414 in the Town of Hector, through Valois and into Lodi):

Views: South to north, travelers encounter many views. (See [Appendix A](#) for photographs and map of locations. [Link to MAP of view locations](#), and [MAP KEY](#).)

HECTOR

i. The view out across the southern most part of Seneca Lake looking out towards the first stretch of Hector:

ii. The southeastern tip of Seneca Lake where it meets the beginning of the Seneca Lake Scenic Byway. At this point, there exists already a natural pull-off allowing the traveler to experience beautiful views of the West shore, the abundant bird wildlife that make use of the water, and their first glimpse up the south side of the Seneca Lake Scenic Byway's cliffs and vegetation:

iii. Scenic views of the first southern part of Route 414 the traveler sees of the road, tree line, cliffs, and the view out over Seneca Lake.

iv. Hector geologic and natural formation of Hector Falls, with already existing Historical location markers for the #2 First Woolen Mill in 1801, and #28 Warehouse 1823, which stand next to the hotel Chalet Leon, directly beside Hector Falls.

- v. Continuing special views along Seneca Lake (up to William Wickam 1791 historic marker.
- v. NYS Hector historical location of William Wykham first settler in Hector 1791, historic marker #22 already in place.
- vi. Natural existing pull-over next to William Wykham sign and across from Skyland Farm.
- viii. Natural pullover located just north of Château Lafayette Reneau winery.
- ix. The FLNF office on the right-hand side of 414. (The next road down county route 2 is the main access road to the FLNF where hiking, camping, and other activities are located.)
- x. Smith Park a Hector public park located on Seneca Lake which provides access to the lake for swimming, fishing, boating along with picnic and campgrounds areas, sign currently in place on left-hand side of 414 on Bond-Smith Park Road.
- xi. Historic location of NYS Hector Episcopal Parish of 1830, Historical marker #10 already in place on right-hand side of 414 (beside Stephen Bond's Farm).
- xii. Natural pullover and historic location of NYS Hector Historical location of General Sullivan's 1779 military route, historic marker #19 already in place beside existing stone historic monument, on left-hand side of 414 at corner of Peach Orchard road (beside Davis and Kellogg farms).
- xiii. Historic location of NYS Hector Historical location of First Sawmill in the County 1795, historic marker #21 already in place on left-hand side of road above "Sawmill Gully".
- xiv. Historic location of NYS Hector Presbyterian Church 1809, historical marker #15 already in place.
- xv. #16 General Hand's Campsite 1779
- xvi. #14 Iroquois Village "Ga-di-odji-ya-da" 'Peach Trees Here' (next to Wickhams and Hazlitt farms.)
- xvii. #13 Early Settler 1790
- VALOIS**
- xviii. #25 Valois Community Church 1875
- xix. #12 Iroquois Village "Con-daw-haw" in Valois
- LODI**
- xx. Lodi overlook going into the town from Route 414

xxi. Lodi Historic monument on the Sullivan and Clinton campaign of 1779.

xxii. Lodi Historic Church

Summary of Views

Because views can have many characteristics, the “main” types of views along the corridor have been summarized as follows:

Hector, Burdett, Valois

Total Views	Over	43
Contained View		6
Contained View into Park		2
Distant View		2
Incompatible Built Form		1
Leaf Tunnel Effect		4
Panoramic		8
Panoramic Distant Views		4
Road Conforms to Landscape		4
Valley View		1
View-Shed		3
Obstructed Views		3
Overlook		5

Number	Location	View type	Notes
1	Watkins Glen - Clute Park looking north	Vista- Lake view framed by trees.	Open vista in Winter.
2	East end of Clute park, on Rt. 414/79	Panorama in winter, view-shed when foliage is out.	
3	Tank Beach	View-shed	Views of both salt plants. Currently an un-official pull-off, it is a possible location for signage and a kiosk.
4	Heading North on Rt. 414/79, past Cargill property.	Road Conformity	Short view to the North as the road rises out of the valley on the eastern slopes of the lake, towards Burdett.
5	Rt 414/79, looking south, past lake houses.	Valley View	Contained view of the Marsh and surrounding slopes
6	Past Rt 79 turn-off, and Middle Road. Looking north.	Leaf tunnel when foliage is present.	Some road conformity aspects as well. Steep cliffs to west down to the lake, but trees and scrub screen a direct view of the lake.
7	Several locations to the west of 414, in same area as #6.	Obstructed Views	Potential for expansion into turn-off sites heading south.
8	At Hector Falls, looking west	View-shed	More pull-off potential.
9	At Hector Falls	Tunnel Effect view of Falls to the East	Falls are the opening to a "hanging gorge."

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Number	Location	View type	Notes
10	At Hector Falls	Overlook	View firm west side, heading south, down into the falls and gorge as it enters the lake. Difficult view to access.
11	North past Hector Falls, looking south.	Tunnel effect	Must be viewed from the north, heading south.
12	House complex north of the Falls	Built form	Does not fram view, but construction & materials are consistent with the area.
13	North past Hector Falls, from just south of the intersection with North Falls Road	Tunnel view w/vists components	View of Cargill Salt Plant
14	South of intersection with Tug Hollow Road	Contained/ Vista	View is to the south, from the west lane of Rt. 414.
15	North of intersection with Tug Hollow Road	Agricultural/Built Form	Fruit house / stand with vineyards to the east of Rt. 79
16	North of #15, on the west side of the highway, looking south	Vista	View of Watkins Glen, foliage & hill slopes. Also shows southern hills & landforms.
17	South of Phelps Road, looking east	Contained	View of vines in forground, and the ridge that defines FLNF boundaries.
18	North of Phelps Road, past #17	Contained	Ridge view, similar to #17.
19	North of Giles Road, South of Vickery	Obstructed View	Typical obstructed view of lake, partially contained by scrub/brush.
20	Seneca Springs Vineyard	Contained View / Incompatible Built Form	Vineyards with ridge in the distance (to the east of Rt 414, as heading north), with unfortunate winery building.
21	Seneca Springs Winery. Looking West	Contained View	Views of Lake, western shore, & forest, contained by vegetation.
22	Mann Road, looking west.	Contained View	Agricultural setting w. house in foreground, lake and west shore in the distance.
23	Ely Farm, looking west	Contained View w/ Vista	Potential for a pull-off on the west side. View of orchards and descending slope in the foreground m lake and west shore in the distance. Distinctive geography and agricultural use.
24	Immediately past Ely Farm	Contained View	Perpendicular to Rt. 414, looking east, a small gorge & waterfall. Sheltered.
25	Past Ely Farm, before Shumway Road, looking west.	Panorama	View across abandoned orchards, cliffs on west shore are visible.
26	Past Shumway Road, looking west	Obstructed View	View of the lake obstructed by brush.
27	Rose Lane	Contained View	View down lane as you look west.
28	Nichols Road	Panoramic/ Viewshed	
29	Immediately north of Sunset Shores Rd., looking north.	Overlook - Vineyard, lake	Contained view to the south, treeline runs along the south side of the access road. Existing pull-off in this location, although informal. Mike Schamel owner?
30	North of site 29, looking west	Obstructed views	Buildings close to the road, views obstructed.
31	At intersection of Matthews Road	Contained views	Views contained/obstructed by buildings. View of slope, vineyards, lake, and far shore (Glenora Point).

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Number	Location	View type	Notes
32	Intersection of 414 and Club Seneca Rd.	Contained View, existing pull-off	Excellent pull-off location, just north of Matthews Rd., on west side of rd.
33	FLNF Ranger Station parking lot	obstructed view	View obstructed by power lines. Parking lot is nice.
34	Stonecat Café parking lot	viewshed	Shallow, long view of the lake and opposite shore.
35	Head of Smith-Bond Park Road	panoramic view, but with north treeline cutting in.	Potential pull-off location?
36	West on Smith-Bond Park Road	tunnel/contained view, road conformity	Down slope from 414, but on a public road. Pull-off & kiosk just into the park property?
37	South of Co. Rte 2	contained view	looking east, contained view of small gorge and waterfalls
38	At intersection of Hazlitt & Rt. 414	upland panoramic view	looking east, view of vineyards & ridge
39	At intersection of Fausold & 414	road conformity & panoramic view	road conformity to north and east, panoramic view of lake to the north and west.
40	South of Spirawks Lane	Road conformity	looking north along Rt. 414
41	Btwn Spirawks & Williams Road	Confined vista	Lake, vineyards & hills looking northwest
42	In Valois, north of Lake St, intersection	Road conformity	looking north, up and over bridge, past graveyard to the east.
43	South of Seneca Road, at intersection of Confer & Rt. 414	Confined view/vista	Looking south west, views of lake and far hills, with vineyard in foreground.

Lodi

Summary of Views for Lodi

Total Views	Over	22
Contained View		3
Contained View into Park		1
Distant View		
Incompatible Built Form		
Leaf Tunnel Effect		
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1	Van Vleet farm on rte 414	Panorama view	Sheep grazing
2	Ginny Lee Café on Rt. 414	Panorama view	Looking at International Salt on west side of lake
3	Lodi museum ON Rte. 414	Contained view	Lodi museum
4	Standing Stone Vineyards	Panorama view	A working winery

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5	Lamoreaux Vineyards on Rte. 414	Panorama view	Winter in the finger lakes
6	The Townsend Farm	Panorama view	A large working farm
7	Lodi historical building on Rt. 414	Contained view	Use for community functions
8	Lodi Point state park	Contained view into park	Recreation and state marina
9	Mulfords peach orchard	Panorama view	One of the surviving orchards
10	AN Amish school	Contained view	Education in Lodi Amish community
11	Dean Rd.	Panorama view	Site of the picking in the pasture blue grass feasible
12	Overlook at Rhodes Rd. looking north	Over look	Widest point of lake. Also state parking area
13	Dano's Restaurant	Contained view	
14	The Fox and the Grapes	View to the so. West obstructed	Bed and breakfast
15	Shalestone Winery	Upland panoramic view	
16	Sueanne's Rest.	Upland panoramic view	
17	Kings Garden Vineyards	Upland panoramic view	
18	Parmenter Rd. & Keady Rd.	Looking no. West panorama view	Highest point in Seneca County
19	Seneca Rd Finger Lakes National Forest	Looking west toward lake leaf tunnel effect	
20	Rte. 137 & 414	West panorama view	
21	Finger Lakes National Forest. Seneca Rd.	Looking west toward lake	Grassing land for cattle for fall round up.
22	Rte.414in Caywood	Obstructed view west	Site of Queen's Castle. Meeting place for Women's Rights Movement.

Intrinsic Resources

The Seneca Lake Scenic Byway includes natural, recreational, historical/cultural, tourism and cultural resources. A full summary of these resources is provided in Section 20. Many of the resources fit into several classifications. The following summarizes the major characteristics of the intrinsic resources:

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| Natural | FLNF, farms |
| Recreational | FLNF, Hector Smith Park, Lodi Point |
| Historical | Historical Societies, FLNF |
| Tourism | Wineries, Chamber of Commerce |
| Cultural | Pioneer life, Underground railroad, Women's Movement, Native American |
| Educational | FLNF, Hector Pert Library, Historic records |

Transportation Resources

The entire Seneca Lake Scenic Byway corridor is in very good condition. Overall, the route would be an acceptable candidate for a Scenic Byway Route. Along most of the route, we anticipate no capacity, safety or surface quality deficiencies that would be detrimental to the establishment of the Byway. The transportation resources are summarized in Section 6 and the *future* NYS DOT letter will be provided in the Appendix.

Responsible Agency

The Seneca Lake Scenic Byway portion of Route 414 is under the care and supervision of the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT).

Maintenance and Capital Improvements

Currently, no major work is scheduled for the Seneca Lake Scenic Byway Route 414 corridor. On the NYSDOT five-year capital program beyond routine maintenance. Planned maintenance included: The portion of Route 414 in Hector has been repaved this summer of 2008.

Suggested Improvements

The proposed Byway route has surface qualities and sufficient capacity to support increased traffic levels. No immediate improvements to the roads themselves are necessary. However, an investigation of bicycle accommodations along the Byway is recommended to ensure cyclist safety. There are other opportunities to develop bike trails along or near the byway route, as well. Such as Catherine Valley Trail and the Finger Lakes National Forest.

To support tourist use of the Byway route a hierarchy of informational signs is proposed as discussed extensively in the Corridor Management portion of this report. In addition, pull-off and picnic areas, information kiosks and interpretive centers should be enhanced, designed and developed.

Off Site Advertising

In completing an inventory of all off site signs along the corridor, the following signs were noted:

Hector, Burdett, Valois

Total Number of Signs	59
Advertising Signs	47
Billboards	0
Church	4
Recreation	3
Service	5

Lodi

As the inventory indicates, there are no billboards along the proposed byway. Advertising signs, including small off-site signs, make up the majority of the off-site signs. In addition, churches and service organizations had several areas where they concentrated signs.

Objectives of the Seneca Lake Scenic Byway

Objectives have been established for the Seneca Lake Scenic Byway to ensure the protection of the many resources along the corridor. These objectives will guide the not-for-profit organization established to manage the Scenic Byway. Preliminary objectives include:

- To promote and protect the intrinsic and scenic resources along the Scenic Byway route
- To recommend locations for signs along the NYS routes
- To develop additional tourist amenities
- To market the Seneca Lake Scenic Byway

- To enhance the region's tourist and hospitality economy; and,
- To be a stakeholder in NYSDOT management decisions

These objectives are discussed throughout this section and in the Implementation Recommendations

Potential Issues Along the Corridor

There are few constraints along the corridor that could interfere with the corridor designation process for the Scenic Byway. Potential issues as identified through the planning process could include:

- Concerns were raised over preserving the natural environment along the entire proposed corridor. Visitors should be able to enjoy the natural environment within limits; thresholds should be set to ensure that natural ecosystems will not be compromised.
- Concerns were raised about the level of truck traffic currently using Route 414 and the high speed of all types of vehicles currently using the corridor.
- Comments were made regarding the growing number of visitors who travel to Seneca Lake for fishing and hunting; there may be a need for additional amenities to serve the additional visitors.

Stewardship Techniques

Stewardship along the corridor can take many forms. SLBI will utilize the CMP to oversee the management of the corridor on a daily basis. (A discussion of the type of management is included in this document.) Working with the community, tasks that might be included are as follows:

- Obtain Historic Designation (when appropriate).
- Help complete and coordinate Local Waterfront Revitalization Programs, Comprehensive Plans and other projects that conform to the Seneca Lake Scenic Byway CMP as well as obtain easements for unique views and identify those which might be improved.
- Set thresholds to ensure that natural ecosystems will not be compromised. We aim to preserve the natural landscape and ecosystem, and to enhance those areas that are "natural" pullover stops currently used by the public.
- Develop recommendations for all signs (on-site) to ensure- that the character of the corridor is protected. A model ordinance could be adopted by dovetailing with the work of the Seneca Lake Wine Trail organization.
- Assist with ideas for design recommendations for areas along the corridor including regulations for new residential, commercial and/or industrial development along the corridor and for building materials, landscaping, parking/screening, etc. This may include the U.S. Green Building Council and Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED).

5. Tourism Development Plan

The proposed *Seneca Lake Scenic Byway* offers a unique, educational and visual travel experience. The Byway enables visitors to experience intimate connections to Hector on Seneca Lake, dramatic topography, and early American culture and historic sites, along with pristine agricultural and the attraction of the wineries. Recreational opportunities in the area abound as the Seneca Lake Scenic Byway connects Watkins Glen, Hector Falls, many wineries, the FLNF, our local farms, Historic sites, and the Town's Smith Park on Seneca Lake, and Lodi Point Park.

The *Seneca Lake Scenic Byway CMP* for the proposed Byway seeks to increase usage of existing facilities (which are detailed in Section 20) and also designates areas where future enhancements to the proposed Byway could be located. These enhancements take the form of our already existing natural vistas and roadside pull-offs, adding Kiosks, and in the future creating a Visitors Center and local town Museum. Detailed Site Plan Areas are proposed; these Site Plan Areas describe existing areas where new enhancements would be completed in the future, to improve the economic viability of Hector and Lodi and the surrounding area.

The objective of creating a Seneca Lake Scenic Byway CMP for the proposed Seneca Lake Scenic Byway is to connect the current and potential future sights, sounds and experiences along the corridor into a cohesive unit. This plan will demonstrate our unique Hector Town travel experience that will enhance the economic health of each aspect of our Hector Community and the surrounding communities on Seneca Lake.

The continuity of the proposed Seneca Lake Scenic Byway will be maintained through the proposed signage. The signage is used for several purposes: to highlight significant historic, cultural, and natural features, and to guide the traveler along the route. We will tie in with other existing signage along the way for other existing routes.

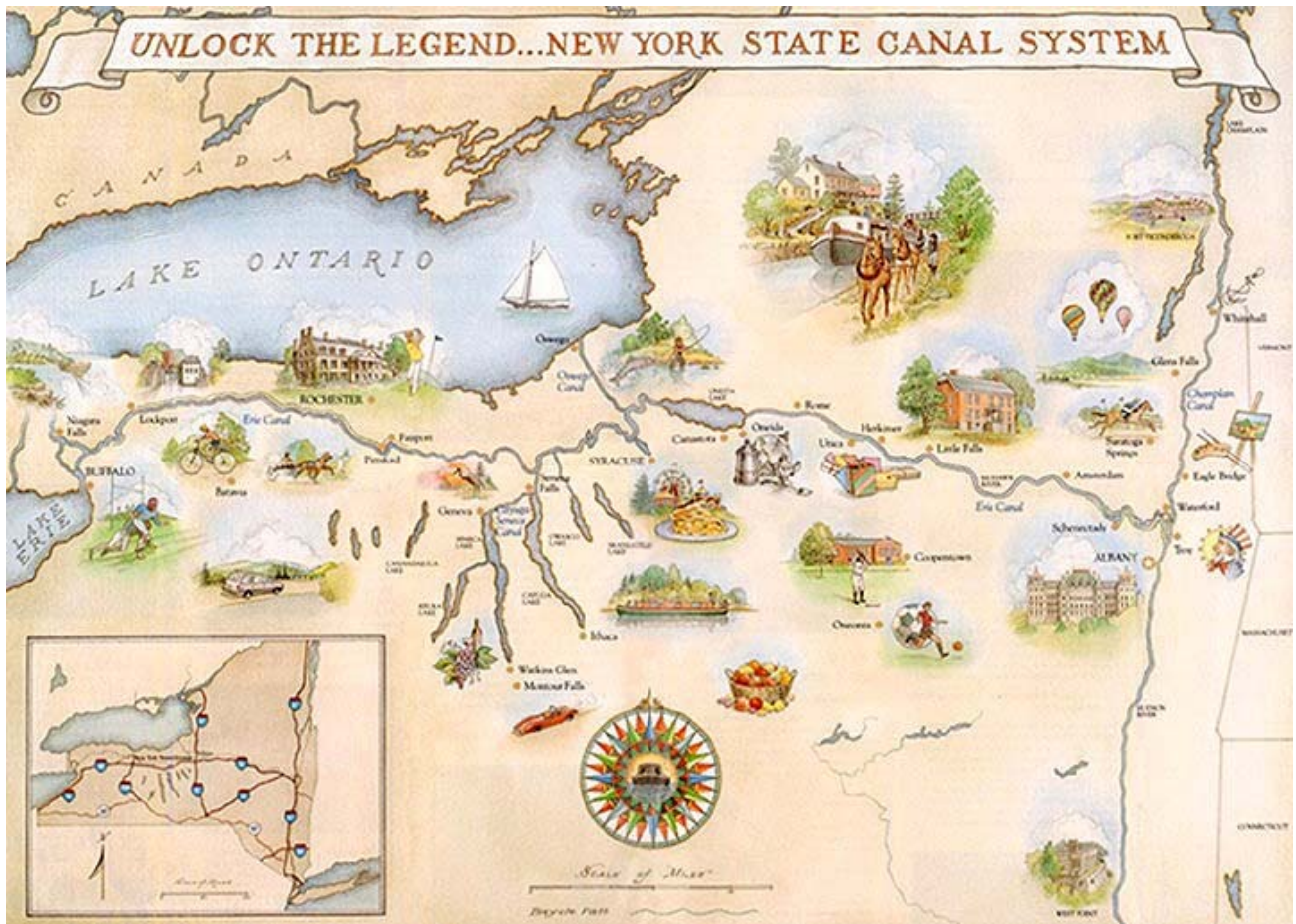
There are also several ways to link the Seneca Lake Scenic Byway with other existing byways which we will take advantage of for tourism development and marketing purposes. Seneca Lake is a part of the Erie Canalway System and can also be directly linked to the Cayuga Lake Scenic Byway.

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An existing online NY Canal System website includes information for “*Excursions & Vacations - Traveling by car? Cruising by boat?*” which shows Seneca Lake states “The Cayuga-Seneca Canal also connects with the Erie Canal in the central part of New York, allowing boaters to visit the Finger Lakes region as well.” Seneca Lake can be accessed from the major waterways in the northeast, including the Great Lakes and the Intracoastal Waterway.

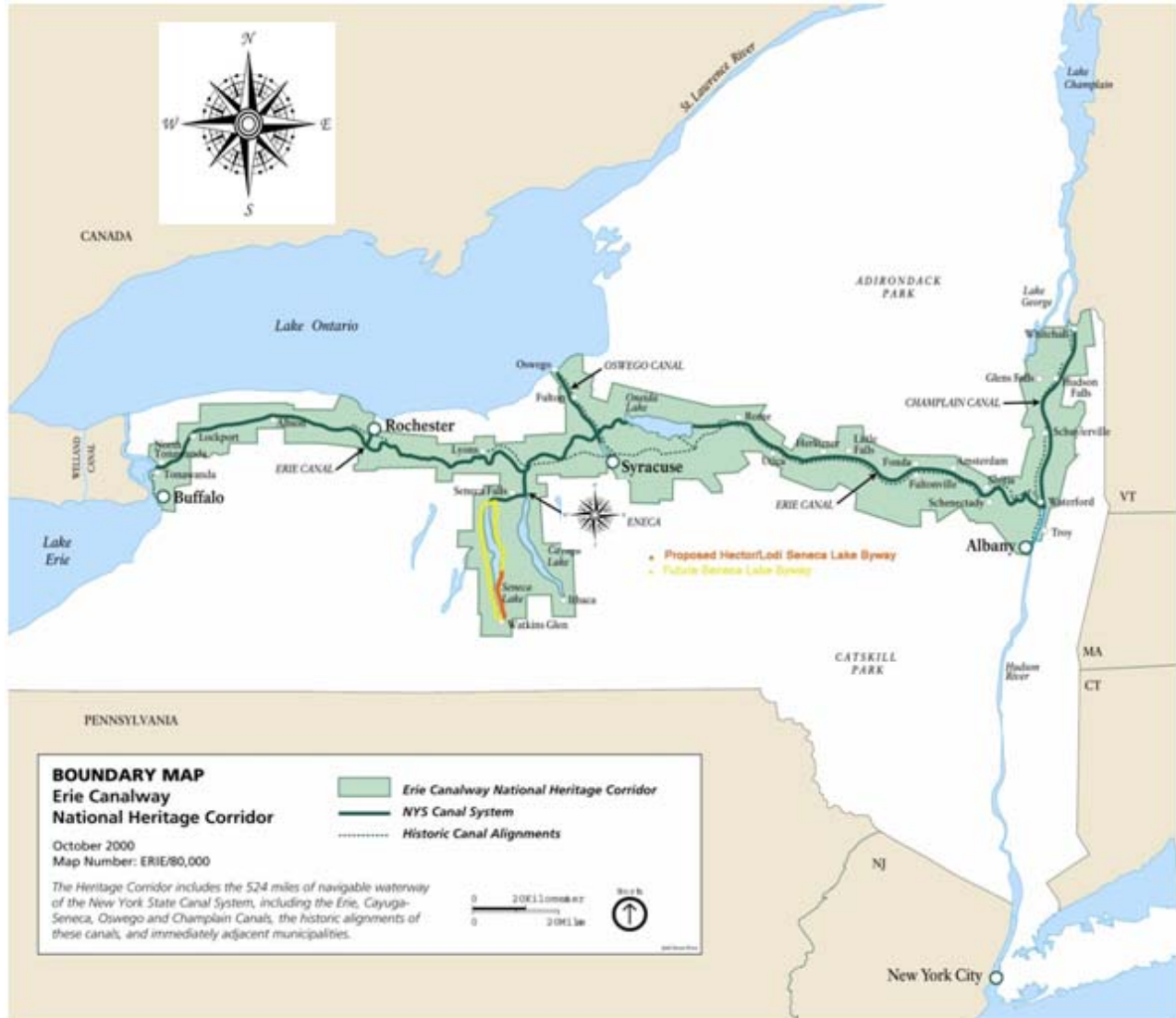
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This is a map of the existing Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor which shows Seneca Lake as a part of this system:

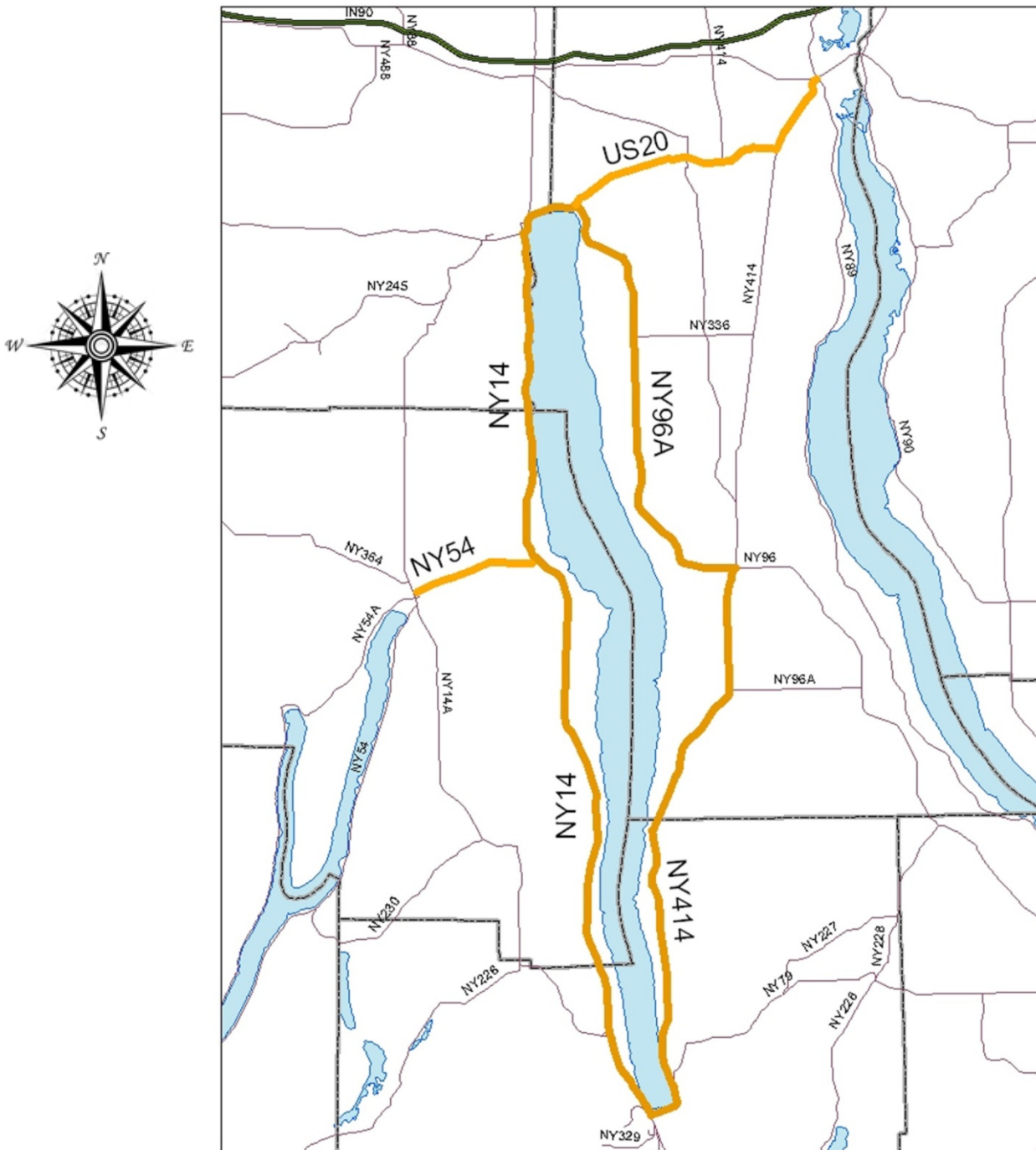


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The Seneca Lake Scenic Byway Committee identified several spur roads that lead directly to nearby Route 90 and the Cayuga Lake Scenic Byway. The vehicular route surrounding Seneca Lake includes State routes 414, 96, 96A and 14. State route 54 connects with State route 14 on the west side of Seneca Lake and provides a linkage to Keuka Lake at Dresden, NY. U.S. Route 20 connects with State route 14 and State route 96A at the north end of Seneca Lake, connecting the byway to the entire Finger Lakes region.

Map of proposed spur roads from the Seneca Lake Scenic Byway:



Historical and Cultural Areas in Hector & Lodi

[Historic Markers PDF](#)

[Historic Markers KEY PDF](#)

Parks and Eco-Tourism Areas in Hector & Lodi

[Parks and Eco-Tourism PDF](#)

Landcover Areas in Hector & Lodi

[Landcover PDF](#)

Agricultural Districts in Hector & Lodi

[Agricultural Districts PDF](#)

Elevation Areas in Hector & Lodi

[Elevations PDF](#)

6. Conceptual Site Plan Descriptions

The Seneca Lake Scenic Byway CMP for the proposed Seneca Lake Scenic Byway includes more detailed Site Plan Areas that illustrate future development potentials along the route.

Site Plan Area #1 – Seneca Lake Scenic Byway Introduction Area

One proposed Introduction Area gives an enhanced view of the existing natural roadside pull-off area at the beginning of the South end of the Seneca Lake Scenic Byway, Watkins Glen, with a visitors' kiosk for information.

[Enhanced View of Vision of Introduction Area](#)



Other site plans planned will be minimal intrusion on already natural pullover areas as viewed in the photo section [Appendix A](#).

7. Marketing and Promotion of the Seneca Lake Scenic Byway

There are several opportunities to market and promote the Seneca Lake Scenic Byway both individually and as a portion of the larger Finger Lakes Regional Area. A wide range of visitor interests are supported by existing Scenic Byway resources: wine tasting, outdoor recreation, hunting/fishing, boating, historic preservation, performing and visual arts, geology, nature appreciation, automobile travel and agriculture. The following section outlines methods to market and promote the corridor directly and illustrates how the Seneca Lake Scenic Byway can become part of a regional attraction. This includes the development of self-guided tours and the placement of signage along the Byway to reflect the long range plan's site plans and area goals.

Planned Self-Guided Tours

There are several opportunities for self-guided tours along the Seneca Lake Scenic Byway. The State University of NY College of Environmental Science and Forestry completed a study in May 1997 that outlined potentials for tours.¹ Proposed tours could include:

- **Urban Centers** – This tour could take the visitor to the small hamlet of Burdett village and could outline attractions and businesses in the small community, which is a part of the Town of Hector. Also the Village of Watkins Glen a large central business district, beach, boating and races at the Glen. This tour could contain other Historic sites of significance that already have NYS Historic Markers in place:
 - NYS Historic Marker Hector #1 Railroad Tunnel 1892 on Satterly Hill Road
 - #3 Ciprich House built 1780
 - #4 Sullivan-Clinton Military Route 1779
 - #5 Presbyterian Church 1827
 - #6 Methodist Church 1842
 - #7 Baptist Church and Grange Hall 1836, Tug Hollow Road
 - #8 CCC Camp 1930's, west of Gates Farm
 - #9 Willow Grove Mills 1820, adjoins the Village Park

- **Parks – The Finger Lakes National Forest (FLNF)** encompasses 16,032 acres and has over 30 miles of interconnecting trails that traverse gorges, ravines, pastures, and woodlands. In addition there are two more parks along the Seneca Lake Scenic Byway and several others in neighboring communities that offer a diverse number of activities from swimming and picnic areas, marinas, camping and hiking, horseback riding, snowmobiling, and wildlife encounters:
 - The Finger Lakes National Forest in Hector
 - Smith Park in Hector
 - Clute Park in Watkins Glen
 - Watkins Glen State Park
 - The Waterfront Park & Marina in Watkins Glen
 - Lodi Point Park

¹ A Proposed Tourism Plan for the Cayuga Lake Scenic Byway: Prepared for Cayuga, Seneca and Tompkins County. SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry, May 1, 1997.

Historic & Cultural Tours –A tour of this type explain the history and culture of the original native Seneca Indians, the British and French colonies, the early settlers in Hector, and other influences that shaped the communities. It would provide a narrative/visual description of the changing landscape over the last two centuries. It would highlight the history of the Iroquois life and villages as well as the Sullivan expedition and other events, many of which are identified by NYS Historic Markers, some of which are identified below. Other places outside of Hector can also be referred to as important sites of significant cultural and historic importance:

NYS Historic Marker - Hector #:

- #13, [Early Settler States Survey 1790 Locates Here Cabin One Masters With Twenty Acres Cleared Land *Location: On Nys 414 N. Of Hector*]
- #14, [Peach Orchard (Ga-Di-Odji-Ya-Da) Site Of Iroquois Village Gen. Sullivan Camped Here September 3, 1779 *Location: On Nys 414 At Hector*]
- #16, [Camp Site Gen. Hand's Light Corps Camp, Extending West Here Sullivan-Clinton Campaign September 3, 1779 *Location: On Nys 414 At Hector*]
- #17, [Camp Site Gen. Clinton's Camp, Line East-West Sullivan-Clinton Campaign September 3, 1779 *Location: On Town Rd. About 1 Mile Southwest Of Hector*]
- #18, [Camp Site Gen. Maxwell's Brigade Camp Extending North Here Sullivan-Clinton Campaign September 3, 1779 *Location: On Town Rd. About 1 Mile South Of Hector*]
- #19, [Military Route Of The Sullivan-Clinton Army On Its Campaign Against The British And Indians Of Western New York In 1779 *Location: On Nys 414 About 1/2 Mile South Of Hector*]
- #20, [Camp Site Gen. Poor's Brigade Camp, Line North-South Sullivan-Clinton Campaign September 3, 1779 *Location: On Nys 414 About 1/2 Mile South Of Hector*]
- #22 William Wyckham, [Site Of Cabin Of William Wyckham First Settler In Town Of Hector 1791 Direct Descendant Of Earl Of Wyckham *Location: On Nys 414 About 2 Miles South Of Hector*]

Burdett

Valois

- #12, [Con-Daw-Haw Site Of Iroquois Village Consisting Of Cornfields Long House & Cabins Destroyed Sept. 4, 1779 By Gen. Sullivan's Troops *Location: On Nys 414 At Valois*]

Lodi

- Caywood Point, native american and early settler history
- Caywood Point, FOSSENVUE – old camp with historical structure “Queens Castle”, linked to women’s movement, etc.

- **Museum Tour** – There are several museums in the surrounding area that could be included in a self-guided tour. These museums offer a variety of cultural and historic experiences that could be marketed:

- The Hector Pert Library
- *Potential future Hector Museum*
- Watkins Glen Racing Museum and Library
- Schuyler County Historic Society Museum in Montour Falls
- Burdett Historic Society location
- Museums in Seneca Falls and Aurora
- Museum of the Earth on Cayuga Lake

- Historical Society in Lodi Museum
- **Geology and Landforms** – Highlights of any tour could include the geologic formations of Hector Falls, ‘Saw Mill Gully’, the Finger Lakes National Forest creeks, Lodi creeks, Watkins’ Glen Gorge, and the Seneca Lake Basin , which tell a history of how the entire Finger Lakes Region was formed.
- **Water and Scenic Resources** – There are many small streams and creeks that lead into Seneca Lake. These habitats form small, narrow gorges and waterfalls that are interesting to the curious visitor.
 - Seneca Lake Pure Waters Association - has the list of creeks.²
- **Wildlife and Fisheries** – Seneca Lake and the streams along the lake provide fish such as lake trout, pike, perch, bass, smelt and bullheads areas. Bird watchers and those interested in various animals will find opportunities throughout the area. Following are some specific sites they may wish to visit:
 - The Finger Lakes National Forest (FLNF) offers 16,032 acres of abundant scenery and trails which host a large number of native animals, birds, insects and other various inhabitants to view and enjoy, as well as for hunting and fishing.
 - Adjacent to the Hector Byway on route 79 is the Kestrel Haven Avian Migration Observatory, located in Burdett, which boasts 60-acres of sanctuary. Among the sanctuary's ever-increasing array of wildlife inhabitants are 215 avian species, several reptiles and amphibians, many woodland mammals, and many species of butterflies, dragonflies, and damselflies. An inviting migratory stopover and year-round sanctuary for birds and other wildlife, this sanctuary and bird banding station provides invaluable data for assessing the biological health of the area. Daily weather data is transmitted to the National Weather Service and then made available worldwide. These data form the "official" weather database for Schuyler County.
 - Other established wildlife refuges and parks in the area include Queen Catherine’s Marsh located between Watkins Glen and Montour Falls, and the Nature Center located in Taughannock Park on Cayuga Lake.
- **Agri-Tourism** – The agricultural land in Hector offers an exceptional opportunity for a tour along the Scenic Byway. The panoramic views of Seneca Lake and farmland make for a unique experience. We also have a unique FLNF Grazing Land setup which is of interest to many people. There are many grape vineyards, local farm stands and many residential gardens with U-pick opportunities for a variety of crops in season.
 - Hector has over 100 farms. (See **Appendix H** Inventory a detailed description.)
 - FLNF Hector Grazing Association

² {Marion E. Balyszak, Executive Director and Edith Davey, Coordinator of the Onsite Wastewater Management Project, P.O. Box 247, 207 Franklin Square Geneva, NY 14456, 315-789-3052, slpwa@eznet.net}

- **Wineries** – This self-guided tour is separated from the agri-tourism tour because of the specific market that would partake in this activity. The tour will build upon the activities and marketing efforts of the Seneca Lake Wine Trail. The Seneca Lake Wine Trail was developed by the winery and vineyard owners to encourage tourists to visit the wineries located along the Wine Trail; many of these wineries are located on the proposed Seneca Lake Scenic Byway. Wineries are included in this cooperative marketing and advertising effort. Linked through a series of way-finding signs, the wineries encourage tourists to patronize the various attractions in the region. These are a sample of the wineries in the area:
 - Atwater Estate Vineyards 5055 Rte. 414, Hector
 - Bloomer Creek Winery & Vineyards 5315 Rte. 414, Hector
 - Catharine Valley Winery 4201 Route 414, Burdett
 - Chateau LaFayette Reneau Winery 5081 Route 414, Hector
 - Damiani Wine Cellars
 - Finger Lakes Champagne House 6075 Route 414, Hector
 - Hazlitt 1852 Vineyards, Inc. 5712 Route 414, Hector
 - Leidenfrost Vineyards 5677 Route 414, Hector
 - Logan Ridge Winery & Restaurant 3800 Ball Diamond Rd., Hector
 - Rasta Ranch Vineyards 5882 Rte. 414, Hector
 - Red Newt Cellars & Bistro 3675 Tichenor Road, Hector
 - Tickle Hill Winery 3831 Ball Diamond Road, Hector
 - Poplar Ridge
 - Shalestone
 - Silver Thread
 - Standing Stone Winery
 - Silver Springs Winery
 - Wagners Winery & Vineyards
 - Lamarouex Landing Winery & Vineyards

- **Educational Resources** – The corridor offers a variety of educational resources that could be developed into a self-guided tour. These include:
 - Hector Pert Library
 - FLNF Hector Ranger Station
 - Historical Societies of Hector, Burdett and Lodi

Signage

The Purpose of Signage along the Seneca Lake Scenic Byway

The diversity of terrain and uses along the Seneca Lake Scenic Byway creates an attraction for potential Byway users. Following the Byway must be easy for travelers to ensure their trip is pleasurable and are able to find their destinations. The comfort level of travelers along the Seneca Lake Scenic Byway must be high to ensure an enjoyable trip and, in the future, additional visits to the area.

By highlighting the views of our natural open spaces with a repetitive image, the Scenic Byway will be viewed as a continuum of related activities. The Byway is defined by the signage along the corridor combined with the various pull-offs later described in this section.

The key to signage along the Seneca Lake Scenic Byway is to keep people on the Byway so they are able to find their destination. Recognizable images along the Byway will be constant and identifiable from one destination to the next. Comprehensive and concise signage must blend in with existing uses along the Byway and communicate users' direction along the corridor. The corridor will remain free of visual clutter and provide safe and efficient direction for the user.

The repetition of a singular image or logo is important for Byway users to maintain their course and feel comfortable on the Byway. To meet this end, the signage guidelines were designed intentionally to be flexible, yet repeat a singular image that would mark the Byway and its destinations.

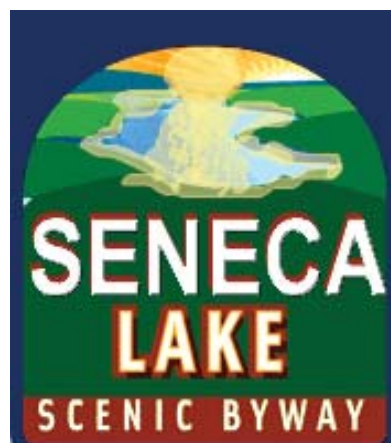
Various Signage Types along the Seneca Lake Scenic Byway

Signage along the Byway serves many different purposes, but the repetition of the image is essential. The system of signage will establish the hierarchy that will allow Byway users to find the many attractions along the Hector Byway, while ensuring their travel is smooth and the Byway is user friendly; the hierarchy is established based on the importance of the sign and the surrounding facilities. Signage for the Byway is separated into the following categories for future potential signs:

Gateways	2 – Watkins Glen/Hector and Lodi
Point of Interest Signage	Many
Trail Blazers	Many
Trail Markers	Many

On the Seneca Lake Scenic Byway, much of the signage needed is already established. Currently Historical markers are already in places which mark important aspects of the Town, and the Wineries and independent businesses already have established signs marking their location.

Below is an example of a wayfinding sign we could use:



Improvements to the Local Economy

One objective of obtaining Scenic Byway Designation is to enhance regional economic development in Hector and Lodi, and in Schuyler and Seneca Counties. Achieving Byway designation will not only benefit these communities directly on the corridor, but also throughout surrounding communities.

*The Federal Highway Administration estimated the Economic Impact of Travel on Scenic Byways in 1990.*³ The analysis attempted to provide general estimates of traveler-generated economic impacts for existing scenic byways. While travel-generated spending varied greatly within the study areas, the economic benefits were seen as an increase in 10% overall in business income, wages and salaries, and state tax receipts.

Some specific economic benefits of Scenic Byway designation are:

- Increasing the visitor's stay in the region
- Increasing the use of existing Park facilities
- Increasing water access opportunities
- Increasing opportunities for commercial/retail development
- Enhancing the profile of existing attractions

Each of these benefits can be directly translated into the generation of dollars that will remain and circulate throughout the Seneca Lake Region.

Increasing the Visitor's Stay in the Region

The CMP created for the proposed Scenic Byway establishes a sense of continuity that ties the elements of the route together. This is accomplished in part by creating a hierarchy of coordinated signage. The signage takes the form of Gateways, Trail Blazers, Trail Markers and Kiosks. Because this signage is incorporated along the entire length of the proposed Byway, and in the future a Seneca Lake Scenic Byway, the visitor is encouraged to traverse the entire length of the route rather than just visiting a portion. Traveling the entire route will increase the amount of time and money visitors spend along the Byway and in the region.

The signage established for the Byway also encourages travelers to visit areas surrounding the route. Successful implementation of the signage will lead to more visits to regional attractions.

The CMP proposed for the Scenic Byway designation will detail five individual Site Plan Areas. Proposed enhancements include, developing parking/viewing areas and the installation of kiosks, as they are considered and approved.

Developing these Site Plan areas will provide more opportunities for visitors to remain on the Byway and generate economic development.

³ Cayuga Lake Scenic Byway Nomination Final Report, 2001, Peter J. Smith & Company, Inc., page 45.

Increasing the Use of Local Park Facilities

The CMP proposed for the Seneca Lake Scenic Byway NYS Application includes the development of signage and pull-off areas. They will include highlighting the FLNF, Hector's Smith Park, Lodi Point Park, and Watkins Glen Clute Park on the waterfront. These enhancements will make the location of the parks more prominent. If visitors become more aware of their options, it is likely that the Parks will experience greater use.

Enhancing the Profile of Existing Attractions

Implementation of the proposed Byway CMP will showcase existing attractions in a new light. Increased continuity of the Byway and an increase in visitors could also encourage existing business owners to improve facilities voluntarily. The Byway CMP will seek a commitment on the part of the Towns and Counties, to make the potential Byway a world-class experience. This commitment will hopefully be translated into voluntary efforts on the part of business owners to improve their facilities and make each into the highest quality experience.

Increasing Water Access Opportunities

The proposed CMP for the Byway indicates two places where water access can be improved: Hector's Smith Park and Lodi Point Park. Both include water access for swimming, fishing, camping, and boating. New or enhanced facilities, water taxi access points, enhanced fishing access points, and viewing areas can be created. Increased visitor access to the water can be translated into increased boating registrations, increased number of fishing licenses, and increased use of recreational amenities associated with water recreation. Each of these increased can be directly translated into an additional infusion of dollars into the region.

Increasing Opportunities for Commercial/Retail Development

The CMP for the proposed Scenic Byway addresses several areas along the route that can be promoted for increased commercial and/or retail development. Several historic areas including the hamlet of Burdett, Hector Falls, local farms, current B&B's, and existing commercial properties -Wickhams Store, Smith Park, the old train station in Burdett, The Eagle Hotel in Lodi, and others can all be designated for future improvement. These places offer historic character, and access to various recreational opportunities. Increased visitation to the region, along with the implementation of improvements to these locations, can lead to increased commercial development and employment opportunities in the communities of Hector and Lodi.

Conclusion

A well-choreographed driving experience, combined with the natural aesthetic beauty of Seneca Lake and the surrounding community of Hector, will generate economic development within the Towns of Hector and Lodi, Schuyler and Seneca Counties. It is the belief of SLBI that the five benefits described in the preceding paragraphs will be achieved through NYS Scenic Byway Designation and the implementation of the proposed Seneca Lake Scenic Byway CMP.

8. Resource Interpretation Opportunities

This section outlines interpretation opportunities for the Scenic Byway. It includes a description of the types of material that could be made available (brochures, maps and website) and their placement along the Byway. To supplement the many historic markers we would add visitor centers, interpretive facilities and kiosks.

Brochures, Maps and Website

Distribution of brochures and maps along Byway would be coordinated with tourism agencies in the Finger Lakes Region. These include the Convention and Visitor's Bureau, Tourism Agencies and Planning Departments. AAA and other travel services and travel agencies could be asked to distribute information also.

Brochures would be located at various places such as visitors' centers, wineries, and community businesses, as well as interpretive facilities and kiosks.

A brochure for the entire Seneca Lake Scenic Byway could be prepared and distributed for various aspects of the corridor (wineries, agri-tourism, Historic Women's Movement, cultural history, etc.) for general distribution.

Because the character and experience along the corridor varies, there could be a series of brochures developed in such a way as to relate to each other and refer the user to all amenities along the corridor. A calendar of events along the Scenic Byway, coordinated in a time line manner, could also be made available.

A website would be created and linked to the various tourism related agencies in the Finger Lakes area. Each of the self-guided tours could be listed and the various amenities advertised.

Visitor Centers

Hector & Lodi could have several small Visitor's centers at locations acceptable to the towns and communities on Route 414, to allow travelers from either direction to obtain information about the trail.

The centers would include interpretive facilities to allow people to complete self-guided tours. Information on other Fingerlakes destinations would also be provided at these facilities. This would include brochures on the rest of the attractions throughout the region.

Interpretive Facilities

Interpretive facilities have been suggested in various locations along the trail at significant points, such as the south end of Seneca Lake next to Watkins Glen's Clute Park, Hector Fall's, Burdett Park, the FLNF office, Hector's Smith Park, and Lodi. These are locations of natural, cultural or historic significance.

The interpretive facilities provide a main source of information for tourists along the trail, they supplement the other kiosks and the Byway markers located at strategic points along the

Byway. The interpretive signage would provide information about points of ecological, historical and general interest as well as current landscape character along the Byway.

Roadside interpretive facilities would be the typical kiosks for protecting and displaying highway information, trail maps and local advertisements, as well as interpretive materials. Picnic areas and restrooms might be added eventually at some locations such as Smith Park and Lodi. The option for public parking for a small number of cars would be a requirement.

The main function of these centers is to provide interpretive Seneca Lake Scenic Byway information to people using the corridor. Brochures on various other Byways and Finger Lakes facilities would be available. Directions to destinations would be provided.

The following is a typical interpretive facility that could be located along the Byway:

Kiosks

Kiosk locations would allow for pull-offs from the Byway. In most cases they would have significant views of Seneca Lake or along the corridor. They would provide an opportunity for someone to pull over and obtain information about the pull-off area as well as the entire corridor.

These substantial, interpretive structures would continue the theme of the Byway with the logo being prominent on the signage. An interpretive plaque would be located inside the kiosk with information about the corridor and the specific area. Parking for 2-3 cars would be included near each kiosk.

There are many suggested locations for kiosks along the corridor at important locations – beginning at Watkins Glen at Clute Park, Burdett Park, Hector Fall's, the FLNF office, picnic areas & campground, historical marker locations with adequate space to pullover, the entrance to Smith Park, Wickhams Pantry, Lodi's Eagle Hotel and others.

9. The Corridor Management Organization

Seneca Lake Byway, Inc (SLBI) has been chartered by New York State and received tax exempt status recognized by the U.S. Internal Revenue Service. They currently have a board of directors who have the responsibility to complete this Nomination proposal and obtain recognition of the Hector-Lodi section of a Seneca Lake Scenic Byway.

The not-for profit status obviously provides many benefits, including The opportunity for professional staff specifically dedicated to Byway promotion; Tax exempt status attractive to potential funding donors; Obligations to serve each county and town Byway community equally; Legal structure suitable to Byway tourist attraction management and land acquisition; and Permanence.

The board of directors currently has representatives from both Hector and Lodi who are focused on obtaining NYS recognition of the byway. Once this objective is achieved, they will enlist additional members to help develop specific plans for management and promotion of the byway. These will include, but are not limited to representatives of the County and Town Planning departments, tourism bureaus, business community and the Seneca Lake Wineries Association.

A detailed plan, the Byway Implementation Plan has been developed for organization and implementation under the direction of the SLBI Board. See [Appendix B](#) for specifics on the BMP.

Memorandum of Understanding

To institutionalize the Scenic Byway effort, Schuyler and Seneca County and/or The towns of Hector and Lodi may choose to enter into a memorandum of understanding to implement the Long Range and Management Plans. Ideally, the agreement would dedicate specific County or Town staff to the tasks among the County and Towns. The agreement could formalize the Steering Committee's effort and create mutual commitments and obligations to take action.

Partnerships

Several partners are available that can assist the designated management structure with the Seneca Lake Scenic Byway implementation effort. Potential partners include:

- ❖ The Town of Hector
- ❖ The Town of Watkins Glen
- ❖ The Town of Lodi
- ❖ The New York Department of State
- ❖ The New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation
- ❖ The New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets
- ❖ The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
- ❖ The Finger Lakes Association
- ❖ The New York State Wine and Grape Foundation
- ❖ Seneca Lake Watershed Association
- ❖ Finger Lakes Cycling Club
- ❖ The Schuyler and Seneca Counties Chambers of Commerce
- ❖ The Route 90 Scenic Byway

- ❖ The Cayuga Scenic Byway organization
- ❖ Historical Societies of Ithaca, Hector, Lodi and Watkins Glen and others in the surrounding area
- ❖ Schuyler County Opportunity Programs and Economic Development
- ❖ Seneca Lake Winery Association
- ❖ Schuyler and Seneca County's Planning Department
- ❖ Visitors Center, Inc.
- ❖ Hector Community Association
- ❖ Finger Lakes Land Trust
- ❖ County, Regional, and State Department of Transportation

10. Funding and Financial Resources

Funding for specific project development along the Seneca Lake Scenic Byway route could be available through various agencies. Following is a list of some agencies who could be approached:

- ❖ Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21) Sections 1101 (a) (11) and 1219 administered by the New York State Department of Transportation
- ❖ Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)/New York State Recreation Trail Program
- ❖ National Park Service Heritage Preservation Program Grants
- ❖ New York State Environmental Protection Fund and Local Waterfront Revitalization Programs
- ❖ New York State Clean Water/Clean Air Bond Act Parks and Historic Preservation programs
- ❖ New York State Department of State Quality Communities Program; and
- ❖ Private corporations and foundations.

FHWA/NYS Recreation Trail Program

The Federal Highway Administration Recreation Trails program provides funds to the States to maintain recreational trails and trail-related facilities for both non-motorized and motorized recreational trail uses. States must use 30% of their funds for motorized trail uses, 30% for non-motorized trail uses and 40% for diverse trail uses. Recreational Trails Program funds may be used for:

- Maintenance and restoration of existing trails;
- Development and rehabilitation of trailside and trailhead facilities and trail linkages;
- Purchase and lease of trail construction and maintenance equipment;
- Construction of new trails;
- Acquisition of easements or property for trails;
- State administrative costs (up to 7% of a state's allocation); and
- Operation of educational programs to promote safety and environmental protection related to trails (up to 5% of a state's funding.)

In 1999, New York State received a FHWA recreation Trails allocation of \$1, 319, 616. Additional information on the New York State Recreation Trails program is available through the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, Department of Planning, (518) 474-0415 or rreinhar@nysnet.net .

HUD Canal Corridor Initiative

The NYS DOT directly administers the Community Development Block Grant Program for non-entitlement areas in New York through the Buffalo and New York field offices. In 1997, HUD provided approximately \$6.5 million to small cities located along the New York State Erie Canal Corridor System. In FY 1999, \$1.0 million was set aside for the Canal Corridor Initiative. The grants will be made in conjunction with Section 108 loan guarantees and will be the catalyst to provide jobs and economic revitalization along New York's entire canal corridor.

The HUD Office of Block Grants at the HUD Office of Community Planning and Development may be contacted for additional program information at (212) 264-0771.

National Parks Service Heritage Preservation Grants

The National Parks Service Heritage Preservation Services Division provides a broad range of products and services, financial assistance and incentives, educational guidance, and technical information to help communities identify, evaluate, protect and preserve historic properties for future generations of Americans. The Division:

- Uses the latest in computer technologies to help its project partners conduct research and plan for the preservation of historic and cultural resources;
- Helps with almost every aspect of cultural resource management – from planning and evaluation to repair and rehabilitation;
- Provides partnership funding to protect historic resources nationwide including grants for planning and preservation and administers the Federal Historic Preservation Tax Credit; and
- Provides training grants and internship opportunities in the field of cultural resources preservation.

With regard to partnership funding, the NPS HPS administers four programs particularly applicable to the Seneca Lake Scenic Byway:

- The Historic Preservation Fund is a federal matching grant program that encourages private and non-federal investment in historic preservation efforts by providing grants to states, Indian tribes and to the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Funding is most often used to pay part of the costs of surveys, statewide historic preservation plans or to prepare national Register nominations, architectural studies, historic structures reports and engineering studies;
- The Tribal Preservation Program works with Indian Tribes to preserve and protect resources and traditions that are important to Native Americans. Its main purpose is to help Indian tribes strengthen their own community preservation programs through grant awards and training opportunities;
- The American Battlefield Protection Program helps states, communities, not-for-profit organizations and individual citizens become the stewards of significant historic battlefields. Grants are awarded to organizations sponsoring planning and educational projects at historic battlefields; and
- The Challenge Cost-Share Program helps parks, Trails and NPS offices work with local organizations to preserve natural, recreational and cultural resources inside and outside park boundaries.

The local USDA, Forest Service, FLNF located in Hector, NY, Schuyler and Seneca Counties, recently bought the point of land on Seneca Lake known as Caywood Point. This 214 acre point has historic and cultural value to the region, in that it was the place known as 'Fossenvue,' where the beginning of the nation's local women's movement began out of their association with the Iroquois women whom already had equality in their culture. The point already has a building on the property which is on the National Historic Register, known as "The Queens Castle." This was part of a small camp located on the point where the women used to meet. Part of Caywood point's history has also been documented through one of the local families in the area, the Hazlitt's (who also still have farms in the area and own a winery.) Previous to this history, during the late 1700's when the local Iroquois Nation was located in this region, the Seneca natives showed the point to a pioneer George Faussett who settled it before 1790. (Notes from FLNF historic, cultural collection from the local families.) Because of this local history and cultural background all of the above programs could be used as sources of funding for the Byway project.

Additional information on the National Parks Service Heritage Preservation Services is available through the National Center for Cultural Resources Stewardship and Partnership Programs, (202) 343-9583 or hps-info@nps.gov.

Environmental Protection Fund and Local Waterfront Revitalization Programs

The Environmental Protection Fund is the state's first permanent fund dedicated to addressing a broad range of environmental needs. Funding is provided through the NYS Department of State Division of Coastal Resources, markets and the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation. The Environmental Protection Fund is administered by the Department of Environmental Conservation; additional information may be obtained by contacting (518) 485-3000.

NYS Department of State Division of Coastal Resources provides financial assistance to local governments for local waterfront revitalization activities. Potential projects include the preparation and implementation of general local waterfront revitalization programs, preparation and implementation of inter-municipal waterbody management plans, waterfront revitalization, and public coastal education.

Currently, a Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan (LWRP) is being prepared for all of Seneca Lake. The County anticipates NYS adoption of the plan. In addition, the Department of State has provided funding to the Genesee Finger Lakes Regional Planning Commission and Central New York Regional Planning to develop a Finger Lakes Water Quality Management Plan. The Seneca Lake Intermunicipal Organization oversees the effort that involves at least 50 local government bodies and the Seneca Lake Watershed Network, an active citizens group.

A Seneca Lake Scenic Byway not-for-profit organization may apply for Environmental Protection Fund funding for the implementation of the Schuyler County LWRP, development of Village and City waterfront revitalization plans, implementation of Byway Management Plan site designs, regional water body management plans, and Hector Town/Seneca Lake educational efforts. The New York Department of State

Division of Coastal Resources may be contacted at (518) 474-6000 for additional program and funding application information.

Clean Water/Clean Air Bond Act Parks and Historic Preservation

The Clean Water/Clean Air Bond Act provides \$1.75 billion for priority environmental programs in five major categories including Clean Water, Environmental Restoration, Safe Drinking Water, Solid Waste and Clean Air.

The New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation administers three programs under the Bond Act:

- The Parks program offers funding to projects which preserve, rehabilitate or restore lands, waters and structures for use by all segments of the population for park, recreation or conservation purposes;
- The Historic Preservation Program provides funding for projects which protect, preserve, rehabilitate or restore properties on the State or National Register for use by all segments of the population for park, recreation or preservation purposes; and
- The Heritage Areas program provides funding for projects to preserve rehabilitate or restore lands, waters or structures identified in a Heritage Area management plan approved by the Parks Commissioner.

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation administers the full New York State Clean Air/Clean Water Bond Act program. Additional program and funding information may be obtained by contacting (518) 485-3000.

Department of State – Quality Communities Program

The New York State Department of State Quality Communities Program provided funding in 2000 for innovative planning and community development techniques that link environmental protection, economic prosperity and community well being. Local governments may submit grant applications for projects that address community revitalization, livable neighborhoods, open space and critical environmental area preservation, sustainable economic development, intergovernmental partnerships, collaborative planning efforts or public awareness. Additional program information may be obtained by contacting the New York Department of State Division of Local Governments at (518) 474-4769.

Private Corporations and Foundations

Private foundation and corporate charity programs donate millions of dollars to community projects each year. Several directories exist which outline the amount and nature of funding that each foundation provides. Private foundations and corporate donation programs provide funding for environmental projects, scenic and historic preservation, community education, recreation and civic projects. Examples of potential sources include the:

- **American Express Foundation** which makes grants in three program areas: employees and advisors in their local communities; Cultural heritage with the twin themes of protecting the “built and natural environment” and supporting “art and culture unique to countries and regions”; and Economic Independence, with an emphasis on supporting initiatives that “encourage, support or develop economic self-reliance”. Information on the American Express Foundation is available at <http://home3.americanexpres.com/corp/philanthropy>; and
- **New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA)** is a state funding agency that provides support for activities of nonprofit arts and cultural organizations to bring artistic programs of high quality to the citizens of the state. The NYSCA Architecture and Planning program encourage applications for projects that address streetscapes, public space design, transportation linkages, growth management and open space planning. Additional information regarding NYSCA’s programs is available at www.nysca.org .

Once specific projects have been identified, lists of additional potential funding sources may be obtained through a search of the Sponsored programs Information Network (SPIN) or the Foundation Center web site located at fdncenter.org . Individual funding should be pursued based upon the unique features of each project. High profile projects may be excellent opportunities to utilize corporate sponsorship.

Operational Funding

Funding for the Seneca Lake Scenic Byway operational expenses may be obtained through membership fees and in-kind donations and the proceeds of Byway activities. Potential revenue sources include guidebook sales, advertisements in Scenic Byway publications, visitor center or festival admissions fees and gift shop sales. In some cases, corporate or foundation funding is also available.

11. Implementation Recommendations

The SLBI will guide the Seneca Lake Scenic Byway Proposal through the nomination process. Upon designation, the SLBI will implement the CMP. The following tables summarize the goals of this process.

- Protect the intrinsic and scenic resources along the Scenic Byway route;
- Install proposed corridor signage;
- Develop tourist structures;
- Market the Seneca Lake Scenic Byway;
- Develop the region's tourist and hospitality economy; and

Where appropriate, potential management partners have been identified.

The Implementation Tables will be thoroughly reviewed and revised before seeking the approval of the citizens of Hector, Lodi and surrounding areas, the Board's of the Villages and Towns, and the DOT. All interested Hector residents, are encouraged to review and discuss each action, step, and desired responsible party before approving this document, and forwarded to the Town Boards, and DOT.

Tables located in [Appendix D](#) of this document are in suggested form only:

Table 1 – General Recommendations

Table 2 – Intrinsic & Scenic Resource Protection Recommendations

Table 3 – Corridor Signage Recommendations

Table 4 – Tourism Amenities Recommendations

Table 5 – Marketing Recommendations

Table 6 – Tourism/Economic Development Recommendations

Table 7 – Roadway & Right-of-Way Management Recommendations

12. Monitoring the Trail

The New York State Scenic Byway program seeks to improve tourist related economic activity through the promotion of alternative travel routes, resource development and regional marketing efforts. Monitoring changes in tourist activity along the Seneca Lake Scenic Byway will help determine the impacts of Scenic Byway designation and effectiveness of various Scenic Byway management efforts.

Tourist activity within the Seneca Lake region is difficult if not impossible to measure accurately. Travelers are not asked to identify their residences when they arrive in the region, residents of the Byway share resources with visitors, and businesses serving visitors do not differentiate income from tourist versus residents.

While the SLBI may choose to obtain primary data regarding the influence of Scenic Byway designation on tourism activity in the region, it would be difficult and expensive to generate original information.

New York State generates several measures of tourism related activity on an annual basis. This data is available at no cost and may be used to compare Hector region tourist activity with other parts of the County and State. The following data sets are available for the Seneca Lake region and will be used to track increased tourist activity and impact to the area:

Tourism Statistics

Finger Lakes Region Conversion Study

Land and Water-Based Recreation Use Statistics

Boater registrations
Fishing License Sales
State Park Attendance

Employment and Economic Impact Statistics

Travel and Tourism related employment and payroll
Hotel occupancy tax receipts

This section will summarize exhibited trends in tourism related activity around the Towns of Hector and Lodi, and Seneca Lake. Where possible, data will be obtained on an annual basis for five years or more. The data will be used as a benchmark to measure changes in tourist activity that occur after Scenic Byway designation. While data on the specific impacts of actions such as sign installation or regional marketing efforts will continue to be elusive, general changes in tourist activity may be tracked through annual reviews of the following tourist statistics.

Finger Lakes Region Conversion Study

In 1998 and 1999, the O'Brien Group completed a conversion study for the Counties of the Central Finger Lakes Region. The study involved the distribution of a tourism related survey to individuals requesting information on the Central Finger Lakes Region in September and October of 1998. Four hundred responses or 18.8% were usable. Of those responding 95.5% received their requested visitor information and 76.9% found the information to be very helpful in planning their visit to the Central

Finger Lakes region. 56.75% actually made the trip to the Central Finger Lakes Region while 25.5% planned to visit the Central Finger Lakes Region in the near future. 81.9% indicated that the Central Finger Lakes Region was their primary destination, while 18.1% indicated their trip was a stopover on route to another destination.

The respondents indicated the main purpose for making their trip to the Central FLR was vacation/sightseeing. Shopping and visiting the Parks were listed as the most popular activities. Other visitor activities included participating in festivals and events, visiting museums, taking boat tours, and visiting wineries. 81.2% of respondents rated the travel experience as either one of the best or above average; 58.8% rated the travel value to be either excellent or above average. 87.1% of respondents traveled to the Central Finger Lakes Region by car.

Approximately 60% of the visitors stayed in hotels/motels; camping, friends and relatives, bed and breakfast inns also had strong response rates. The average length of stay was 3.33 days. The average number of people in a traveling party was 3.63 people. Most parties consisted of adults, with 23.2% of visitors was in the 40-50, 50-59 and over 60 age brackets; 38.4% of respondents had annual incomes of over \$60,000. Visitors estimated that they spent \$202.70 per day or \$675.00 per trip.

Boat Registrations

As indicated by the conversion study, water related tourism comprises a substantial portion of the tourism activity around Seneca Lake. The number of boats registered provides one measure of the volume of boat activity on the Lake. Any boat 16 feet or longer using a motor for power, including sailboats with auxiliary motors, must be registered with the New York Department of Motor Vehicles. Registrations are documented by both county of residence and county of use. Because boats may be used outside of the designated regions, the number of boat registrations serves only as an indication of the level of boat activity within a County.

13. The Inventory

In the Fall of 2007, representatives of the West Hector Community Association, Scenic Byway Project Team from the Town of Hector, conducted an inventory of the proposed Seneca Lake Scenic Byway route. The Byway inventory was reviewed by those representatives who gathered all the information.

This section defines each of the types of resources located along the Byway and provides an inventory of existing conditions and resources along the Byway route. The inventory is based upon the 2007 site visits and text-based inventories such as the Seneca Lake Scenic Byway NYS Historical Markers, and existing public and private amenities along the route.

Evaluation forms will be developed for landscape character units, scenic resources, intrinsic resources, roadway conditions and signage conditions, to further rate the proposed Seneca Lake Scenic Byway's attributes and resources.

The Inventory serves three purposes:

- Determine areas for preservation, enhancement or remediation;
- Highlight areas with future development potential; and
- Serve as a data resource for future Byway marketing efforts.

Visual Resources

The Seneca Lake Scenic Byway offers travelers a wide variety of visual experiences. In addition to striking views of the Lake, gorges and streams, travelers encounter beautiful stretches of agriculture, woodlands and wineries. This section summarizes the landscape character and scenic resources or views located along the Seneca Lake Scenic Byway route.

Definitions:

Landscape Character Units

Landscape character units are areas of homogenous landscape character or areas that have similar visual characteristics. The visual units for the Seneca Lake Scenic Byway evaluation consist of distinct categories: agriculture, old field, fruit farming, woodlot, marsh, creek, shoreline, commercial, industrial, residential, open space, recreation and institutional.

The corridor's landscape character units were evaluated for several reasons:

- To determine the character of the corridor and how the visual character changes from area to area;
 - To evaluate the quality of the landscape;
 - To identify how the land character can be used to promote tourism and economic development along the Seneca Lake Scenic Byway and Seneca Lake.
- Each landscape unit is described as having high, medium or low visual quality.

Mapping the information helps demonstrate and evaluate the visual quality along the corridor through character composites.

A recommendation to preserve, enhance or remediate was determined for each landscape character unit. A preserve recommendation indicates an area of high quality, which accent the character theme for that section of the corridor. An enhance recommendation identifies an area that maintains the overall visual theme but could be improved by removing visual impediments (i.e. vegetation), increasing corridor vegetation, or better defining the Byway. A remediate recommendation indicates an area that requires increased attention because it is considered blighted; remediation could include anything from building demolition to vegetative screening. Landscape Character Units are defined as follows:

Agriculture – Land where there is evidence of active agricultural field production.

Old Field – Land where there is evidence of past agricultural use but the parcel shows evidence of natural succession vegetative growth.

Fruit Farming – Land cultivated as an orchard or vineyard or other form of fruit farm.

Woodlot – Land predominantly occupied by trees.

Marsh – Low-lying areas that demonstrate evidence of standing water or functional wetlands.

Creek – Land immediately adjacent to creek corridors.

Shoreline – Land immediately adjacent to Seneca Lake.

Commercial – Land dedicated to commercial purposes including but not limited to restaurants, retail establishments, office uses, etc.

Industrial – Land dedicated to industrial purposes such as manufacturing, warehouse and distribution.

Residential – Land formally reserved as open space including passive use parks, cemeteries and nature preserves.

Recreation – Land occupied by active recreation facilities.

Institutional – Land utilized for institutional uses including educational facilities, government offices, libraries, etc.

The area of the corridor evaluated is the area capable of being seen from the Byway route roadways. The distance from the roadway included varies based upon the size of landscape character units and topography, but generally results in a distance of approximately one quarter of a mile.

The Summary of views which depicts the landscape character unit inventory is presented for both the Seneca Lake Scenic Byway route and a few other locations adjacent to the proposed Byway that are also of importance. See page 11.

Scenic Resources

Scenic resources are visually appealing natural and cultural resources that offer a heightened or memorable visual experience (NY State Byway Program definition) and are unique to the corridor. They include views to natural resources such as water or landform features or to specific built features. Scenic resources are express “views” and “sightlines.” Views include view-sheds (panoramas or extended open vistas) and viewpoints (singular places of extended sightlines). Sightlines focus on view with a specific distant terminal point.

The Byway’s scenic resources are evaluated in order to:

- Identify the locations of key views that make the corridor a unique driving experience;
- Determine the quality of views and sightlines along the Byway corridor;
- Identify areas that should be protected enhanced and capitalized upon to increase the potential for corridor use.

The scenic resources are mapped to show the locations of unique views and sightlines. Views and sightlines are evaluated for visual quality based on a high, medium and low ranking system. The condition of the view is then evaluated through a recommendation to preserve, enhance or remediate. Preserve indicates a view of high visual quality that is diverse, distant and develops the Byway's character. Enhance identifies an area that has development potential but requires remediation. A remediate recommendation is applied to a blighted view, which may require remediation through screening. Scenic Resources are defined as:

View-shed – A view that is accented when vegetation or landforms open up to offer a distant view.

Panorama – A panoramic or distant view with a wide cone of vision, unobstructed by vegetation or built forms; the view may have a focus or end point.

Obstructed View – A view of high visual quality that is partially obstructed by built form or vegetation (thinning required to enhance the view).

Tunnel Effect – A sightline or contained view that is defined by the vegetation or natural forms that frame the view along the driving route.

Contained View – A contained view has a strong sense of enclosure when vegetation and topography define the view in a bowl-like space.

Road Conformity – The view of the road that conforms to the contours of the landscape; it appears as an inherent component of the natural landscape.

Built Form – Signature buildings or building groupings that provide containment or a focus to a view.

Valley View – A valley view leads the eye in distance.

Overlook – An overlook is a distant view from a natural high point in the landscape.

Incompatible Built Form – Buildings that appear out of scale, poorly sited, or have an intrusive façade. This term could also include views that are obstructed by a built form, vegetation or dense roadside development. The term also includes visually intrusive culverts, pipes, riprap swales and concrete channels that detract from scenic quality.

The inventory of the landscape character units and scenic resources for each amenity located along the proposed Seneca Lake Scenic Byway route, is located in the Summary of Views section, page 12.

Intrinsic Resources

Intrinsic resources are those attractions, sites and facilities, which relate to the inherent nature of the Scenic Byway. They include natural resources, recreation resources, tourism resources, cultural resources and historical resources.

Natural resources can be found in unusual geologic formations, topography, climate, hydrologic features, wildlife and habitats for rare or endangered species. Natural resources are rated under the following: hydrology, wetland, surface water, old-growth vegetation, new growth vegetation, wildlife, habitat, topography/landform, exposed substrate, and other geology.

A recreational resource includes active and passive, public and private recreation facilities and features. These include state and local parks, indoor recreation facilities, trails and water access. Recreational resources are inventoried using the following categories: playground, swimming, biking, snowmobiling, hunting, state park, boat cruise, nature study, skiing, camping, local park, marina/boat launch, sports facility, trail, picnic area, rowing, golf course, ice skating and fishing.

Tourism resources include the numerous sites and facilities that serve and entertain the visitor. Tourism resources include information centers, restaurants, emergency services, resorts, hotel/motels, comfort station, retail, camping, maritime, bed & breakfast/inns and theme attractions.

Cultural resources are those sites, people and events that capture the heritage of the Town's or region's communities. Cultural resources include historic markers, wineries, college/schools, ethnic/cultural resources, theaters, museums, economic heritage, cemeteries, gardens, farm markets, churches, architecture, agriculture, government buildings, and fairs/festivals.

The Seneca Lake Scenic Byway's Intrinsic Resources are evaluated to:

- Identify patterns of development occurring along the route which could be enhanced;
- Develop theme areas along the corridor;
- Identify areas that can be improved upon and locations for support facilities;
- Identify opportunities for themes, clustering, and enhancing the intrinsic resources.

Mapping the intrinsic resources demonstrates the clustering of facilities and the quality of the clusters along the Lake. Intrinsic resources were identified as being of high, medium or low quality. Based upon their condition, resources were identified for preservation, enhancement or remediation.

Natural Resources

Seneca Lake is a product of the Ice Age, when continental glaciers carved out an ancient river valley into a long, deep channel. When the last glacier melted more than twelve thousand years ago, dams of earth, known as moraines, were left at either end of the valley. Streams then eroded incredible gorges into the steep lakeshores, which now keep the lake full with more than 2.5 trillion gallons of water. Seneca Lake is 35 miles in length, 618 feet at its deepest point, has a volume of 4.2 trillion gallons of water, and a shoreline of 76 miles. (according to the Life in the Fingerlakes website : http://www.lifeinthefingerlakes.com/finger_lakes_magazine_006.htm)

The Seneca Lake Basin has excellent bird watching for much of the year. The area is particularly noted for its spring and fall waterfowl and its spring land bird migrants. In mid-October of each year, more than 500,000 Canada geese and other species of waterfowl fly south for the winter over Seneca Lake, returning north in the spring.

Indigenous Plants and Animals

Enclosed in this document in [Appendix C](#), is a full listing of the Natural Resources in Schuyler County, arranged by Town. This report entitled "*Unique Natural Assets of Schuyler County, New York*" was researched and authored by John and Sue Gregoire, owners of the Kestrel Haven Avian Migration Observatory a wildlife refuge located in Hector, NY. This report was compiled in May 2001 and lists flora and fauna, which reside and flourish in our area. It includes listings of the birds, mammals, butterflies, dragonflies, fish, mollusks, reptiles, amphibians, trees and other rare native plants living in this Seneca Lake area, (50 pages.)

In June 2002, the American Bird Conservancy commissioned a National Geographic map of the USA which was entitled Important Bird Areas in the United States. In NY, the Roger Tory Peterson Institute, CLO, Braddock Bay Bird Observatory, Derby Hill Bird Observatory, Montezuma NWR and our local Kestrel Haven Avian Migration Observatory in Burdett, Hector, were noted and highlighted.

Forests

The Finger Lakes National Forest

Located on State Route 414 in Hector, the FLNF is the only National Forest in NY State and covers 16,032 acres.

Smith Park

Located on State Route 414 via Bond/Smith Park Road or via Peach Orchard Point Road

Old Growth Forest areas

Woodlots

Located along Route 414
Places in Burdett on 79

Nature Centers

The Finger Lakes National Forest

Located on State Route 414 in Hector.

Water Bodies

- Seneca Lake
- FLNF Ponds
- Other Ponds along route 414
- Burdett
- Valois
- Lodi

Wildlife Refuge

Finger Lakes National Forest

Kestrel Haven Avian Migration Observatory

Adjacent to the Hector Byway on route 79 is the KHAMO located in Burdett, which boasts 60-acres of sanctuary. Among the sanctuary's ever-increasing array of wildlife inhabitants are 215 avian species, several reptiles and amphibians, many woodland mammals, and many species of butterflies, dragonflies, and damselflies. An inviting migratory stopover and year-round sanctuary for birds and other wildlife, this sanctuary and bird banding station provides invaluable data for assessing the biological health of the area. Daily weather data is transmitted to the National Weather Service and then made available worldwide. These data form the "official" weather database for Schuyler County. This facility is a private entity and open by invitation only.

Queen Catharine's Marsh

Located between Watkins Glen and Montour Falls

Recreation Resources

The Hector area abounds in year-round recreational opportunities many of which are linked to the presence of Seneca Lake. Residents and visitors enjoy water-based activities such as swimming, boating, or fishing as well as hiking, cross country skiing, ice-skating and snowmobiling.

The region's public parks offer diverse recreational opportunities, including active playing fields, hiking trails, boat launch facilities and picnic areas. In addition, private business and municipal organizations offer extensive boating, fishing, golfing, hunting, ice-skating, soccer, tennis and multi-use trail opportunities.

Parks - Municipal

Hector:

Smith Park – Facilities include camping, picnic area, playground, and docking.

VLH Firehouse Ball fields

Burdett Public Park (ball fields behind the old school)

Lodi: public fields

Boating

Captain Bill's Seneca Lake Cruises, Watkins Glen Pier Hector, NY 14841

Seneca Daysails ph. 607-535-LAKE www.senecadaysails.com

Glen Harbor Marina

Ervay's Marina

Montour Marina

Village Marina

Smith Park Boat dock - Facilities include docking, and picnic tables.

Lodi Point Park dock

Fishing Areas

Seneca Lake & tributaries

Hector/Watkins Glen natural pull-off area beginning of Hector Route 414 next to Watkins Glen and the southern tip of Seneca Lake

Hector Falls

Smith Park

Saw Mill Gully

Horseback Riding & Golfing

FLNF and other trails, and several local golf courses

Hunting

FLNF & private landowners

Ice Skating

FLNF, private ponds

Tennis Courts

Watkins Glen Clute Park

Trails

Hector:

Watkins Glen natural pull-off area – beginning of Hector Route 414 next to Watkins Glen and the southern tip of Seneca Lake – trails begin next to this point

FLNF – many trails in the forest and some which connect to the Finger Lakes

Trails, and Interlaken trails, and the Appalachian trail, etc.

Smith Park trails, Burdett

Lodi:

Tourism Resources

Existing Facilities

Hector Falls pull-over (Chalet Leon Hotel)
FLNF Office on Route 414
Hector's Smith park office
Lodi Point Park

Service Stations

Dandy Mart on route 414, Hector
Dandy Mart on route 79, Burdett

Campgrounds

FLNF
Smith Park
Johnson's Campground - (behind Big Johnson's Bar)

Lodging

Chalet Leon at Hector Falls Rt. 414, Burdett, NY 14818
Country Gardens B & B 5116 Rt. 414 Burdett, NY 14818 ph. (607) 546-2272
countrygardens@prodigy.net www.bbhost.com/countrygardens
Magnolia Place B & B 5240 Rt. 414 Hector, NY 14841
ph. 607-546-5338 fax. 607-546-5339
magplace414@aol.com www.magnoliaplace414.com
Norbud Farm B & B PO Box 234, 5245 Norbud Rd. Hector, NY 14841
ph. 607-546-8388 fax. 607-546-7778
lpwelliver@aol.com www.Norbudbb.com
Peeper Pond Guest House 4185 Ball Diamond Rd. Hector, NY 14841
ph. 607-546-8526 clc45@hotmail.com
Pinecone Bungalow B & B 4751 Rt. 414, PO Box 204 Hector, NY 14841
ph. 888-811-7203 pinebun@localnet.com www.pineconebungalow.com
Rocking Horse Rest B & B 3624 Cty. Rd. 2 Hector, NY 14841
ph. 607-426-0644 or 607-546-6653
Seneca Springs Resort PO Box 101, Rt 414 Hector, NY 14841
ph. (607) 546-4066 senecasprings@htva.net www.senecasprings.com
The Birches Guest House 3560 Rte. 79 Burdett, NY 14818
ph. 607-546-2830 birches@onlineimage.com www.lightlink.com/birches
The Inn at Chateau LaFayette Reneau PO Box 238, Rt. 414 Hector, NY 14841
ph. 607-546-2062 clrwine@aol.com www.clrwine.com
Windswept Farms 3934 Tichenor Rd. Hector, NY 14841
ph. (607) 546-2864 windswept3934@aol.com

SEASONAL COTTAGE RENTALS

24 DUCKS Cottage Rental East Side Seneca Lake Hector, NY 14841
ph. 540-463-4440 24ducks@adelphia.net users.adelphia.net/~24ducks/

Coppola Cottage Rental 5770 Mapes-Mathews Rd. Hector, NY 14841
ph. 607-529-6305

Dunham's Lakeside 5398 Peach Orchard Point Hector, NY 14841
ph. 302-644-8899 info@dunhamlakeside.com www.dunhamlakeside.com

Taylor's Boat House East Side Seneca Lake Hector, NY 14841
ph. 607-387-3884 www.audiferous.com/taylor

Restaurants and Food

Chalet Leon Restaurant/Bar

Skyland Farm Craft Gallery & Cafe 4966 Rt. 414 Burdett, NY 14818 ph. 607-546-5050 www.skylandfarm.net

Dandy Mart

Burdett Pantry Station

Big Johnson's Bar and Grill

StoneCat Cafe 5315 Rte. 414, Hector

Chateau LaFayette Reneau 5081 Route 414, Hector ???

Logan Ridge Winery & Restaurant 3800 Ball Diamond Rd., Hector

Red Newt Cellars & Bistro 3675 Tichenor Road, Hector

Grist Mill in Burdett

Suzanne's in Lodi

Eagle Hotel in Lodi

Historic Resources (view [Appendix A](#) to view photos)

Hector

- Historic marker #1 Railroad Tunnel 1892 on Satterly Hill Road
- Historic marker #3 Ciprich House built 1780
- Historic marker #4 Sullivan-Clinton Military Route 1779
- Historic marker #5 Presbyterian Church 1827
- Historic marker #6 Methodist Church 1842
- Historic marker #7 Baptist Church and Grange Hall 1836, Tug Hollow Road
- Historic marker #8 CCC Camp 1930's, west of Gates Farm
- Historic marker #9 Willow Grove Mills 1820, adjoins the Village Park
- Historic marker #12, [Con-Daw-Haw Site Of Iroquois Village Consisting Of Cornfields Long House & Cabins Destroyed Sept. 4, 1779 By Gen. Sullivan's Troops *Location: On NYS 414 At Valois*]
- Historic marker #13, [Early Settler States Survey 1790 Locates Here Cabin One Masters With Twenty Acres Cleared Land *Location: On NYS 414 N. Of Hector*]
- Historic marker #14, [Peach Orchard (Ga-Di-Odji-Ya-Da) Site Of Iroquois Village Gen. Sullivan Camped Here September 3, 1779 *Location: On NYS 414 At Hector*]
- Historic marker #16, [Camp Site Gen. Hand's Light Corps Camp, Extending West Here Sullivan-Clinton Campaign September 3, 1779 *Location: On NYS 414 At Hector*]
- Historic marker #17, [Camp Site Gen. Clinton's Camp, Line East-West Sullivan-Clinton Campaign September 3, 1779 *Location: On Town Rd. About 1 Mile Southwest Of Hector*]
- Historic marker #18, [Camp Site Gen. Maxwell's Brigade Camp Extending North Here Sullivan-Clinton Campaign September 3, 1779 *Location: On Town Rd. About 1 Mile*]

South Of Hector]

- Historic marker #19, [Military Route Of The Sullivan-Clinton Army On Its Campaign Against The British And Indians Of Western New York In 1779 *Location*: On NYS 414 About 1/2 Mile South Of Hector]
- Historic marker #20, [Camp Site Gen. Poor's Brigade Camp, Line North-South Sullivan-Clinton Campaign September 3, 1779 *Location*: On NYS 414 About 1/2 Mile South Of Hector]
- Historic marker #22 William Wyckham, [Site Of Cabin Of William Wyckham First Settler In Town Of Hector 1791 Direct Descendant Of Earl Of Wyckham *Location*: On NYA 414 About 2 Miles South Of Hector]
- Hector Round Schoolhouse

Lodi

- Caywood Point, Native American and early settler history
- Caywood Point "Fossenvue" Historical site
- Eagle Hotel, Historical Hotel on route 414
- Lodi Historical Society
- Lodi Library

Cemeteries

(Source: <http://www.rootsweb.com/~nyschuyl/resource.htm#Hector,%20NY%20cemeteries>)

Beckhorn / Elyse-Curry / Curry - Sgrecci-Howard List

Bennetsburg Church - Sgrecci-Howard List

Bond Farm Plot - Fenton List

Bronson Hill Road (see Saylor Burying Ground)

Burdett Baptist Church Cem (Tug Hollow Rd.) - Fenton List

Burdett Presbyterian Church - Sgrecci-Howard List

Burge Velie Farm Cem - Sgrecci-Howard List

Carman / Quaker Friends - Sgrecci-Howard List - artistic photos of this cemetery are on Laura Moore's site.

Old Cayutaville - Sgrecci-Howard List, with an additional reading of the SMITH burials (c.1933)

Clawson - Sgrecci-Howard List

Cronk - Sgrecci-Howard List

Darling (on Bronson Hill Rd.) - Sgrecci-Howard List

Darling Plot - 2 readings from DAR book at the NY State Library - sent by Lynn Stevenson Fisher.

Eddy - Sgrecci-Howard List

Eldred - Sgrecci-Howard List

Everts / Matthews - Sgrecci-Howard List

Grant - Lynn Stevenson Fisher's 2003 update, with the Sgrecci-Howard List from the 1980s.

Harvey / Buckhill Rd - updated April 2001 - read by Alan Chaffee in Dec 1981 & by Georgianna Stevenson & Karen Dickson in the mid-1990s.

Hector Presbyterian Church - Sgrecci-Howard List

Hector Presbyterian Church - 2002 PyleVersion - update to Fenton List by Bert & Barbara Pyle.

Hector Union (large) - Fenton List - updated in May 2002.

Isaac Morris Cem. - Sgrecci-Howard List

- Jones / Perry City** - Sgrecci-Howard List - many lived in Ulysses, Tompkins co... See Jones Cem. Assoc. Website.
- Lathrop Farm Plot / Seeley** - Sgrecci-Howard List
- Logan** - Fenton List updated in July 2002, thanks to the Logan Cem. Assoc. & W. E. Fenton.
- Matson Roadside Plot** (Strosenhouse Farm) - Sgrecci-Howard List - 1 stone
- McIntyre Settlement Cem.** - Sgrecci-Howard List
- McIntyre Settlement Cem** - listing from DAR book at the NY State Library - sent by Lynn Stevenson Fisher.
- McNetton Farm Cem** - Sgrecci-Howard List
- Mecklenburg Union Cem** - Sgrecci-Howard List
- Newtown Road** - Sgrecci-Howard List
- Old Episcopal Church Cem / Sked Cem** - Sgrecci-Howard List
- Peach Orchard** - 7 deaths from the Town Register (see Hector Presbyterian Cem.)
- Peck Farm Plot**
- Pike Farm Plot** - Sgrecci-Howard List
- Poor House Cem / Town Farm** - Sgrecci-Howard List - with history notes.
- Potts Cem** - Fenton List
- Quaker Settlement / Friends**-a link to the Seneca co. page which describes the early Quaker burial places in the Hector/Ulysses area that was in Seneca, then Tompkins, and now bordering Schuyler co., NY.
- Quaker - Friends Cemetery** - Fenton List
- Reynolds Plot** - Fenton List - 1 stone
- Reynoldsville** - Sgrecci-Howard List
- Saylor Burying Ground (Bronson Hill Rd.)** - Sgrecci-Howard List, with additions from a helpful local in March 2002.
- Saylor Burying Ground** - 2 readings from DAR book at the NY State Library - sent by Lynn Stevenson Fisher.
- Searsburg** - Fenton List - some stones may have been moved to the Jones Cem. nearby
- Strader** - Sgrecci-Howard List
- Valois / Seneca Union** - updated in July 2002, thanks to the Cem. Assoc. /Don Quigley - many older burials.
- Van Dorn Farm Plot** - - Sgrecci-Howard List - cemetery no longer exists

Museums & Libraries

The Hector Pert Library
Watkins Glen Racing Museum and Library
Schuyler County Historic Society Museum in Montour Falls
Burdett Historic Society
Museum of the Earth (on Cayuga Lake)

Educational

FLNF Ranger Station

Performing Arts

Lodi Historical Society

Churches

Burdett Church on main street.
Burdett Church on 2nd street.
Hector Presbyterian Church 1827
Logan Church/Community Center
Reynoldsville Church
#6 Methodist Church 1842
#7 Baptist Church and Grange Hall 1836, Tug Hollow Road
Valois Church
Lodi Presbyterian Church
Lodi Methodist Church

Agriculture

The population of Hector was 4,854 people, as of the 2000 Census, and Hector has over 100 farms. Hector is located in Agriculture District #1 of Schuyler County.

According to the Schuyler County Agricultural Development and Farmland Protection Plan report, 2-1 Agricultural Inventory:

“The total area of Schuyler County is about 331 square miles (approximately 212,000 acres). Elevation ranges from 445 feet along Seneca lake to 2,080 feet in the southwestern part of the County (Sugar Hill). The growing season, as a result, varies considerably. It generally ranges from 108 to 158 days with an average of approximately 133 days. Seneca Lake, however, moderates temperatures sufficiently along its borders to accommodate vineyards and other fruits. Precipitation averages about 34.4 inches per year.”

2-3 “District #1 includes 60 properties and 10, 796 acres in the Towns of Hector and Montour (mostly the former). There were an additional 7 to 10 commercial farms in the Town of Hector that did not enroll in the District when it was created. These included a few large dairy farms of 800 or more acres plus several smaller farms of 10 to 20 acres.”

“The Forestry Sector Trees are one of Schuyler County’s most important agricultural crops. Still, their value is often underrated because the crop rotation period is so long and the economic returns not as frequent or obvious as they are with other agricultural industries. Some 123, 900 acres or 59% of Schuyler County is forested and 118,600 acres of this is considered timberland. Sawtimber represents 59,400 acres with the remainder consisting of seedlings, sapling, and pole timber. A total of 68% of the timberland is owned by farmers or other private entities. It is a valuable income-producing asset for many landowners in the County. The State and Federal governments also own 37,030 acres that serve to support the County’s tourism industry, among other purposes.

The following is a breakdown of privately owned woodland in the County by forest type:

<u>Forest Type</u>	<u>Acreage</u>
Oak-pine	5,100 acres
Oak-hickory	16,300 acres
Maple-beech-birch	48,400 acres
Aspen-birch	11,400 acres
<u>Total Timberland</u>	<u>81,200 acres</u>

“These largely hardwood forests produce high-quality timber and the spectacular fall foliage that attract tourism throughout the Northeast.”

According to the County Agricultural District #1 Renewal report, May 2003,

“Due to the presence of well-drained soils, the protective climate of Seneca Lake, and an agriculture-friendly infrastructure, District #1 is a regionally significant collection of farm resources: The Town of Hector is noted for its diverse farmland resources. It is the historic base of the Hector Grazing Area, a federal pasture program dating from the 1930’s. Climate in the western portion of this district is dominated by Seneca Lake. It creates a unique thermal sink that protects valuable fruit crops grown within one mile of the lakeshore. Few other districts in NY can derive the benefits of a major water feature like Seneca Lake. The Agriculture District Review worksheets indicate diverse farming in the district, dominated by vineyards, dairy, grain crops, and livestock operations. Many gross \$20,000 to \$500,000 annually with moderate capital investment in the last seven years.”

In Part 7 of this report, “Recommendations for Schuyler County Legislature”, states:

“Agricultural District #1 has established a positive base for maintaining the agriculture economy of the Town of Hector. Agriculture is the most valuable commercial sector in Hector, enhancing the scenic, cultural, environmental, and economic characteristics of the town. By reviewing and modifying the Agriculture District as mapped, the Schuyler County Legislature will help sustain the positive benefits of local agriculture.”

This is only a small list of current farms in Hector:

- **Barber Farm**
- **Beattie Farm**
- **Bergen Farms** - Bergen Road, Odessa
Mr. Bergen
Milking Dairy Herd is approximately 1150 cows, and crops
- **Bond Farms**
Stephen Bond - Route 414 Hector
Grapes
Gilbert & Del Bond - Route 414 Hector
Grapes
- **Budd Farm** - Route 414 and Tichenor Road
Budd Adams
Horses, Cows, Grapes, Apples
- **Dalrymple Orchards** - Route 414 Hector
Dalrymple Brothers
Grapes
- **Ely Farm** - Route 414 Burdett
Mr. & Mrs. Ely
Apples, Grapes
- **Engel Farm** - Mathews Road Hector
Kim Engel
Raspberries
- **Gaige Farms** - County Road 6 Alpine
Milking Dairy Herd, and crops
- **Gunning Farm**
James & Martha Gunning - Route 79 Mecklenburg
Small Milking Dairy Herd, and crops
- **Hazlitt Orchards** - Route 414 Hector
Jimmy & Sue Hazlitt
Hazlitt Brothers - Route 414 Hector
- **Murphy Farm**
Mr. & Mrs. Murphy - Mathews Road Hector
Cows, Horses, Hay
- **Norbud Farm** - Route 414 Hector
Scott & Laurie Welliver
Grapes
- **Skyland Farm Petting Farm Craft Gallery & Cafe** 4966 Rt. 414 Burdett, NY 14818 ph. 607-546-5050 www.skylandfarm.net
- **Seneca Valley Farm** - Skyline Drive Burdett
Ed, John & Lance Gates
Milking Dairy Herd approximately 425, and crops
- **Taber Hill Farms**
- **Wickham Farms & Orchards** - Route 414 Hector
Mr. & Mrs. Wickham
Grapes, Cherries, Apples
- **Wickham Farms & Orchards** - Route 5 Burdett
Mr. & Mrs. Wickham
Grapes, Cherries, Apples, all kinds of veggies, & flowers
- **Wickham Brothers** - Route 414 Hector
Grapes, cherries, peaches, other fruits and veggies

Wineries This is only a small list of current wineries along the route:

Atwater Estate Vineyards 5055 Rte. 414, Hector
Bloomer Creek Vineyard 5315 Route. 414, Hector
Catharine Valley Winery 4201 Route 414, Burdett
Chateau LaFayette Reneau 5081 Route 414, Hector
Damiani Wine Cellars
Finger Lakes Champagne House 6075 Route 414, Hector
Hazlitt 1852 Vineyards, Inc. 5712 Route 414, Hector
Leidenfrost Vineyards 5677 Route 414, Hector
Logan Ridge Winery & Restaurant 3800 Ball Diamond Rd. , Hector
Ironwood Wine Cellars 3800 Ball Diamond Rd Hector , NY 14841
Rasta Ranch Vineyards 5882 Route. 414, Hector
Red Newt Cellars & Bistro 3675 Tichenor Road, Hector
Standing Stone Vineyards 9934 Route. 414 Hector , NY 14841
Tickle Hill Winery 3831 Ball Diamond Road , Hector
Silver Springs Winery Route 414
The Domes Winery 4182 Rte. 414, Burdett
Poplar Ridge Winery Route 414, Lodi
Shalestone Winery Route 414, Lodi
Silver Thread Winery Route 414, Lodi
Standing Stone Winery Route 414, Lodi
Wagners Winery & Vineyards Route 414, Lodi
Lamoreaux Landing Winery & Vineyards Route 414, Lodi

Antiques & Shopping

Several Antique shops on Route 414 in Hector and Lodi
Several Crafts shops on Route 414 in Hector and Lodi

Festivals

Burdett's Annual Town Fun day - June
Hector's Annual Fireman's Carnival - July
Hector's Annual Dixieland Jazz Festival – August
Lodi's Pick'n in the Pasture - August

Transportation Resources

Introduction

This inventory examines the transportation infrastructure of the proposed Seneca Lake Scenic Byway program. The roadway corridors which comprise the Byway route must be linked to the regional transportation network, have the capacity to receive additional traffic, suitable surface conditions, and appropriate traffic control devices.

A visual review of the route was completed during the windshield survey of the corridor. The Byway was driven on clear days, covering the entire length, plus separate sections through the Township of Burdett.

Transportation Analysis

During the inventory we have examined the:

- Functional Classifications; Physical Characteristics including:
 - Segment Lengths; 18 miles
 - Number of Lanes; 2
 - Shoulder Width; 5 feet
 - Pavement Width; 20 feet
 - Pavement Type. asphalt
- Traffic Pattern Information including:
 - Speed Limits; varies from 55 to 40 miles per hour
 - Traffic Volume (AADT): low to moderate
 - Amount of Truck Traffic; low to moderate
- Condition Information including:
 - Surface Scores (scale of 1 to 10); 10
 - Dominant Forms of Distress; none – recently paved August 2008.
 - Last year, and type of, roadwork: August 2008

After designation another complete inventory of the Seneca Lake Scenic Byway route will be conducted.

Functional Classifications

The NYS DOT classifies roadways based upon their location, traffic levels and relationship to other roadways. The Hector section of Route 414 is not considered a primary route. The Lodi section of Route 414 is a primary route and is subject to stricter sign regulations and increased motorist and truck traffic.

Roadway Conditions

NYS DOT data regarding roadway conditions along the Seneca Lake Scenic Byway route will be assembled from a DOT Highway Sufficiency Ratings report for the Regions. In addition, general roadway conditions will be evaluated during the windshield survey of the Byway.

Implications of Byway Designation

The proposed Byway routes have sufficient capacity to accept increased traffic levels. According to the DOT, two-lane state highways are capable of accepting up to 18-20,000 vehicles per day before expansion to a four-lane highway becomes necessary. All of the proposed routes have AADT levels that are substantially below this threshold. Further review will be done for the final presentation.

There is a shoulder along most of the route (some portions not paved). The Scenic Byway organization would consider recommendations related to a bicycle lane.

Signage Inventory

During 2005, a complete inventory of signage along the entire length of the Seneca Lake Scenic Byway was completed. The corridor was driven in both directions to ensure all off site advertising signs were identified. A summary of signs along the corridor includes:

<u>Hector - Total Number of Signs 59</u>	
Advertising Signs	47
Billboards	0
Church	4
Service	5
Recreation	3

A preliminary inventory of signage shows:

Off-Site Signage – Seneca Lake Scenic Byway Corridor

#	Location	Advertiser/Owner	Sign Type	
1	Route 414		Recreation	3
2	Route 414		Advertising	47
3	Route 414		Church	4
4	Route 414		Service	5
5	Route 414		Billboard	0

There are 47 advertising signs that are not traditional “billboards” (based on size, height, location, etc.) These advertising signs are for businesses located along the trail or near the trail. Many of the signs are for wineries along the trail or adjacent to the corridor. Other advertising signs include signs for B&B’s, restaurants, retail business and other small businesses. As the summary illustrates, there are 0 billboards located along the proposed scenic byway.

In addition, there are 4 off-site signs that advertise or offer directional information to churches along or adjacent to the corridor. Most of these are located at the entry or exit of Villages or hamlet areas. There are also several signs for service organizations (such as Lions club); a total of 5 were inventoried as outlined in the Table above.

Along the Seneca Lake Scenic Byway corridor, there are 3 signs advertising recreational facilities. These include public parks and private recreational facilities such as golf courses.

Sign Condition

Generally, the Seneca Lake Scenic Byway is “free” of much of the signage that clutters many corridors. With 0 billboards, there is limited remediation that must occur to improve the visual character of the proposed byway. Much of the off-site signage is in fair to good condition, but there are several signs that should be upgraded.

Linkages to the Seneca Lake Scenic Byway

The Seneca Lake Scenic Byway is linked to regional transportation and community resources that tie it to the Finger Lakes region and New York State. The Seneca Lake area may be accessed from the NYS Thruway Route 90 via exits 41 and 42, then south along Routes 14, 414, and 5/20 and 96A. Similarly, the Route 90 Scenic Byway ties Seneca Lake with Interstate 86, and routes 14 and 414 out of Corning.

Travelers along the Seneca Lake Scenic Byway Route are supported by a larger network of communities, accessible by traveling on other Routes. The communities discussed below are the first major urban areas encountered on the routes that extend from the Scenic Byway. Larger than Seneca Lake and many of the hamlets and villages located along the Byway route, these communities broaden the range of services and amenities available to Byway travelers.

The following provides a summary of the tourist accommodations and main attractions available in Geneva, Seneca Falls, Ovid, Interlaken, Trumansburg, Ithaca, Watkins Glen, Horseheads, Elmira, and Corning. These facilities can only help increase tourism along the Scenic Byway by potentially increasing the stay of visitors to the area.

Seneca Falls

Seneca Falls, located on Routes 5/20 in the Town of Seneca Falls is nationally recognized as the Birthplace of Women’s rights. The village features the women’s Rights national Historical Park that celebrates the First Women’s Rights convention held in the United States in 1848. One of 14 Urban Cultural park communities in New York State, the Park is comprised of the historic village core and includes a classic main street, Victorian architecture, the Cayuga-Seneca Canal and Sites associated with women’s history.

Easily accessed from the New York State Thruway exit 41 and Routes 5/20, Seneca Falls offers visitors numerous restaurants, automotive services, art galleries and shopping opportunities. The community hosts several festivals including the Convention Days celebration in July, St. Patrick celebration in June, Canal Fest in June, and St. Anthony’s celebration in August.

Ovid

The Village of Ovid sits astride the peak of a hilly ridge at the intersection of Routes 414 and 96 in Seneca County. The Village features three Greek revival county buildings nicknamed the "Three Bears", due to their identical architecture and graduation in size. The Village is a mere five (5) miles from Sampson State Park, the largest state park in Upstate New York.

Ovid has a number of shops, restaurants, gas stations and Bed & Breakfasts to accommodate Byway visitors. Hunting, fishing, golfing and swimming are also available. The community hosts the Strawberry Festival in June.

Interlaken

The Village of Interlaken, located on Route 96, derived its name from its location between Seneca and Cayuga Lakes, a short drive from Taughannock Falls State Park. The Village features three historical museums including the Deere haven Museum, the Interlaken Farmers Museum and the Interlaken Historical Society Museum. Local events include Old Home Days in July, and antique Car Show and Flea Market in August and other events sponsored by the Interlaken Community Action Group.

Trumansburg

Trumansburg, located on Route 96 in Tompkins County, serves as an excellent base for exploring the region's numerous recreation and tourist activities. In addition to the resources available at Taughannock Falls State Park, Trumansburg also hosts an annual Trumansburg Fair, and is home to the Trumansburg Conservatory of Fine Arts. Lodging, restaurants, antique shops and art galleries are available within the Village.

Watkins Glen

Watkins Glen, located on Routes 79, 414 and 14 at the head of Seneca Lake, is home to Watkins Glen State Park, which stretches west from the Village's Main Street for one and one half miles. The park features a rock walled canyon with 19 waterfalls, hiking trails, cascades, grottoes and amphitheaters. An Olympic sized swimming pool, picnic facilities, camping and a canyon laser light show are available to park visitors.

Within the Village, visitors may walk through Franklin Street's shopping district to the Seneca Harbor Park, a lakefront park with a fishing pier, marina, cruise boats and museums. In the hills above the village, Watkins Glen International Racing circuit facility provides weekend racing excitement for all ages.

The Catharine Valley Trail has its northern terminus in Watkins Glen. The 12-mile walking/biking trail extends south along an old railroad bed and the remnants of a canal connecting Seneca Lake to the Chemung River. It is a multi-use trail that connects Watkins Glen State Park and Mark Twain State Park in the Southern Tier of New York State. Most of the trail is on portions of abandoned Northern Central Railroad and Chemung Canal towpath corridors in New York's Finger Lakes region. The trail spans

Schuyler and Chemung counties, passing through the communities of Watkins Glen, Montour Falls, Millport, and Pine Valley to Horseheads.

Horseheads

Horseheads is located at the intersection of Route 13 and Interstate 17. The Village acquired its name from the settlers who, upon entering the valley in 1789, found the bleached skulls of General John Sullivan's packhorses, which were disposed of after the aggressive campaign against the Six Nations of the Iroquois in 1779.

Hanover Square, the intersection of five streets, is listed on the State and National Register of Historic Places. The Horseheads historical Society displays a large collection of cartoons and paintings by Eugene Zimmerman, a nationally published humorist, along with historical items. Annual village celebrations include Horseheads Community Days and the Wings of Eagles Air Show. The Village features numerous shopping opportunities and tourist accommodations.

The following map illustrates the linkage of surrounding communities with the proposed Seneca Lake Scenic Byway on Seneca Lake:

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14. Public Participation

Several forms of public participation were used to develop the Seneca Lake Scenic Byway Nomination Proposal package. The following section outlines the public input overview and techniques used to develop the nomination package.

1997 – 2002: Our Growing Interest

In 2002, the West Hector Community Association was formed to represent the interests of those persons living in the western half of the town of Hector in Schuyler Co. (Ref 1). Membership consisted of about 750 households. The bylaws included the following:” to preserve, protect and promote the natural beauty, environment and resources of the Seneca Lake watershed district through the development of a comprehensive land use/development plan consistent with economic stability of the area...including promotion of agricultural interests, business development, water quality and quantity, tourism and a scenic byway.” An open meeting was held to identify those areas of most concern and interest. About 150 persons attended and one of the decisions was to seek the designation of route 414 within the town of Hector as a NYS scenic byway. In 2003, a task group was formed to work toward this goal. (Ref 2).

During the intervening years since 2002, the task group has sought to involve the general public in numerous ways, (Refs 2-5) such as:

- Open task group meetings
- Reports and discussions at West Hector Community Meetings
- E-mail newsletters to 150 available resident addresses
- Presentations to various organizations
- An invitation, (mailing), to 2000 residents in the two towns to attend one of three meetings discussing possible goals and plans for the nomination. (Ref 5)
- Periodic news releases and articles in the local media and radio.

In addition support expressed at the numerous public meeting, letters of support have been received from 18 parties. (Ref. 6) These include:

- The Schuyler Co. Legislature, the town of Lodi and the villages of Burdett and Hector
 - Wineries on the byway route
 - Senator George Winner and Assemblyman Thomas O’Mara, representing Schuyler Co. and Senator Michael Nozzolio and Assemblyman Brian Kolb, representing Seneca Co.
 - Other- Schuyler Co. Chamber of Commerce
- SCOPEd
Seneca Lake Winery Assoc.
Southern Tier Planning and Development
Cornell Cooperative Extension

2003 – 2004: Building Support and Organizing the Effort

In 2003 the Town of Hector formed an informal group called the West Hector Community Association. This group began several projects for the residents of Hector and began building support for the Byway idea. We have held several vision sessions, many

committee meetings, and public forums. We will be holding many more public sessions and doing follow-up telephone and personal interviews to gather more input and support.

2004-2005: Work began preparing the Nomination Proposal Package for DOT, and the group held numerous public involvement meetings to gain public input.

In 2004, the adjoining town of Lodi in Seneca Co. remained interested in the project and the town board voted to pursue inclusion in the project, to incorporate their section of Route 414 in the byway nomination effort, and the task group and scope of the project was expanded.

In 2005, the Finger Lakes National Forest Visitor Center, Inc, made a request and received \$148,000 from a congressional “set-aside” to commission a study of Conservation, Recreation and Interpretation Improvements in the Finger Lakes Region. This study was evaluated and critiqued by a coalition of 25 local NYS public service organizations. They ranked the feasibility of a Seneca Lake byway as number 3, out of 27 proposed projects (Ref 7).

2006-2008: Work continued as the group held more participation meetings, while working on the byway document, and began a not-for-profit group called Seneca Lake Byway Inc., finishing up the nomination proposal document to present to DOT.

REFERENCES

- (1) Notes, meeting minutes and other records re: the genesis of the West Hector Community Association in 2002.
- (2) Meeting minutes, and attendance records at initial meetings of the Byway task group

In 2003;

- (3) Meeting minutes, and attendance records at meetings of the Byway task group in

In 2004;

- (4) Meeting minutes of the Byway task group in 2005.
- (5) Posters, mailings, comments, attendance records for 3 Extra public meetings in 2006
- (6) Letters of Support
- (7) Finger Lakes Regional Conservation Recreation and Interpretation Improvements Action Plan

Public Involvement Plan

The plan for including the public has several parts. The public will be included in the implementation and oversight of the Byway via the inclusion of individual community participants who will be on the local 501-C nonprofit Seneca Lake Byway Inc. board, and on the sub-committees. The public will be openly informed of all meetings and input will be requested from the community for a variety of ideas and decisions. The SLBI Board will also report to the Town of Hector Board for input and approval of decisions that may impact the town and individuals. For more detailed information on the public involvement arrangements, see [Appendix B](#) for the Byway Implementation Plan which includes this information.

Appendixes

[Appendix A](#) – Hector and Lodi Scenic Byway View Photos

[Appendix B](#) – Byway Implementation Plan

[Appendix C](#) – Unique Natural Assets of Schuyler County, NY

[Appendix D](#) – Implementation Recommendation Tables

[Appendix E](#) – Letters of Support

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