Ulster County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board

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Review of Agricultural District #4

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New York State Agricultural Districts Law

- **§ 303-a**. Agricultural districts; review. 1. The county legislative body shall review any district created under this section eight, twelve or twenty years after the date of its creation…
- 8 years in Ulster County
- March 13, 2007 → March 13, 2015

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b. direct the county agricultural and farmland protection board to prepare a report concerning the following:

(1) the nature and status of farming and farm resources within such district, including the total number of acres of land and the total number of acres of land in farm operations in the district;

(2) the extent to which the district has achieved its original objectives;

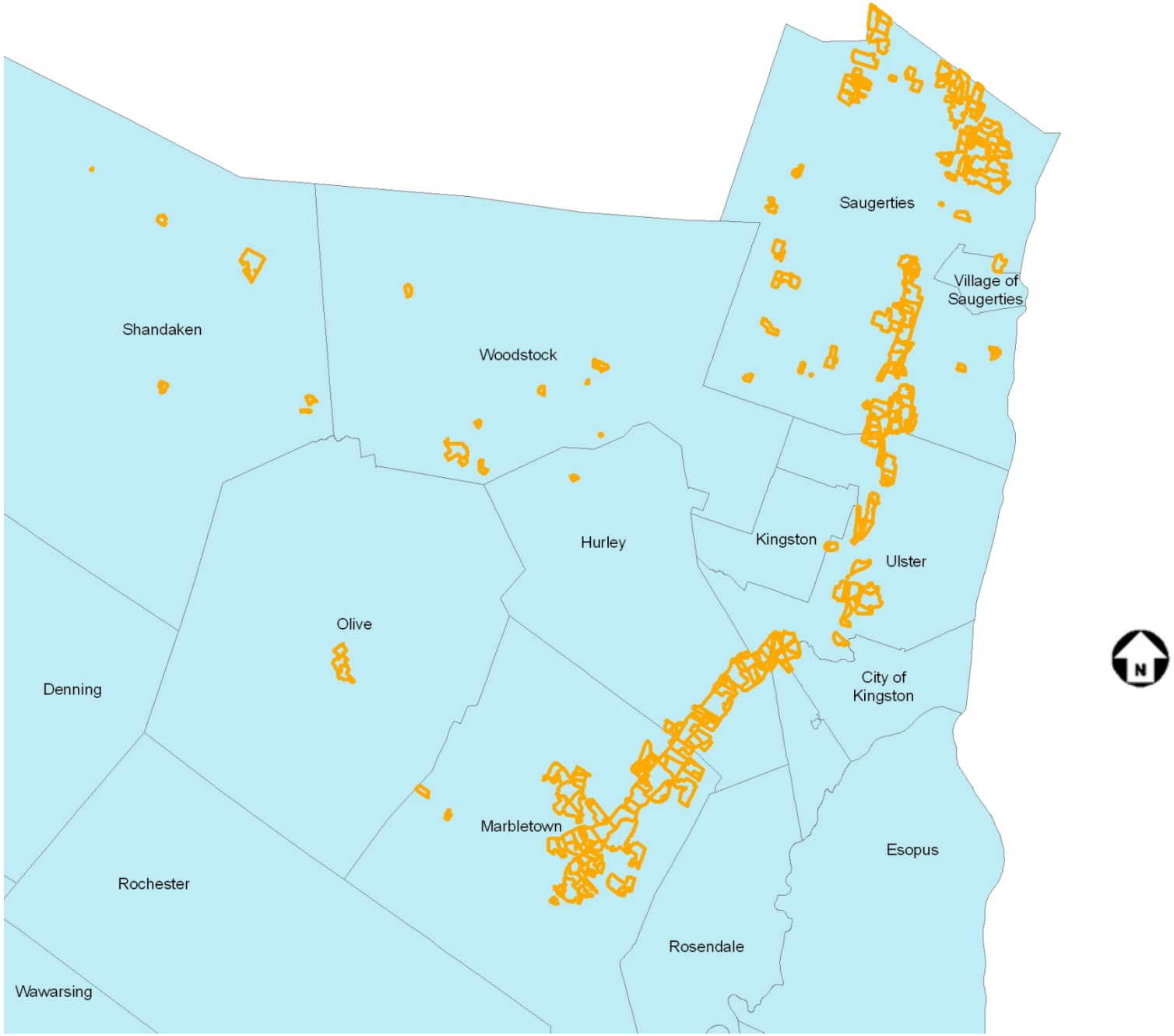
(3) the extent to which county and local comprehensive plans, policies and objectives are consistent with and support the district;

(4) the degree of coordination between local laws, ordinances, rules and regulations that apply to farm operations in such district and their influence on farming; and

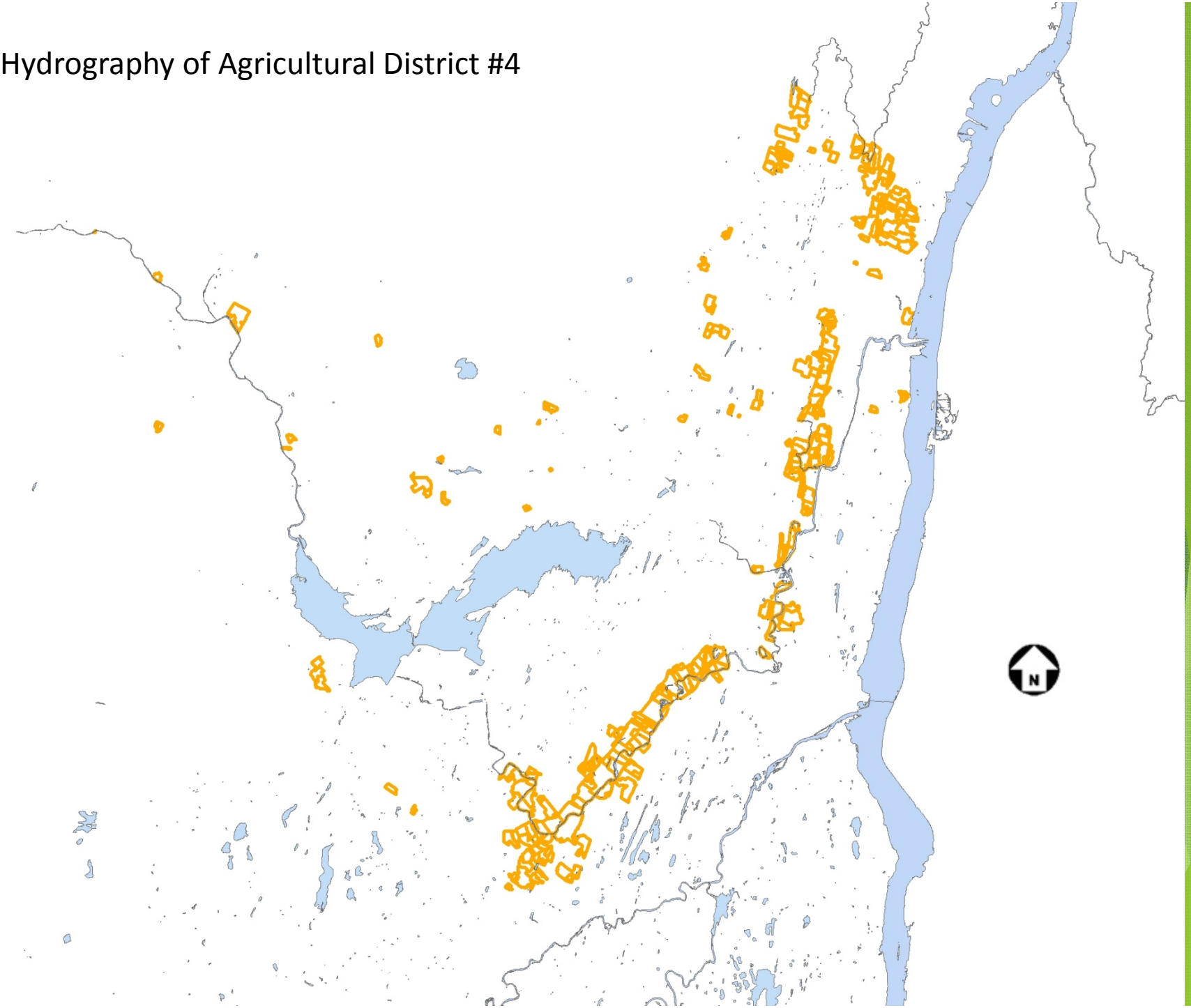
Statistics for Agricultural District #4

- Currently 10,345 acres and 337 parcels
- Approximately 7,800 acres in farm operation
- District holds steady at around 10,000 acres throughout the last two reviews
- Estimated 111 agricultural operations
- 21 parcels and 135 acres likely candidates for removal from District

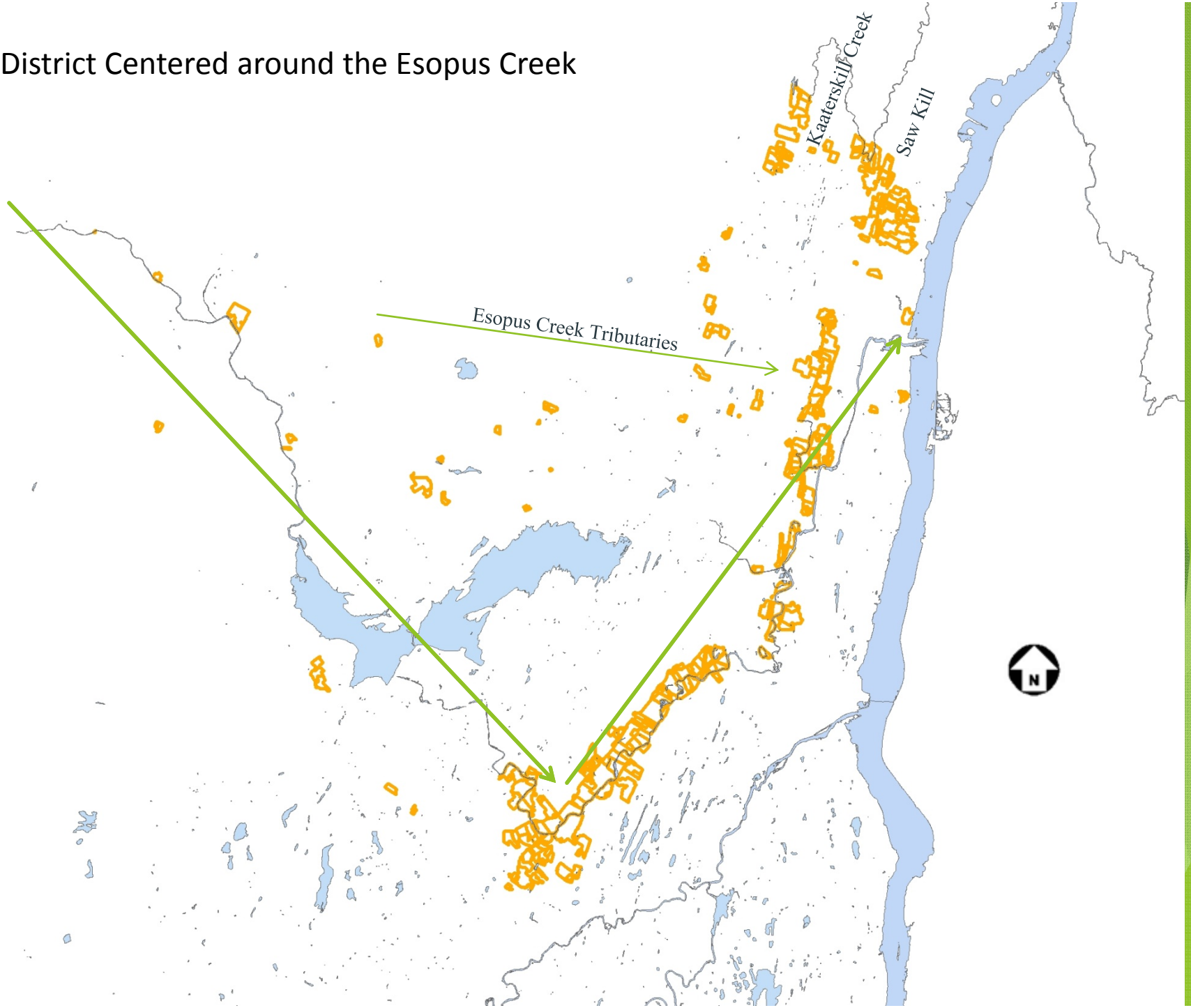
Municipal Boundaries of 9 Towns in Agricultural District #4



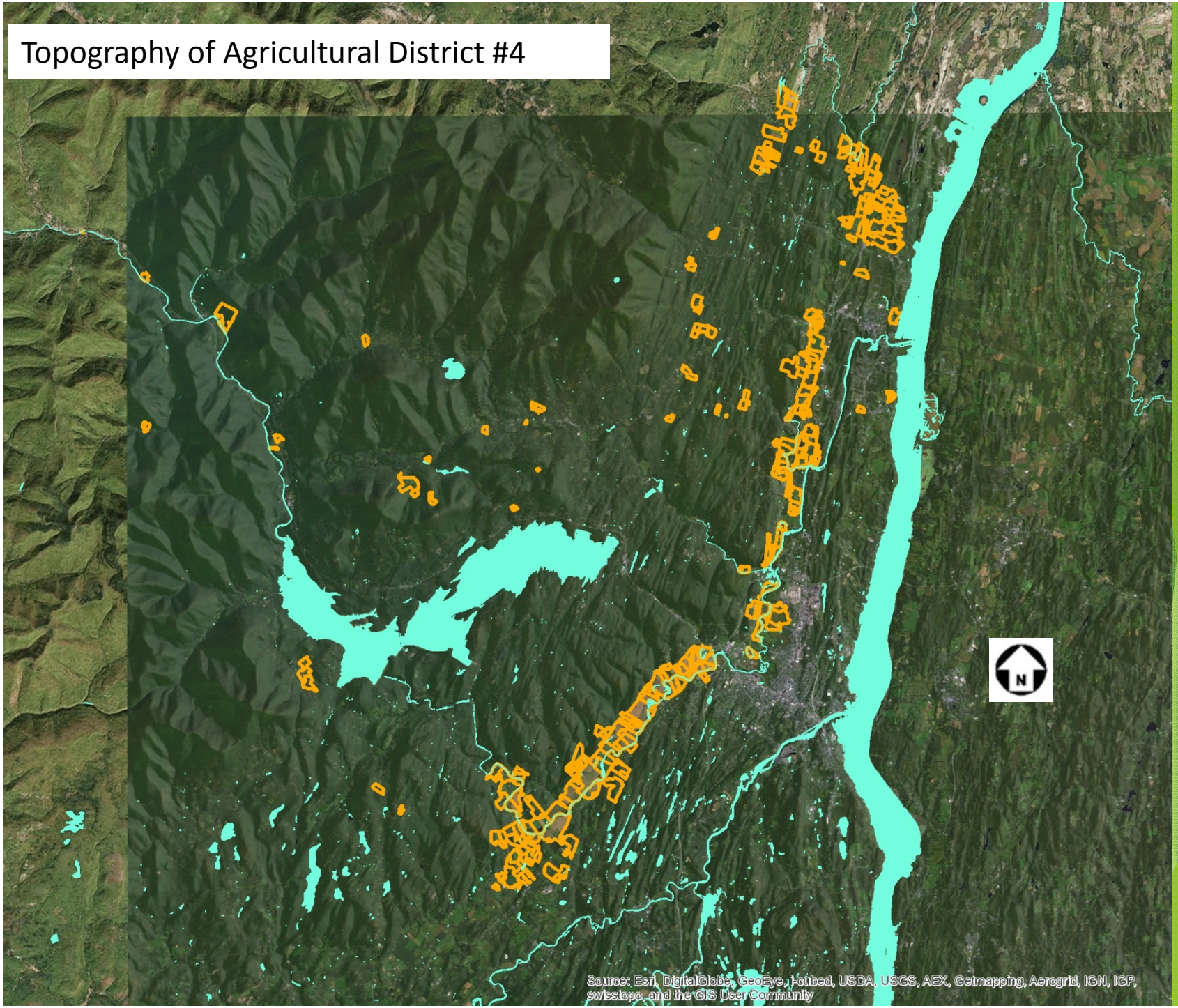
Hydrography of Agricultural District #4



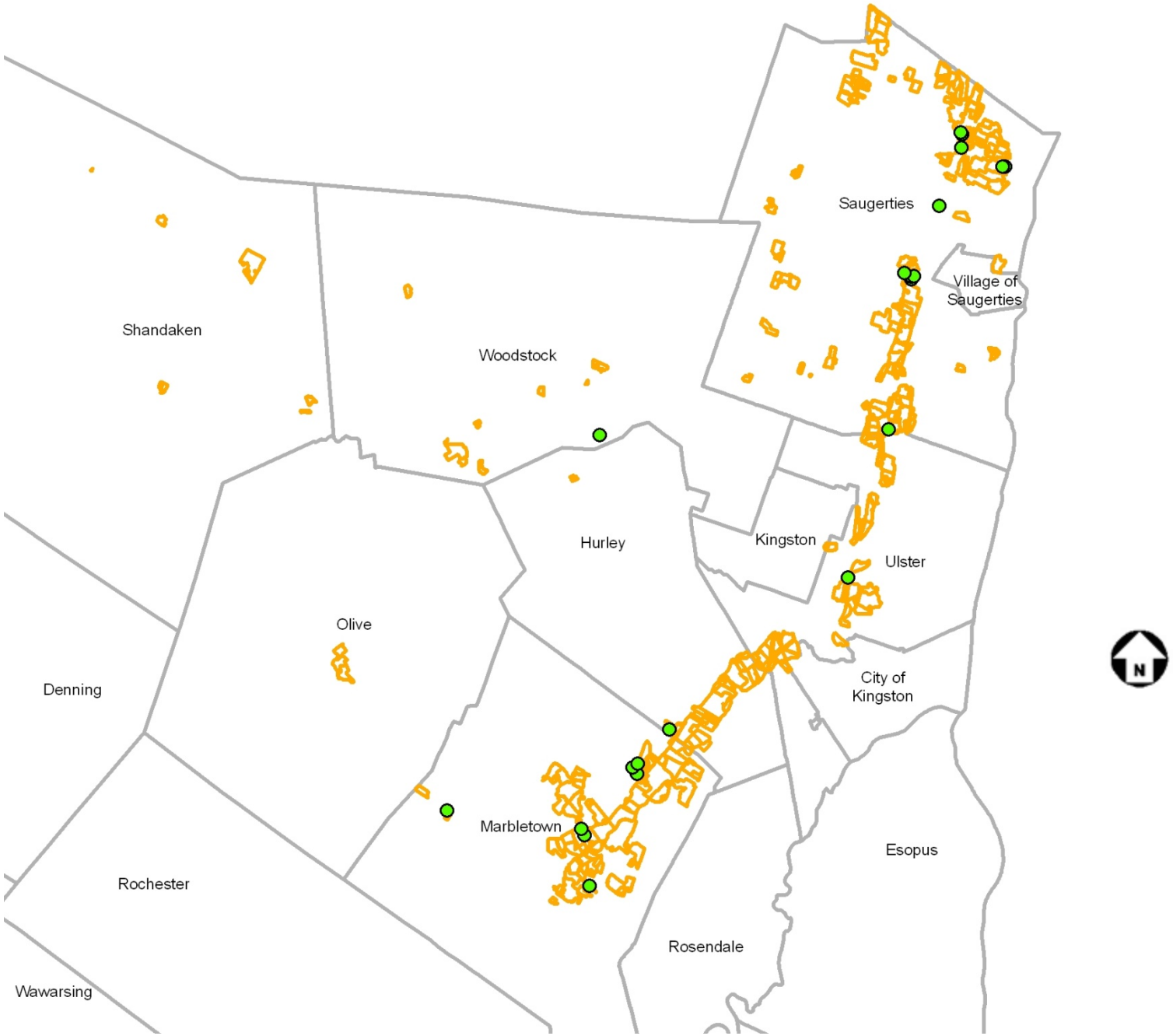
District Centered around the Esopus Creek



Topography of Agricultural District #4

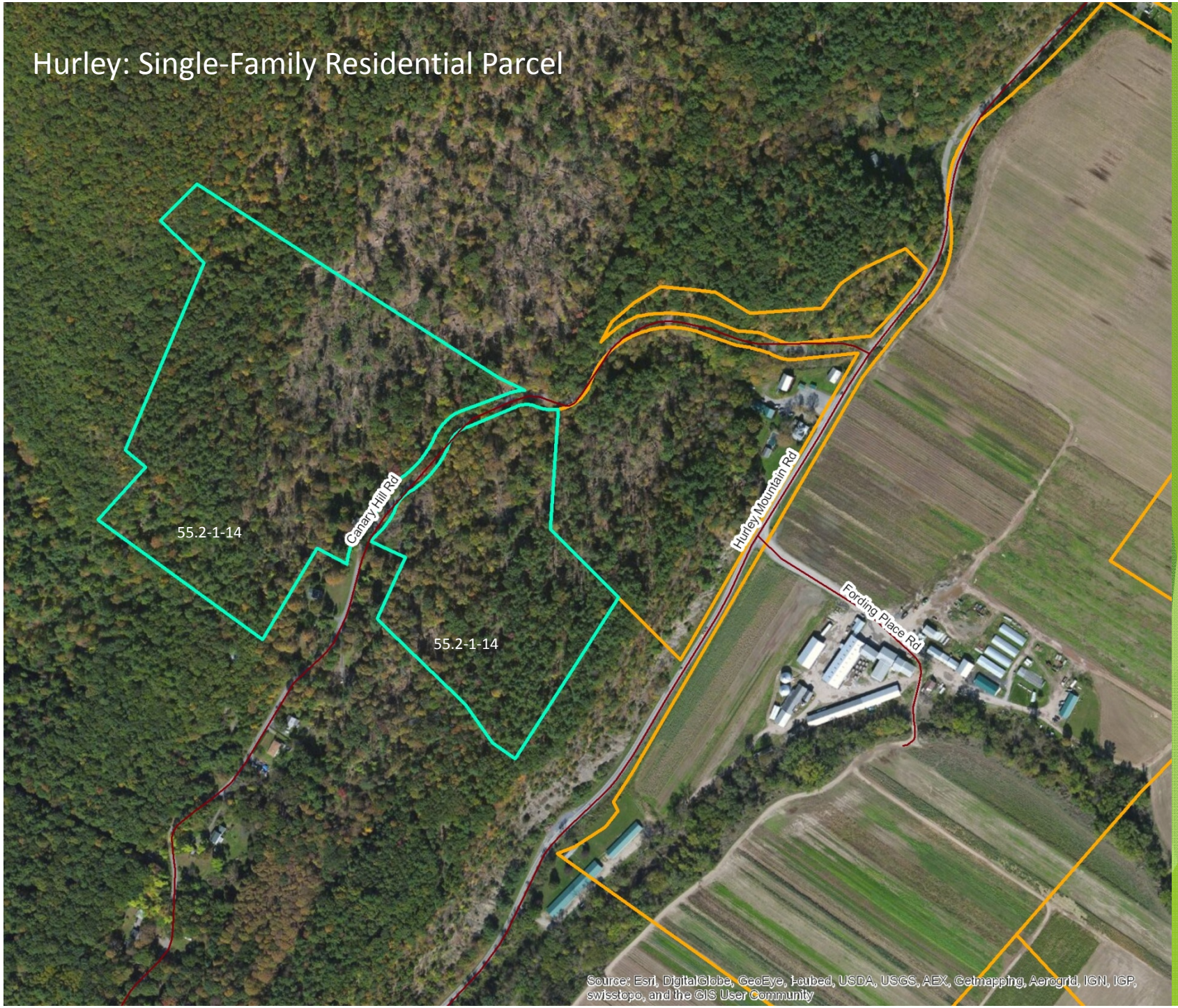


Locations of Tax Parcels that are Candidates for Removal

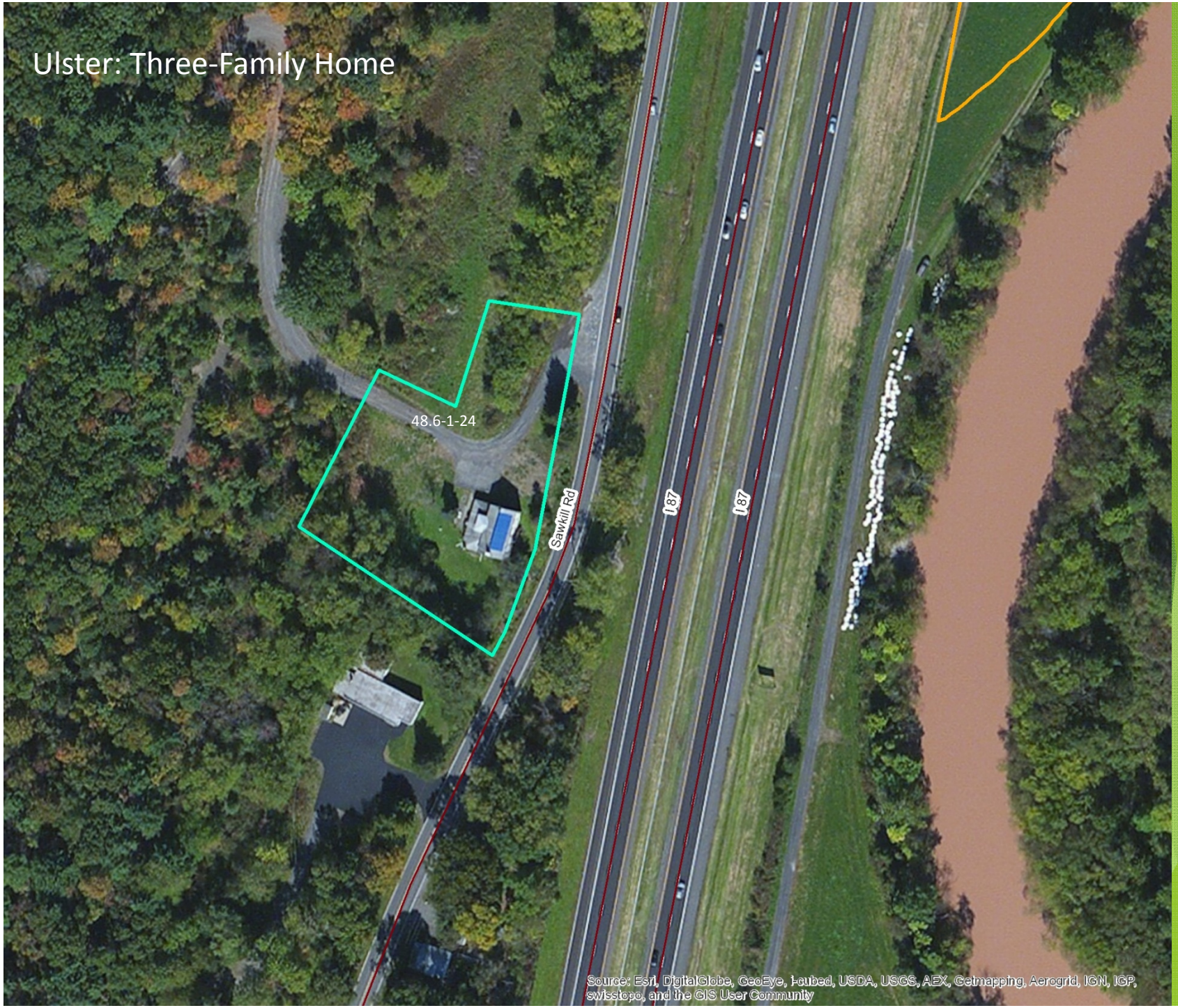


Hurley, Ulster and Woodstock

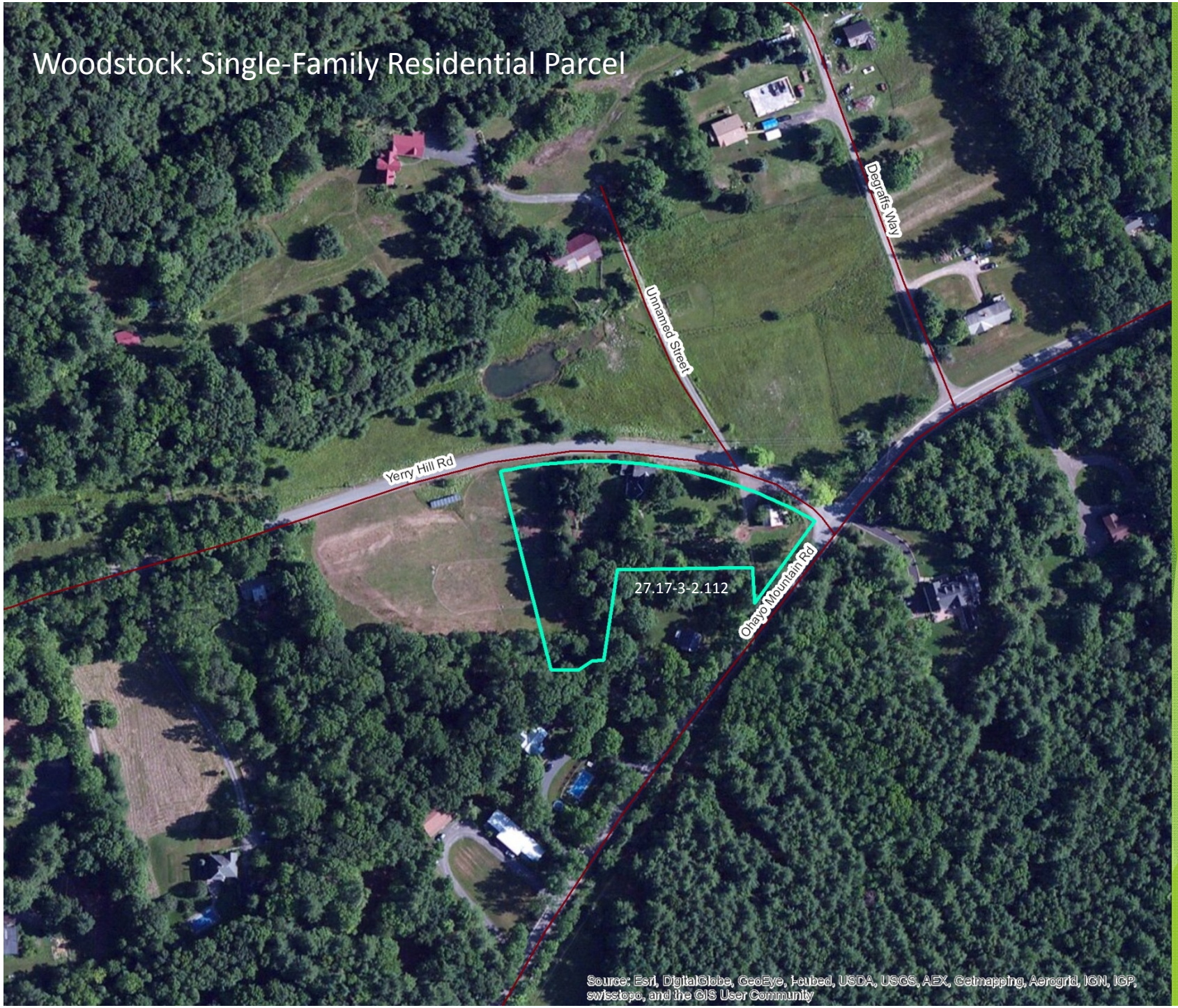
Hurley: Single-Family Residential Parcel



Ulster: Three-Family Home



Woodstock: Single-Family Residential Parcel

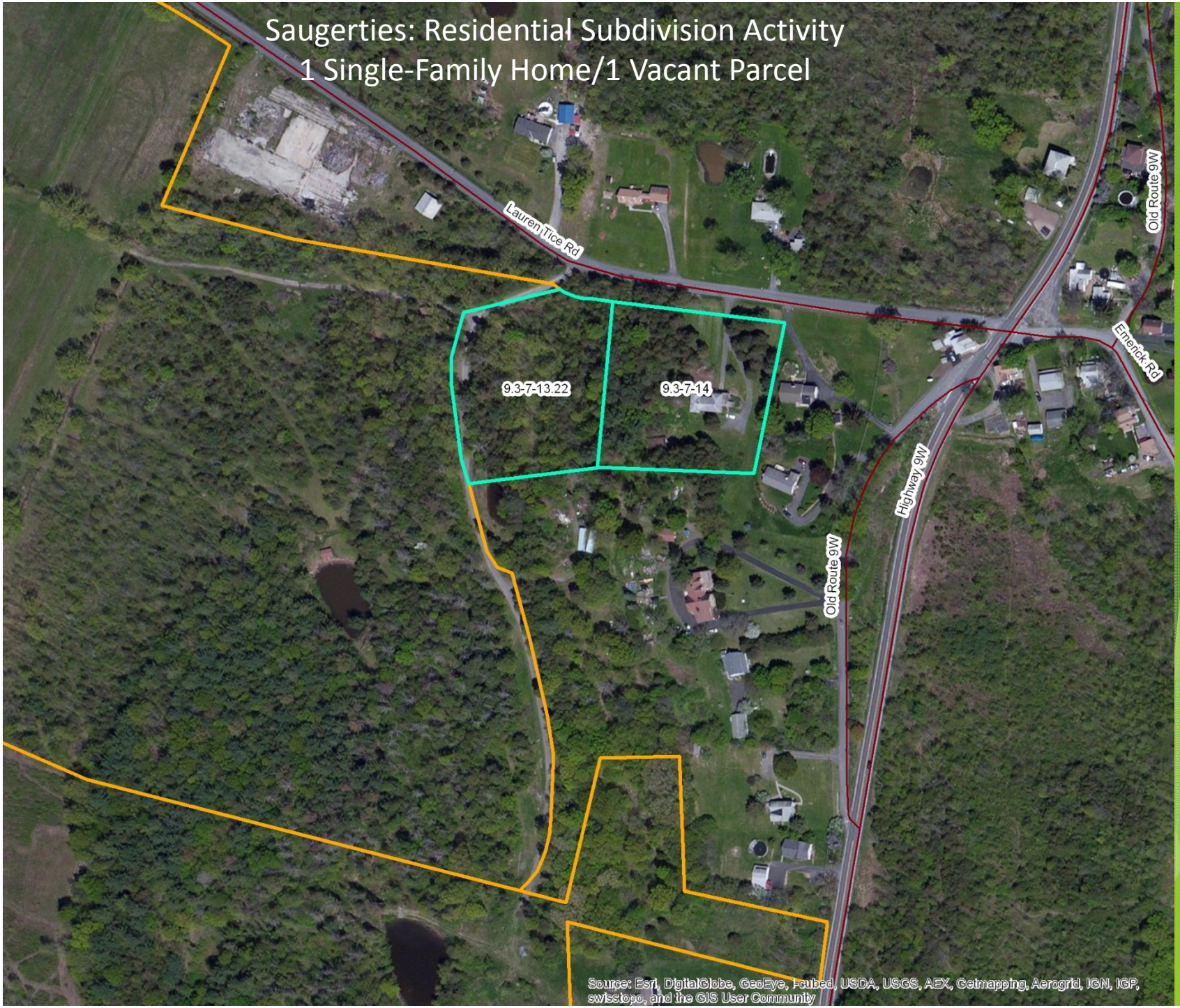


Saugerties

Saugerties: 2 Single-Family Residential Parcels

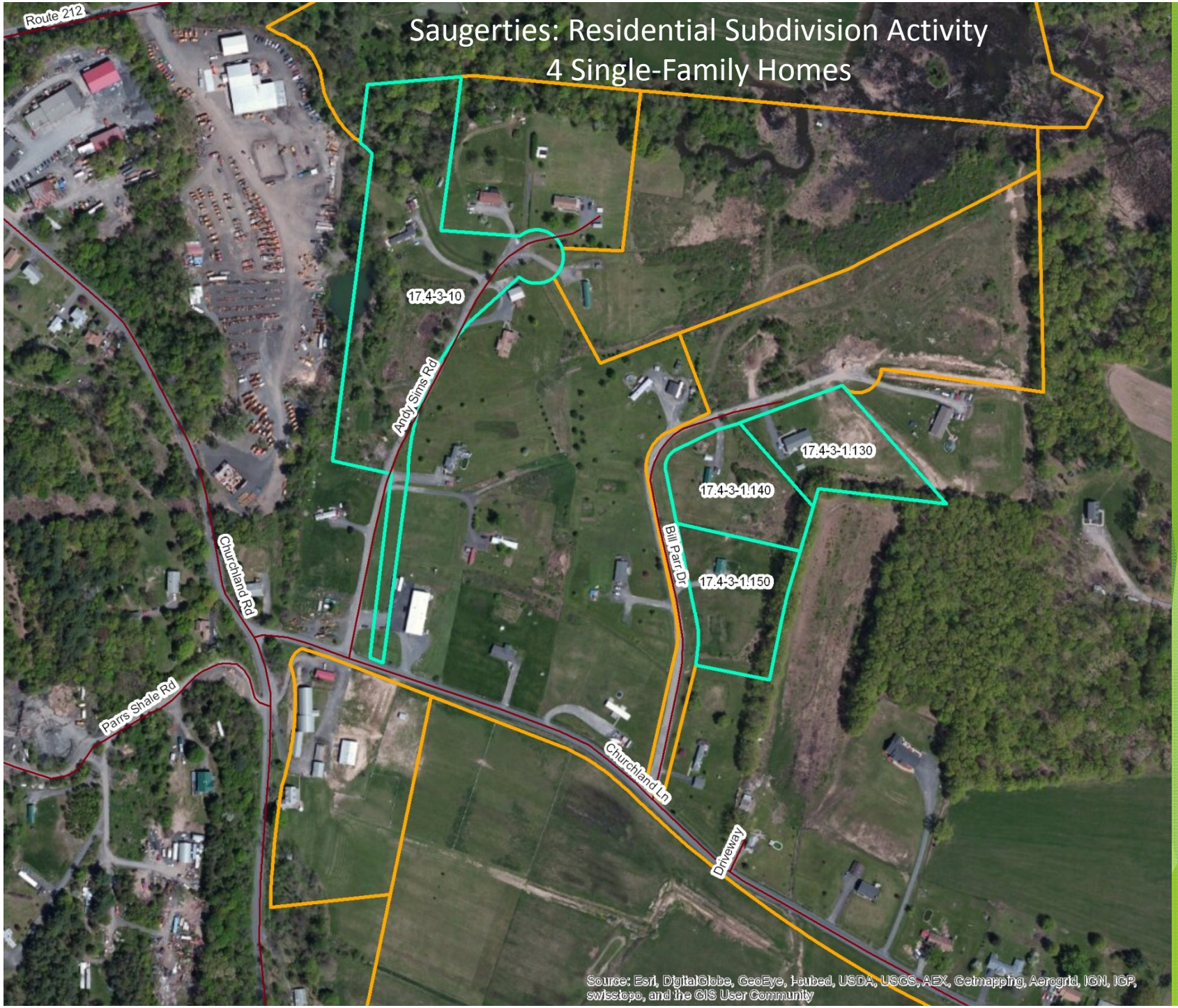
Saugerties: Golf Course

Saugerties: Residential Subdivision Activity
1 Single-Family Home/1 Vacant Parcel

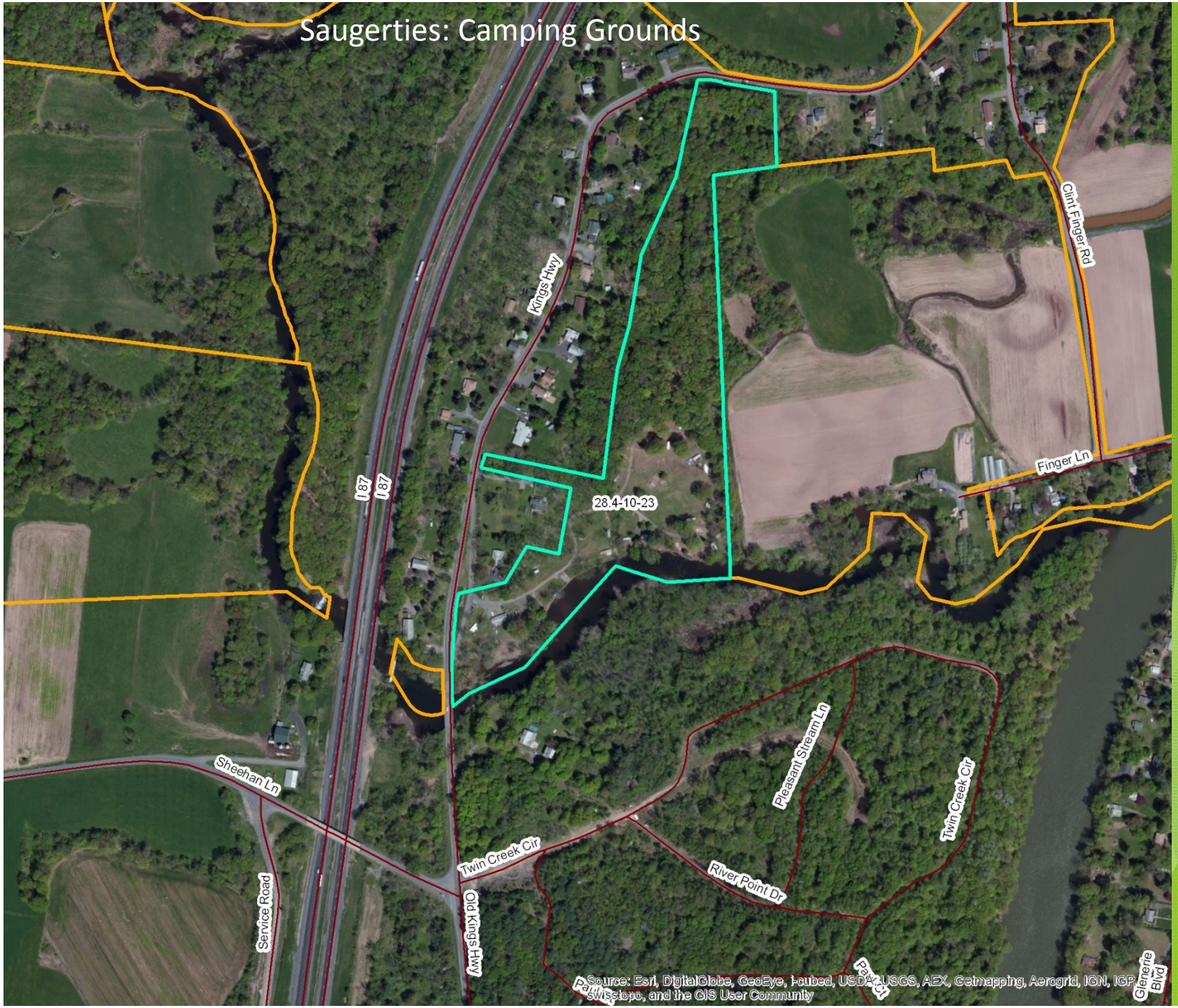


Saugerties: Mobile Homes

Saugerties: Residential Subdivision Activity
4 Single-Family Homes



Saugerties: Camping Grounds



Marbletown

Marbletown: Residential Subdivision Activity

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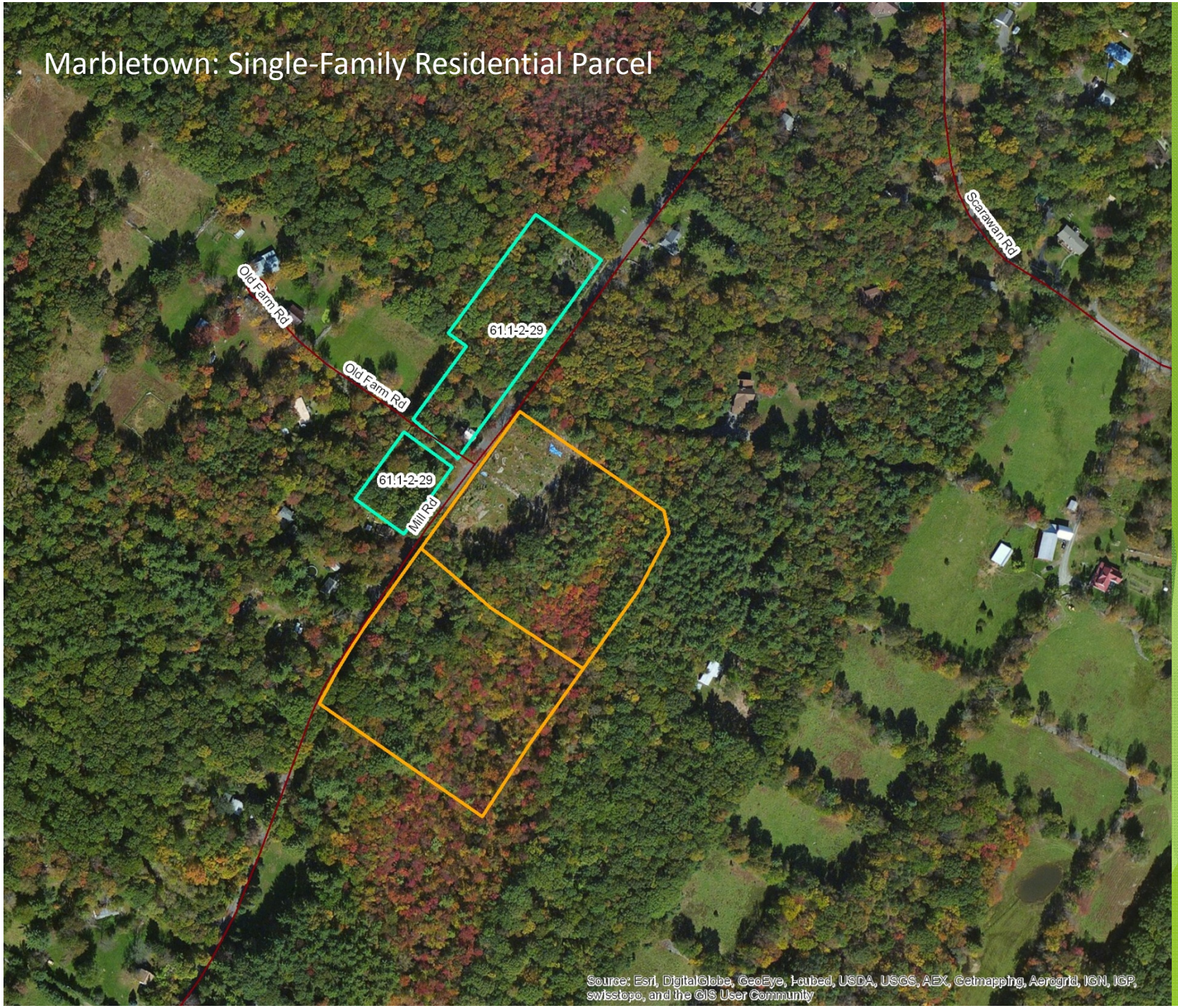

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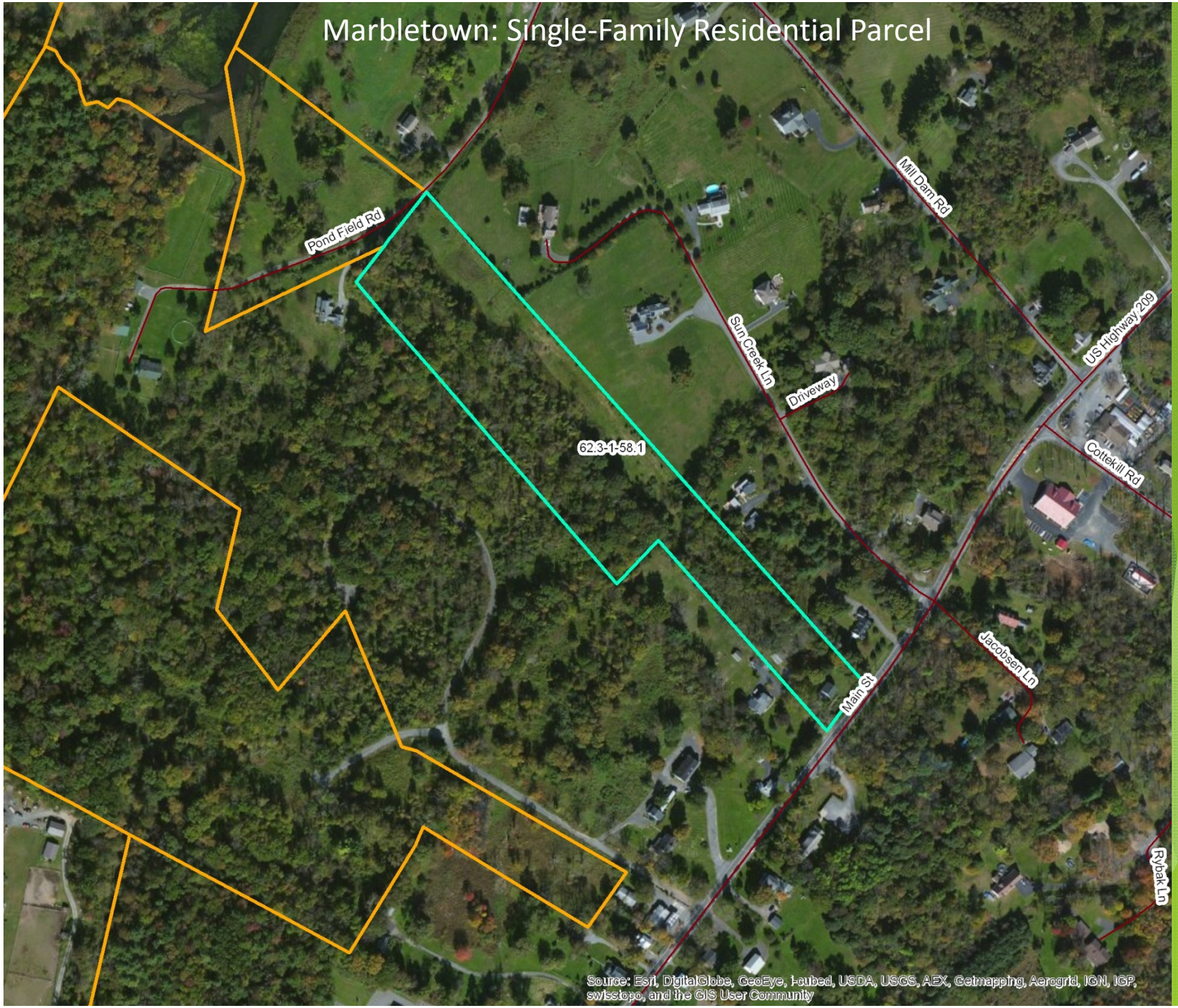

Questions

- Which of these parcels should remain in the agricultural district?
- Which should be recommended for removal?
- Are there any not on this list that should be recommended for removal?