

By Legislators Barnhart and Long

Intro. No. ____

ENACTING A LOCAL LAW REQUIRING DISCLOSURE OF BIOMETRIC IDENTIFICATION TECHNOLOGY AT RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF MONROE, as follows:

Section 1. Part IV of the Monroe County Code is hereby amended by adding a new Chapter 393 to read as follows:

§ Chapter 393 - Biometric Identifier Information

A. Purpose. The County of Monroe recognizes that the use of biometric identifier technologies by commercial establishments is expanding. Because biometric identifier information is based on a person's physical or biological characteristics and may be difficult or impossible to replace if compromised, it warrants heightened transparency. The County therefore finds it in the public interest to require clear notice to customers when such information is collected or used.

B. Definitions:

As used in this chapter, the following terms have the following meanings:

Biometric identifier information: The term "biometric identifier information" means a physiological or biological characteristic that is used by or on behalf of a commercial establishment, singly or in combination, to identify, or assist in identifying, an individual, including, but not limited to: (i) a retina or iris scan, (ii) a fingerprint or voiceprint, (iii) a scan of hand or face geometry, or any other identifying characteristic.

Commercial establishment: The term "commercial establishment" means a place of entertainment, a retail store, or a food and drink establishment.

Consumer commodity: The term "consumer commodity" means any article, good, merchandise, product or commodity of any kind or class produced, distributed, or offered for retail sale for consumption by individuals, or for personal, household, or family purposes.

Customer: The term "customer" means a purchaser or lessee, or a prospective purchaser or lessee, of goods or services from a commercial establishment.

Financial institution: The term "financial institution" means a bank, trust company, national bank, savings bank, federal mutual savings bank, savings and loan association, federal savings and loan association, federal mutual savings and loan association, credit union, federal credit union, branch of a foreign banking corporation, public pension fund, retirement system, securities broker, securities dealer or securities firm, but does not include a commercial establishment whose primary business is the retail sale of goods and services to customers and provides limited financial services such as the issuance of credit cards or in-store financing to customers.

Food and drink establishment: The term "food and drink establishment" means an establishment that gives or offers for sale food or beverages to the public for consumption or use on or off the premises, or in or off a pushcart, stand, or vehicle.

Place of entertainment: The term "place of entertainment" means any privately or publicly owned and operated entertainment facility, such as a theater, stadium, arena, racetrack, museum, amusement park, observatory, or other place where attractions, performances, concerts, exhibits, athletic games, or contests are held.

Retail store: The term "retail store" means an establishment wherein consumer commodities are sold, displayed, or offered for sale, or where services are provided to consumers at retail.

C. Collection, use, and retention of biometric identifier information

Any commercial establishment that collects, retains, converts, stores, or shares biometric identifier information of customers must disclose such collection, retention, conversion, storage, or sharing, as applicable, by placing a clear and conspicuous sign near all of the commercial establishment's customer entrances notifying customers in plain, simple language, in a form and

manner prescribed by the County of Monroe, that customers' biometric identifier information is being collected, retained, converted, stored, or shared, as applicable.

It shall be unlawful to sell, lease, trade, share in exchange for anything of value or otherwise profit from the transaction of biometric identifier information.

Commercial establishments shall use anonymization software if/when storing the biometric data.

Commercial establishments shall destroy the biometric identifier data within two years.

D. Private right of action

- A. Any person aggrieved by a violation of this chapter may bring an action in a court of competent jurisdiction against a commercial establishment that violates its provisions.
- B. At least thirty (30) days prior to commencing an action for a violation of Sections 3 of this Local Law, the aggrieved person shall provide written notice to the commercial establishment specifying the alleged violation. If, within thirty (30) days of receiving such notice, the commercial establishment cures the violation and provides the aggrieved person with a written statement confirming that the violation has been cured and will not recur, no action may be brought for that violation.
- C. No prior written notice shall be required for an action alleging the unlawful sale or exchange of biometric identifier information.
- D. A prevailing plaintiff may recover:
 - (1) Statutory damages of not less than \$500 and not more than \$1,000 per violation;
 - (2) Actual damages, where greater;
 - (3) Reasonable attorneys' fees and costs; and
 - (4) Such other relief as the court deems appropriate, including injunctive relief.
- E. Applicability. Nothing in this chapter shall apply to the collection, storage, sharing, or use of biometric identifier information by government agencies, employees, or agents.

The disclosure required by subdivision D of 370-20 shall not apply to:

 1. Financial institutions.
 2. Biometric identifier information collected through photographs or video recordings, if: (i) the images or videos collected are not analyzed by software or applications that identify, or that assist with the identification of, individuals based on physiological or biological characteristics, and (ii) the images or video are not shared with, sold, or leased to third-parties other than law enforcement agencies.

Section 2. This local law shall take effect in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Home Rule Law and the Monroe County Charter.

Agenda/Charter Committee; June 22, 2026 – CV: 5-4

Public Safety Committee; June 22, 2026 – CV: 5-4

File No. 26-0180.LL

By Legislators Barnhart and Long

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MOTION NO. __ OF 2026

PROVIDING THAT LOCAL LAW (INTRO. NO. __ OF 2026), ENTITLED “REQUIRING DISCLOSURE OF BIOMETRIC IDENTIFICATION TECHNOLOGY AT RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS,” BE TABLED

BE IT MOVED, that Local Law (Intro. No. __ of 2026), entitled, “REQUIRING DISCLOSURE OF BIOMETRIC IDENTIFICATION TECHNOLOGY AT RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS,” be tabled.

File No. 26-0180.LL

ADOPTION: Date:

Vote:

By Legislators Barnhart and Long

Intro. No. __

RESOLUTION NO. __ OF 2026

**FIXING PUBLIC HEARING ON LOCAL LAW (INTRO. NO. __ OF 2026), ENTITLED
“REQUIRING DISCLOSURE OF BIOMETRIC IDENTIFICATION TECHNOLOGY AT
RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS”**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF MONROE, as follows:

Section 1. That there will be a public hearing at 6:15 P.M. on the 11th day of August, 2026, in the Legislative Chambers in the County Office Building, Rochester, New York on Local Law (Intro. No. __ of 2026), entitled “REQUIRING DISCLOSURE OF BIOMETRIC IDENTIFICATION TECHNOLOGY AT RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS.”

Section 2. The Clerk of the Legislature is directed to give notice of the time and place of this public hearing, and a description of the proposed local law, to the news media within the County, and shall conspicuously post a copy of said notice in the office of the Clerk at least five days before said hearing. In addition, the Clerk shall cause said notice to be published once in an official newspaper of general circulation within the County at least five days before said hearing.

Section 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

File No. 26-0180.LL

ADOPTION: Date: Vote:

By Legislators Barnhart and Maffucci

Intro. No. ____

ENACTING A LOCAL LAW ENTITLED “AMENDING CHAPTER 357 OF THE MONROE COUNTY CODE TO PROVIDE A TAX EXEMPTION FOR SURVIVING SPOUSES OF POLICE OFFICERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY”

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF MONROE, as follows:

Section 1. Title. This Local Law shall be a new Article under Chapter 357 of the Monroe County Code entitled “Tax Exemption for Surviving Spouses of Police Officers Killed in the Line of Duty.”

Section 2. Purpose and Findings. This Legislature hereby finds and determines that the New York State Legislature amended New York Real Property Tax Law to add a new section 471 to allow local municipalities, such as the County of Monroe, to exempt real property owned by, and constituting the primary residence of, a surviving spouse of a police officer killed in the line of duty, up to fifty percent of the assessed valuation thereof. This Legislature further finds and determines that, in light of the enormous debt that the residents of this County owe to the surviving spouses of police officers that have made the greatest personal sacrifice in their service and commitment to public safety, this Legislature shall demonstrate its gratitude to the surviving spouses of police officers who have made this sacrifice in the form of alleviating, to the greatest extent possible, their financial struggle in the wake of such immeasurable loss. Therefore, the purpose of this law is to provide a real property tax exemption for the portion of real property taxes levied by or on behalf of the County of Monroe to the surviving spouses of police officers killed in the line of duty in accordance with section 471 of the New York Real Property Tax Law.

Section 3. Grant of Property Tax Exemption for Surviving Spouses of Police Officers Killed in the Line of Duty. Chapter 357 of the Monroe County Code, “Taxation” shall be amended to add “Article XVI. Tax Exemption for Surviving Spouses of Police Officers Killed in the Line of Duty” as follows:

Article XVI. Tax Exemption for Surviving Spouses of Police Officers Killed in the Line of Duty.

§ 357-64. Legislative Intent. The Real Property Tax Law has been amended by the addition of a new Section 471, which permits the County of Monroe to grant a partial tax exemption on real property owned by a surviving spouse of a police officer killed in the line of duty, and constituting the primary residence of such surviving spouse, to the extent of fifty per centum of the assessed valuation thereof. The County of Monroe desires to authorize the full fifty per centum exemption permitted under Real Property Tax Law Section 471.

§ 357-65. Definition.

When used in this article, the following term shall have the meaning indicated:

POLICE OFFICER

Persons included within the definition of “police officer” as such term is defined within Section 1.20 of the New York Criminal Procedure Law and any future amendments thereto.

§ 357-66. Grant of Exemption; Application for Exemption.

A. The County of Monroe hereby elects to grant a real property tax exemption for the portion of taxation levied by or on behalf of the County of Monroe, pursuant to Section 471 of the New York Real Property Tax Law for real property owned by, having title to, and constituting the primary residence of a surviving spouse of a police officer killed in the line of duty in an amount of fifty percent (50%) of the assessed valuation thereof. This exemption shall apply to such real property held in trust solely for the benefit of any surviving spouse where such surviving spouse is otherwise eligible for exemption under this Article but may not be in direct title or ownership of such property.

B. In order to apply for such real property tax exemption, a surviving spouse shall submit and file such forms and documents establishing eligibility as prescribed by the Commissioner of Taxation and Finance with the Assessor of the pertinent municipality having the power to assess property for taxation on or before the appropriate taxable status date.

§ 357-67. Considerations for determining exemption eligibility for cooperative apartment corporations.

For the purposes of determining eligibility for a surviving spouse partial exemption from real property taxes under Section 471 of the New York Real Property Tax Law and for the purposes of determining eligibility for a surviving spouse cooperative apartment corporation exemption under Section 471 of the New York Real Property Tax Law, and provided that all other eligibility as set forth in Section 471 of the New York Real Property Tax Law are met, the following shall apply:

A. Title to that portion of real property owned by a cooperative apartment corporation in which a surviving spouse tenant-stockholder of such corporation resides and which is represented by their share or shares of stock in such corporation as determined by its or their proportional relationship to the total outstanding stock of the corporation, including that owned by the corporation, shall be deemed to be vested in such surviving spouse tenant-stockholder.

B. The proportion of the assessment of such real property owned by such cooperative apartment corporation determined by the relationship of such real property vested in such surviving spouse tenant-stockholder to such entire parcel and the buildings thereon owned by such cooperative apartment corporation in which such surviving spouse tenant-stockholder resides shall be subject to exemption from taxation pursuant to this article, and any exemption so granted shall be credited by the appropriate taxing authority against the assessed valuation of such real property; the reduction in real property taxes realized thereby shall be credited by the cooperative apartment corporation against the amount of such taxes otherwise payable by or chargeable to such surviving spouse tenant-stockholder.

C. Notwithstanding Subsection B of this section, a surviving spouse tenant-stockholder who resides in a dwelling that is subject to the provisions of Article 2, 4, 5 or 11 of the New York Private Housing Finance Law shall not be eligible for an exemption pursuant to this Article.

Section 4: Applicability. This law shall apply to assessment rolls prepared on the basis of taxable status dates occurring on or after January 1, 2027.

Section 5: Severability. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section, or part of this law or the application thereof to any person, individual, corporation, firm, partnership, entity, or circumstance shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such order or judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section or part of this law, or in its application to the person, individual, corporation, firm, partnership, entity, or circumstance directly involved in the controversy in which such order or judgment shall be rendered.

Section 6: Effective Date. This local law shall take effect upon filing with the Secretary of State pursuant to Section 27 of the New York State Municipal Home Rule Law and the Monroe County Charter.

Agenda/Charter Committee; June 22, 2026 - CV: 9-0
 Ways and Means Committee; June 22, 2026 – CV: 11-0
 File No. 26-0182.LL

By Legislators Barnhart and Maffucci

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File No. 26-0182.LL

ADOPTION: Date:

Vote:

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DUTY”**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF MONROE, as follows:

Section 1. That there will be a public hearing at 6:16 P.M. on the 11th day of August, 2026, in the Legislative Chambers in the County Office Building, Rochester, New York on Local Law (Intro. No. ____ of 2026), entitled “AMENDING CHAPTER 357 OF THE MONROE COUNTY CODE TO PROVIDE A TAX EXEMPTION FOR SURVIVING SPOUSES OF POLICE OFFICERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY.”

Section 2. The Clerk of the Legislature is directed to give notice of the time and place of this public hearing, and a description of the proposed local law, to the news media within the County, and shall conspicuously post a copy of said notice in the office of the Clerk at least five days before said hearing. In addition, the Clerk shall cause said notice to be published once in an official newspaper of general circulation within the County at least five days before said hearing.

Section 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

File No. 26-0182.LL

ADOPTION: Date:

Vote:

By Legislators Frazier, Bartholomew McCoy, Hughes-Smith, Baynes, Hasman, Burgess, Long, and Maffucci

Intro. No. ____

MOTION NO. ____ OF 2026

PROVIDING THAT RESOLUTION (INTRO. NO. 241 OF 2026), ENTITLED "ADOPTING 2027-2032 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM," BE LIFTED FROM THE TABLE

BE IT MOVED, that Resolution (Intro. No. 241 of 2026), entitled "ADOPTING 2027-2032 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM," be lifted from the table.

File No. 26-0145

ADOPTION: Date: _____ Vote: _____

By Legislators Frazier, Bartholomew McCoy, Hughes-Smith, Baynes, Hasman, Burgess, Long, and Maffucci

Intro. No. ____

RESOLUTION NO. ____ OF 2026

ADOPTING 2027-2032 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF MONROE, as follows:

Section 1. The Legislature hereby adopts the proposed 2027-2032 Capital Improvement Program of the County of Monroe, as submitted by County Executive Adam J. Bello, in its entirety.

Section 2. This resolution shall take effect in accordance with Section C2-7 of the Monroe County Charter.

Planning & Economic Development Committee; May 18, 2026 – CV: 5-0

Intergovernmental Relations Committee; May 18, 2026 – CV: 5-0

Environment & Public Works Committee; May 18, 2026 – CV: 7-0

Recreation & Education Committee; May 18, 2026 – CV: 7-0

Human Services Committee; May 19, 2026 – CV: 9-0

Transportation Committee; May 19, 2026 – CV: 7-0

Public Safety Committee; May 19, 2026 – CV: 10-0

Ways & Means Committee; May 19, 2026 – CV: 9-0

File No. 26-0145

ADOPTION: Date: _____ Vote: _____

ACTION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

APPROVED: _____ VETOED: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

EFFECTIVE DATE OF RESOLUTION: _____

By Legislators Frazier, Bartholomew McCoy, Hughes-Smith, Baynes, Hasman, Burgess, Long, and Maffucci

Intro. No. ____

MOTION NO. _____ OF 2026

PROVIDING THAT RESOLUTION (INTRO. NO. 241 OF 2026), ENTITLED "ADOPTING 2027-2032 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM," BE ADOPTED

BE IT MOVED, that Resolution (Intro. No. 241 of 2026), entitled “ADOPTING 2027-2032 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM,” be adopted.

File No. 26-0145

ADOPTION: Date: _____ Vote: _____

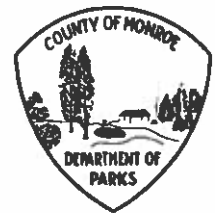


Recommended 2027—2032 Capital Improvement Program

April 2026

Submitted to
The Monroe County Legislature for
Review and Adoption

By
Adam J. Bello, County Executive
and the
Monroe County Planning Board



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March 19, 2026

The Honorable Adam J. Bello
110 County Office Building
39 West Main Street
Rochester, New York 14614

Subject: Proposed 2027-2032 Capital Improvement Program

Dear County Executive Bello:

I am pleased to report that the Monroe County Planning Board completed its review of the Proposed 2027-2032 Capital Improvement Program (CIP). The County Planning Board held three Board meetings and one public hearing during the review of the Proposed CIP. The Board also prioritized the 2027 Capital Projects (Table 2 of the attached CIP) for possible future consideration by the County Legislature.

This CIP is submitted to you in accordance with Section C4-10 of the County Charter and Section A7-1 of the Administrative Code of Monroe County. The Board strongly urges the support of this CIP and its implementation. If you have any questions or concerns to share with the Board, please contact Yixuan Lin, Secretary to the Monroe County Planning Board.

Sincerely,

William R. Santos, Chairman
Monroe County Planning Board

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Attachment: Recommended 2027-2032 Monroe County Capital Improvement Program

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2027-2032 Recommended
Capital Improvement Program
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2027-2032 Capital Improvement Program Summary

The Monroe County Capital Improvement Program is a six-year plan to guide the County's investment in assets that promote an economically prosperous, healthy, safe, and enjoyable community. The County Charter and Administrative Code set forth the process by which the County schedules improvements to, but not limited to transportation facilities, public safety operations, storm and sanitary sewer infrastructure, and the County Park System. A summary of the 2027-2032 six-year program is provided in Table 1 on page 4 and 5. A detailed description of each project is in each department section.

The 2027 Capital Budget

The first year of the six-year Capital Improvement Program is adopted annually by the County Legislature in December as the capital budget for the ensuing fiscal year. The capital budget is the annual spending plan for capital improvements. In accordance with the County Charter, projects in the capital budget are to be reviewed and ranked by the Monroe County Planning Board based on need in the order of their relative priority.

Financing the County's Projects

The sources of funds for financing the County's capital projects are primarily County revenues, project revenues, state and federal aid, and debt financing. Sometimes, private parties or local governments contribute towards a portion of project costs. County revenues primarily consist of property and sales taxes. Project revenues are made up of special district charges (Pure Waters assessments) and enterprise (direct user) fees (Airport, Solid Waste, and Monroe Community Hospital). State and federal aid is in the form of grants for specific projects. Department summary tables designate funding sources as follows: current County operating cash (cc); County debt (c); special district charges (d); district cash (dc); enterprise fees (e); enterprise cash (ec); state grants (s); federal grants (f); and private (p).

When using bonds, the County pledges its faith and credit and the repayment of the bonds legally has the first claim on all the County's general revenues such as property and sales taxes. Bond anticipation notes are issued by the County to borrow funds for the immediate costs of projects for which bonds have been authorized; they permit the County to delay the issuance of long-term bonds until state and federal aid is received and the actual cost of a project to the County is known. The bond anticipation notes then are generally converted to bonds. This helps the County keep its bonded debt at a minimum. The notes are generally issued for six to twelve months and may be renewed up to four times for a maximum of five years. Debt financing of capital projects permits beneficiaries of the facilities to share their cost during the useful life of the facility and allows the County to undertake several projects immediately rather than delay construction until funds are available from the current operating budget.

Debt Capacity

In order to control the amount of debt which a county may incur, the New York State Constitution has established a debt limit equal to 7% of the five-year average full valuation of real property in the county. Debt related to water facilities improvements and certain other self-supporting items may be excluded from the limit. The economic realities of the ability to repay borrowed money are, however, more stringent and are independently judged by rating agencies such as Moody's Investors Service, Inc., Standard & Poor's (S&P) Global Ratings, and Fitch Ratings. If these agencies judge that the County's ultimate ability to repay borrowed money has decreased, they lower the credit rating and the interest rate paid on funds borrowed in the future increases. Thus, it is important to manage the County's finances so as to maintain a good credit rating. Currently, Monroe County holds an "Aa3" rating from Moody's Investors Service, Inc. as of October 2024, an "AA" rating from S&P's Global Ratings as of June 2023, and an "AA" rating from Fitch Ratings as of November 2024 – all upgrades from the County's previous ratings.

User Charges

Projects, activities, and services for which the specific users or beneficiaries to whom the benefits of the service can be attributed lend themselves to charging user fees. The products and services of the private sector of our economy are of this nature and are called 'private goods.' To the extent that a capital project has the characteristics of private goods, it becomes feasible to support an appropriate portion of its debt service and operating costs through direct charges to those

2027-2032 Capital Improvement Program Summary (Cont.)

who benefit from it. This permits the County to offer this service with little or no dependence on general tax support for the project, allowing more public monies to be allocated to other public services. Projects for the following are financed primarily by user charges without taxpayer support in Monroe County: the Frederick Douglass Greater Rochester International Airport; Monroe Community Hospital; and the Pure Waters and Solid Waste Divisions of the Monroe County Department of Environmental Services.

Special Assessments

Projects that benefit a specific group of properties can be financed and constructed through special assessment arrangements. The costs of extending a water or sewer line can be assessed against the abutting properties rather than charged against the taxpayers as a whole. Special assessments are often paid in installments over a number of years and cover both the expenditure and the financing. This form of financing is rarely used in Monroe County.

Sources of Funding

The various sources of funding for the Capital Improvement Program include county, district, enterprise, private, state, and federal. Their portion of total funding is summarized in Chart 1 and at the bottom of Table 1.

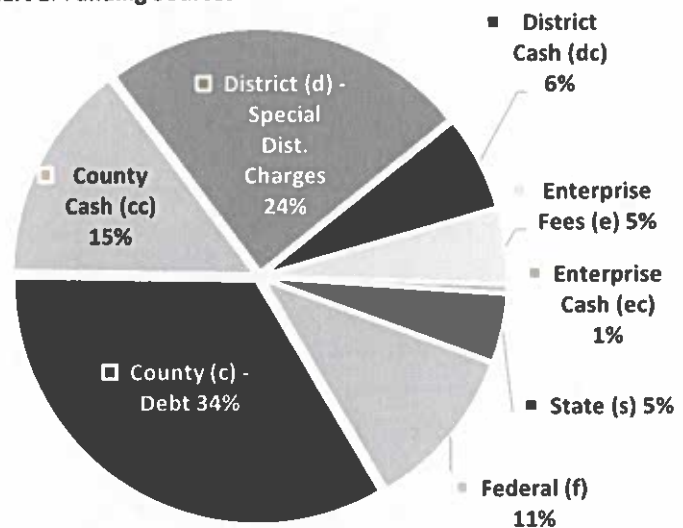
Fiscal Policy and Debt Service

In preparing Monroe County's Capital Improvement Program, great care is taken to ensure sound fiscal management. This is necessary to assure that the County is able to finance approved projects as they reach implementation stage; compliance with the State constitutional debt limit is maintained; the County maintains an investment grade credit rating to minimize the cost of borrowing funds for capital projects; and the annual repayment cost for the debt incurred is kept within reasonable limits - generally less than 10% of budgeted expenditures - so as not to overburden County taxpayers. Monroe County uses approximately 15% of its State constitutional debt limit. The objective is to maintain an annual debt service burden that is clearly within the County's ability to pay. In evaluating projects for inclusion in the CIP, two sets of criteria are used:

1. For projects to be funded by state, federal and other aid, or whose local costs will be financed by user charges, the criteria are:
 - the project is needed and appropriate; and
 - the project can be financed with aid or user charges and thus not entail a general County budget charge.
2. For projects to be funded in whole or in part with general County budget funds, the criteria are:
 - out of all the projects that need to be done, this project's priority is high enough to be funded; and
 - the aggregate annual cost of all approved projects should be kept within reasonable limits so as not to overburden County taxpayers.

The County Administration's debt policy provides that debt shall be issued to finance capital projects where other funding sources are not immediately available. The debt will be structured in the most efficient manner to limit the impact on the taxpayer and will take payment of existing debt obligations into consideration as well as the total projected operating cost of the County. The use of cash capital through the operating budget will be utilized on an increasing basis to reduce the need for borrowing and avoid the associated interest costs. Cash capital will be used for annually recurring capital

Chart 1. Funding Sources



2027-2032 Capital Improvement Program Summary (Cont.)

improvement projects; recurring information technology projects; projects with a short useful life; or for other projects with costs estimated at \$100,000 or less as financial and budgetary conditions permit without placing undue pressures on the taxpayers. Short term notes may be issued for cash flow purposes if needed. All debt issues will be structured and sold in accordance with sound debt management practices. All debt obligations shall be issued with the full faith and credit of the County, including obligations of those enterprises and districts for which user charges and other non-property tax revenue are derived.

Capital Project Operating Cost Impacts

Article VII, Section A7-1, of the Monroe County Administrative Code requires that the Capital Improvement Program include "... the estimated effect of each capital project upon operating costs of the County." The Operating Budget impact (including debt service) is detailed under the heading "Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget" included in the descriptions for each project.

Net Tax Supported Debt Service Projections

The overall debt service impacts of the projects to be funded in whole or in part with general County budget funds are displayed in Chart 2.

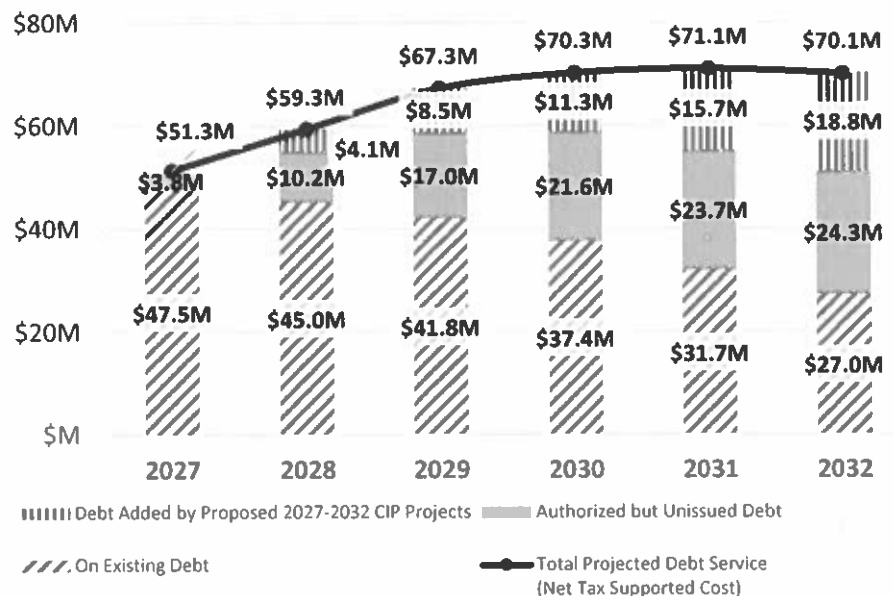
Chart 2. Net Tax Supported Debt Service Estimate

Debt that is offset by revenues from self-supporting areas - the Airport, Pure Waters, Solid Waste and Monroe Community Hospital - is not included.

These projections are based on numerous assumptions including future interest rates and the actual timing of project construction.

Deviations in any of the data from the assumptions used may materially alter actual results. Thus, actual results will vary over time from these projections. The principal assumptions are:

- Bonds will bear 5% interest.
- Projected expenditures will occur in the year programmed in the Capital Improvement Program.
- It is the County's practice to bond for no more than 20 years.



Monroe County Water Authority (MCWA)

According to the New York Public Authorities Law, Section 1096, Subsection (16-b)(8), MCWA needs to be included in the Monroe County CIP (the first year of which is the capital budget) if borrowing is required. The Water Authority program summary is included as an appendix at the end of this document. Their funding amounts are not included with the County's CIP program funding totals.

Table 1 - Capital Improvement Program Summary

Program Area	Budget	Annual Project Cost					6 Years Total
	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	
Department of Information Services							
County Cash	2,850,000	3,000,000	3,150,000	3,300,000	3,450,000	4,150,000	19,900,000
Department Total	2,850,000	3,000,000	3,150,000	3,300,000	3,450,000	4,150,000	19,900,000
Board of Elections							
County	100,000	0	0	0	0	0	100,000
Department Total	100,000	0	0	0	0	0	100,000
Health Department - Medical Examiner							
County	0	350,000	0	340,000	0	350,000	1,040,000
Department Total	0	350,000	0	340,000	0	350,000	1,040,000
Monroe Community College							
County	5,120,000	4,953,000	1,510,000	2,568,000	2,196,000	2,029,000	18,376,000
State	5,120,000	4,953,000	1,510,000	2,568,000	2,196,000	2,029,000	18,376,000
Department Total	10,240,000	9,906,000	3,020,000	5,136,000	4,392,000	4,058,000	36,752,000
Monroe Community Hospital							
Enterprise	2,441,000	2,092,000	2,860,000	1,876,000	2,441,000	2,294,000	14,004,000
Department Total	2,441,000	2,092,000	2,860,000	1,876,000	2,441,000	2,294,000	14,004,000
Monroe County Library System							
County	0	280,000	0	0	0	0	280,000
County Cash	210,000	220,000	230,000	240,000	250,000	260,000	1,410,000
Department Total	210,000	500,000	230,000	240,000	250,000	260,000	1,690,000
Department of Aviation							
Enterprise	700,000	1,200,000	285,000	2,150,000	1,075,000	1,625,000	7,035,000
State	700,000	200,000	285,000	150,000	175,000	125,000	1,635,000
Federal	15,100,000	3,600,000	6,630,000	2,700,000	6,150,000	7,250,000	41,430,000
Department Total	16,500,000	5,000,000	7,200,000	5,000,000	7,400,000	9,000,000	50,100,000
Department of Environmental Services - Division of Pure Waters							
District	28,650,000	20,750,000	19,500,000	28,600,000	19,400,000	10,250,000	127,150,000
District Cash	5,050,000	5,150,000	5,350,000	5,900,000	5,950,000	5,550,000	32,950,000
Department Total	33,700,000	25,900,000	24,850,000	34,500,000	25,350,000	15,800,000	160,100,000
Department of Environmental Services - Engineering and Facilities Management							
County	7,425,000	5,650,000	6,175,000	14,000,000	5,750,000	4,000,000	43,000,000
State	200,000	0	0	200,000	0	0	400,000
Department Total	7,625,000	5,650,000	6,175,000	14,200,000	5,750,000	4,000,000	43,400,000
Department of Environmental Services - Solid Waste							
Enterprise	0	0	0	800,000	3,200,000	1,000,000	5,000,000
Enterprise Cash	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	3,000,000
Department Total	500,000	500,000	500,000	1,300,000	3,700,000	1,500,000	8,000,000
Department of Parks							
County	2,225,000	1,425,000	775,000	500,000	500,000	0	5,425,000
County Cash	1,225,000	775,000	1,025,000	825,000	1,025,000	825,000	5,700,000
Department Total	3,450,000	2,200,000	1,800,000	1,325,000	1,525,000	825,000	11,125,000

Table 1 - Capital Improvement Program Summary (Cont.)

Program Area	Budget	Annual Project Cost					6 Years Total
	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	
Department of Parks - Seneca Park Zoo							
County	550,000	0	650,000	0	768,000	0	1,968,000
Department Total	550,000	0	650,000	0	768,000	0	1,968,000
Department of Transportation - Highways and Bridges							
County	13,825,000	10,935,000	5,874,000	11,135,000	2,166,000	8,410,000	52,345,000
County Cash	3,410,000	3,410,000	3,510,000	3,510,000	3,610,000	3,610,000	21,060,000
State	983,000	197,000	255,000	0	1,580,000	0	3,015,000
Federal	5,237,000	1,041,000	1,362,000	0	8,424,000	0	16,064,000
Department Total	23,455,000	15,583,000	11,001,000	14,645,000	15,780,000	12,020,000	92,484,000
Department of Transportation - Traffic Engineering							
County	0	2,295,000	170,000	0	355,000	180,000	3,000,000
County Cash	1,750,000	1,800,000	1,850,000	1,900,000	1,950,000	2,000,000	11,250,000
Department Total	1,750,000	4,095,000	2,020,000	1,900,000	2,305,000	2,180,000	14,250,000
Department of Public Safety							
County	4,665,000	3,110,000	2,250,000	12,585,000	12,070,000	5,900,000	40,580,000
County Cash	500,000	710,000	720,000	730,000	840,000	550,000	4,050,000
Department Total	5,165,000	3,820,000	2,970,000	13,315,000	12,910,000	6,450,000	44,630,000
Monroe County Office of the Sheriff							
County	4,425,000	3,050,000	0	350,000	1,600,000	0	9,425,000
County Cash	1,950,000	2,075,000	2,200,000	2,325,000	2,450,000	2,100,000	13,100,000
State	150,000	0	0	0	0	0	150,000
Department Total	6,525,000	5,125,000	2,200,000	2,675,000	4,050,000	2,100,000	22,675,000
Program Totals							
County	38,335,000	32,048,000	17,404,000	41,478,000	25,405,000	20,869,000	175,539,000
County Cash	11,895,000	11,990,000	12,685,000	12,830,000	13,575,000	13,495,000	76,470,000
District	28,650,000	20,750,000	19,500,000	28,600,000	19,400,000	10,250,000	127,150,000
District Cash	5,050,000	5,150,000	5,350,000	5,900,000	5,950,000	5,550,000	32,950,000
Enterprise	3,141,000	3,292,000	3,145,000	4,826,000	6,716,000	4,919,000	26,039,000
Enterprise Cash	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	3,000,000
State	7,153,000	5,350,000	2,050,000	2,918,000	3,951,000	2,154,000	23,576,000
Federal	20,337,000	4,641,000	7,992,000	2,700,000	14,574,000	7,250,000	57,494,000
Grand Total	115,061,000	83,721,000	68,626,000	99,752,000	90,071,000	64,987,000	522,218,000
Monroe County Water Authority							
District	15,898,000	15,773,000	16,848,000	16,593,000	17,078,000	17,478,000	99,668,000
Department Total	15,898,000	15,773,000	16,848,000	16,593,000	17,078,000	17,478,000	99,668,000

Table 2 - 2027 Capital Budget Priorities

Department - Division	2027 CBY Project	2027 CBY	Funding Source				
			County	District	Enterprise	State	Federal
DES-PW	RPWD - General Collection System & Treatment Plant Improvements	\$ 2,550,000		\$ 2,550,000			
SHER	Sheriff's Body Worn Camera Project	\$ 800,000	\$ 800,000				
AIR	Airfield Lighting Upgrade	\$ 1,500,000			\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000	\$ 1,350,000
DES-PW	NWQPWD - Aeration Improvements	\$ 12,000,000		\$ 12,000,000			
AIR	Runway 28 Safety Improvements	\$ 5,000,000			\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 4,600,000
DOT-HB	Bridge PM #B	\$ 191,000	\$ 9,000			\$ 29,000	\$ 153,000
MCH	Equipment/Furnishings/Resident Care	\$ 961,000			\$ 961,000		
IS	Network Infrastructure	\$ 1,650,000	\$ 1,650,000				
DES-PW	NWQPWD - Preliminary Treatment Improvements	\$ 5,200,000		\$ 5,200,000			
PS	Public Safety Communications Equipment and Device Replacement	\$ 2,300,000	\$ 2,300,000				
DOT-HB	Turk Hill Road Bridge over Thomas Creek Tributary (3317260)	\$ 4,430,000	\$ 221,000			\$ 665,000	\$ 3,544,000
PS	Forensic Instrumentation Upgrade	\$ 300,000	\$ 300,000				
DES-PW	NWQPWD - General Pump Station, Interceptor and Treatment Plant Improvements	\$ 950,000		\$ 950,000			
DES-PW	RPWD - FEV Yard Piping Improvements	\$ 4,500,000		\$ 4,500,000			
PS	911 Workstation Replacement	\$ 375,000	\$ 375,000				
MCC	Enhance Pedestrian Safety & Connectivity	\$ 1,136,000	\$ 568,000			\$ 568,000	
DES-PW	IBSCPWD - General Pump Station & Interceptor Improvements	\$ 450,000		\$ 450,000			
DES-PW	GCOSD - General Collection System Improvements	\$ 350,000		\$ 350,000			
DES-PW	NWQPWD - Buttonwood/Flynn Rd/Island Cottage Pump Stations Improvements	\$ 5,000,000		\$ 5,000,000			
SHER	Sheriff's Office Active Shooter Firearm and PPE replacement project	\$ 175,000	\$ 175,000				
DOT-HB	Vintage Lane Bridge over Round Pond Creek (3367000)	\$ 3,517,000	\$ 1,688,000			\$ 289,000	\$ 1,540,000
DOT-HB	Milling/Resurfacing/Recycling	\$ 1,650,000	\$ 1,650,000				
DES-PW	NWQPWD - WRRF Security Upgrades	\$ 100,000		\$ 100,000			
DES-PW	RPWD - FEV Security Upgrades	\$ 250,000		\$ 250,000			
AIR	Airport Information Systems Upgrade	\$ 500,000					\$ 500,000
PS	Public Safety Communications Infrastructure	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000				
PS	911 VXRail CAD Server	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 1,500,000				
AIR	Access/Circulation Roadway	\$ 3,000,000			\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 2,700,000
DES-PW	IBSCPWD - Thomas Creek Pump Station Improvements	\$ 1,600,000		\$ 1,600,000			
DOT-HB	Thomas Avenue (St. Paul Blvd. to Pattonwood Drive)	\$ 10,300,000	\$ 10,300,000				
PARKS	Buildings and Structures	\$ 400,000	\$ 400,000				
MCH	Infrastructure Improvements	\$ 20,000			\$ 20,000		
DOT-HB	Lehigh Station Road (East River Road to W. Henrietta Road)	\$ 410,000	\$ 410,000				
DOT-HB	Culvert Replacement Program	\$ 1,650,000	\$ 1,650,000				
MCH	Interior Improvements	\$ 200,000			\$ 200,000		
AIR	North Ramp Improvements	\$ 1,000,000			\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 900,000
AIR	Planning and Design Projects	\$ 500,000			\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 450,000
DES-PW	Replacement Heavy Equipment	\$ 750,000		\$ 750,000			
AIR	Terminal Improvements	\$ 5,000,000			\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 4,600,000
DOT-TE	Traffic Engineering	\$ 600,000	\$ 600,000				

Table 2 - 2027 Capital Budget Priorities

Department - Division	2027 CBY Project	2027 CBY	Funding Source				
			County	District	Enterprise	State	Federal
PARKS	Utilities, Access and Site Improvements	\$ 300,000	\$ 300,000				
MCH	Information Technology Equipment	\$ 560,000			\$ 560,000		
PS	Public Safety Training Facility Capital Improvements	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000				
SHER	Radio Communications Infrastructure for Jail and Court Bureau	\$ 1,250,000	\$ 1,250,000				
DOT-TE	Traffic Sign Retro reflectivity Program	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000				
DOT-HB	Clover Street (Monroe Avenue to East Avenue)	\$ 797,000	\$ 797,000				
MCH	<i>Exterior, Site and Utility Improvements</i>	\$ 650,000			\$ 650,000		
DES-FAC	General HVAC & MEP Improvements of County Buildings	\$ 350,000	\$ 350,000				
DOT-TE	City of Rochester Traffic Features	\$ 600,000	\$ 600,000				
PARKS	Ellison Park Improvements	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 1,500,000				
DES-FAC	Hall of Justice Reconstruction	\$ 1,825,000	\$ 1,825,000				
SHER	Jail Tower General HVAC & MEP Improvements	\$ 800,000	\$ 800,000				
PS	Public Safety Vehicle Replacement	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000				
DOT-TE	Spot Improvement Projects	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000				
PS	Special Operations Vehicle Replacement (Fire Bureau)	\$ 140,000	\$ 140,000				
DES-FAC	General Building Envelope and Site Improvements of County Buildings	\$ 750,000	\$ 750,000				
MCC	Services for Students Renovation	\$ 8,104,000	\$ 4,052,000			\$ 4,052,000	
DES-FAC	Electrical Equipment Replacement at County Facilities	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 2,000,000				
DES-FAC	Fleet Maintenance Building Improvements	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 2,000,000				
ZOO	Facilities and Grounds	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000				
DES-FAC	GIS Enterprise Systems Improvements	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000				
DES-FAC	Hall of Justice Court Requested Improvements	\$ 200,000				\$ 200,000	
DES-SW	Recycling Center & Resource Recovery Facility Improvements	\$ 500,000			\$ 500,000		
LIB	Library System Automation	\$ 210,000	\$ 210,000				
SHER	Hall of Justice Plaza Level Security Project	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000				
SHER	Sheriff's Vehicle Replacement	\$ 1,650,000	\$ 1,650,000				
PARKS	Parks Heavy Duty Equipment	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000				
PARKS	Parks Replacement Vehicles	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000				
MCC	Property Preservation Projects Phase 3	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 500,000			\$ 500,000	
DOT-HB	Road Machinery and Equipment	\$ 400,000	\$ 400,000				
BOE	Election Inspector Experience Improvements	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000				
SHER	Jail Tower General Building Envelope and Site Improvements	\$ 800,000	\$ 800,000				
PARKS	Parks Light Duty Equipment	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000				
SHER	Sheriff's Office Marine Unit Vessel Replacement Project	\$ 800,000	\$ 650,000			\$ 150,000	
DOT-HB	DOT Replacement Vehicles	\$ 110,000	\$ 110,000				
ZOO	Zoo Light Duty Equipment	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000				
MCH	Light Duty Equipment	\$ 50,000			\$ 50,000		
PARKS	Golf Heavy Equipment	\$ 225,000	\$ 225,000				
IS	Office Equipment Refresh and Replacement	\$ 1,200,000	\$ 1,200,000				
Bold denotes new project.		2027 CBY	County	District	Enterprise	State	Federal
Totals:		\$ 115,061,000	\$ 50,230,000	\$ 33,700,000	\$ 3,641,000	\$ 7,153,000	\$ 20,337,000

Department of Information Services



Monroe County's Information Services department manages and maintains the County's technology infrastructure, including hardware, hosting, storage, backups, software, networks, and cybersecurity systems. The department oversees the acquisition, installation, operation, and maintenance of computing and communication systems across County government. It is also responsible for safeguarding the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of County resources, including users, data, networks, hardware and applications. In addition, Information Services evaluates emerging technologies and establishes standards and guidelines for computing within Monroe County government.

Status of Previously Programmed Projects

Network Infrastructure: In 2025, we completed several key infrastructure upgrades to strengthen reliability, security, and long-term sustainability of our network and server virtualization environments. These improvements included refreshing critical network services and migrating storage to new systems to save money. In the coming year, we will continue this modernization effort by upgrading core network equipment, switching infrastructure, and data storage systems. These enhancements are designed to increase overall capacity, improve performance, and support higher-speed connectivity (including expanded 25G capabilities) to meet growing operational demands.

Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP)/Security: The new ERP system is expected to be implemented by the end of 2026. A new Network Access Control (NAC) system was acquired in 2025 and implementation will be completed in 2026. We expanded our Single Sign on (SSO) and Multi-factor Authentication (MFA) systems in 2025 as required for the new ERP Project. In the coming year, we will implement a system purchased in 2025 to automate activities between the new ERP system and our network users.

Office Equipment Refresh & Replacement: In 2025, we continued the countywide workstation refresh initiative to align with updated operating system standards. In 2026, we will complete the workstation refresh and continue to enhance the County communications system capabilities to support operational needs and compliance requirements.

Department of Information Services Program Summary Table

Project Name	Funding	Budget	Annual Project Cost					Total Cost 6 Years
		2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	
Network Infrastructure	cc	1,650,000	560,000	1,800,000	2,200,000	2,050,000	3,800,000	12,060,000
	Total	1,650,000	560,000	1,800,000	2,200,000	2,050,000	3,800,000	12,060,000
Office Equipment Refresh and Replacement	cc	1,200,000	2,440,000	1,350,000	1,100,000	1,400,000	0	7,490,000
	Total	1,200,000	2,440,000	1,350,000	1,100,000	1,400,000	0	7,490,000
Enterprise Resource Planning/Security	cc	0	0	0	0	0	350,000	350,000
	Total	0	0	0	0	0	350,000	350,000
<i>Italics denotes a new project</i>	County Cash	2,850,000	3,000,000	3,150,000	3,300,000	3,450,000	4,150,000	19,900,000
	Department Total	2,850,000	3,000,000	3,150,000	3,300,000	3,450,000	4,150,000	19,900,000

Network Infrastructure

Project Description

This project provides for an enterprise-wide infrastructure for data storage and communications - including refresh. This network will eventually encompass all Monroe County Offices at all County business locations. The network will provide connectivity to the State of New York, the City of Rochester, Monroe County towns and villages, Monroe Community College, Monroe County Library, and access to the Internet. The strategy will be flexible enough to accommodate multiple network topologies and multiple hardware configurations. It will incorporate existing structures whenever possible, and allow for future growth and expansion.

Environmental Review

This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding Details

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
cc	1,650,000	560,000	1,800,000	2,200,000	2,050,000	3,800,000	12,060,000
Total	1,650,000	560,000	1,800,000	2,200,000	2,050,000	3,800,000	12,060,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
0 Years	\$0	\$2,010,000	\$0	\$2,010,000

Office Equipment Refresh and Replacement

Project Description

This project is needed to refresh equipment used to support county-wide functions, including PCs, servers, telephones, copiers, and related cyber security support.

Environmental Review

This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding Details

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
cc	1,200,000	2,440,000	1,350,000	1,100,000	1,400,000	0	7,490,000
Total	1,200,000	2,440,000	1,350,000	1,100,000	1,400,000	0	7,490,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
0 Years	\$0	\$1,248,333	\$0	\$1,248,333

Enterprise Resource Planning/Security

Project Description

This project provides added functionality to the County-wide ERP (Enterprise Resource Planning) system. This system delivers functions that support: human resources (and payroll), finance, purchasing and work orders (asset management). Other department functions continue to be moved into the ERP system allowing for enhanced integration capabilities. This project also supports our cyber security program as we continue to implement products and services that add to our defense-in-depth posture.

Environmental Review

This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding Details

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
cc	0	0	0	0	0	350,000	350,000
Total	0	0	0	0	0	350,000	350,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
0 Years	\$0	\$58,333	\$0	\$58,333

Board of Elections



The Monroe County Board of Elections is responsible for conducting all federal, state, county, city, town, and village elections within Monroe County. Compliance with extensive federal and state laws and regulations is required for every election.

In addition to overseeing public elections, the Board provides voting machines, technical support, and election materials for school districts, fire districts, water districts, labor unions, and various public and private organizations.

The Board currently maintains official election records for approximately 500,000 registered voters and manages all aspects of voter registration, redistricting, and election administration. Its automated records system serves as a critical historical and legal resource, providing documentation for government agencies and individuals requiring proof of employment, residency, or citizenship.

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Election expenses, including capital expenditures, are funded through the Local Services charge in the annual operating budget, which is bill for residents.

Board of Elections Program Summary Table

Project Name	Funding	Budget	Annual Project Cost					Total Cost 6 Years
		2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	
<i>Election Inspector Experience</i>	c	100,000	0	0	0	0	0	100,000
<i>Improvements</i>	Total	100,000	0	0	0	0	0	100,000
<i>Italics denotes a new project</i>	County	100,000	0	0	0	0	0	100,000
	Department Total	100,000	0	0	0	0	0	100,000

Election Inspector Experience Improvements

Project Description

This project installs an ADA-compliant elevator in the planned Board of Elections Voting Museum to ensure full accessibility for all visitors. The elevator will provide safe, convenient access to all levels of the museum, supporting our commitment to education, inclusivity, and honoring the history of voting.

Environmental Review

This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding Details

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
c	100,000	0	0	0	0	0	100,000
Total	100,000	0	0	0	0	0	100,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
5 Years	\$23,097	\$0	\$0	\$23,097

Health Department - Medical Examiner



The **Office of the Medical Examiner's Forensic Toxicology Laboratory** serves all Monroe County residents by assisting in the determination of cause and manner of death in Medical Examiner cases, by analyzing samples from impaired drivers for the presence of drugs and alcohol, and by performing testing to determine whether drugs were used to facilitate a sexual assault. The inability of the laboratory to perform these services due to the lack of adequate instrumentation would have significant impacts on the ability of the Medical Examiner to determine cause and manner of death and on the ability of Law Enforcement and the District Attorney's Office to prosecute homicide, date rape, and impaired driving cases. The absence of serviceable equipment increases the case turnaround time in the laboratory and jeopardizes the lab's national and NYS accreditation, which are required for the lab to operate.

Status of Previously Programmed Projects In a dynamic climate of newly available drugs and changing detection technology, the laboratory continuously evaluates instrumentation in order to remain abreast of current drug trends.

Due to rising costs, 2024 funding was deferred to 2025 in order to obtain a replacement for one of the laboratory's older liquid chromatography-tandem mass spectrometry (LC-MS/MS) instruments which is approaching end of life. The purchase was completed in late 2025, and the instrument is currently being validated for routine use. New instrumentation not only better equips the laboratory for testing, but also ensures that instruments can be properly maintained (fully supported), preventing weeks- or months-long downtime in the event an instrument fails. Thus, the laboratory will be able to avoid an extended period of downtime and backlog as the older instrument ceases to function. These instruments are among the most sensitive and specific in the laboratory, and are utilized in virtually every drug tested case. They allow the laboratory to meet its requirements to test for a comprehensive scope of licit and illicit drugs.

In 2026, the laboratory is exploring options to either replace a second, similar-caliber LC-MS/MS (thereby shoring up another nearly-obsolete instrument and improving analytical capacity accordingly), or obtain liquid chromatography-quadrupole time of flight instrumentation, which utilizes high-resolution mass spectrometry technology that would better allow for identification of the many unknown new compounds which are frequently introduced into the drug market.

Health Department - Medical Examiner Program Summary Table

Project Name	Funding	Budget	Annual Project Cost					Total Cost 6 Years
		2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	
Toxicology Lab Equipment - Medical Examiner	c	0	350,000	0	340,000	0	350,000	1,040,000
	Total	0	350,000	0	340,000	0	350,000	1,040,000
<i>Italics denotes a new project</i>	County	0	350,000	0	340,000	0	350,000	1,040,000
	Department Total	0	350,000	0	340,000	0	350,000	1,040,000

Toxicology Lab Equipment - Medical Examiner

Project Description

This project purchases new instrumentation to enhance the capabilities of the Medical Examiner Toxicology laboratory and replaces old equipment that is beyond its life expectancy and for which parts are no longer manufactured and comprehensive service is no longer available. Replacing outdated instruments with new state-of-the-art equipment helps minimize laboratory backlog and ensures that the high quality of toxicology services provided to County residents can be maintained. In 2026, the laboratory plans to update its screening capabilities by obtaining a liquid chromatography-quadrupole time of flight (LC-QToF) instrument, which would facilitate better identification of novel substances continually entering the drug market. This would help improve the overall sensitivity of the laboratory and minimize the increasing number of suspected overdose cases for which the responsible substance(s) cannot be identified. Alternatively (depending on current needs), an up-to-date gas chromatography/mass spectrometry (GC/MS) or liquid chromatography-tandem mass spectrometry (LC-MS/MS) instrument could be procured— instruments of both types are presently approaching end of life. These are the core technologies of the laboratory, which can identify and quantify a broad range of drugs and drug classes and are currently used in virtually all cases requiring drug analysis. In addition to being more robust, updated instrumentation provides improved sensitivity and functionality relative to earlier versions of these same technologies, as well as more current drug libraries which are better equipped to identify newer substances. Purchase of one of these instruments would help facilitate identification of novel or low-concentration substances, the scope of which continue to expand over time.

Environmental Review

This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding Details

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
C	0	350,000	0	340,000	0	350,000	1,040,000
Total	0	350,000	0	340,000	0	350,000	1,040,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
5 Years	\$96,086	\$0	\$0	\$96,086

Monroe Community College



Monroe Community College
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Monroe Community College is one of 30 State University of New York (SUNY) community colleges sponsored by local jurisdictions and operated under the aegis of the University. Among local colleges, MCC leads the way in providing access to higher education. It primarily serves residents of Monroe County, but also enrolls students whose home areas do not sponsor a community college or who wish to pursue a specialized program of study not available locally. By offering a wide spectrum of disciplines that lead to two-year associate degrees, shorter-term certificates, and work-related competencies, Monroe Community College prepares students for transfer to senior colleges or trains them for a variety of technical or paraprofessional occupations.

The state, students, and local sponsors (Monroe County) share operating costs at the community college. State aid is determined both by statute and by regulations of the State University Trustees. As provided by statute, the actual aid formula is set forth in regulations adopted by the University Trustees and approved by the Director of the Budget. Since 1977-78, all 30 SUNY community colleges have adopted Full Opportunity Plans (FOP), which require them to accept all high school graduates in the sponsorship area in exchange for enhanced state funding.

During academic year 2024-2025, MCC enrolled 23,555 credit and non-credit students, making it one of the largest community colleges in the SUNY system. More than 100 SUNY approved programs/curriculums are offered as contrasted to 35 in 1983, indicating responsiveness to student's vocational interests, the expressed work force needs of local business, industry and organizations, and college and university matriculation requirements.

New York State shares MCC's project costs equally with Monroe County. The State's share may be financed from regular state appropriations or through issuance of bonds by the NYS Dormitory Authority.

Status of Previously Programmed Projects

Projects in 2025 include substantial completion of significant structural repairs in the Downtown parking garage, renovations in Building 9 for Optics Micro-Credentials programs, Bldg 33 Roof Replacement, and decommissioning the cistern at the Downtown Campus; continued work on the PAC Center pool repairs, the ATC STEM Addition, the Wolk Center for Nursing Excellence at the Downtown Campus, and the implementation of safety improvements at the entrance to the Downtown Campus; and design work on the RochesterWorks! renovation at the Downtown Campus and restroom renovations for accessibility improvements in the Brighton Library restrooms.

An update to the 2021 Facilities Master Plan was approved by the MCC's Board of Trustees in December 2025. This will introduce new projects in and modify existing ones to align them with the College's Vision2027 Strategic Plan.

Monroe Community College Program Summary Table

Project Name	Funding	Budget	Annual Project Cost					Total Cost 6 Years
		2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	
Services for Students Renovation	c	4,052,000	4,131,000	0	0	0	0	8,183,000
	s	4,052,000	4,131,000	0	0	0	0	8,183,000
	Total	8,104,000	8,262,000	0	0	0	0	16,366,000
Enhance Pedestrian Safety & Connectivity	c	568,000	0	0	0	0	0	568,000
	s	568,000	0	0	0	0	0	568,000
	Total	1,136,000	0	0	0	0	0	1,136,000
Property Preservation Projects Phase 3	c	500,000	500,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	5,000,000
	s	500,000	500,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	5,000,000
	Total	1,000,000	1,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	10,000,000

Monroe Community College Program Summary Table

Project Name	Funding	Budget	Annual Project Cost					Total Cost 6 Years
		2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	
Improve Transit Services & Facilities	c	0	172,000	0	0	0	0	172,000
	s	0	172,000	0	0	0	0	172,000
	Total	0	344,000	0	0	0	0	344,000
Capital Equipment Replacement - Technology	c	0	150,000	150,000	150,000	0	100,000	550,000
	s	0	150,000	150,000	150,000	0	100,000	550,000
	Total	0	300,000	300,000	300,000	0	200,000	1,100,000
Campus Welcome Center	c	0	0	360,000	1,418,000	1,111,000	0	2,889,000
	s	0	0	360,000	1,418,000	1,111,000	0	2,889,000
	Total	0	0	720,000	2,836,000	2,222,000	0	5,778,000
Campus Gateway Improvements	c	0	0	0	0	85,000	336,000	421,000
	s	0	0	0	0	85,000	336,000	421,000
	Total	0	0	0	0	170,000	672,000	842,000
Reorganize Front Drop-Off	c	0	0	0	0	0	593,000	593,000
	s	0	0	0	0	0	593,000	593,000
	Total	0	0	0	0	0	1,186,000	1,186,000
<i>Italics denotes a new project</i>	County	5,120,000	4,953,000	1,510,000	2,568,000	2,196,000	2,029,000	18,376,000
	State	5,120,000	4,953,000	1,510,000	2,568,000	2,196,000	2,029,000	18,376,000
	Department Total	10,240,000	9,906,000	3,020,000	5,136,000	4,392,000	4,058,000	36,752,000

Services for Students Renovation**Project Description**

This project involves the complete renovation of Building 6 and the front entrance to accommodate the new Services for Students Center. It includes the construction of a new stair/elevator tower to replace the existing external stair tower that will access all four floors and the basement. A new first floor building entry will be constructed to provide direct access to the new Services for Students Center. This project is an enabling project that facilitates the consolidation of all services for students and allows the repurposing of the space that has been vacated. Updates to furniture, technology, and equipment will be included to better serve students.

Environmental Review

This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding Details

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
c	4,052,000	4,131,000	0	0	0	0	8,183,000
s	4,052,000	4,131,000	0	0	0	0	8,183,000
Total	8,104,000	8,262,000	0	0	0	0	16,366,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
15 Years	\$722,037	\$0	\$0	\$722,037

Enhance Pedestrian Safety & Connectivity

Project Description Project seeks to address deficiencies with our pedestrian accommodations on campus. We wish to design and construct better and safer ways for pedestrians to enter, exit, and circulate around the college. We also wish to minimize pedestrian/vehicular conflict, provide better connectivity to community sidewalk and regional trail systems, and address outstanding concerns related to accessibility and ADA compliance.

Environmental Review This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding Details

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
c	568,000	0	0	0	0	0	568,000
s	568,000	0	0	0	0	0	568,000
Total	1,136,000	0	0	0	0	0	1,136,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
5 Years	\$109,328	\$0	\$0	\$109,328

Property Preservation Projects Phase 3

Project Description These 'infrastructure' type projects include the upgrade and modernization of the architectural, structural, site, mechanical, electrical, and plumbing systems throughout all of MCC's campuses. Life safety, code compliance, and accessibility are also addressed. A comprehensive facilities condition assessment of MCC campuses was conducted to better understand major infrastructure and building issues. This assessment resulted in the development of a Deficiencies Database that includes all projects necessary to maintain campus buildings and infrastructure. The College prioritized the data, giving top priority to equipment that has already failed or is expected to fail in the next five years. As the campus passes 50 years of age, more and more systems designed for a 30-40 year life cycle must be replaced.

Environmental Review This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding Details

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
c	500,000	500,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	5,000,000
s	500,000	500,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	5,000,000
Total	1,000,000	1,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	10,000,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
20 Years	\$207,293	\$0	\$0	\$207,293

Improve Transit Services & Facilities

Project Description Design and implement multi-modal transportation facilities to minimize parking demands and promote sustainable travel options on campus.

Environmental Review This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
c	0	172,000	0	0	0	0	172,000
s	0	172,000	0	0	0	0	172,000
Total	0	344,000	0	0	0	0	344,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
10 Years	\$18,562	\$0	\$0	\$18,562

Capital Equipment Replacement - Technology

Project Description This project will replace Information Technology equipment and supporting infrastructure that have a predictable useful life and replacement schedule, such as core switches, servers, distribution frames, and emergency generators.

Environmental Review This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
c	0	150,000	150,000	150,000	0	100,000	550,000
s	0	150,000	150,000	150,000	0	100,000	550,000
Total	0	300,000	300,000	300,000	0	200,000	1,100,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
5 Years	\$62,363	\$0	\$0	\$62,363

Campus Welcome Center

Project Description A new Campus Welcome Center at the western end of Building 1 would establish a front door for visitors, guests and new students at the Brighton Campus. Locating the Welcome Center within the existing footprint of Building 1 will provide easy access to the One Stop Shop (created by the Services for Students Renovation), Student Organization and Lounge Spaces and academic spaces elsewhere on campus.

Environmental Review This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
c	0	0	360,000	1,418,000	1,111,000	0	2,889,000
s	0	0	360,000	1,418,000	1,111,000	0	2,889,000
Total	0	0	720,000	2,836,000	2,222,000	0	5,778,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
20 Years	\$105,867	\$0	\$0	\$105,867

Campus Gateway Improvements

Project Description

Currently, the four entrances on campus offer similar arrival experiences for visitors, which does not support a strong first impression. The 2020 Facilities Master Plan identifies opportunities to maintain and enhance the centrally-located Entrance B as the main entry for visitors. In addition, the Plan recommends site improvements at Entrance D, one of the most used arrival points and the only vehicular entry from the south side. Vertical and illuminated signage, combined with ornamental plantings, will reinforce MCC's image and signal a clear point of arrival. Visitors, students, and employees should be directed to parking and drop-offs through a straightforward wayfinding and signage system. A similar hierarchy needs to be established for the various building entry points. The Plan identifies four major building entries to serve different parts of the central campus. Special landscape and signage should be considered at these locations.

Environmental Review

This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding Details

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
c	0	0	0	0	85,000	336,000	421,000
s	0	0	0	0	85,000	336,000	421,000
Total	0	0	0	0	170,000	672,000	842,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
15 Years	\$8,125	\$0	\$0	\$8,125

Reorganize Front Drop-Off

Project Description

Front drop-off locations will be fully integrated into an updated, welcoming campus arrival experience. The new ATC building on the former Building 9a site will have a proper loading zone and create an opportunity to reimagine the front drop-off area facing East Henrietta Road. The Plan proposes a new drive lane in front of Buildings 7, 8, and 9, which will align with the new drop-off for the ATC building and bring the bus stop closer to the front entry. The lawn area in front of Building 1 will be updated to reinforce the first impression as visitors enter the campus from Entrance B. This highly visible open space has the potential to become a signature location to promote daily social interaction and support special events. The gateway experience on campus would be enhanced through thoughtful landscape improvements including public arts, canopy trees, intersecting paths, and pedestrian seating. Stormwater management could be integrated into the landscape to foster a culture of sustainability.

Environmental Review

This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding Details

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
c	0	0	0	0	0	593,000	593,000
s	0	0	0	0	0	593,000	593,000
Total	0	0	0	0	0	1,186,000	1,186,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
5 Years	\$22,828	\$0	\$0	\$22,828

Monroe Community Hospital



Monroe Community Hospital (MCH) is a 566-bed Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) owned and operated by Monroe County. While no longer designated as an acute-care hospital, it is currently the 18th largest free-standing nursing home in the Country. MCH distinguishes itself by serving residents who may otherwise face challenges in securing long-term care placement and who require specialized services, such as short-stay rehabilitation, ventilator care, respiratory care and dementia care. MCH is home to a 5-bed pediatric unit, the only facility in the Finger Lakes region offering long-term care for children. In 2025, MCH received a \$10.175M grant through the Statewide Healthcare Transformation program to expand those services.

Status of Previously Programmed Projects

Skilled nursing facilities are required to maintain their physical infrastructure, provide safe and efficient services to residents, and ensure that necessary equipment and furnishings are available to sustain a high quality of life. Each year, MCH prioritizes the replacement of critical patient care equipment, as well as kitchen, laundry, environmental services and facility grounds equipment. Additionally, MCH makes interior upgrades annually to improve the resident experience and quality of life. Between 2024 and 2025, several key projects were completed to enhance our services, including construction of a palliative care unit and novel simulation training center. Construction continues on Friendship Place, our unit designated for residents living with dementia, and it is expected to open in summer 2026.

Monroe Community Hospital Program Summary Table

Project Name	Funding	Budget	Annual Project Cost					Total Cost 6 Years
		2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	
Equipment/Furnishings/Resident Care	e	961,000	1,172,000	590,000	696,000	651,000	844,000	4,914,000
	Total	961,000	1,172,000	590,000	696,000	651,000	844,000	4,914,000
Exterior, Site and Utility Improvements	e	650,000	500,000	50,000	0	300,000	0	1,500,000
	Total	650,000	500,000	50,000	0	300,000	0	1,500,000
Information Technology Equipment	e	560,000	210,000	1,000,000	900,000	500,000	500,000	3,670,000
	Total	560,000	210,000	1,000,000	900,000	500,000	500,000	3,670,000
Interior Improvements	e	200,000	210,000	220,000	230,000	240,000	250,000	1,350,000
	Total	200,000	210,000	220,000	230,000	240,000	250,000	1,350,000
Infrastructure Improvements	e	20,000	0	1,000,000	50,000	0	700,000	1,770,000
	Total	20,000	0	1,000,000	50,000	0	700,000	1,770,000
<i>Light Duty Equipment</i>	e	50,000	0	0	0	0	0	50,000
	Total	50,000	0	0	0	0	0	50,000
Roadway / Lot Repaving	e	0	0	0	0	750,000	0	750,000
	Total	0	0	0	0	750,000	0	750,000
<i>Italics denotes a new project</i>	Enterprise	2,441,000	2,092,000	2,860,000	1,876,000	2,441,000	2,294,000	14,004,000
	Department Total	2,441,000	2,092,000	2,860,000	1,876,000	2,441,000	2,294,000	14,004,000

Equipment/Furnishings/Resident Care

Project Description Through 2027-2032, we anticipate this CIP project will fund the replacement of patient care equipment, furniture for residential care units, industrial laundry, environmental services and kitchen equipment.

Environmental Review This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
e	961,000	1,172,000	590,000	696,000	651,000	844,000	4,914,000
Total	961,000	1,172,000	590,000	696,000	651,000	844,000	4,914,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
5 Years	\$626,219	\$0	\$0	\$626,219

Exterior, Site and Utility Improvements

Project Description Through 2027-2032, we anticipate this CIP project will fund HVAC and building structural safety projects, as well as other exterior upgrades to improve operational efficiency, patient and staff safety, and contribute to the overall sustainability of the facility.

Environmental Review This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
e	650,000	500,000	50,000	0	300,000	0	1,500,000
Total	650,000	500,000	50,000	0	300,000	0	1,500,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
10 Years	\$155,405	\$-10,265	\$0	\$145,140

Information Technology Equipment

Project Description Through 2027-2032, we anticipate this CIP project will fund computers, the electronic medical record (EMR) and related devices, information technology infrastructure and cyber security support.

Environmental Review This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
e	560,000	210,000	1,000,000	900,000	500,000	500,000	3,670,000
Total	560,000	210,000	1,000,000	900,000	500,000	500,000	3,670,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
5 Years	\$412,983	\$0	\$0	\$412,983

Interior Improvements

Project Description Through 2027-2032, we anticipate this CIP project will fund improvements to residential care units and common areas throughout the facility in order to maintain a safe, homelike environment and meet life safety code requirements.

Environmental Review This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
e	200,000	210,000	220,000	230,000	240,000	250,000	1,350,000
Total	200,000	210,000	220,000	230,000	240,000	250,000	1,350,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
0 Years	\$0	\$225,000	\$0	\$225,000

Infrastructure Improvements

Project Description Through 2027-2032, we anticipate CIP projects related to building systems such as elevators and emergency generators, including assessments of their safety, longevity and replacement schedule if needed.

Environmental Review This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
e	20,000	0	1,000,000	50,000	0	700,000	1,770,000
Total	20,000	0	1,000,000	50,000	0	700,000	1,770,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
15 Years	\$79,804	\$0	\$0	\$79,804

Light Duty Equipment

Project Description This project provides for the purchase of light duty equipment, such as mowers and plows, used for the maintenance and safety of the grounds around the facility campus.

Environmental Review This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
e	50,000	0	0	0	0	0	50,000
Total	50,000	0	0	0	0	0	50,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
5 Years	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Roadway / Lot Repaving

Project Description In 2031, we anticipate a CIP project for the milling and repaving of lots/roadways in disrepair, as well as micro-sealing of all other lots/roadways.

Environmental Review This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding Details	Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
	e	0	0	0	0	750,000	0	750,000
	Total	0	0	0	0	750,000	0	750,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
10 Years	\$32,376	\$0	\$0	\$32,376

Monroe County Library System

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The Monroe County Library System (MCLS) is an association of autonomous local public libraries working together to improve library services for residents of Monroe County. Established in 1952 by the Monroe County Board of Supervisors, MCLS is chartered by the New York State Board of Regents and directed by an eleven-member board of trustees appointed by the County

Legislature. Its members include the libraries of 16 towns, two villages, a school district and the City of Rochester.

The Rundel Memorial Building and the Bausch and Lomb Public Library Building serve as the Central Library for the system. Each library retains its own autonomy under the governance of its own board of trustees. The System improves library services by increasing access to information by reducing the cost of repetitive, labor-intensive library operations, and by providing for sharing of resources.

The MCLS and the Central Library of Rochester and Monroe County provide core services to the public libraries and their customers/patrons across Monroe County. The MCLS website (www.libraryweb.org) consists of a union catalog offering patron placed holds, full-text databases, access to digitized material, e-content (books, magazines, music, digitized local historical documents, audio recordings), as well as uniform circulation control and resource sharing of member libraries' materials. The MCLS has been successful in implementing and maintaining state-of-the-art technology solutions, providing research expertise and collection support, maximizing purchasing power, and spearheading research and development for collaborative initiatives.

Because the service philosophy of MCLS focuses on services to its members, which can achieve economies of scale, requests for capital projects are limited to system-wide services, serving all residents of Monroe County. Automated library services are appropriate to this operating philosophy due to the ability of automation to handle large amounts of information that can be shared among libraries. The MCLS enhances scale by coordinating participation in the Federal E-rate Program, which provides partial reimbursement of network service and equipment costs.

Status of Previously Programmed Projects

Library Automation: The Library Automation System was installed in 1993 and connects all public library personal computers in Monroe County to a centralized circulation and catalog database and the internet. Today the MCLS maintains a firewall, content filter, core data switches, and routers to provide bandwidth to 32 remote locations using ethernet fiber, all based out of its Central Library data center. Access to the catalogs of all public libraries in Monroe County, a variety of research and consumer databases, and digitized local historical documents are provided to County residents over the internet. Monroe County residents can place holds, renew library materials, and conduct research from their homes or offices.

Over the last decade, the MCLS has expanded automation services to include support of online platforms for electronic books, audio books, music, video, and periodicals. These online collections are universally available to MCLS patrons, developed and purchased jointly by system libraries. Maintenance of these platforms, including hosting of local content, is incorporated in the project. The MCLS continuously evaluates and increases member library bandwidth given shifts to online and streaming content for patrons, as well as transitioning internal operations to Software as a Service or a hosted solution where feasible.

The MCLS has a comprehensive plan for upgrading its technology infrastructure. During 2026, MCLS will issue a request for proposals for category 2-eligible E-rate equipment for wireless access points to help ensure that the MCLS membership has reliable and robust wireless connectivity. Additionally, self check out kiosks will be upgraded and replaced to ensure efficient service for library patrons.

Monroe County Library System Program Summary Table

Project Name	Funding	Budget	Annual Project Cost					Total Cost 6 Years
		2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	
Library System Automation	cc	210,000	220,000	230,000	240,000	250,000	260,000	1,410,000
	Total	210,000	220,000	230,000	240,000	250,000	260,000	1,410,000
Monroe County Library System Fleet Replacement	c	0	280,000	0	0	0	0	280,000
	Total	0	280,000	0	0	0	0	280,000
<i>Italics denotes a new project</i>		County	0	280,000	0	0	0	280,000
		County Cash	210,000	220,000	230,000	240,000	250,000	1,410,000
		Department Total	210,000	500,000	230,000	240,000	250,000	1,690,000

Library System Automation**Project Description**

The Monroe County Library System telecommunications and network storage solutions continue to evolve as we expand hosted solutions for many operations. The capital program focuses on annual costs associated with software and hardware maintenance, as well as the MCLS' business continuity planning (Uninterrupted Power Supply System, backup server hardware) and storage needs for the continued expansion of digital asset management for primary historical resources. Network and computing equipment to serve the public and operational needs of the Central Library is also included. MCLS costs for several network equipment expenses are reduced by the federal E-rate program for direct broadband infrastructure. The proposed cycle includes an allocation with an annual inflationary increase to replace computer hardware, maintain telecommunications infrastructure and to support the operations of the MCLS.

Environmental Review

This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding Details

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
cc	210,000	220,000	230,000	240,000	250,000	260,000	1,410,000
Total	210,000	220,000	230,000	240,000	250,000	260,000	1,410,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
0 Years	\$0	\$235,000	\$0	\$235,000

Monroe County Library System Fleet Replacement**Project Description**

The Monroe County Library System (MCLS) provides member library delivery services as part of a shared service agreement. Delivery includes daily pickup and drop-off of library material returns, requests/holds, and interoffice mail. For decades, the MCLS has provided the community with the ability to check out and return library materials at any MCLS location of convenience, known as "One County, One Card." In the MCLS catalog library users can also place requests for materials filled as first available across the MCLS, delivered via MCLS fleet to their preferred pick up location. The MCLS fleet consists of three box trucks that run three static routes averaging 62 miles per day to 32 member library locations, as well as special service support for library material outreach services and special collection partners such as The Strong. Average mileage per truck is just over 15,400 miles annually with average freight of 3,120 pounds handled daily, Monday through Friday.

Environmental Review

This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding Details

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
c	0	280,000	0	0	0	0	280,000
Total	0	280,000	0	0	0	0	280,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
5 Years	\$51,738	\$0	\$0	\$51,738

Department of Aviation



The Department of Aviation administers the Frederick Douglass - Greater Rochester International Airport (ROC). According to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), the airport is a small hub with approximately 2.8 million total passengers annually. ROC is County operated and one of the busiest commercial air facilities in New York State. The airport was leased to the Monroe County Airport Authority in 1989. The Authority contracted with the County to perform the functions previously handled by the County. The County Legislature continued its role in the awarding of contracts related to activities at the field. As agent for the Authority, County personnel continue to perform direct services such as administration, building and field maintenance, security, and emergency response. These services by the County include the leasing of land and terminal space to the airlines, concessionaires, and other parties.

Status of Previously Programmed Projects

- Continued the update to the Pavement Management Plan (PMP). Last completed in 2014, this study will update and evaluate the pavement condition on Airport Property.
- Completed the purchase of Aircraft Rescue & Fire Fighting (ARFF) Safety Vehicle (R2). R2 had exceeded its service life.
- Completed the construction of the Runway 4-22 Connector Taxiway Fillets to meet current FAA design standards.
- Completed the reconstruction of the Airport Apron Lighting with high-mast, energy-efficient LED lights. The existing incandescent lights were no longer energy-efficient when compared to LED lighting. Additionally, the LED lights will provide more lighting for the ramp area without causing glare.
- Completed the construction of the rehabilitation of the Terminal Viaduct and Bridge project. The project rehabilitated the viaduct and bridge structures to address areas pointed out by a NYSDOT inspection of the that were in need of remediation.
- Completed the U.S. Customs Border Protection (CBP) General Aviation Facility. This project renovated approximately 8,200 square feet of an existing building for use by CBP to conduct their operations for inspecting transient aircraft and people entering the United States through the airport.
- Completed the construction of the Terminal Window Glazing Replacement project. This project replaced the existing window systems in Concourse B.
- Acquired two snow removal brooms to be used for airport field maintenance and safety operations.
- Initiated the design of Runway 10-28 Improvements. This project includes rehabilitation of the runway pavement as well as lighting and signage replacement.
- Initiated design of the Baggage Carousels Reconstruction project. This project will include the necessary renovations to the existing baggage carousel system to provide a safe and reliable system for the traveling public.
- Initiated the design of the Access Roadway System Rehabilitation. The terminal access road serves as the primary ingress and egress route for travelers and has not been resurfaced in over 30 years. This project will improve the ride quality and will ensure continued access to the airport for travelers.

All projects were funded with Federal Aviation Administration Grants, NYS DOT Grants, Enterprise Funds, Passenger Facility Charges and/or Special Revenue Funds.

Department of Aviation Program Summary Table

Project Name	Funding	Budget	Annual Project Cost					Total Cost 6 Years
		2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	
Access/Circulation Roadway	e	150,000	0	0	25,000	0	0	175,000
	s	150,000	0	0	25,000	0	0	175,000
	f	2,700,000	0	0	450,000	0	0	3,150,000
	Total	3,000,000	0	0	500,000	0	0	3,500,000
Airfield Lighting Upgrade	e	75,000	0	0	25,000	0	0	100,000
	s	75,000	0	0	25,000	0	0	100,000
	f	1,350,000	0	0	450,000	0	0	1,800,000
	Total	1,500,000	0	0	500,000	0	0	2,000,000
Airport Information Systems Upgrade	f	500,000	0	500,000	0	500,000	0	1,500,000
	Total	500,000	0	500,000	0	500,000	0	1,500,000
North Ramp Improvements	e	50,000	0	0	50,000	0	0	100,000
	s	50,000	0	0	50,000	0	0	100,000
	f	900,000	0	0	900,000	0	0	1,800,000
	Total	1,000,000	0	0	1,000,000	0	0	2,000,000
Planning and Design Projects	e	25,000	0	0	0	25,000	0	50,000
	s	25,000	0	0	0	25,000	0	50,000
	f	450,000	0	0	0	450,000	0	900,000
	Total	500,000	0	0	0	500,000	0	1,000,000
Runway 28 Safety Improvements	e	200,000	0	110,000	25,000	0	0	335,000
	s	200,000	0	110,000	25,000	0	0	335,000
	f	4,600,000	0	1,980,000	450,000	0	0	7,030,000
	Total	5,000,000	0	2,200,000	500,000	0	0	7,700,000
Terminal Improvements	e	200,000	0	50,000	0	50,000	50,000	350,000
	s	200,000	0	50,000	0	50,000	50,000	350,000
	f	4,600,000	0	900,000	0	900,000	900,000	7,300,000
	Total	5,000,000	0	1,000,000	0	1,000,000	1,000,000	8,000,000
Environmental Compliance Projects	e	0	50,000	0	0	0	25,000	75,000
	s	0	50,000	0	0	0	25,000	75,000
	f	0	900,000	0	0	0	450,000	1,350,000
	Total	0	1,000,000	0	0	0	500,000	1,500,000
General Aviation Apron Improvements	e	0	25,000	0	25,000	0	0	50,000
	s	0	25,000	0	25,000	0	0	50,000
	f	0	450,000	0	450,000	0	0	900,000
	Total	0	500,000	0	500,000	0	0	1,000,000
Parking Facility Upgrades	e	0	1,000,000	0	500,000	900,000	1,000,000	3,400,000
	Total	0	1,000,000	0	500,000	900,000	1,000,000	3,400,000
Property Acquisition	e	0	25,000	0	0	0	0	25,000
	s	0	25,000	0	0	0	0	25,000
	f	0	450,000	0	0	500,000	0	950,000
	Total	0	500,000	0	0	500,000	0	1,000,000
Rehabilitate Taxiway A	e	0	100,000	0	0	0	50,000	150,000
	s	0	100,000	0	0	0	50,000	150,000
	f	0	1,800,000	0	0	0	900,000	2,700,000
	Total	0	2,000,000	0	0	0	1,000,000	3,000,000
Airport Utility System Improvements	e	0	0	50,000	0	0	0	50,000
	s	0	0	50,000	0	0	0	50,000
	f	0	0	900,000	0	0	0	900,000
	Total	0	0	1,000,000	0	0	0	1,000,000

Department of Aviation Program Summary Table

Project Name	Funding	Budget	Annual Project Cost					Total Cost 6 Years
		2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	
Heavy Equipment	e	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	s	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	f	0	0	1,000,000	0	1,000,000	1,000,000	3,000,000
	Total	0	0	1,000,000	0	1,000,000	1,000,000	3,000,000
Airport Safety and Security	e	0	0	25,000	0	50,000	0	75,000
	s	0	0	25,000	0	50,000	0	75,000
	f	0	0	450,000	0	900,000	0	1,350,000
	Total	0	0	500,000	0	1,000,000	0	1,500,000
Airspace Protection Program	e	0	0	50,000	0	0	0	50,000
	s	0	0	50,000	0	0	0	50,000
	f	0	0	900,000	0	0	0	900,000
	Total	0	0	1,000,000	0	0	0	1,000,000
Airport Building Improvements	e	0	0	0	1,000,000	0	500,000	1,500,000
	Total	0	0	0	1,000,000	0	500,000	1,500,000
100 Ramp Rehabilitation	e	0	0	0	500,000	0	0	500,000
	Total	0	0	0	500,000	0	0	500,000
Baggage System Improvements	f	0	0	0	0	1,000,000	0	1,000,000
	Total	0	0	0	0	1,000,000	0	1,000,000
Viaduct Rehabilitation	e	0	0	0	0	50,000	0	50,000
	s	0	0	0	0	50,000	0	50,000
	f	0	0	0	0	900,000	0	900,000
	Total	0	0	0	0	1,000,000	0	1,000,000
Refurbish Passenger Loading Bridges	f	0	0	0	0	0	4,000,000	4,000,000
	Total	0	0	0	0	0	4,000,000	4,000,000
<i>Italics denotes a new project</i>								
	Enterprise	700,000	1,200,000	285,000	2,150,000	1,075,000	1,625,000	7,035,000
	State	700,000	200,000	285,000	150,000	175,000	125,000	1,635,000
	Federal	15,100,000	3,600,000	6,630,000	2,700,000	6,150,000	7,250,000	41,430,000
	Department Total	16,500,000	5,000,000	7,200,000	5,000,000	7,400,000	9,000,000	50,100,000

Access/Circulation Roadway

Project Description

This project will upgrade the airport circulation roadway network that was constructed in the 1980's to support terminal improvements and existing operations outside the airfield. The project includes surface rehabilitation, drainage system improvements, curbing, pavement markings, lighting, and signage for land-side roadways that connect the airport to Brooks Ave. and Scottsville Rd.

Environmental Review

This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding Details

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
e	150,000	0	0	25,000	0	0	175,000
s	150,000	0	0	25,000	0	0	175,000
f	2,700,000	0	0	450,000	0	0	3,150,000
Total	3,000,000	0	0	500,000	0	0	3,500,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
15 Years	\$15,656	\$10,000	\$25,656	\$0

Airfield Lighting Upgrade

Project Description This project provides funding for upgrading critical components of the airfield lighting system. While some components of the system have been updated when airfield improvements have been implemented, a complete overall system update is required. Lights, wiring, switches, computer control system, and other component parts may need replacement or reconditioning. The work will also include replacement of the backup generator that powers the lighting system during electric grid failures.

Environmental Review This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding Details

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
e	75,000	0	0	25,000	0	0	100,000
s	75,000	0	0	25,000	0	0	100,000
f	1,350,000	0	0	450,000	0	0	1,800,000
Total	1,500,000	0	0	500,000	0	0	2,000,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
10 Years	\$11,332	\$-5,000	\$6,332	\$0

Airport Information Systems Upgrade

Project Description This project provides funds for the replacement of critical airport information system components that have exhausted their useful life or become obsolete and are no longer supported by maintenance agreement or unit replacement in kind. Systems providing service for passenger information, security, paging, and operations are required to be upgraded, both software and hardware, to maintain the level of service required by the FAA, TSA, law enforcement, and passengers.

Environmental Review This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding Details

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
f	500,000	0	500,000	0	500,000	0	1,500,000
Total	500,000	0	500,000	0	500,000	0	1,500,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
5 Years	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

North Ramp Improvements

Project Description This project will rehabilitate existing concrete and asphalt aircraft parking aprons at the terminal. The project will extend the useful life of the existing pavement by replacing existing concrete slabs that have or are failing and rehabilitate concrete slabs with localized damage areas. The rehabilitation of asphalt pavements which are more than 10 years old will include milling and resurfacing as recommended in the Airport Pavement Management Study. The project will also update drainage and deicing systems to current requirements. This will minimize the disruption to the airline operations at the terminal that would result if areas of the pavement were allowed to fail and total reconstruction was required.

Environmental Review This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding Details

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
e	50,000	0	0	50,000	0	0	100,000
s	50,000	0	0	50,000	0	0	100,000
f	900,000	0	0	900,000	0	0	1,800,000
Total	1,000,000	0	0	1,000,000	0	0	2,000,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
10 Years	\$9,713	\$0	\$9,713	\$0

Planning and Design Projects

Project Description Planning and design activities are related to future aviation projects including those which are eligible for Federal Airport Improvement Program (AIP) funding. The current FAA procedure places more emphasis on the Airport being able to progress an aided project. Projects which are designed and ready to construct are the best demonstration that the project is ready to progress.

Environmental Review This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding Details

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
e	25,000	0	0	0	25,000	0	50,000
s	25,000	0	0	0	25,000	0	50,000
f	450,000	0	0	0	450,000	0	900,000
Total	500,000	0	0	0	500,000	0	1,000,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
5 Years	\$6,929	\$0	\$6,929	\$0

Runway 28 Safety Improvements

Project Description This project will comply with all FAA requirements to maintain Runway 10-28 including the rehabilitation of pavement, rehabilitation of the Engineered Material Arresting System (EMAS), lighting, signage, and pavement markings on the existing Runway 10-28. This effort will require planning discussions with the FAA, evaluation of treatment, and mitigation of the disturbance to the existing FAA owned navigational aids.

Environmental Review This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
e	200,000	0	110,000	25,000	0	0	335,000
s	200,000	0	110,000	25,000	0	0	335,000
f	4,600,000	0	1,980,000	450,000	0	0	7,030,000
Total	5,000,000	0	2,200,000	500,000	0	0	7,700,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
20 Years	\$22,936	\$0	\$22,936	\$0

Terminal Improvements

Project Description This project involves the construction of new walls, corridors, entrance vestibules, and circulation for pedestrians. Building renovations include mechanical equipment, electrical, fire protection, and HVAC system upgrades to support both improved circulation and provide additional leased space for airline and / or tenant usage. It is also anticipated that the expansion of services with low-fare and regional carriers will require the renovation of the concourse function to provide the required leased areas. In addition, the terminal building facade is in need of renovation.

Environmental Review This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
e	200,000	0	50,000	0	50,000	50,000	350,000
s	200,000	0	50,000	0	50,000	50,000	350,000
f	4,600,000	0	900,000	0	900,000	900,000	7,300,000
Total	5,000,000	0	1,000,000	0	1,000,000	1,000,000	8,000,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
20 Years	\$20,729	\$0	\$20,729	\$0

Environmental Compliance Projects

Project Description This project will include various environmental improvements at the airport including improvements to existing stormwater quality discharges, upgrade of existing chemical storage areas, automation of deicing fluid collection systems for remote operations, contaminated site investigation and remediation, and wetland mitigation. This program will also address recent changes to management of chemicals used as part of aircraft rescue and firefighting (ARFF) activities. This project will enable the airport to comply with federal and state environmental regulations.

Environmental Review This project is an Unlisted Action and will require further environmental review.

Funding Details

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
e	0	50,000	0	0	0	25,000	75,000
s	0	50,000	0	0	0	25,000	75,000
f	0	900,000	0	0	0	450,000	1,350,000
Total	0	1,000,000	0	0	0	500,000	1,500,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
10 Years	\$5,936	\$0	\$5,936	\$0

General Aviation Apron Improvements

Project Description This project rehabilitates and reconstructs the existing aircraft aprons on the south side of the airfield and will include pavement, drainage, electrical, and pavement marking improvements. As a part of the program, the demolition of existing airport owned buildings may be necessary to meet operational needs as defined in the Airport Master Plan. The configuration of pavement in this area of the airport has evolved by combining former runways, taxiways, aircraft parking, and vehicle parking lots. These paved areas need to be reconfigured to improve safety for both aircraft and vehicle movements.

Environmental Review This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding Details

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
e	0	25,000	0	25,000	0	0	50,000
s	0	25,000	0	25,000	0	0	50,000
f	0	450,000	0	450,000	0	0	900,000
Total	0	500,000	0	500,000	0	0	1,000,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
10 Years	\$4,317	\$-2,000	\$2,317	\$0

Parking Facility Upgrades

Project Description

This project will result in the upgrading of existing surface areas and related support facilities as well as required structural upgrades to existing airport parking facilities. Installation of another vertical circulation ramp is projected. The parking garage and related facilities construction (for the terminal) began in 1989. Parking garages require periodic major maintenance projects to maintain the integrity of the structure and extend the useful life at a minimal cost. NYS now requires inspections on a three-year cycle for all parking garages. These findings will be incorporated in planning. Surface parking lots need periodic maintenance to maintain their condition.

Environmental Review

This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding Details

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
e	0	1,000,000	0	500,000	900,000	1,000,000	3,400,000
Total	0	1,000,000	0	500,000	900,000	1,000,000	3,400,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
10 Years	\$200,732	\$0	\$200,732	\$0

Property Acquisition

Project Description

This project will provide funds to acquire property around the Airport for safety, compatibility, and control of future development at the Airport. Identification of these properties is included in the Airport Master Plan Update. The acquisition program may include demolition of existing buildings, removal of trees, and similar safety improvements.

Environmental Review

This project is an Unlisted Action and will require further environmental review.

Funding Details

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
e	0	25,000	0	0	0	0	25,000
s	0	25,000	0	0	0	0	25,000
f	0	450,000	0	0	500,000	0	950,000
Total	0	500,000	0	0	500,000	0	1,000,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
20 Years	\$1,672	\$0	\$1,672	\$0

Rehabilitate Taxiway A

Project Description This project rehabilitates concrete taxiway pavement that has been identified during the 2022 Airport Pavement Management Study. Taxiway geometry to be reviewed per current standards. Expected work to include lighting, drainage, signage, and pavement markings.

Environmental Review This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding Details

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
e	0	100,000	0	0	0	50,000	150,000
s	0	100,000	0	0	0	50,000	150,000
f	0	1,800,000	0	0	0	900,000	2,700,000
Total	0	2,000,000	0	0	0	1,000,000	3,000,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
20 Years	\$7,356	\$0	\$7,356	\$0

Airport Utility System Improvements

Project Description This project provides funding to upgrade and expand the existing airport owned utility systems including storm drainage, sanitary sewers, electrical, natural gas, utility tunnels, and water distribution. The program will include replacement of portions of existing systems that provide service on the 1,200 acre property.

Environmental Review This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding Details

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
e	0	0	50,000	0	0	0	50,000
s	0	0	50,000	0	0	0	50,000
f	0	0	900,000	0	0	0	900,000
Total	0	0	1,000,000	0	0	0	1,000,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
10 Years	\$4,317	\$0	\$4,317	\$0

Heavy Equipment

Project Description

This project will provide for the purchase of replacement equipment to be used for airport field maintenance and safety operations such as runway maintenance, snow removal, ice control, glycol collection, firefighting, and rescue. This scheduled and planned heavy equipment replacement program allows the airport's airfield to remain operational and functional year round in all types of weather and conditions.

Environmental Review

This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding Details

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
e	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
s	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
f	0	0	1,000,000	0	1,000,000	1,000,000	3,000,000
Total	0	0	1,000,000	0	1,000,000	1,000,000	3,000,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
0 Years	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Airport Safety and Security

Project Description

This project provides the funding that allows the Airport to maintain all elements of security at the airport to the standards required by various agencies with security oversight for aviation. The improvements could include updated technology, repositioning technology from the Terminal to other secure locations at the Airport, updates to monitoring systems including cameras, new perimeter fence segments on the eight mile airfield perimeter, and other work that might be required.

Environmental Review

This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding Details

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
e	0	0	25,000	0	50,000	0	75,000
s	0	0	25,000	0	50,000	0	75,000
f	0	0	450,000	0	900,000	0	1,350,000
Total	0	0	500,000	0	1,000,000	0	1,500,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
10 Years	\$4,317	\$0	\$4,317	\$0

Airspace Protection Program

Project Description This project addresses the requirement to protect and maintain the airspace related to the approach and departure corridors for ROC runways. The 2017 Airport Master Plan and airport GIS program identified specific obstructions that need to be addressed. The 2019 environmental assessment finalized requirements for Runway 10-28 and 4-22.

Environmental Review This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
e	0	0	50,000	0	0	0	50,000
s	0	0	50,000	0	0	0	50,000
f	0	0	900,000	0	0	0	900,000
Total	0	0	1,000,000	0	0	0	1,000,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
10 Years	\$4,317	\$2,000	\$6,317	\$0

Airport Building Improvements

Project Description This project will provide necessary improvements to airport buildings to maintain the required level of service and building code compliance. Many buildings have been constructed or obtained as part of property acquisitions for aviation purposes on the airport property over the past 20 years and need to be demolished or renovated to replace components and facilities that have reached the end of their useful life. This will include work such as demolition, roof replacement, walls, windows, doors, flooring and finishes, as well as concrete slabs, pavement and curbing. Mechanical equipment will be addressed as will electrical systems, plumbing, lighting, and fire protection.

Environmental Review This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
e	0	0	0	1,000,000	0	500,000	1,500,000
Total	0	0	0	1,000,000	0	500,000	1,500,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
10 Years	\$75,544	\$0	\$75,544	\$0

100 Ramp Rehabilitation

Project Description This project provides the funding to update the existing asphalt pavement that provides for taxiing aircraft related to the 100 Ramp on the northwest side of the airport.

Environmental Review This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
e	0	0	0	500,000	0	0	500,000
Total	0	0	0	500,000	0	0	500,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
20 Years	\$20,061	\$0	\$20,061	\$0

Baggage System Improvements

Project Description This project provides funds for the replacement and/or upgrade to the FDGRIA baggage handling systems. The BHS includes 7 outbound lines, 4 incoming lines and 4 arrival carousels.

Environmental Review This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
f	0	0	0	0	1,000,000	0	1,000,000
Total	0	0	0	0	1,000,000	0	1,000,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
0 Years	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Viaduct Rehabilitation

Project Description This project provides funds for the continued rehabilitation of the viaduct, the elevated roadway that traverses the front of the passenger terminal. The work will include related work necessary to maintain the structural integrity of the viaduct.

Environmental Review This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
e	0	0	0	0	50,000	0	50,000
s	0	0	0	0	50,000	0	50,000
f	0	0	0	0	900,000	0	900,000
Total	0	0	0	0	1,000,000	0	1,000,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
10 Years	\$2,158	\$-10,000	\$-7,842	\$0

Refurbish Passenger Loading Bridges

Project Description This project will provide for the refurbishment and/or replacement of existing passenger loading bridges (PLB), preconditioned air units (PC Air), 400 HZ ground power units (GPU), and upgraded electrical service for the existing bridges. This scheduled and planned refurbishment program will continue the useful life of this important equipment. It is critical to airline operations that the condition of all PLBs are monitored and scheduled for replacement as they reach the end of their useful life.

Environmental Review This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
f	0	0	0	0	0	4,000,000	4,000,000
Total	0	0	0	0	0	4,000,000	4,000,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
0 Years	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Department of Environmental Services - Division of Pure Waters



The Division of Pure Waters was established by the County Legislature to implement the Pure Waters Master Plan to reduce the levels of pollution of Irondequoit Bay, the Genesee River, areas of Lake Ontario, and other waters of Monroe County to safe, healthy levels. It operates and maintains four geographic districts containing two water resource recovery facilities, 63 pump stations, 1,000 miles of collection system sewers, 100 miles of interceptor / trunk sewers, 30 miles of conveyance/storage deep tunnels, and six major control structures used to direct flow from the surface sewer collection system into the Combined Sewer Overflow Abatement Program (CSOAP) tunnel system.

The staff of the four Pure Waters Districts work cooperatively to maximize operational effectiveness and enhance cost efficiencies. The County's two wastewater treatment plants treat an average of 40 to 45 billion gallons of water annually through physical, biological, and chemical processes. The Collection System Operations Section is responsible for the operation and maintenance of over 700 miles of sewers in the City and nearly 300 miles of sanitary sewers in the Gates-Chili-Ogden District. This section is also responsible for the operation of 63 pump stations and the CSOAP tunnel system, which dramatically reduces storm-generated overflows to the River, Bay, and Lake through improved overflow capture and treatment rates. The Industrial Waste Pretreatment Section administers a federally-approved pretreatment program, the sampling and analysis of discharges from 150 industrial facilities, and enforcement of the Monroe County Sewer Use Law.

The County Legislature, which serves as the Pure Waters Administrative Board, oversees program management, approves contracts, holds public hearings, and establishes the annual rates and operating budgets for the four districts.

Engineering services, including project design, and construction management and administration, are generally provided by the Monroe County Division of Engineering and Facilities Management, either directly or through contractual services with consultants and other outside vendors.

Status of Previously Programmed Projects

In the Rochester Pure Waters District (RPWD), improvements to the Frank E. Van Lare (FEV) Water Resource Recovery Facility (WRRF) includes improvements to the aeration and secondary clarifier processes and overall facility electrical system that will continue through 2027 and beyond. Numerous improvement projects within the collection system including remote Pump Stations and the Combined Sewer Overflow Abatement Program (CSOAP) Tunnel System have been completed, with additional improvements for operational efficiency, resiliency and reliability continuing beyond 2027.

In the Irondequoit Bay South Central Pure Waters District (IBSCPWD): Numerous improvement projects within the collection system including the Irondequoit Bay Pump Station, Major Interceptor Sewer Rehabilitations and remote Pump Stations have been completed, with additional improvements for resiliency and reliability continuing beyond 2027.

In the Northwest Quadrant Pure Waters District (NWQPWD), improvements to the Northwest Quadrant (NWQ) Water Resources Recovery Facility (WRRF) physical and biological process equipment will continue through 2027 and beyond. Numerous improvement projects within the collection system to four major remote Pump Stations and interceptor sewers have been completed, with additional improvements continuing beyond 2027.

In the Gates-Chili-Ogden Sewer District (GCOSD), numerous improvement projects and operational upgrades within the Collection System including remote Pump Stations equipment replacements and Main Sewer Lining have been completed, with additional improvements for resiliency and reliability continuing beyond 2027.

Department of Environmental Services - Division of Pure Waters Program Summary Table

Project Name	Funding	Budget	Annual Project Cost					Total Cost
		2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	6 Years
RPWD - General Collection System & Treatment Plant Improvements	dc	2,550,000	2,600,000	2,650,000	2,700,000	2,750,000	2,800,000	16,050,000
	Total	2,550,000	2,600,000	2,650,000	2,700,000	2,750,000	2,800,000	16,050,000
IBSCPWD - General Pump Station & Interceptor Improvements	dc	450,000	500,000	500,000	550,000	550,000	550,000	3,100,000
	Total	450,000	500,000	500,000	550,000	550,000	550,000	3,100,000
NWQPWD - General Pump Station, Interceptor and Treatment Plant Improvements	dc	950,000	950,000	950,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	5,850,000
	Total	950,000	950,000	950,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	5,850,000
GCOSD - General Collection System Improvements	dc	350,000	350,000	400,000	400,000	400,000	450,000	2,350,000
	Total	350,000	350,000	400,000	400,000	400,000	450,000	2,350,000
Replacement Heavy Equipment	dc	750,000	750,000	750,000	750,000	750,000	750,000	4,500,000
	Total	750,000	750,000	750,000	750,000	750,000	750,000	4,500,000
NWQPWD - Aeration Improvements	d	12,000,000	0	0	0	0	0	12,000,000
	Total	12,000,000	0	0	0	0	0	12,000,000
NWQPWD - Preliminary Treatment Improvements	d	5,200,000	0	0	0	0	0	5,200,000
	Total	5,200,000	0	0	0	0	0	5,200,000
NWQPWD - Buttonwood/Flynn Rd/Island Cottage Pump Stations Improvements	d	5,000,000	20,000,000	0	0	0	0	25,000,000
	Total	5,000,000	20,000,000	0	0	0	0	25,000,000
IBSCPWD - Thomas Creek Pump Station Improvements	d	1,600,000	0	0	0	0	0	1,600,000
	Total	1,600,000	0	0	0	0	0	1,600,000
RPWD - FEV Yard Piping Improvements	c	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	d	4,500,000	0	5,000,000	0	5,000,000	0	14,500,000
	Total	4,500,000	0	5,000,000	0	5,000,000	0	14,500,000
NWQPWD - WRRF Security Upgrades	c	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	d	100,000	0	300,000	0	300,000	650,000	1,350,000
	Total	100,000	0	300,000	0	300,000	650,000	1,350,000
RPWD - FEV Security Upgrades	d	250,000	250,000	0	0	0	0	500,000
	Total	250,000	250,000	0	0	0	0	500,000
IBSCPWD - Irondequoit Bay Pump Station Improvements	d	0	500,000	8,000,000	0	0	2,000,000	10,500,000
	Total	0	500,000	8,000,000	0	0	2,000,000	10,500,000
RPWD - General CSOAP Tunnel System Improvements	dc	0	0	100,000	500,000	500,000	0	1,100,000
	Total	0	0	100,000	500,000	500,000	0	1,100,000
FEV - Stockroom and MEI Shop Improvements	d	0	0	1,200,000	4,800,000	0	0	6,000,000
	Total	0	0	1,200,000	4,800,000	0	0	6,000,000
FEV - Screening & Grit Removal Improvements	d	0	0	1,000,000	4,000,000	0	0	5,000,000
	Total	0	0	1,000,000	4,000,000	0	0	5,000,000
FEV - Recirculation Pump Station Improvements	d	0	0	3,000,000	12,000,000	0	0	15,000,000
	Total	0	0	3,000,000	12,000,000	0	0	15,000,000
FEV - Laboratory Improvements, Phase 2	d	0	0	1,000,000	4,000,000	0	0	5,000,000
	Total	0	0	1,000,000	4,000,000	0	0	5,000,000
RPWD - CSOAP Tunnel System Improvements	d	0	0	0	400,000	1,600,000	0	2,000,000
	Total	0	0	0	400,000	1,600,000	0	2,000,000
RPWD - FEV Bulk Chemical Storage Tank Replacement	d	0	0	0	400,000	0	400,000	800,000
	Total	0	0	0	400,000	0	400,000	800,000
IBSCPWD - John Street Pump Station Forcmain Replacement	d	0	0	0	2,000,000	4,000,000	2,000,000	8,000,000
	Total	0	0	0	2,000,000	4,000,000	2,000,000	8,000,000
RPWD - FEV Aerated Grit Facilities (AGF) Improvements	d	0	0	0	1,000,000	4,000,000	0	5,000,000
	Total	0	0	0	1,000,000	4,000,000	0	5,000,000

Department of Environmental Services - Division of Pure Waters Program Summary Table

Project Name	Funding	Budget	Annual Project Cost					Total Cost 6 Years
		2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	
RPWD FEV WRRF - Biosolids Handling	d	0	0	0	0	1,000,000	1,000,000	2,000,000
	Total	0	0	0	0	1,000,000	1,000,000	2,000,000
GCOSD - GCO Pump Station	d	0	0	0	0	1,500,000	0	1,500,000
Improvements	Total	0	0	0	0	1,500,000	0	1,500,000
NWQPWD - WRRF Secondary Clarifiers	d	0	0	0	0	1,000,000	2,000,000	3,000,000
	Total	0	0	0	0	1,000,000	2,000,000	3,000,000
RPWD - FEV WRRF Holding Tank Cover	d	0	0	0	0	1,000,000	1,000,000	2,000,000
Replacement	Total	0	0	0	0	1,000,000	1,000,000	2,000,000
<i>RPWD - FEV WRRF Primary Clarifier</i>	d	0	0	0	0	0	200,000	200,000
<i>Improvements</i>	Total	0	0	0	0	0	200,000	200,000
<i>RPWD - FEV WRRF Thickener</i>	d	0	0	0	0	0	200,000	200,000
<i>Improvements</i>	Total	0	0	0	0	0	200,000	200,000
<i>RPWD - FEV WRRF Influent Distribution</i>	d	0	0	0	0	0	200,000	200,000
<i>Structure Improvements</i>	Total	0	0	0	0	0	200,000	200,000
<i>RPWD - FEV WRRF Road/Site</i>	d	0	0	0	0	0	200,000	200,000
<i>Improvements</i>	Total	0	0	0	0	0	200,000	200,000
<i>RPWD - Elmwood Avenue Pump Station</i>	d	0	0	0	0	0	200,000	200,000
	Total	0	0	0	0	0	200,000	200,000
<i>NWQPWD WRRF Tank Improvements</i>	d	0	0	0	0	0	200,000	200,000
	Total	0	0	0	0	0	200,000	200,000
<i>Italics denotes a new project</i>	District	28,650,000	20,750,000	19,500,000	28,600,000	19,400,000	10,250,000	127,150,000
	District Cash	5,050,000	5,150,000	5,350,000	5,900,000	5,950,000	5,550,000	32,950,000
	Department Total	33,700,000	25,900,000	24,850,000	34,500,000	25,350,000	15,800,000	160,100,000

RPWD - General Collection System & Treatment Plant Improvements**Project Description**

This project includes general improvements to various pump stations, collection system infrastructure, and the treatment plant in the District. Improvements will serve to extend the useful life of various facilities, while also providing increased conveyance capacity, enhanced operational flexibility, and District-wide enhancements to the appurtenant communication and data transmission systems. A major component for all facility improvements is an emphasis on energy efficiencies and cost savings that will provide a partial offset to debt service incurred.

Environmental Review

This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding Details

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
dc	2,550,000	2,600,000	2,650,000	2,700,000	2,750,000	2,800,000	16,050,000
Total	2,550,000	2,600,000	2,650,000	2,700,000	2,750,000	2,800,000	16,050,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
0 Years	\$0	\$2,675,000	\$2,675,000	\$0

IBSCPWD - General Pump Station & Interceptor Improvements

Project Description This project includes general improvements to various pump stations and interceptors in the District. Improvements include increases in conveyance capacity of localized sections of the District's interceptors and District-wide enhancements to the appurtenant communication and data transmission systems. A major component for all facility improvements is an emphasis on energy efficiencies and cost savings that will provide a partial offset to debt service incurred.

Environmental Review This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding Details

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
dc	450,000	500,000	500,000	550,000	550,000	550,000	3,100,000
Total	450,000	500,000	500,000	550,000	550,000	550,000	3,100,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
0 Years	\$0	\$516,667	\$516,667	\$0

NWQPWD - General Pump Station, Interceptor and Treatment Plant Improvements

Project Description This project includes general improvements to various pump stations, interceptors, and the treatment plant in the District. Improvements include increases in conveyance capacity of localized sections of the District's interceptors and District-wide enhancements to the appurtenant communication and data transmission systems. A major component for all facility improvements is an emphasis on energy efficiencies and cost savings that will provide a partial offset to debt service incurred.

Environmental Review This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding Details

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
dc	950,000	950,000	950,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	5,850,000
Total	950,000	950,000	950,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	5,850,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
0 Years	\$0	\$975,000	\$975,000	\$0

GCOSD - General Collection System Improvements

Project Description This project includes general improvements to various pump stations and collection system infrastructure in the District. Improvements will serve to extend the useful life of various facilities, while also providing increased conveyance capacity, enhanced operational flexibility, and District-wide enhancements to the appurtenant communication and data transmission systems. A major component for all facility improvements is an emphasis on energy efficiencies and cost savings that will provide a partial offset to debt service incurred.

Environmental Review This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding Details

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
dc	350,000	350,000	400,000	400,000	400,000	450,000	2,350,000
Total	350,000	350,000	400,000	400,000	400,000	450,000	2,350,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
0 Years	\$0	\$391,667	\$391,667	\$0

Replacement Heavy Equipment

Project Description This project provides for the purchase of various pieces of heavy equipment used for operations and maintenance work on the District's infrastructure.

Environmental Review This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
dc	750,000	750,000	750,000	750,000	750,000	750,000	4,500,000
Total	750,000	750,000	750,000	750,000	750,000	750,000	4,500,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
0 Years	\$0	\$750,000	\$750,000	\$0

NWQPWD - Aeration Improvements

Project Description This project includes phased replacement of the aeration system.

Environmental Review This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
d	12,000,000	0	0	0	0	0	12,000,000
Total	12,000,000	0	0	0	0	0	12,000,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
20 Years	\$962,911	\$0	\$962,911	\$0

NWQPWD - Preliminary Treatment Improvements

Project Description This project upgrades a critical treatment process which is at the end of its useful life.

Environmental Review This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
d	5,200,000	0	0	0	0	0	5,200,000
Total	5,200,000	0	0	0	0	0	5,200,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
20 Years	\$417,261	\$0	\$417,261	\$0

NWQPWD - Buttonwood/Flynn Rd/Island Cottage Pump Stations Improvements

Project Description This project provides upgrades to critical hydraulic, mechanical, electrical, and process equipment which is at the end of its useful life for three critical and integrated pump stations.

Environmental Review This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
d	5,000,000	20,000,000	0	0	0	0	25,000,000
Total	5,000,000	20,000,000	0	0	0	0	25,000,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
20 Years	\$1,738,589	\$0	\$1,738,589	\$0

IBSCPWD - Thomas Creek Pump Station Improvements

Project Description This project provides upgrades to critical hydraulic, mechanical, electrical, and process equipment which is at the end of its useful life.

Environmental Review This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
d	1,600,000	0	0	0	0	0	1,600,000
Total	1,600,000	0	0	0	0	0	1,600,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
20 Years	\$128,388	\$0	\$128,388	\$0

RPWD - FEV Yard Piping Improvements

Project Description Repair or replacement of large diameter yard piping that conveys flow between various process tanks within the plant.

Environmental Review This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
c	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
d	4,500,000	0	5,000,000	0	5,000,000	0	14,500,000
Total	4,500,000	0	5,000,000	0	5,000,000	0	14,500,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
20 Years	\$762,305	\$0	\$762,305	\$0

NWQPWD - WRRF Security Upgrades

Project Description Hardening of perimeter fence line and access pointes (e.g., gates), addition of CCTV cameras, and enhanced card reader access. Work to be coordinated with Public Safety and MCSO.

Environmental Review This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
c	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
d	100,000	0	300,000	0	300,000	650,000	1,350,000
Total	100,000	0	300,000	0	300,000	650,000	1,350,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
10 Years	\$65,831	\$0	\$65,831	\$0

RPWD - FEV Security Upgrades

Project Description Hardening of perimeter fence line and access pointes (e.g., gates), addition of CCTV cameras, and enhanced card reader access. Work to be coordinated with Public Safety and MCSO.

Environmental Review This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
d	250,000	250,000	0	0	0	0	500,000
Total	250,000	250,000	0	0	0	0	500,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
10 Years	\$59,356	\$0	\$59,356	\$0

IBSCPWD - Irondequoit Bay Pump Station Improvements

Project Description This project includes major mechanical, electrical, hydraulic and structural improvements to pump stations in the District.

Environmental Review This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
d	0	500,000	8,000,000	0	0	2,000,000	10,500,000
Total	0	500,000	8,000,000	0	0	2,000,000	10,500,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
20 Years	\$488,142	\$0	\$488,142	\$0

RPWD - General CSOAP Tunnel System Improvements

Project Description This project includes on-going improvements to Pure Waters' Combined Sewer Overflow Abatement Program (CSOAP) Tunnel System that that may be identified by operations and maintenance staff performing routine inspections of this 35+ year old infrastructure. Improvements including, but not limited to, drops shafts, control structures, bridge structures, overflows, and appurtenances in all tunnels. Improvements will include replacement, rehabilitation and/or reconstruction of any/all components of the tunnel system to maintain and improve hydraulic capacity and ensure structural integrity of the system and its appurtenances.

Environmental Review This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding Details

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
dc	0	0	100,000	500,000	500,000	0	1,100,000
Total	0	0	100,000	500,000	500,000	0	1,100,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
0 Years	\$0	\$183,333	\$183,333	\$0

FEV - Stockroom and MEI Shop Improvements

Project Description This project includes modification and rehabilitation of logistical space for the stockroom and for mechanical, electrical, and instrumentation service groups.

Environmental Review This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding Details

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
d	0	0	1,200,000	4,800,000	0	0	6,000,000
Total	0	0	1,200,000	4,800,000	0	0	6,000,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
10 Years	\$414,415	\$0	\$414,415	\$0

FEV - Screening & Grit Removal Improvements

Project Description Assessment and modification of screening and grit removal facilities at the Van Lare WRRF.

Environmental Review This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding Details

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
d	0	0	1,000,000	4,000,000	0	0	5,000,000
Total	0	0	1,000,000	4,000,000	0	0	5,000,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
20 Years	\$213,980	\$0	\$213,980	\$0

FEV - Recirculation Pump Station Improvements

Project Description Assessment and rehabilitation and/or replacement of piping and equipment in the Recirculation Pump Station at the Van Lare WRRF.

Environmental Review This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
d	0	0	3,000,000	12,000,000	0	0	15,000,000
Total	0	0	3,000,000	12,000,000	0	0	15,000,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
20 Years	\$641,941	\$0	\$641,941	\$0

FEV - Laboratory Improvements, Phase 2

Project Description Additional improvements necessary in Environmental Laboratory.

Environmental Review This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
d	0	0	1,000,000	4,000,000	0	0	5,000,000
Total	0	0	1,000,000	4,000,000	0	0	5,000,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
15 Years	\$256,913	\$0	\$256,913	\$0

RPWD - CSOAP Tunnel System Improvements

Project Description This project includes specific improvements to Pure Waters' Combined Sewer Overflow Abatement Program (CSOAP) Tunnel System that were identified by a multi-disciplined maintenance and engineering team under a long-range planning effort. Improvements including, but not limited to, drop shafts, control structures, bridge structures, overflows, and appurtenances in all tunnels. Improvements will include replacement, rehabilitation and/or reconstruction of any/all components of the tunnel system to maintain and improve hydraulic capacity and ensure structural integrity of the system and its appurtenances.

Environmental Review This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
d	0	0	0	400,000	1,600,000	0	2,000,000
Total	0	0	0	400,000	1,600,000	0	2,000,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
20 Years	\$58,845	\$0	\$58,845	\$0

RPWD - FEV Bulk Chemical Storage Tank Replacement

Project Description Various chemicals are utilized at the plant for process operations and disinfection. These chemicals are stored in various tanks around the site. This project will replace older tanks and new tanks may be added as necessary to ensure proper storage volume and safety of stored chemicals.

Environmental Review This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding Details

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
d	0	0	0	400,000	0	400,000	800,000
Total	0	0	0	400,000	0	400,000	800,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
20 Years	\$21,398	\$0	\$21,398	\$0

IBSCPWD - John Street Pump Station Forcemain Replacement

Project Description This project will replace the forcemain from the John Street Pump Station to improve its flow capacity and reliability.

Environmental Review This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding Details

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
d	0	0	0	2,000,000	4,000,000	2,000,000	8,000,000
Total	0	0	0	2,000,000	4,000,000	2,000,000	8,000,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
20 Years	\$213,980	\$0	\$213,980	\$0

RPWD - FEV Aerated Grit Facilities (AGF) Improvements

Project Description This project will provide enhancements to the preliminary treatment process area of the Plant. It will involve replacement of various screens and appurtenant equipment.

Environmental Review This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding Details

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
d	0	0	0	1,000,000	4,000,000	0	5,000,000
Total	0	0	0	1,000,000	4,000,000	0	5,000,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
20 Years	\$147,111	\$0	\$147,111	\$0

RPWD FEV WRRF - Biosolids Handling

Project Description Replace PLC and associated components on the Solids Handling Building.

Environmental Review This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
d	0	0	0	0	1,000,000	1,000,000	2,000,000
Total	0	0	0	0	1,000,000	1,000,000	2,000,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
20 Years	\$40,121	\$0	\$40,121	\$0

GCOSD - GCO Pump Station Improvements

Project Description This project includes major mechanical, electrical, hydraulic and structural improvements to GCO Pump Station located at the Fleet facility on Paul Road.

Environmental Review This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
d	0	0	0	0	1,500,000	0	1,500,000
Total	0	0	0	0	1,500,000	0	1,500,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
20 Years	\$40,121	\$0	\$40,121	\$0

NWQPWD - WRRF Secondary Clarifiers

Project Description Replace mechanical and electrical components on Clarifiers 1 & 2.

Environmental Review This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
d	0	0	0	0	1,000,000	2,000,000	3,000,000
Total	0	0	0	0	1,000,000	2,000,000	3,000,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
20 Years	\$53,495	\$0	\$53,495	\$0

RPWD - FEV WRRF Holding Tank Cover Replacement

Project Description Replacement of covers on Sludge Holding Tanks.

Environmental Review This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
d	0	0	0	0	1,000,000	1,000,000	2,000,000
Total	0	0	0	0	1,000,000	1,000,000	2,000,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
20 Years	\$40,121	\$0	\$40,121	\$0

RPWD - FEV WRRF Primary Clarifier Improvements

Project Description The mechanisms in east primaries are original (50+ years in service) and will need replacement. West primaries require improvements of sludge collection system.

Environmental Review This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
d	0	0	0	0	0	200,000	200,000
Total	0	0	0	0	0	200,000	200,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
10 Years	\$4,317	\$0	\$4,317	\$0

RPWD - FEV WRRF Thickener Improvements

Project Description The thickener mechanisms, launders, beaches are original (50+ years in service) and require rehab/replacement. Scum beaches in particular are deteriorating. In addition grinders will need to be reaching their service life and general concrete repairs to the tank.

Environmental Review This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
d	0	0	0	0	0	200,000	200,000
Total	0	0	0	0	0	200,000	200,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
10 Years	\$4,317	\$0	\$4,317	\$0

RPWD - FEV WRRF Influent Distribution Structure Improvements

Project Description The structure and gates have been in service for over 40 years. The gates are deteriorating and difficult to operate and require replacement and/or rehabilitation. An additional gate is requested for operational/bypass purposes.

Environmental Review This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
d	0	0	0	0	0	200,000	200,000
Total	0	0	0	0	0	200,000	200,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
20 Years	\$2,675	\$0	\$2,675	\$0

RPWD - FEV WRRF Road/Site Improvements

Project Description Various improvements to access roads and lawn areas around the Plant. In particular the road on the east half of the plant (Stockroom to Cake Off Load) is in need of improvements. Some areas definitely require full box out. Some areas could be M&R.

Environmental Review This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
d	0	0	0	0	0	200,000	200,000
Total	0	0	0	0	0	200,000	200,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
20 Years	\$2,675	\$0	\$2,675	\$0

RPWD - Elmwood Avenue Pump Station

Project Description Convert PS from dry pit pumps to submersible pumps to improve operating levels in wet well, remove the building enclosing influent channels and grinder, improve access to bar screen and grinder, reduce building footprint and air handling, etc.

Environmental Review This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
d	0	0	0	0	0	200,000	200,000
Total	0	0	0	0	0	200,000	200,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
20 Years	\$2,675	\$0	\$2,675	\$0

NWQPWD WRRF Tank Improvements

Project Description The launders and weirs in the Primary Clarifiers, and the channels in the Tertiary tanks are all original (over 50 years of service) and require rehabilitation/improvements.

Environmental Review This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
d	0	0	0	0	0	200,000	200,000
Total	0	0	0	0	0	200,000	200,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
20 Years	\$2,675	\$0	\$2,675	\$0

Department of Environmental Services - Engineering and Facilities Management



The Division of Engineering and Facilities Management is responsible for the operation and maintenance of, and capital improvements to, County-owned facilities. This includes code enforcement, custodial services, heating/ventilation/air conditioning (HVAC), mechanical/electrical/plumbing (MEP), energy systems, building maintenance and renovations, capital project design, and construction management and administration. Major facilities include the County Office Building (pictured here), CityPlace, Hall of Justice, Civic Center Complex, Seneca Park Zoo, and Health and Human Services buildings.

Status of Previously Programmed Projects

The Division of Engineering and Facilities Management continues to maintain County facilities and manage public works capital projects. The Division undertakes on-going improvements to roofs, updates to elevators, renovations to office space, accommodations to improve handicapped accessibility, and general improvements to County Buildings.

Department of Environmental Services - Engineering and Facilities Management Program Summary Table

Project Name	Funding	Budget	Annual Project Cost					Total Cost 6 Years
		2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	
Fleet Maintenance Building Improvements	c	2,000,000	0	0	0	0	0	2,000,000
	Total	2,000,000	0	0	0	0	0	2,000,000
Hall of Justice Reconstruction	c	1,825,000	0	675,000	1,000,000	0	0	3,500,000
	Total	1,825,000	0	675,000	1,000,000	0	0	3,500,000
General Building Envelope and Site Improvements of County Buildings	c	750,000	0	750,000	0	750,000	0	2,250,000
	Total	750,000	0	750,000	0	750,000	0	2,250,000
GIS Enterprise Systems Improvements	c	500,000	0	0	0	500,000	0	1,000,000
	Total	500,000	0	0	0	500,000	0	1,000,000
General HVAC & MEP Improvements of County Buildings	c	350,000	0	500,000	0	500,000	0	1,350,000
	Total	350,000	0	500,000	0	500,000	0	1,350,000
Hall of Justice Court Requested Improvements	s	200,000	0	0	200,000	0	0	400,000
	Total	200,000	0	0	200,000	0	0	400,000
Electrical Equipment Replacement at County Facilities	c	2,000,000	1,000,000	0	0	0	1,000,000	4,000,000
	Total	2,000,000	1,000,000	0	0	0	1,000,000	4,000,000
Westfall Building Reconstruction	c	0	1,400,000	3,000,000	3,250,000	2,000,000	0	9,650,000
	Total	0	1,400,000	3,000,000	3,250,000	2,000,000	0	9,650,000
CityPlace General Improvements	c	0	1,250,000	750,000	750,000	0	0	2,750,000
	Total	0	1,250,000	750,000	750,000	0	0	2,750,000
Public Safety/Utility Ops Communication Fiber Optic Improvements, Phase 3	c	0	1,250,000	0	1,250,000	0	1,250,000	3,750,000
	Total	0	1,250,000	0	1,250,000	0	1,250,000	3,750,000
Civic Center Complex Reconstruction	c	0	750,000	0	750,000	0	750,000	2,250,000
	Total	0	750,000	0	750,000	0	750,000	2,250,000
General County Building Roof Replacements	c	0	0	250,000	1,000,000	500,000	0	1,750,000
	Total	0	0	250,000	1,000,000	500,000	0	1,750,000
Civic Center Complex Chiller Plant Improvements	c	0	0	250,000	2,000,000	0	0	2,250,000
	Total	0	0	250,000	2,000,000	0	0	2,250,000

Department of Environmental Services - Engineering and Facilities Management Program Summary Table

Project Name	Funding	Budget	Annual Project Cost					Total Cost 6 Years
		2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	
General Elevator Reconstructions and Replacements	c	0	0	0	3,500,000	0	1,000,000	4,500,000
	Total	0	0	0	3,500,000	0	1,000,000	4,500,000
Innovative Field Lighting Replacement	c	0	0	0	500,000	1,000,000	0	1,500,000
	Total	0	0	0	500,000	1,000,000	0	1,500,000
County Public Safety Building Reconstruction	c	0	0	0	0	500,000	0	500,000
	Total	0	0	0	0	500,000	0	500,000
<i>Italics denotes a new project</i>	County	7,425,000	5,650,000	6,175,000	14,000,000	5,750,000	4,000,000	43,000,000
	State	200,000	0	0	200,000	0	0	400,000
	Department Total	7,625,000	5,650,000	6,175,000	14,200,000	5,750,000	4,000,000	43,400,000

Fleet Maintenance Building Improvements

Project Description This project includes the rehabilitation of various buildings and infrastructure systems at the Fleet Operations Center.

Environmental Review This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding Details

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
c	2,000,000	0	0	0	0	0	2,000,000
Total	2,000,000	0	0	0	0	0	2,000,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
20 Years	\$160,485	\$0	\$0	\$160,485

Hall of Justice Reconstruction

Project Description The Hall of Justice is over 40 years old and much of the infrastructure is in need of reconstruction. This project will fund phased improvements to various building systems, including MEP, HVAC, steam, chilled water, lighting, energy, and security. Projects will also include interior renovations and reconfigurations to meet the functional needs of the building occupants. This project may be designed and documented as a green project and as a potential candidate for green bond financing.

Environmental Review This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding Details

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
c	1,825,000	0	675,000	1,000,000	0	0	3,500,000
Total	1,825,000	0	675,000	1,000,000	0	0	3,500,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
20 Years	\$222,673	\$0	\$0	\$222,673

General Building Envelope and Site Improvements of County Buildings

Project Description This project funds improvements to County buildings that address health, safety, and code concerns. Improvements include the planning, design, and construction (replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction) of various building envelope components, such as brick and masonry, windows, roofs, site improvements.

Environmental Review This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
c	750,000	0	750,000	0	750,000	0	2,250,000
Total	750,000	0	750,000	0	750,000	0	2,250,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
20 Years	\$120,364	\$0	\$0	\$120,364

GIS Enterprise Systems Improvements

Project Description Upgrades to Geographic Information Systems (GIS) such as Lidar equipment, asset management systems.

Environmental Review This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
c	500,000	0	0	0	500,000	0	1,000,000
Total	500,000	0	0	0	500,000	0	1,000,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
5 Years	\$134,735	\$0	\$0	\$134,735

General HVAC & MEP Improvements of County Buildings

Project Description This project funds improvements to County buildings that address health, safety, and code concerns. Improvements include the planning, design, and construction (replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction) of various building systems, including MEP, HVAC, lighting, energy, and security.

Environmental Review This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
c	350,000	0	500,000	0	500,000	0	1,350,000
Total	350,000	0	500,000	0	500,000	0	1,350,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
10 Years	\$110,079	\$0	\$0	\$110,079

Hall of Justice Court Requested Improvements

Project Description This project will fund New York State Unified Courts System (Courts) requested building modifications at the Hall of Justice. The County will act as the project manager/contractor for these modifications and pay for them from this capital fund. The Courts will reimburse the County for the costs of the modifications, resulting in no additional expense to the County.

Environmental Review This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
s	200,000	0	0	200,000	0	0	400,000
Total	200,000	0	0	200,000	0	0	400,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
0 Years	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Electrical Equipment Replacement at County Facilities

Project Description This project will be a multi-year effort to replace various electrical equipment, such as motor control centers (MCC), breakers, transformers, and appurtenances, at County facilities.

Environmental Review This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
c	2,000,000	1,000,000	0	0	0	1,000,000	4,000,000
Total	2,000,000	1,000,000	0	0	0	1,000,000	4,000,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
20 Years	\$240,728	\$0	\$0	\$240,728

Westfall Building Reconstruction

Project Description This project includes phased improvements to various building systems, including MEP, HVAC, masonry and structural, building envelope (windows, doors, walls, and roof), lighting, energy, security, hazardous material abatement, and parking areas. This project may be designed and documented as a green project and as a potential candidate for green bond financing.

Environmental Review This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
c	0	1,400,000	3,000,000	3,250,000	2,000,000	0	9,650,000
Total	0	1,400,000	3,000,000	3,250,000	2,000,000	0	9,650,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
15 Years	\$525,868	\$0	\$0	\$525,868

CityPlace General Improvements

Project Description CityPlace is over 100 years old and much of the infrastructure is in need of reconstruction. This project will fund phased improvements to various building systems, including MEP, HVAC, masonry and structural, building envelope (windows, doors, walls, and roof), lighting, energy, security, hazardous material abatement, and parking areas. This project may be designed and documented as a green project and as a potential candidate for green bond financing.

Environmental Review This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
c	0	1,250,000	750,000	750,000	0	0	2,750,000
Total	0	1,250,000	750,000	750,000	0	0	2,750,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
10 Years	\$248,217	\$0	\$0	\$248,217

Public Safety/Utility Ops Communication Fiber Optic Improvements, Phase 3

Project Description Build-out of municipal fiber optic network to serve new public safety communications nodes, and increase reliability and resiliency of public safety and physical services operations.

Environmental Review This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
c	0	1,250,000	0	1,250,000	0	1,250,000	3,750,000
Total	0	1,250,000	0	1,250,000	0	1,250,000	3,750,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
10 Years	\$242,821	\$0	\$0	\$242,821

Civic Center Complex Reconstruction

Project Description The Civic Center Complex buildings are approximately 40 years old and much of the infrastructure is in need of reconstruction to improve building operations. This project will fund phased improvements to various building systems, including MEP, HVAC, masonry and structural, utilities, life safety, and security.

Environmental Review This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
c	0	750,000	0	750,000	0	750,000	2,250,000
Total	0	750,000	0	750,000	0	750,000	2,250,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
20 Years	\$90,273	\$0	\$0	\$90,273

General County Building Roof Replacements

Project Description Assessment and repair and/or replacement of aged roofs on County-owned buildings.

Environmental Review This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding Details

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
c	0	0	250,000	1,000,000	500,000	0	1,750,000
Total	0	0	250,000	1,000,000	500,000	0	1,750,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
20 Years	\$66,869	\$0	\$0	\$66,869

Civic Center Complex Chiller Plant Improvements

Project Description Replace chillers 1 and 2.

Environmental Review This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding Details

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
c	0	0	250,000	2,000,000	0	0	2,250,000
Total	0	0	250,000	2,000,000	0	0	2,250,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
10 Years	\$151,089	\$0	\$0	\$151,089

General Elevator Reconstructions and Replacements

Project Description Replacement or reconstruction of passenger and freight elevators at various County owned and leased facilities.

Environmental Review This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding Details

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
c	0	0	0	3,500,000	0	1,000,000	4,500,000
Total	0	0	0	3,500,000	0	1,000,000	4,500,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
10 Years	\$248,217	\$0	\$0	\$248,217

Innovative Field Lighting Replacement

Project Description This project will replace lighting fixtures and poles that provide illumination of the playing field at the Stadium.

Environmental Review This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
c	0	0	0	500,000	1,000,000	0	1,500,000
Total	0	0	0	500,000	1,000,000	0	1,500,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
20 Years	\$46,808	\$0	\$0	\$46,808

County Public Safety Building Reconstruction

Project Description The building is over 40 years old and many of the systems are reaching the end of their useful life and need replacement. This project will fund design and reconstruction of the 2nd and 3rd floors for use by the Sheriff's Office. Improvements will include electrical, plumbing, steam, chilled water and security systems. Also included are changes to the building to make it suitable for the needs of the Sheriff's Office.

Environmental Review This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
c	0	0	0	0	500,000	0	500,000
Total	0	0	0	0	500,000	0	500,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
20 Years	\$13,374	\$0	\$0	\$13,374

Department of Environmental Services - Solid Waste



Monroe County's Solid Waste Management is an integrated program utilizing recycling, volume reduction, and land disposal. Many materials can be recycled, some composted and others landfilled. The County's program responds to this diversity of needs by redirecting materials from disposal for their reuse and reduction to extend the life of landfills and protect the environment.

Status of Previously Programmed Projects

The following Solid Waste Improvements have been completed at the Monroe County Recycling Center (MCRC) and Resource Recovery Facility (RRF) complex in recent years:

- Site Improvements at the MCRC/RRF, including new pavement and drainage structures.
- Construction of a new scale at the RRF.
- Construction of loading dock improvements at the MCRC.

The completion of the Gloria Drive Landfill Master Plan was completed in 2019. The Plan identified areas at the landfill requiring improvements; the design of improvements will begin in 2025.

Department of Environmental Services - Solid Waste Program Summary Table

Project Name	Funding	Budget	Annual Project Cost					Total Cost 6 Years
		2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	
Recycling Center & Resource Recovery Facility Improvements	ec	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	3,000,000
	Total	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	3,000,000
Resource Recovery Facility Site and MEP Improvements	e	0	0	0	800,000	3,200,000	0	4,000,000
	Total	0	0	0	800,000	3,200,000	0	4,000,000
Solid Waste Heavy Equipment	e	0	0	0	0	0	1,000,000	1,000,000
	Total	0	0	0	0	0	1,000,000	1,000,000
<i>Italics denotes a new project</i>	Enterprise	0	0	0	800,000	3,200,000	1,000,000	5,000,000
	Enterprise	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	3,000,000
	Cash							
Department Total		500,000	500,000	500,000	1,300,000	3,700,000	1,500,000	8,000,000

Recycling Center & Resource Recovery Facility Improvements

Project Description This project includes phased improvements to the MCRC and RRF facilities infrastructure and building systems, including MEP, HVAC, masonry and structural, envelope (windows, doors, walls, and roof), utilities, lighting, energy, security, hazardous material abatement, and parking areas. This initial phase of this project includes evaluation, planning, and design of improvements. This project may be designed and documented as a green project and as a potential candidate for green bond financing.

Environmental Review This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
ec	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	3,000,000
Total	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	3,000,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
0 Years	\$0	\$500,000	\$0	\$500,000

Resource Recovery Facility Site and MEP Improvements

Project Description This project will make improvements to various internal (MEP), external (site) and HVAC systems.

Environmental Review This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
e	0	0	0	800,000	3,200,000	0	4,000,000
Total	0	0	0	800,000	3,200,000	0	4,000,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
20 Years	\$117,689	\$0	\$0	\$117,689

Solid Waste Heavy Equipment

Project Description Replacement of heavy equipment (e.g., tub grinder, front end loader) utilized for various Solid Waste programs.

Environmental Review This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
e	0	0	0	0	0	1,000,000	1,000,000
Total	0	0	0	0	0	1,000,000	1,000,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
10 Years	\$21,584	\$0	\$0	\$21,584

Department of Parks



The **Monroe County Department of Parks** is responsible for the care and stewardship of more than 12,000 acres of parkland across the County. This diverse system includes 22 parks, natural areas, historic sites, and recreational facilities, welcoming millions of visitors each year.

The Department's mission is to preserve and enhance public spaces, ensuring they remain safe, accessible, and enjoyable for current and future generations. The Department focuses on:

- Improving infrastructure to extend the life of park assets.
- Expanding community programming to engage more residents and visitors.
- Advancing initiatives that strengthen the long-term health and vitality of the park system.

The Department oversees a wide variety of amenities, including picnic areas, trails, shelters and lodges, beaches, boat launches, memorials, arboretums, wetlands, sledding hills, skating rinks, ski slopes, play areas, and a community center. Parks also manages the Seneca Park Zoo's 900+ animals and maintains an extensive horticultural collection and arboretum.

Collaboration with community partners is central to the Department's work. In 2025, Parks partnered with organizations such as:

- Highland Park Conservancy
- Mendon Foundation
- Landmark Society
- Olmsted Alliance
- Reidman Foundation
- Cornell Cooperative Extension
- Ontario Beach Park Program Committee

In addition, Parks hosted and supported a wide range of attractions and programs at the Highland Park Bowl, Ontario Beach Park Performance Pavilion, Lamberton Conservatory, Springdale Farm, and throughout the City of Rochester.

Status of Previously Programmed Projects

- The design for the new Labor Center at Powder Mills Park will continue into 2026. The project will be rescope to attain budget.
- Completion of the Kanatota Lodge renovation concluded in the fall of 2025.
- Phase one of the renovations to the Carousel at Ontario Beach were completed in the spring of 2025.
- The ADA Accessible Canoe Kayak launch at Churchville Park was opened in the spring of 2025.
- Construction commenced on the 9/11 First Responders Memorial at Highland Park. Project completion is anticipated in the summer of 2026.
- Drainage improvements at Durand Eastman Hole number two were completed in the spring of 2025. Bid drainage improvements on holes 10, 11, and 13 and insourced drainage improvements on hole 2, 9, 14 and 15 commenced in the fall of 2025.
- The Northampton Trail Study public engagement process will continue through the fall of 2025 and conclude in 2026.

Department of Parks Program Summary Table

Project Name	Funding	Budget	Annual Project Cost					Total Cost 6 Years
		2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	
Ellison Park Improvements	c	1,500,000	0	0	0	0	0	1,500,000
	Total	1,500,000	0	0	0	0	0	1,500,000
Buildings and Structures	cc	400,000	200,000	400,000	150,000	450,000	200,000	1,800,000
	Total	400,000	200,000	400,000	150,000	450,000	200,000	1,800,000
Utilities, Access and Site Improvements	cc	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000	275,000	1,775,000
	Total	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000	275,000	1,775,000
Parks Replacement Vehicles	cc	500,000	225,000	250,000	225,000	250,000	225,000	1,675,000
	Total	500,000	225,000	250,000	225,000	250,000	225,000	1,675,000
Parks Heavy Duty Equipment	c	500,000	325,000	0	0	0	0	825,000
	cc	0	0	0	150,000	0	125,000	275,000
	Total	500,000	325,000	0	150,000	0	125,000	1,100,000
Parks Light Duty Equipment	cc	25,000	50,000	75,000	0	25,000	0	175,000
	Total	25,000	50,000	75,000	0	25,000	0	175,000
Golf Heavy Equipment	c	225,000	0	175,000	0	0	0	400,000
	Total	225,000	0	175,000	0	0	0	400,000
Mendon Ponds Labor Center	c	0	1,100,000	0	0	0	0	1,100,000
	Total	0	1,100,000	0	0	0	0	1,100,000
Webster Park Improvements	c	0	0	500,000	0	0	0	500,000
	Total	0	0	500,000	0	0	0	500,000
Golf Light Equipment	c	0	0	100,000	0	0	0	100,000
	Total	0	0	100,000	0	0	0	100,000
Black Creek Park - Master Plan Improvements	c	0	0	0	350,000	0	0	350,000
	Total	0	0	0	350,000	0	0	350,000
Oatka Creek Park - Master Plan Improvements	c	0	0	0	150,000	0	0	150,000
	Total	0	0	0	150,000	0	0	150,000
Ontario Beach Park - Master Plan Improvements	c	0	0	0	0	500,000	0	500,000
	Total	0	0	0	0	500,000	0	500,000
<i>Italics denotes a new project</i>	County	2,225,000	1,425,000	775,000	500,000	500,000	0	5,425,000
	County Cash	1,225,000	775,000	1,025,000	825,000	1,025,000	825,000	5,700,000
	Department Total	3,450,000	2,200,000	1,800,000	1,325,000	1,525,000	825,000	11,125,000

Ellison Park Improvements

Project Description

The Ellison Park Improvement project will be brought forward into 2027 to support the reconstruction of Pavilion Lodge. Pavilion Lodge was the first lodge within the Monroe County Parks system opening in Spring 1929. Unfortunately, the popular lodge was shuttered in late 2024 as it was deemed unsafe due to foundation degradation. After review with engineering, the renovation of the building would equate to the reconstruction of a new building, and thus the concept to raze the existing structure and build a new fully accessible lodge in its place.

Environmental Review

This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding Details

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
c	1,500,000	0	0	0	0	0	1,500,000
Total	1,500,000	0	0	0	0	0	1,500,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
15 Years	\$144,513	\$0	\$0	\$144,513

Buildings and Structures

Project Description

This continuing project provides funds for: upgrading buildings and structures to provide handicapped access and use; meeting building and fire code requirements and other standards; major structural repairs and improvements to buildings, such as new roofs, energy conservation improvements, and heating and ventilation systems; construction of new support facilities, such as storage barns, picnic facilities, playgrounds, restrooms, and shelters; and construction and rehabilitation of bridges and other structures. Emphasis is on making improvements in the most heavily used parks and for projects involving public health and safety concerns, particularly restrooms and meeting ADA requirements.

Environmental Review

This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding Details

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
cc	400,000	200,000	400,000	150,000	450,000	200,000	1,800,000
Total	400,000	200,000	400,000	150,000	450,000	200,000	1,800,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
0 Years	\$0	\$263,000	\$0	\$263,000

Utilities, Access and Site Improvements

Project Description

This project provides for reconstruction and improvements to roads, parking areas, walkways, trails, bridges, patios, stairs, and associated improvements such as lighting, grading and landscaping throughout the entire parks system. Improvements included in this program have been identified in various park master plans. Also provided for are: new/replacement energy efficient security lighting for roads, parking lots, related facilities, and selected walkways; erosion protection measures for steep slopes/stream banks; drainage improvements to increase usability of recreation facilities; repair/replacement of main sewer, water, electric, gas, and phone lines, septic systems, pump stations and pumps, and meters; new utility service lines on a site specific, as needed basis; and handicapped accessibility. The emphasis is to fund heavily used parks and for public health and safety concerns.

Environmental Review

This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding Details

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
cc	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000	275,000	1,775,000
Total	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000	275,000	1,775,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
0 Years	\$0	\$260,833	\$0	\$260,833

Parks Replacement Vehicles

Project Description This project provides for the replacement of unmodified passenger vehicles used by the Parks Department such as courier vehicles, staff pool vehicles, utility vans and park pick-up trucks.

Environmental Review This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
cc	500,000	225,000	250,000	225,000	250,000	225,000	1,675,000
Total	500,000	225,000	250,000	225,000	250,000	225,000	1,675,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
0 Years	\$0	\$279,167	\$0	\$279,167

Parks Heavy Duty Equipment

Project Description This project involves the purchase of heavy duty equipment for County Parks maintenance activities. Items to be purchased in each capital year of the program are to supplement existing equipment or replace worn and outdated equipment.

Environmental Review This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
c	500,000	325,000	0	0	0	0	825,000
cc	0	0	0	150,000	0	125,000	275,000
Total	500,000	325,000	0	150,000	0	125,000	1,100,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
10 Years	\$99,826	\$45,833	\$0	\$145,659

Parks Light Duty Equipment

Project Description This project provides for the purchase of light duty equipment used for maintenance and construction work in the County's park system. Items to be purchased in each year of the capital program are to supplement existing equipment or replace worn and outdated equipment. This project may be designed and documented as a green project and as a potential candidate for green bond financing.

Environmental Review This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
cc	25,000	50,000	75,000	0	25,000	0	175,000
Total	25,000	50,000	75,000	0	25,000	0	175,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
0 Years	\$0	\$29,167	\$0	\$29,167

Golf Heavy Equipment

Project Description This project involves the purchase of heavy duty equipment for the three municipal golf courses owned and operated by Monroe County. Items to be purchased in each capital year of the program are to supplement existing equipment or replace worn and outdated equipment.

Environmental Review This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
c	225,000	0	175,000	0	0	0	400,000
Total	225,000	0	175,000	0	0	0	400,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
10 Years	\$44,247	\$0	\$0	\$44,247

Mendon Ponds Labor Center

Project Description This project will replace the existing Labor Center at Mendon Ponds, an aging structure in poor condition. A new modern labor center will better serve the needs of maintenance and operations staff based in the park. The new building will have modern office space, vehicle bays, maintenance areas and workshops and secure storage.

Environmental Review This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
c	0	1,100,000	0	0	0	0	1,100,000
Total	0	1,100,000	0	0	0	0	1,100,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
10 Years	\$118,713	\$0	\$0	\$118,713

Webster Park Improvements

Project Description This project will focus on the refurbishment of Webster Park's White House Lodge, a popular rental venue for family events, focused on the structural integrity of the building and weather-related deterioration of this aged lakefront structure.

Environmental Review This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
c	0	0	500,000	0	0	0	500,000
Total	0	0	500,000	0	0	0	500,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
10 Years	\$43,168	\$0	\$0	\$43,168

Golf Light Equipment

Project Description

This project involves the purchase of light duty equipment for the three municipal golf courses owned and operated by Monroe County. Items to be purchased in each capital year of the program are to supplement existing equipment or replace worn and outdated equipment.

Environmental Review

This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding Details

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
c	0	0	100,000	0	0	0	100,000
Total	0	0	100,000	0	0	0	100,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
5 Years	\$13,858	\$0	\$0	\$13,858

Black Creek Park - Master Plan Improvements

Project Description

This project involves the design and construction of Master Plan improvements at Black Creek Park. Projects include roads, parking, trails, playfields, lodges, shelters, playgrounds, handicapped access, and related utilities, site work, and landscaping.

Environmental Review

This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding Details

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
c	0	0	0	350,000	0	0	350,000
Total	0	0	0	350,000	0	0	350,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
15 Years	\$16,860	\$-10,000	\$0	\$6,860

Oatka Creek Park - Master Plan Improvements

Project Description

Oatka Creek Park (OCP) is one of the least developed parks but used frequently by park patrons. Installation of a small playground feature is planned as to address a lack of children's recreation options.

Environmental Review

This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding Details

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
c	0	0	0	150,000	0	0	150,000
Total	0	0	0	150,000	0	0	150,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
10 Years	\$9,713	\$0	\$0	\$9,713

Ontario Beach Park - Master Plan Improvements

Project Description This project is to implement Master Plan improvements and Charlotte Community Association "Port of Rochester and Area Vision Plan" inspired projects at Ontario Beach Park. Projects will include continued renovations to buildings and structures within the park, continued investments in park features such as security and public safety improvements, patron amenities, and public offerings.

Environmental Review This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
	0	0	0	0	500,000	0	500,000
Total	0	0	0	0	500,000	0	500,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
15 Years	\$16,057	\$0	\$0	\$16,057

Department of Parks - Seneca Park Zoo



For over 130 years, Seneca Park Zoo has been a cornerstone of conservation and education, offering residents and visitors from around the world the chance to connect with the wonders of the natural world. Over that time, the Zoo has evolved into a hub for pioneering the science of animal well-being and an internationally recognized leader in

conservation action, with efforts rooted in Monroe County that have impact across the globe.

Home to 947 individual animals representing 92 species, including 20 that are endangered or vulnerable, the Zoo is considered a mid-size facility advancing the science of animal care and welfare. Its 20 acres of naturalistic, ecosystem-themed habitats include the *Genesee Trail*, *Creatures from the River's Edge*, *Center for Biodiversity Exploration*, *Cold Asia*,

Rocky Coasts (including an Underwater Gallery), *A Step Into Africa*, *Animals of the Savanna* and a number of other specialized habitats.

The Seneca Park Zoo is a unique facility, located within a historic public park designed by Frederick Law Olmsted. It is operated by Monroe County, with the Seneca Park Zoo Society serving as its not-for-profit support organization. The Zoo's commitment to education, conservation action and community engagement is reflecting in its guiding principles:

Mission: Seneca Park Zoo inspires our community to connect, care for and conserve wildlife and wild places.

Vision: Seneca Park Zoo will be a leader in education and conservation action for species survival.

From 2006 to the present, the Zoo has undergone a remarkable transformation, made possible through capital funding from Monroe County and the fundraising efforts of the Seneca Park Zoo Society. Beginning with construction of *A Step Into Africa* and continuing with *Cold Asia* and *Animals of the Savanna*, the Zoo's footprint has doubled in size. In 2018, the antiquated Main Zoo Building was demolished, clearing the way for a planned Tropics Complex and ensuring continued accreditation by the Association of Zoos & Aquariums—the global gold standard of accreditations that verifies that a facility meets the highest, science-based standards of care and management.

Status of Previously Programmed Projects

- **Rocky Coasts Doors:** Automated to allow for easier guest access.
- **Zoo Signage Replacement Project:** Replaced outdated signage across the Zoo, as well as cracked, broken, or faded signs.
- **Animal Hospital Elevator Refurbishment** Refurbished the elevator doors, wiring, and programming. This upgrade ensures Seneca Park Zoo remains ADA compliant.
- **Exhibit Maintenance:** Reviewed and remediated multiple animal exhibits to maintain compliance with AZA requirements.
- **Conservation Learning Center:** Replaced flooring throughout the building, creating a clean and level surface.

Looking ahead, Seneca Park Zoo is preparing for its next major phase of growth:

- **Tropics Complex & New Entry:** Design and planning are underway for a state-of-the-art Tropics Complex and modernized Entry experience. These projects will replace outdated infrastructure, improve guest services, and expand opportunities for immersive education and conservation messaging.
- **Security Enhancements:** In coordination with the Monroe County Office of Public Safety, a comprehensive site security plan is being developed to incorporate modern safety features, including updated camera systems, access control, and other best practices for a contemporary zoological facility.
- **Sustainability Initiatives:** Future projects will continue to integrate sustainable design and operations, with attention to energy efficiency, habitat resilience, and reducing the Zoo's environmental footprint.
- **Community Engagement:** The Zoo will expand programming and partnerships that connect the Rochester community to global conservation action, ensuring that each new project supports both mission and guest experience.

Department of Parks - Seneca Park Zoo Program Summary Table

Project Name	Funding	Budget	Annual Project Cost					Total Cost 6 Years
		2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	
Facilities and Grounds	c	500,000	0	500,000	0	500,000	0	1,500,000
	Total	500,000	0	500,000	0	500,000	0	1,500,000
Zoo Light Duty Equipment	c	50,000	0	0	0	0	0	50,000
	Total	50,000	0	0	0	0	0	50,000
Zoo Heavy Duty Equipment	c	0	0	150,000	0	200,000	0	350,000
	Total	0	0	150,000	0	200,000	0	350,000
Phase Three Zoo Improvements	c	0	0	0	0	68,000	0	68,000
	Total	0	0	0	0	68,000	0	68,000
<i>Italics denotes a new project</i>	County	550,000	0	650,000	0	768,000	0	1,968,000
	Department Total	550,000	0	650,000	0	768,000	0	1,968,000

Facilities and Grounds

Project Description This project provides funds for upgrading and improving Seneca Park Zoo and Seneca Park facilities and grounds, including: exhibit construction and improvement, ADA access, new roofs, windows, HVAC, energy conservation, support facilities, restrooms and concessions, signage and interpretive materials, parking and circulation, pathways, playgrounds, security, landscaping, lighting, drainage, utilities and fiber, and visitor amenities.

Environmental Review This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
c	500,000	0	500,000	0	500,000	0	1,500,000
Total	500,000	0	500,000	0	500,000	0	1,500,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
15 Years	\$96,342	\$-25,000	\$0	\$71,342

Zoo Light Duty Equipment

Project Description This project provides for the purchase of light duty equipment used for maintenance and operations at Seneca Park Zoo. Items to be purchased in each year of the capital program are to supplement existing equipment or replace worn and outdated equipment.

Environmental Review This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
c	50,000	0	0	0	0	0	50,000
Total	50,000	0	0	0	0	0	50,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
5 Years	\$11,549	\$0	\$0	\$11,549

Zoo Heavy Duty Equipment

Project Description This project involves the purchase of heavy duty equipment for Seneca Park Zoo. Items to be purchased in each capital year of the program are to supplement existing equipment or replace worn and outdated equipment.

Environmental Review This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding Details

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
C	0	0	150,000	0	200,000	0	350,000
Total	0	0	150,000	0	200,000	0	350,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
10 Years	\$21,584	\$0	\$0	\$21,584

Phase Three Zoo Improvements

Project Description This project is to plan for and design improvements to Seneca Park Zoo following the completion of the Tropics Complex. Areas of the zoo to be studied include the wolf, tiger, and lynx exhibit areas, parking needs at Seneca Park Zoo, and elephant exhibit modifications.

Environmental Review This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

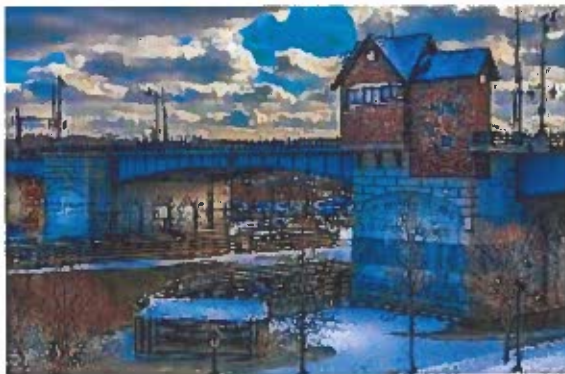
Funding Details

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
C	0	0	0	0	68,000	0	68,000
Total	0	0	0	0	68,000	0	68,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
15 Years	\$2,184	\$0	\$0	\$2,184

Department of Transportation - Highways and Bridges



The Highway and Bridge Engineering Division is responsible for the engineering, construction, and operations of approximately 664 centerline miles (approximately 1,480 lane miles) of highways. These highways range from two lane rural roads to four and five lane urban arterials. Specific highway sections have been identified for the capital improvement program based on bi-annual Pavement Condition Ratings, field reviews, and maintenance history.

The Division is also responsible for engineering, construction, inspection, operation and maintenance of approximately 192 bridges (60 are co-maintained with the New York State Department of Transportation and the New York State Thruway Authority), including the Irondequoit Bay Outlet

Bridge (IBOB), approximately 344 major culverts on the County's highway system, and approximately 140 retaining walls. It is also responsible, via an agreement with NYSDOT, for the operation and maintenance of the Colonel Patrick H. O'Rourke Memorial Bridge. Specific bridges have been identified for the capital improvement program through an inventory of all County bridges compiled from detailed biennial inspection reports coordinated by NYSDOT. All bridges are condition-rated on a Statewide and Federal rating system. These ratings are the key elements used in prioritizing and programming bridges for capital improvements. Specific culverts have been chosen for capital improvements solely through inventory and inspection efforts of County staff. A condition rating system similar to that used for bridges is used to prioritize and program culverts for capital improvements. County DOT staff inspects all bridges and major culverts every four years.

Status of Previously Programmed Projects:

Highway and Bridge/Culvert Projects that were substantially completed in 2025 include:

- East River Road rehabilitation
- Attridge Road Culvert
- Redman Road Bridge
- North Hamlin Road Bridge
- East Ridge Road (M&R Program)

Highway Projects that will be completed or under construction in 2026 include:

- Calkins Road
- Highway Preventive Maintenance #11
- Highway Preventive Maintenance #12
- 2026 Mini Bid M&R (Bay Road)

Bridge/Culvert Projects that will be completed or under construction in 2026 include:

- Jacobs Road Bridge
- Walker Road Bridge
- Wiler Road Bridge
- Taylor Road Bridge
- *Schlegel Road Culvert
- *Mile Square Road Bridge
- *Boughton Hill Road Culvert

*indicates a 2026 project which may get shifted to 2027 due to material shortage associated with large precast concrete structures.

Projects that are currently in planning or design and will begin construction in 2027 or later include:

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| • 2028 Mini Bid M&R (Crittenden Road & S. Clinton Avenue) | • Turk Hill Road Bridge |
| • Thomas Ave | • Moscow Road Bridge |
| • Phillips Road | • Klem Road Culvert |
| • Peck Road Culvert | • West Bloomfield Road Culvert |
| • Vintage Lane Bridge | • Bridge Preventive Maintenance 2028 |

Department of Transportation - Highways and Bridges Program Summary Table

Project Name	Funding	Budget	Annual Project Cost					Total Cost 6 Years
		2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	
Milling/Resurfacing/Recycling	cc	1,650,000	1,600,000	1,650,000	1,650,000	1,700,000	1,700,000	9,950,000
	Total	1,650,000	1,600,000	1,650,000	1,650,000	1,700,000	1,700,000	9,950,000
Culvert Replacement Program	cc	1,650,000	1,700,000	1,750,000	1,750,000	1,800,000	1,800,000	10,450,000
	Total	1,650,000	1,700,000	1,750,000	1,750,000	1,800,000	1,800,000	10,450,000
DOT Replacement Vehicles	cc	110,000	110,000	110,000	110,000	110,000	110,000	660,000
	Total	110,000	110,000	110,000	110,000	110,000	110,000	660,000
Road Machinery and Equipment	c	400,000	500,000	180,000	450,000	840,000	450,000	2,820,000
	Total	400,000	500,000	180,000	450,000	840,000	450,000	2,820,000
Thomas Avenue (St. Paul Blvd. to Pattonwood Drive)	c	10,300,000	0	0	0	0	0	10,300,000
	Total	10,300,000	0	0	0	0	0	10,300,000
Turk Hill Road Bridge over Thomas Creek Tributary (3317260)	c	221,000	0	0	0	0	0	221,000
	s	665,000	0	0	0	0	0	665,000
	f	3,544,000	0	0	0	0	0	3,544,000
	Total	4,430,000	0	0	0	0	0	4,430,000
Vintage Lane Bridge over Round Pond Creek (3367000)	c	1,688,000	0	0	0	0	0	1,688,000
	s	289,000	0	0	0	0	0	289,000
	f	1,540,000	0	0	0	0	0	1,540,000
	Total	3,517,000	0	0	0	0	0	3,517,000
Clover Street (Monroe Avenue to East Avenue)	c	797,000	0	0	10,005,000	0	0	10,802,000
	Total	797,000	0	0	10,005,000	0	0	10,802,000
Lehigh Station Road (East River Road to W. Henrietta Road)	c	410,000	0	5,000,000	0	0	0	5,410,000
	Total	410,000	0	5,000,000	0	0	0	5,410,000
Bridge PM #B	c	9,000	0	56,000	0	0	0	65,000
	s	29,000	0	170,000	0	0	0	199,000
	f	153,000	0	907,000	0	0	0	1,060,000
	Total	191,000	0	1,133,000	0	0	0	1,324,000
Phillips Road (NYS Route 104 to Schlegel Road)	c	0	10,370,000	0	0	0	0	10,370,000
	Total	0	10,370,000	0	0	0	0	10,370,000
Bridge PM #A	c	0	65,000	0	0	0	0	65,000
	s	0	197,000	0	0	0	0	197,000
	f	0	1,041,000	0	0	0	0	1,041,000
	Total	0	1,303,000	0	0	0	0	1,303,000
Trolley Boulevard (Long Pond Road to Lee Road)	c	0	0	610,000	0	0	7,060,000	7,670,000
	Total	0	0	610,000	0	0	7,060,000	7,670,000
Highway PM #13	c	0	0	28,000	0	526,000	0	554,000
	s	0	0	85,000	0	1,580,000	0	1,665,000
	f	0	0	455,000	0	8,424,000	0	8,879,000
	Total	0	0	568,000	0	10,530,000	0	11,098,000
Harris Road (NYS Route 441 to Atlantic Avenue)	c	0	0	0	680,000	0	0	680,000
	Total	0	0	0	680,000	0	0	680,000
Five Mile Line Road (Penfield Road to Whalen Road)	c	0	0	0	0	450,000	0	450,000
	Total	0	0	0	0	450,000	0	450,000
Bridge Preventive Maintenance 2031	c	0	0	0	0	350,000	0	350,000
	Total	0	0	0	0	350,000	0	350,000
Linden Avenue (NYS Route 441 to N. Washington Street)	c	0	0	0	0	0	500,000	500,000
	Total	0	0	0	0	0	500,000	500,000
Bridge Preventive Maintenance 2032	c	0	0	0	0	0	400,000	400,000
	Total	0	0	0	0	0	400,000	400,000
<i>Italics denotes a new project</i>	County	13,825,000	10,935,000	5,874,000	11,135,000	2,166,000	8,410,000	52,345,000

Department of Transportation - Highways and Bridges Program Summary Table

Project Name	Funding	Budget	Annual Project Cost					Total Cost 6 Years
		2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	
	County Cash	3,410,000	3,410,000	3,510,000	3,510,000	3,610,000	3,610,000	21,060,000
	State	983,000	197,000	255,000	0	1,580,000	0	3,015,000
	Federal	5,237,000	1,041,000	1,362,000	0	8,424,000	0	16,064,000
	Department Total	23,455,000	15,583,000	11,001,000	14,645,000	15,780,000	12,020,000	92,484,000

Milling/Resurfacing/Recycling**Project Description**

This is an annual program to improve the condition of various County highways using treatments such as milling, resurfacing, and recycling. Projects in this program restore deteriorating highways by improving roadside drainage, edge treatments, shoulders, the wearing surface, and traffic control devices. This program will improve and extend the useful life of identified County roads before major rehabilitation and/or reconstruction is needed. Identified projects will improve traffic safety and operating conditions on various highways.

Environmental Review

This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding Details

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
cc	1,650,000	1,600,000	1,650,000	1,650,000	1,700,000	1,700,000	9,950,000
Total	1,650,000	1,600,000	1,650,000	1,650,000	1,700,000	1,700,000	9,950,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
0 Years	\$0	\$1,642,333	\$0	\$1,642,333

Culvert Replacement Program**Project Description**

This program is designed to replace or rehabilitate deteriorated and inadequate culverts on the County highway system. An inventory is updated each year and the highest priority culverts are scheduled in the program. Replacement of these culverts will improve traffic safety by eliminating the structural, geometric, hydraulic, and functional deficiencies such as serious deterioration, narrow shoulders, hydraulic capacity, the possibility of upstream and downstream flooding, etc. The culverts in this program are selected for improvements on an annual basis and are determined based on condition, need and priority.

Environmental Review

This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding Details

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
cc	1,650,000	1,700,000	1,750,000	1,750,000	1,800,000	1,800,000	10,450,000
Total	1,650,000	1,700,000	1,750,000	1,750,000	1,800,000	1,800,000	10,450,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
0 Years	\$0	\$1,681,667	\$0	\$1,681,667

DOT Replacement Vehicles

Project Description This project provides for the purchase of light duty vehicles and various equipment used for maintenance work on the County's highways, bridges, and traffic features. Items to be purchased in each year of the capital program are to supplement existing equipment or replace worn and outdated equipment.

Environmental Review This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
cc	110,000	110,000	110,000	110,000	110,000	110,000	660,000
Total	110,000	110,000	110,000	110,000	110,000	110,000	660,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
0 Years	\$0	\$110,000	\$0	\$110,000

Road Machinery and Equipment

Project Description This project provides for the purchase of heavy highway and bridge construction equipment used for maintenance work on the County's highways and bridges. Items to be purchased in each year of the capital program are to supplement existing equipment or replace worn and outdated equipment.

Environmental Review This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
c	400,000	500,000	180,000	450,000	840,000	450,000	2,820,000
Total	400,000	500,000	180,000	450,000	840,000	450,000	2,820,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
15 Years	\$146,119	\$0	\$0	\$146,119

Thomas Avenue (St. Paul Blvd. to Pattonwood Drive)

Project Description The project involves the rehabilitation and/or reconstruction of Thomas Ave. to improve the riding surface, drainage, catch basins, edge treatments, guide rails, gutters, and paved shoulders and to replace the road base where necessary. Bicycle space will be considered in the planned improvements. This project will improve the structural integrity and efficiency of the highway and preserve the investment in the highway system and extend the useful life of the road before major reconstruction is needed. The 2023 Pavement Quality Index (scale 0-100; worst to best) for this road is 55.

Environmental Review This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
c	10,300,000	0	0	0	0	0	10,300,000
Total	10,300,000	0	0	0	0	0	10,300,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
15 Years	\$992,326	\$-2,900	\$0	\$989,426

Turk Hill Road Bridge over Thomas Creek Tributary (3317260)

Project Description This project will provide funds for rehabilitation of the Turk Hill Road Bridge, built in 1981, over Thomas Creek Tributary in the Town of Perinton (3317260). The 2021/2022 NYSDOT inspection gives this structure a condition rating of 3.667, indicating moderately severe deterioration. This is a large span (36') multi-plate galvanized arch bridge which is exhibiting localized rusting and breakdown of galvanization. Overall, it is in a good enough condition to receive a rehabilitation treatment in order to have its useful life extended by 30 years and more. Doing this project now will defer the potential for a costly replacement of the bridge on a very busy road in Monroe County.

Environmental Review This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding Details

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
c	221,000	0	0	0	0	0	221,000
s	665,000	0	0	0	0	0	665,000
f	3,544,000	0	0	0	0	0	3,544,000
Total	4,430,000	0	0	0	0	0	4,430,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
20 Years	\$17,734	\$-7,500	\$0	\$10,234

Vintage Lane Bridge over Round Pond Creek (3367000)

Project Description This project will provide funds for rehabilitation of the 1983-built Vintage Lane Bridge over Round Pond Creek in the Town of Greece (3367000). The 2021/2022 NYSDOT inspection gives this structure a condition rating of 4.667 indicating moderate deterioration. This is a large span (33') multi-plate galvanized arch bridge which is exhibiting localized rusting and breakdown of galvanization. Overall, it is in a good enough condition to receive a rehabilitation treatment in order to have its useful life extended by 30 years and more. Doing this project now will defer the potential for a costly replacement of the bridge on a very busy road in Monroe County.

Environmental Review This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding Details

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
c	1,688,000	0	0	0	0	0	1,688,000
s	289,000	0	0	0	0	0	289,000
f	1,540,000	0	0	0	0	0	1,540,000
Total	3,517,000	0	0	0	0	0	3,517,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
20 Years	\$135,449	\$-7,500	\$0	\$127,949

Clover Street (Monroe Avenue to East Avenue)

Project Description The project involves the rehabilitation and reconstruction of Clover St. to improve the riding surface, drainage, catch basins, edge treatments, guide rails, curbs/gutters, and paved shoulders, and to replace the road base where necessary. Bicycle space will be considered in the planned improvements. This project will improve the structural integrity and efficiency of the highway, preserve the investment in the highway system, and extend the useful life of the road before major reconstruction is needed. The 2023 Pavement Quality Index (scale 0-100; worst to best) for this road is 87.2.

Environmental Review This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding Details

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
c	797,000	0	0	10,005,000	0	0	10,802,000
Total	797,000	0	0	10,005,000	0	0	10,802,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
15 Years	\$558,737	\$-4,500	\$0	\$554,237

Lehigh Station Road (East River Road to W. Henrietta Road)

Project Description The project involves the rehabilitation and reconstruction of Lehigh Station Rd. to improve the riding surface, drainage, catch basins, edge treatments, guide rails, gutters, and paved shoulders and to replace the road base where necessary. Bicycle space will be considered in the planned improvements. This project will improve the structural integrity and efficiency of the highway and preserve the investment in the highway system and extend the useful life of the road before major reconstruction is needed. The 2023 Pavement Quality Index (scale 0-100; worst to best) for this road is 50.3.

Environmental Review This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding Details

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
c	410,000	0	5,000,000	0	0	0	5,410,000
Total	410,000	0	5,000,000	0	0	0	5,410,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
15 Years	\$360,641	\$-3,700	\$0	\$356,941

Bridge PM #B**Project Description**

This project will provide funds for the preventive maintenance of the Hamlin Parma TL Road Bridge over West Creek (BIN 3317790) and the Parma Center Road Bridge over Salmon Creek (BIN 3317200). Work includes but is not limited to deck replacement or sealing, superstructure repairs, substructure repairs, painting, etc.

Environmental Review

This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding Details

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
c	9,000	0	56,000	0	0	0	65,000
s	29,000	0	170,000	0	0	0	199,000
f	153,000	0	907,000	0	0	0	1,060,000
Total	191,000	0	1,133,000	0	0	0	1,324,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
10 Years	\$6,000	\$0	\$0	\$6,000

Phillips Road (NYS Route 104 to Schlegel Road)**Project Description**

The project involves the rehabilitation and reconstruction of Phillips Rd. to improve the riding surface, drainage, catch basins, edge treatments, guide rails, curbs/gutters, and paved shoulders and to replace the road base where necessary. Bicycle space will be considered in the planned improvements. This project will improve the structural integrity and efficiency of the highway and preserve the investment in the highway system and extend the useful life of the road before major reconstruction is needed. The 2025 Pavement Quality Index (scale 0-100; worst to best) for this road is 70.3.

Environmental Review

This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding Details

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
c	0	10,370,000	0	0	0	0	10,370,000
Total	0	10,370,000	0	0	0	0	10,370,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
15 Years	\$832,558	\$-4,000	\$0	\$828,558

Bridge PM #A**Project Description**

This project will provide funds for the preventive maintenance of the North Main Street Bridge over Black Creek (BIN 3317290), Crittenden Road Bridge over Red Creek Tributary (BIN 3361580) and the Woolston Road Bridge over Irondequoit Creek (BIN 3317850). Work includes but is not limited to deck replacement or sealing, superstructure repairs, substructure repairs, painting, etc.

Environmental Review

This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding Details

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
c	0	65,000	0	0	0	0	65,000
s	0	197,000	0	0	0	0	197,000
f	0	1,041,000	0	0	0	0	1,041,000
Total	0	1,303,000	0	0	0	0	1,303,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
10 Years	\$7,015	\$0	\$0	\$7,015

Trolley Boulevard (Long Pond Road to Lee Road)**Project Description**

The project involves the rehabilitation and reconstruction of Trolley Blvd. to improve the riding surface, drainage, catch basins, edge treatments, guide rails, gutters, and paved shoulders and replace the road base where necessary. Bicycle space will be considered in the planned improvements. This project will improve the structural integrity and efficiency of the highway and preserve the investment in the highway system and extend the useful life of the road before major reconstruction is needed. The 2025 Pavement Quality Index (scale 0-100; worst to best) for this road is 98.

Environmental Review

This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding Details

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
c	0	0	610,000	0	0	7,060,000	7,670,000
Total	0	0	610,000	0	0	7,060,000	7,670,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
15 Years	\$152,542	\$-2,200	\$0	\$150,342

Highway PM #13

Project Description

This project will improve the pavement condition of County highways. It will restore deteriorating highways by replacing the roadway asphalt wearing surface, improving the drainage system, edge treatments, shoulders, and providing new pavement markings. This project will improve arterial and collector highways in the County and extend the useful life of the roads before major rehabilitation or reconstruction is needed. The projects will improve traffic safety and operating conditions on these highways. The roads to be improved as part of this project are Dewey Ave (City Line - Edgemere Dr), Ridgeway Ave (Elmgrove Rd - City Line) and Mt. Read Blvd. (Joanne Dr - Latta Rd). The 2025 Pavement Quality Index (scale 0-100; worst to best) for these roads are 94.4, 49.5 and 81.2, respectively.

Environmental Review

This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding Details

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
c	0	0	28,000	0	526,000	0	554,000
s	0	0	85,000	0	1,580,000	0	1,665,000
f	0	0	455,000	0	8,424,000	0	8,879,000
Total	0	0	568,000	0	10,530,000	0	11,098,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
15 Years	\$18,690	\$0	\$0	\$18,690

Harris Road (NYS Route 441 to Atlantic Avenue)

Project Description

The project involves the rehabilitation and reconstruction of Harris Rd. to improve the riding surface, drainage, catch basins, edge treatments, guide rails, gutters, and paved shoulders and to replace the road base where necessary. Bicycle space will be considered in the planned improvements. This project will improve the structural integrity and efficiency of the highway and preserve the investment in the highway system and extend the useful life of the road before major reconstruction is needed. The 2025 Pavement Quality Index (scale 0-100; worst to best) for this road is 56.1.

Environmental Review

This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding Details

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
c	0	0	0	680,000	0	0	680,000
Total	0	0	0	680,000	0	0	680,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
15 Years	\$32,756	\$-4,400	\$0	\$28,356

Five Mile Line Road (Penfield Road to Whalen Road)

Project Description The project involves the rehabilitation and reconstruction of Five Mile Line Rd. to improve the riding surface, drainage, catch basins, edge treatments, guide rails, gutters, and paved shoulders and to replace the road base where necessary. Bicycle space will be considered in the planned improvements. This project will improve the structural integrity and efficiency of the highway and preserve the investment in the highway system and extend the useful life of the road before major reconstruction is needed. The 2025 Pavement Quality Index (scale 0-100; worst to best) for this road is 89.8.

Environmental Review This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding Details

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
c	0	0	0	0	450,000	0	450,000
Total	0	0	0	0	450,000	0	450,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
15 Years	\$14,451	\$-1,705	\$0	\$12,746

Bridge Preventive Maintenance 2031

Project Description This project will provide funds for the preventive maintenance of the Monroe County bridges that include but not limited to deck replacement or sealing, superstructure repairs, substructure repairs, painting, etc.

Environmental Review This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding Details

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
c	0	0	0	0	350,000	0	350,000
Total	0	0	0	0	350,000	0	350,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
10 Years	\$15,109	\$-7,500	\$0	\$7,609

Linden Avenue (NYS Route 441 to N. Washington Street)

Project Description The project involves the rehabilitation and/or reconstruction of Linden Avenue to improve the riding surface, drainage, catch basins, edge treatments, guide rails, gutters, and paved shoulders and to replace the road base where necessary. Bicycle space will be considered in the planned improvements. This project will improve the structural integrity and efficiency of the highway, preserve the investment in the highway system, and extend the useful life of the road before major reconstruction is needed. The 2025 Pavement Quality Index (scale 0-100; worst to best) for this road is 87.4.

Environmental Review This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding Details

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
c	0	0	0	0	0	500,000	500,000
Total	0	0	0	0	0	500,000	500,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
15 Years	\$8,029	\$-2,500	\$0	\$5,529

Bridge Preventive Maintenance 2032

Project Description This project will provide funds for the preventive maintenance of the Monroe County bridges that include but not limited to deck replacement or sealing, superstructure repairs, substructure repairs, painting, etc.

Environmental Review This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding Details	Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
	C	0	0	0	0	0	400,000	400,000
	Total	0	0	0	0	0	400,000	400,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
10 Years	\$8,634	\$0	\$0	\$8,634

Department of Transportation - Traffic Engineering

The Traffic Signal Engineering and Operations and Traffic Operations are responsible for approximately 830 traffic signal and flasher devices on the Monroe County highway system and all of the County's traffic engineering needs, such as: traffic analysis and design; the computerized traffic control system; traffic signal maintenance and construction; highway lighting; highway spot safety improvement program; and City traffic features. These Divisions identify projects for spot improvements and traffic engineering improvements.



Projects that were substantially completed in 2025 include:

- Traffic Engineering: preserving and upgrading the County's traffic signal system and Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS)
- Spot Improvements Program - Williams Road Shoulder Improvements
- City of Rochester Traffic Features
- Traffic Sign Retroreflectivity Program

Projects that will be completed, or under construction, in 2026 include:

- Traffic Engineering: preserving and upgrading the County's traffic signal system and Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS)
- Spot Improvement Program - Rush Henrietta Town Line Road Shoulder Improvements
- City of Rochester Traffic Features
- Traffic Sign Retroreflectivity Program
- Traffic Signal Replacements - Group 1 Project

Projects that are currently in planning or design phase and should be under construction in 2027 or later include:

- Traffic Engineering: preserving and upgrading the County's traffic signal system and Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS)
- Spot Improvement Program - Spot intersection and shoulder improvements on County highways
- City of Rochester Traffic Features
- Traffic Sign Retroreflectivity Program
- RTOC Rehabilitation Phase 2 Project

Department of Transportation - Traffic Engineering Program Summary Table

Project Name	Funding	Budget	Annual Project Cost					Total Cost 6 Years
		2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	
Traffic Engineering	cc	600,000	650,000	700,000	750,000	800,000	850,000	4,350,000
	Total	600,000	650,000	700,000	750,000	800,000	850,000	4,350,000
Spot Improvement Projects	cc	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	3,000,000
	Total	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	3,000,000
City of Rochester Traffic Features	cc	600,000	600,000	600,000	600,000	600,000	600,000	3,600,000
	Total	600,000	600,000	600,000	600,000	600,000	600,000	3,600,000
Traffic Sign Retroreflectivity Program	cc	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	300,000
	Total	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	300,000
Road Machinery and Equipment	c	0	45,000	170,000	0	355,000	180,000	750,000
	Total	0	45,000	170,000	0	355,000	180,000	750,000
RTOC Rehabilitation II	c	0	2,250,000	0	0	0	0	2,250,000
	Total	0	2,250,000	0	0	0	0	2,250,000
<i>Italics denotes a new project</i>	County	0	2,295,000	170,000	0	355,000	180,000	3,000,000
	County Cash	1,750,000	1,800,000	1,850,000	1,900,000	1,950,000	2,000,000	11,250,000
	Department Total	1,750,000	4,095,000	2,020,000	1,900,000	2,305,000	2,180,000	14,250,000

Traffic Engineering

Project Description

This is a multi-year program designed to provide for the upgrading, expansion, and replacement of existing traffic signal facilities. Tasks include the replacement/upgrades of existing equipment (such as traffic signal systems and controls), installation of new signals and flashers where they are justified, and the expansion of the County's computerized traffic control systems (for improved traffic signal system performance). The program also includes traffic cameras and Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) that are used to ensure optimal traffic signal system performance and RTOC facility costs related to the traffic signal system, traffic cameras, and Intelligent Transportation Systems.

Environmental Review

This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding Details

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
cc	600,000	650,000	700,000	750,000	800,000	850,000	4,350,000
Total	600,000	650,000	700,000	750,000	800,000	850,000	4,350,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
0 Years	\$0	\$725,000	\$0	\$725,000

Spot Improvement Projects

Project Description

This is a multi-year program providing improvements to County road segments and intersections where traffic safety deficiencies and/or congestion issues have been identified. Project locations may be identified as areas where the accident rate is higher than the Countywide average or where excessive traffic congestion exists. This program may also provide active transportation improvements as recommended in the Countywide Active Transportation Plan (CATP), advance the goals of the County's Complete Streets Policy, or provide structural support to the pavement edges. Improvements may include, but are not limited to, cutting and filling of hills, intersection improvements, installation of turn lanes, shoulders, and bike lanes, and installation/upgrade of guide rail, retaining walls, and traffic control devices.

Environmental Review

This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding Details

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
cc	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	3,000,000
Total	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	3,000,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
0 Years	\$0	\$500,000	\$0	\$500,000

City of Rochester Traffic Features

Project Description This project provides funding to reimburse the City of Rochester for traffic feature costs associated with City-initiated street projects exclusive of 131-K funded projects. Monroe County is responsible for the maintenance and operation of traffic signals and regulatory and warning traffic signs on City streets. The County also provides traffic engineering services to the City as the City's Traffic Engineer. This project provides a mechanism for reimbursing the City for the local share of select traffic feature costs for City street projects up to the maximum annual amount programmed. Traffic features include select costs related to traffic signal, regulatory, and warning traffic sign improvements for street projects undertaken by the City of Rochester through their capital improvement program.

Environmental Review This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding Details

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
cc	600,000	600,000	600,000	600,000	600,000	600,000	3,600,000
Total	600,000	600,000	600,000	600,000	600,000	600,000	3,600,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
0 Years	\$0	\$600,000	\$0	\$600,000

Traffic Sign Retroreflectivity Program

Project Description This project will replace and upgrade traffic signs on County roads and City streets that do not meet the minimum retroreflectivity standards as set forth by the Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD). By replacing signs that are identified not to meet the minimum standards, the County and City highway systems will be safer by reducing the potential for collisions that are associated with poor sign visibility, and in turn, incur less liability. The FHWA mandates that all traffic signs meet a certain level of retroreflectivity to provide brighter signs for nighttime viewing that will benefit all drivers and in particular seniors, who are a growing segment of our population. This project will comply with that mandate. All of the regulatory, warning and 98% of the street name signs have been upgraded on County roads and City streets. As our signs no longer meet the retroreflectivity standards, they will be replaced with new signs.

Environmental Review This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding Details

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
cc	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	300,000
Total	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	300,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
0 Years	\$0	\$22,000	\$0	\$22,000

Road Machinery and Equipment

Project Description This project provides for the purchase of heavy duty equipment used for maintenance and construction work of the County's traffic signals, signs, pavement markings, and highway lighting. Items to be purchased in each year of the capital program are to supplement existing equipment or replace worn and outdated equipment.

Environmental Review This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
c	0	45,000	170,000	0	355,000	180,000	750,000
Total	0	45,000	170,000	0	355,000	180,000	750,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
15 Years	\$28,822	\$0	\$0	\$28,822

RTOC Rehabilitation II

Project Description This project will perform important facility upgrades needed to preserve the integrity of the James R. Pond Regional Traffic Operations Center (RTOC) building. Improvements may include replacing the roof; concrete floor and tile work where settling has resulted in uneven floors and joints; drainage system repairs; overhead garage door and door opener replacements; parking lot pavement treatments; converting remaining lighting to LEDs; window resealing and replacements; improved wind and weather protection for the main entrance; restroom and break room renovations; storage upgrades; general repairs and improvements; and some interior modifications to better suit the current usage of the building.

Environmental Review This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
c	0	2,250,000	0	0	0	0	2,250,000
Total	0	2,250,000	0	0	0	0	2,250,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
10 Years	\$242,821	\$-5,000	\$0	\$237,821

Department of Public Safety



The Department of Public Safety is composed of 14 divisions, which directly provide important community safety services to the public as well as infrastructure support for first responder operations throughout the county. Employees within the Fire Bureau, EMS Coordinator, 9-1-1 Emergency Communications, and Safety & Security divisions offer direct first response services. Those in the Office of Probation – Community Corrections and Weights & Measures perform direct public safety duties. Members of the Office of Emergency Management (OEM), Central Police Services, Crime Laboratory, and Public Safety Communications (PSC) divisions deliver services that support police, fire, and EMS agencies, and plan for and manage major community disasters. Legal representation services, conducted by the Assigned Counsel and Conflict Defender staff, ensure that our criminal and juvenile justice systems operate effectively. The Business Services Division facilitates the annual budget, manages grants, and ensures financial compliance, supporting the department's overall mission. Furthermore, the Office of the Director and the Community Engagement office, along with other divisions, are heavily involved in community outreach strategies to build positive relationships within our community.

Department staff perform varied services, all with the objective of keeping our community safe and our justice systems effective. Probation Officers supervise thousands of adult and juvenile offenders, assist Judges in decision-making, and provide pretrial release and reentry programming through contracts with private, not-for-profit agencies. Crime Laboratory staff provide critical criminal evidence analysis and reporting to law enforcement agencies in Monroe and surrounding counties. Educational programs to deter distracted driving and enhance traffic safety are provided to thousands of citizens; STOP-DWI funding is distributed to deter and detect impaired drivers; and Weights & Measures Inspectors protect the public from consumer fraud while protecting businesses from lost revenue. Attorneys are assigned to defend indigent offenders, and funding is supplied to keep City, County, Family, Supreme, and Appellate Courts operating. Through the Safety & Security division, county employees, visitors, and buildings are safeguarded via safety planning and direct security services.

Agencies within the Emergency Services group—OEM, Fire Bureau, EMS, 9-1-1, and PSC—support one another to maximize Monroe County's ability to manage disasters and provide swift, efficient responses to 9-1-1 calls. They also train firefighters and emergency medical professionals, investigate fire origins, manage hazardous materials and large-scale rescue incidents, and ensure that first responders can communicate effectively via two-way radio and other electronic methods.

Through extensive collaboration, the department exemplifies how a multi-jurisdictional and multi-disciplinary approach improves mutual assistance, consolidates operations, and provides service excellence and significant savings to all municipalities within Monroe County.

Status of Previously Programmed Projects

Public Safety Communications Equipment and Device Replacement: The department completed the issuance of vehicle LTE antenna kits to all first response agencies in 2025. The 2026 purchase of Mobile Data Computers (MDTs) was placed on hold after funding was cut from the budget. Currently, these MDTs have exceeded their supported service life and require replacement.

Public Safety Communications Infrastructure: Activities on this project were put on hold for 2025 while an upgrade to the radio network was completed. Efforts on this project will resume in 2026.

Improve Emergency Operations Center: A grid of acoustical ceiling tiles was installed to improve acoustics, the soffit was stabilized and sound-deadening was completed in 2025. The audio/visual project in the command and radiological rooms will begin in 2026.

Public Safety Vehicle Replacement: To maintain a reliable fleet, Public Safety vehicles are replaced as they approach 100,000 miles. In 2025, three vehicles were procured, including two for Probation and Community Corrections and one for Safety & Security. Funding for 2026 was cut from the budget.

Hazardous Materials Fire Truck Replacement: This project went out for bid in 2023 with a 24-month build time. Due to rising industry costs, adjustments had to be made to the original estimate, and required Legislative approval secured. The unit was delivered in the fall of 2025, final upfitting and equipment transfer were completed, and HazMat 8 was placed in service in January 2026.

Department of Public Safety Program Summary Table

Project Name	Funding	Budget	Annual Project Cost					Total Cost 6 Years
		2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	
Public Safety Communications Equipment and Device Replacement	c	2,300,000	2,250,000	1,500,000	1,310,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	11,360,000
	Total	2,300,000	2,250,000	1,500,000	1,310,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	11,360,000
911 Workstation Replacement	c	375,000	0	0	0	0	400,000	775,000
	Total	375,000	0	0	0	0	400,000	775,000
Forensic Instrumentation Upgrade	cc	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000	1,800,000
	Total	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000	1,800,000
Public Safety Vehicle Replacement	cc	200,000	210,000	220,000	230,000	240,000	250,000	1,350,000
	Total	200,000	210,000	220,000	230,000	240,000	250,000	1,350,000
Public Safety Training Facility Capital Improvements	c	200,000	200,000	0	200,000	0	300,000	900,000
	Total	200,000	200,000	0	200,000	0	300,000	900,000
Public Safety Communications Infrastructure	c	150,000	0	150,000	0	750,000	750,000	1,800,000
	Total	150,000	0	150,000	0	750,000	750,000	1,800,000
<i>Special Operations Vehicle Replacement (Fire Bureau)</i>	c	140,000	660,000	0	0	0	0	800,000
	Total	140,000	660,000	0	0	0	0	800,000
911 VXRail CAD Server	c	1,500,000	0	0	0	0	0	1,500,000
	Total	1,500,000	0	0	0	0	0	1,500,000
<i>Probation Body Worn Cameras & Less Than Lethal Devices</i>	cc	0	200,000	200,000	200,000	300,000	0	900,000
	Total	0	200,000	200,000	200,000	300,000	0	900,000
Public Safety Systems Hardware / Software Upgrades	c	0	0	200,000	0	0	1,100,000	1,300,000
	Total	0	0	200,000	0	0	1,100,000	1,300,000
Emergency Operations Center Equipment & System Upgrades	c	0	0	150,000	0	0	150,000	300,000
	Total	0	0	150,000	0	0	150,000	300,000
911 Phone System	c	0	0	100,000	525,000	0	0	625,000
	Total	0	0	100,000	525,000	0	0	625,000
<i>Mobile Command Post Replacement</i>	c	0	0	150,000	850,000	0	0	1,000,000
	Total	0	0	150,000	850,000	0	0	1,000,000
Public Safety Communications Radio Replacement	c	0	0	0	8,500,000	8,020,000	0	16,520,000
	Total	0	0	0	8,500,000	8,020,000	0	16,520,000
Police Records Management	c	0	0	0	1,200,000	1,200,000	1,200,000	3,600,000
	Total	0	0	0	1,200,000	1,200,000	1,200,000	3,600,000
911 Logging Recorder Replacement	c	0	0	0	0	100,000	0	100,000
	Total	0	0	0	0	100,000	0	100,000
<i>Italics denotes a new project</i>	County	4,665,000	3,110,000	2,250,000	12,585,000	12,070,000	5,900,000	40,580,000
	County Cash	500,000	710,000	720,000	730,000	840,000	550,000	4,050,000
	Department Total	5,165,000	3,820,000	2,970,000	13,315,000	12,910,000	6,450,000	44,630,000

Public Safety Communications Equipment and Device Replacement

Project Description

The County maintains a Mobile Data System and provides laptops and ancillary equipment to responder vehicles. Similarly, the County supplies and maintains law enforcement radios and services other radios and paging/alerting systems. The project provides the end user devices and equipment needed to keep the devices functional to facilitate access for public safety users to various sources of information to promote information sharing among various agencies and levels of government. Replacement of end user devices is necessary due to the shortened useful life resulting from ever-changing technology, damage, loss, and 24x7 in-vehicle use.

Environmental Review

This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding Details

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
c	2,300,000	2,250,000	1,500,000	1,310,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	11,360,000
Total	2,300,000	2,250,000	1,500,000	1,310,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	11,360,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
10 Years	\$884,516	\$0	\$0	\$884,516

911 Workstation Replacement

Project Description

In 2027, the 911 workstations will be five years old with continuous (24x7) use. Workstation replacement will provide the fundamental tools for 911 staff to perform their jobs: to access, synthesize and transmit data to and from first responders and consumers of 911 services. Workstations are the medium for 911 staff to transfer data to/from various mobile communication devices in various media (photo, text, video, telemetry, etc.) as a foundation of the national IP-based network that will facilitate interoperability and increase information sharing among disciplines and jurisdictions. Replacing workstations will mitigate the risk of downtime, enabling uninterrupted Continuity of Operations and unavailability of obsolete parts for repair, while providing more functionality as the migration to Next Generation 911 becomes a reality.

When 2026 approaches, a needs analysis will be conducted to determine the appropriate technology and amount of equipment that will be needed. The current number of computers is 151, which includes primary and secondary operations at 911 and 34 at the backup center. The current number of monitors is 368 (102 are at backup center) as various positions use multiple monitors. This project would also replace video cards that allow one computer to use multiple monitors (to eliminate the cost of extra computers). Multiple computers are required for the various applications used such as mapping, Pictometry, Priority Dispatch (EMS), etc.

Environmental Review

This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding Details

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
c	375,000	0	0	0	0	400,000	775,000
Total	375,000	0	0	0	0	400,000	775,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
10 Years	\$57,198	\$0	\$0	\$57,198

Forensic Instrumentation Upgrade

Project Description Given the advances in technology and consumer demand, this project will provide instrumentation to provide a wider array of forensic testing possibilities. The lab has increasing requests to analyze unknown samples while there are increasing varieties of synthetic drugs that are submitted in all sections on analysis.

Environmental Review This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
cc	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000	1,800,000
Total	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000	1,800,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
5 Years	\$0	\$300,000	\$0	\$300,000

Public Safety Vehicle Replacement

Project Description Public Safety has a fleet of 70+ vehicles in its various divisions (Probation, Emergency Management, Fire Bureau, Weights & Measures, Public Safety Communications) and many are used for emergency response or patrol purposes and are used on-call 24x7. Upon approaching 100,000 miles, vehicle use will be assessed and rotated to less demanding assignments whenever possible to be utilized until full retirement. Grant funded vehicles are not included in this project.

Environmental Review This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
cc	200,000	210,000	220,000	230,000	240,000	250,000	1,350,000
Total	200,000	210,000	220,000	230,000	240,000	250,000	1,350,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
0 Years	\$0	\$225,000	\$0	\$225,000

Public Safety Training Facility Capital Improvements

Project Description This project will replace and/or renovate aging facility infrastructure and specialized training props at the Public Safety Training Facility with current technology. The facility is heavily used for training first responders throughout Monroe and surrounding counties, as well as a number of other states and countries. A building systems and equipment life-cycle analysis was performed by the Monroe County Division of Engineering for planning purposes.

Environmental Review This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
c	200,000	200,000	0	200,000	0	300,000	900,000
Total	200,000	200,000	0	200,000	0	300,000	900,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
20 Years	\$41,459	\$0	\$0	\$41,459

Public Safety Communications Infrastructure

Project Description This project maintains all communications infrastructure for which Monroe County is responsible (see Charter C6-18.B (4) & (5)). This project includes repair or replacement of towers, generators, antennae, base stations, cable, building/site improvements, coverage enhancements, radios, and any ancillary equipment to maintain continual, dependable operations. This project also includes repair or replacement of connectivity equipment/enhancements to provide reliable system connectivity.

Environmental Review This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
c	150,000	0	150,000	0	750,000	750,000	1,800,000
Total	150,000	0	150,000	0	750,000	750,000	1,800,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
10 Years	\$80,940	\$0	\$0	\$80,940

Special Operations Vehicle Replacement (Fire Bureau)

Project Description The Fire Bureau's Special Operations 9 vehicle is the primary technical rescue vehicle used to support rope, water, collapse, hazmat, and related urban search and rescue type responses for all 34 fire agencies in Monroe County. Our response partners rely on these specialized resources. This vehicle is housed at Gates Fire Company #1 under an Intermunicipal agreement where their career firefighters respond with it 24/7 to any location in Monroe County (or region) when requested. Monroe County's Special Operations Unit consists of approximately 80 firefighters and officers from Monroe County's Fire Service.

Environmental Review This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
c	140,000	660,000	0	0	0	0	800,000
Total	140,000	660,000	0	0	0	0	800,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
20 Years	\$55,367	\$0	\$0	\$55,367

911 VxRail CAD Server

Project Description

Our 911 environment is running on a Dell VxRail cluster that was purchased with a 5 year support and VMware bundle, which runs through January 27, 2028. At a high level:

Platform: Dell VxRail hyperconverged cluster dedicated to 911 workloads

Role: Hosts the core 911 virtual infrastructure, including CAD, telephony related components, and supporting services

Design: All production workloads are running on this platform with redundancy across nodes, and storage is integrated into the VxRail stack (vSAN)

Support model today: Hardware support and firmware updates are provided directly by Dell VMware licensing and support are bundled through Dell as part of the VxRail solution, so we open VMware cases through Dell and receive validated VxRail update bundles instead of managing standalone VMware upgrades

Environmental Review

This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding Details

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
c	1,500,000	0	0	0	0	0	1,500,000
Total	1,500,000	0	0	0	0	0	1,500,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
5 Years	\$346,462	\$0	\$0	\$346,462

Probation Body Worn Cameras & Less Than Lethal Devices

Project Description

This project will equip the Monroe County Probation Department—the third-largest law enforcement agency in the county—with essential modern safety equipment: body-worn cameras (BWCs) and less than lethal devices. This initiative will align the department with national best practices for law enforcement, enhance transparency, and provide officers with a critical less-lethal force option. Funding will provide Taser devices for all armed officers and establish a shared pool of body-worn cameras to ensure all officers in the field are equipped during their shifts, thereby increasing safety for both officers and the public.

Environmental Review

This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding Details

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
cc	0	200,000	200,000	200,000	300,000	0	900,000
Total	0	200,000	200,000	200,000	300,000	0	900,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
5 Years	\$0	\$150,000	\$0	\$150,000

Public Safety Systems Hardware / Software Upgrades

Project Description Shared public safety systems, such as the Computer Aided Dispatch will require server replacement and hardware/software upgrades, including any network infrastructure enhancements and ancillary equipment. Vendor mandated software upgrades and any software interfaces necessary to improve system integration may be purchased.

Environmental Review This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
c	0	0	200,000	0	0	1,100,000	1,300,000
Total	0	0	200,000	0	0	1,100,000	1,300,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
5 Years	\$27,717	\$0	\$0	\$27,717

Emergency Operations Center Equipment & System Upgrades

Project Description Updating the County's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is imperative in ensuring the safety and resilience of a community in the face of evolving threats and emergencies. As the world experiences rapid changes in technology, communication, and the nature of disasters, the EOC must keep pace with these developments to effectively coordinate response efforts. Necessary updates include security enhancements, infrastructure to support modern communication systems, data analysis tools, and emergency response equipment, allowing the ability to respond swiftly and efficiently to crises. Moreover, an updated EOC can incorporate lessons learned from past disasters and incorporate best practices, making it better prepared to handle a wide range of emergencies, from natural disasters to public health crises. In today's fast-paced and interconnected world, an updated County EOC is an essential investment in safeguarding the well-being of the community and ensuring effective disaster management.

Environmental Review This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
c	0	0	150,000	0	0	150,000	300,000
Total	0	0	150,000	0	0	150,000	300,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
5 Years	\$20,788	\$0	\$0	\$20,788

911 Phone System

Project Description

There are two phone systems required for daily operations at the 911 Center. The Airbus 911 phone system is a telephone network unique to the 911 industry. It is used 24x7 with specialized features such as automated number identifier, automated location identifier, and ability to text and video message to 911. The second system is for administrative use for routine inbound/outbound telephone calls. This system also has a connection to the 911 phone system for backup rollover of incoming 911 calls.

Environmental Review

This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding Details

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
c	0	0	100,000	525,000	0	0	625,000
Total	0	0	100,000	525,000	0	0	625,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
10 Years	\$42,629	\$0	\$0	\$42,629

Mobile Command Post Replacement

Project Description

This project will replace Mobile Command Unit 4, a 2012 unit originally purchased used by Monroe County that has reached the end of its reliable service life. Mobile Command Unit 4 is utilized to provide command and supervision functions at emergency incidents and is also available to authorities having jurisdiction (AHJs) for large-scale preplanned events, as demonstrated during the PGA Tournament. The unit supports the Monroe County Special Operations Team by functioning as a command post for rope rescue, water rescue, search and collapse incidents, and large hazardous materials responses. In addition, it is available to all 35 fire organizations across Monroe County to serve as a command and coordination hub during large-scale fire incidents or other complex emergencies. Replacing this unit will ensure Monroe County maintains reliable, modern, and effective command capabilities to support both emergency response and planned operations.

Environmental Review

This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding Details

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
c	0	0	150,000	850,000	0	0	1,000,000
Total	0	0	150,000	850,000	0	0	1,000,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
5 Years	\$99,319	\$0	\$0	\$99,319

Public Safety Communications Radio Replacement

Project Description The County supplies and maintains portable and mobile radios for public safety, as well as services other radio and paging/alerting systems. This project provides the necessary devices and equipment to ensure these radios remain functional, allowing public safety users to access and share critical information across various agencies and levels of government. Regular replacement of portable and mobile radios is essential due to their shortened lifespan, which results from rapidly advancing technology, damage, loss, and the constant demands of 24/7 in-vehicle and field use.

Environmental Review This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding Details

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
c	0	0	0	8,500,000	8,020,000	0	16,520,000
Total	0	0	0	8,500,000	8,020,000	0	16,520,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
10 Years	\$896,603	\$0	\$0	\$896,603

Police Records Management

Project Description In all, nine law enforcement agencies took part in the RMS build, lending their expertise to the project. Greece, Brockport, Ogden, Brighton, Fairport, Irondequoit, Webster and East Rochester all participated with Monroe County to build a system that met the needs of all agencies. Interfaces were developed with the 911 Dispatch Center, the Monroe County Jail, the Monroe County District Attorney's Office and the Monroe County Clerk's office to exchange data and make a more efficient and effective system.

Environmental Review This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding Details

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
c	0	0	0	1,200,000	1,200,000	1,200,000	3,600,000
Total	0	0	0	1,200,000	1,200,000	1,200,000	3,600,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
10 Years	\$155,405	\$0	\$0	\$155,405

911 Logging Recorder Replacement

Project Description This system records 911 radio dispatch communication which can be retrieved for criminal and civil court subpoenas, complaint investigations, and mitigation. It allows for quick retrieval of evidence that is used in lawsuits and review for training and educational purposes. Recordings of 911 dispatch transmissions are required under NYS records retention laws.

Environmental Review This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding Details

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
c	0	0	0	0	100,000	0	100,000
Total	0	0	0	0	100,000	0	100,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
10 Years	\$4,317	\$0	\$0	\$4,317

Monroe County Office of the Sheriff



The Monroe County Office of the Sheriff (MCSO) is the primary provider of law enforcement services to 13 towns and 5 villages in Monroe County. Deputy Sheriffs conduct specialized police activities at the County parks, airport and on navigational waterways. The Police Bureau Administration directs and oversees all operations from the downtown County Public Safety Building. Road Patrol deputies operate out of three decentralized zone substations. Last year, deputies answered over 235,423 calls for service. Deputies investigate crimes and complaints, patrol neighborhoods, enforce traffic laws, and conduct community education programs.

The Monroe County Jail Bureau staff provides care and custody of inmates confined by the courts, the New York State Parole Office, and the United States Marshal. The Jail Bureau staff is responsible for an inmate

population which fluctuates throughout the year from a low of 800 to a high of 1,000 for a daily population. The jail population consists of non-sentenced prisoners (awaiting trial or sentencing), sentenced prisoners (serving a maximum one year sentence), parole violators, and federal detainees. The Jail Bureau Administration provides staff and facilities for security, prisoner transport, medical care, inmate rehabilitation, and other related support activities.

The Civil Bureau staff is comprised of civilian and sworn employees. Deputies are responsible for the service of all civil processes such as summonses, subpoenas, and citations. Deputies also serve subpoenas issued by the District Attorney. The deputies are court enforcement officers and may collect money by virtue of executions on real and personal property to satisfy money judgments. They are also responsible for enforcement of court orders such as civil arrests, evictions, and seizures of property.

The Court Security Deputies maintain order and decorum during court functions and provide security in the Hall of Justice. These deputies place persons in custody on the order of a judge, provide security and transportation for sequestered juries, and act as an informational source to the public. The Court Security Bureau preserves the integrity of the judicial process by ensuring the orderly transactions of all court procedures.

Status of Previously Programmed Projects

- Sheriff's Body Worn Camera Project is complete for the Police Bureau.
- The Jail Tower Improvements continue with site improvements, HVAC and MEP.

Projects Planned for 2026:

- Sheriff Vehicle Replacement project continues.
- Sheriff SCUBA truck replacement project still being researched.
- Jail Mainframe Reconstruction Project is in the design phase.

Monroe County Office of the Sheriff Program Summary Table

Project Name	Funding	Budget	Annual Project Cost					Total Cost 6 Years
		2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	
Sheriff's Body Worn Camera Project	c	500,000	0	0	0	0	0	500,000
	cc	300,000	400,000	500,000	600,000	700,000	300,000	2,800,000
	Total	800,000	400,000	500,000	600,000	700,000	300,000	3,300,000
Sheriff's Vehicle Replacement	cc	1,650,000	1,675,000	1,700,000	1,725,000	1,750,000	1,800,000	10,300,000
	Total	1,650,000	1,675,000	1,700,000	1,725,000	1,750,000	1,800,000	10,300,000
Radio Communications Infrastructure for Jail and Court Bureau	c	1,250,000	0	0	0	0	0	1,250,000
	Total	1,250,000	0	0	0	0	0	1,250,000
Jail Tower General Building Envelope and Site Improvements	c	800,000	850,000	0	0	0	0	1,650,000
	Total	800,000	850,000	0	0	0	0	1,650,000
Jail Tower General HVAC & MEP Improvements	c	800,000	850,000	0	0	0	0	1,650,000
	Total	800,000	850,000	0	0	0	0	1,650,000
Sheriff's Office Marine Unit Vessel Replacement Project	c	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	c	650,000	0	0	0	0	0	650,000
	s	150,000	0	0	0	0	0	150,000
	Total	800,000	0	0	0	0	0	800,000
Sheriff's Office Active Shooter Firearm and PPE replacement project	c	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	c	175,000	0	0	350,000	0	0	525,000
	Total	175,000	0	0	350,000	0	0	525,000
Hall of Justice Plaza Level Security Project	c	250,000	0	0	0	0	0	250,000
	Total	250,000	0	0	0	0	0	250,000
Jail Records Management System	c	0	750,000	0	0	0	0	750,000
	Total	0	750,000	0	0	0	0	750,000
Sheriff's Special Operations Building Upgrades	c	0	600,000	0	0	0	0	600,000
	Total	0	600,000	0	0	0	0	600,000
Sheriff's Special Team Equipment Vehicle Replacement	c	0	0	0	0	1,600,000	0	1,600,000
	Total	0	0	0	0	1,600,000	0	1,600,000
<i>Italics denotes a new project</i>	County	4,425,000	3,050,000	0	350,000	1,600,000	0	9,425,000
	County Cash	1,950,000	2,075,000	2,200,000	2,325,000	2,450,000	2,100,000	13,100,000
	State	150,000	0	0	0	0	0	150,000
	Department Total	6,525,000	5,125,000	2,200,000	2,675,000	4,050,000	2,100,000	22,675,000

Sheriff's Body Worn Camera Project

Project Description Currently the Sheriff's Office has 90 body worn cameras assigned to the road patrol and 40 assigned in the jail. The cameras have proven effective to demonstrate transparency to the community, improve evidentiary outcomes and enhance the safety of interactions between deputies and the public. The new capital project will allow the Sheriff's Office to deploy additional cameras and sustain their continued use across all bureaus of the agency, as well as dash cameras for the road patrol vehicles. The Sheriff's Office would also like to deploy additional less than lethal devices across all bureaus; currently the Sheriff's Office has 199 units deployed. Each of these pieces of technology have a life expectancy of up to five (5) years. Going forward the Sheriff's Office would schedule to replace 20% of this equipment every year as they age out, allowing them to maintain consistent and effective deployment

Environmental Review This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
c	500,000	0	0	0	0	0	500,000
cc	300,000	400,000	500,000	600,000	700,000	300,000	2,800,000
Total	800,000	400,000	500,000	600,000	700,000	300,000	3,300,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
0 Years	\$0	\$550,000	\$0	\$550,000

Sheriff's Vehicle Replacement

Project Description The Sheriff's Fleet Unit maintains a fleet of over 300 vehicles that consist of marked and unmarked sedans, ATVs, trailers, vans, transport buses, electric vehicles, diesel vehicles, motorcycles, trucks, SUVs, pickup trucks, and specialized team vehicles. A majority of the fleet inventory are patrol vehicles and they are used 24 hours a day for patrol functions. Patrol vehicles are used for approximately two years before being rotated to less demanding assignments where they will continue to be used until retirement and will have an average of 200,000 miles on the power train. Patrol vehicles are rotated to other units (DARE, Parks Patrol, etc.) before full retirement. Specialty vehicles are replaced based upon years, maintenance costs, and mileage. Pickup trucks used for transporting boats and horses are rotated around until no longer cost effective to maintain. Refurbishing of larger specialized vehicles is completed when feasible. This project may be designed and documented as a green project and as a potential candidate for green bond financing.

Environmental Review This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
cc	1,650,000	1,675,000	1,700,000	1,725,000	1,750,000	1,800,000	10,300,000
Total	1,650,000	1,675,000	1,700,000	1,725,000	1,750,000	1,800,000	10,300,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
0 Years	\$0	\$1,716,667	\$0	\$1,716,667

Radio Communications Infrastructure for Jail and Court Bureau

Project Description The goal of this project is to replace radio system components with current technology. This project will remove vulnerabilities caused by the non-functional Embassy recording system and be replaced with new mission critical infrastructure to the Hall of Justice where it will interface with the Court Security and Jail infrastructure and tie them into Jail Radio Resources. The system will be compatible with the Monroe County Public Safety Trunking Radio Network and support approximately 700 portable radios operating at the Monroe County Jail, Monroe Correctional Facility and Hall of Justice.

Environmental Review This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding Details

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
c	1,250,000	0	0	0	0	0	1,250,000
Total	1,250,000	0	0	0	0	0	1,250,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
5 Years	\$288,718	\$0	\$0	\$288,718

Jail Tower General Building Envelope and Site Improvements

Project Description This project includes phased improvements to masonry and structural, utilities, life safety, and security systems. The various upgrades will improve building operations.

Environmental Review This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding Details

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
c	800,000	850,000	0	0	0	0	1,650,000
Total	800,000	850,000	0	0	0	0	1,650,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
20 Years	\$121,033	\$0	\$0	\$121,033

Jail Tower General HVAC & MEP Improvements

Project Description This project includes phased improvements to various building systems including mechanical, electrical, plumbing (MEP), heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC). The various upgrades will improve building operations.

Environmental Review This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding Details

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
c	800,000	850,000	0	0	0	0	1,650,000
Total	800,000	850,000	0	0	0	0	1,650,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
10 Years	\$195,336	\$0	\$0	\$195,336

Sheriff's Office Marine Unit Vessel Replacement Project

Project Description Project entails replacing a Sheriff Marine Unit vessel and/or engines that will be over 20 years old at the time of replacement. Two vessels are that are used primarily by the unit, depending on vessel status either hulls and/or engines will be replaced.

Environmental Review This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
c	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
c	650,000	0	0	0	0	0	650,000
s	150,000	0	0	0	0	0	150,000
Total	800,000	0	0	0	0	0	800,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
10 Years	\$84,178	\$0	\$0	\$84,178

Sheriff's Office Active Shooter Firearm and PPE replacement project

Project Description The Sheriff's Active Shooter and Firearm PPE Replacement Project entails purchasing rifles (SWAT rifles and patrol rifles), helmets, masks, ballistic shields, body armor and first aid kits.

Environmental Review This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
c	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
c	175,000	0	0	350,000	0	0	525,000
Total	175,000	0	0	350,000	0	0	525,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
5 Years	\$72,757	\$0	\$0	\$72,757

Hall of Justice Plaza Level Security Project

Project Description Physical target hardening and security enhancements for the Hall of Justice to include new doors, upgraded glass, magnetic striking mechanisms for all plaza level doors, barrier gates, etc.

Environmental Review This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
c	250,000	0	0	0	0	0	250,000
Total	250,000	0	0	0	0	0	250,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
10 Years	\$32,376	\$0	\$0	\$32,376

Jail Records Management System

Project Description This submission is requested to fund the next generation Jail Records Management System software. The last update of the software was completed in 2019 from Premier IMS to Inform Jail 4 with a 10 year life expectancy. The current vendor, Central Square Technology has no intent to upgrade the Jail 4 IMS system.

Environmental Review This project is an Unlisted Action and will require further environmental review.

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
c	0	750,000	0	0	0	0	750,000
Total	0	750,000	0	0	0	0	750,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
5 Years	\$138,585	\$0	\$0	\$138,585

Sheriff's Special Operations Building Upgrades

Project Description The Sheriff's Special Operations Building at the Monroe County Fleet Center contains all the Sheriff's Special Team's equipment and vehicles. The building has a covered patio area where currently the Sheriff's largest critical response vehicle is parked. The Sheriff's Office would like to enclose the area to protect the vehicle and any other equipment stored underneath from the elements.

Environmental Review This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
c	0	600,000	0	0	0	0	600,000
Total	0	600,000	0	0	0	0	600,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
20 Years	\$40,121	\$0	\$0	\$40,121

Sheriff's Special Team Equipment Vehicle Replacement

Project Description This project entails the purchase of a replacement vehicle and related equipment for the Sheriff's Incident Command Post.

Environmental Review This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
c	0	0	0	0	1,600,000	0	1,600,000
Total	0	0	0	0	1,600,000	0	1,600,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
10 Years	\$69,069	\$0	\$0	\$69,069

Monroe County Water Authority



The Monroe County Water Authority is the largest water supplier in the region, furnishing water to over 749,000 people in the region through approximately 190,000 services on a retail or direct basis and 20,000 services on a wholesale basis. The Water Authority serves Monroe County and portions of each of the surrounding counties. The City of Rochester operates its own water production facilities; however, the City and the Water Authority have an exchange agreement whereby each obtains substantial quantities of water from the other.

Due to the size of the Water Authority's operation, substantial economies of scale are being realized in meeting the Region's increasing public water supply requirements. This scale allows for increased effectiveness in the production, transmission, and storage of our water resources. The objective of using Lake Ontario as the principal source of supply allows the Authority to enjoy a relatively unlimited supply of high quality raw water, thereby,

avoiding the water quality problems that have been experienced by many smaller public suppliers in the region.

The Water Authority's asset management planning focuses on timely renewals and replacements of the water supply infrastructure such that the economic life of these assets is maximized and the high degree of reliability demanded by the residential, commercial, and industrial customers is achieved.

Status of Previously Programmed Projects

The following projects were completed or underway during the past year:

- Hydrant, valve and meter replacements have been made as necessary.
- The storage facilities rehabilitation and water main rehabilitation projects are substantially complete.

Monroe County Water Authority Program Summary Table

Project Name	Funding	Budget	Annual Project Cost					Total Cost 6 Years
		2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	
Water Main Rehabilitation	d	10,000,000	10,500,000	11,050,000	11,650,000	12,250,000	12,250,000	67,700,000
	Total	10,000,000	10,500,000	11,050,000	11,650,000	12,250,000	12,250,000	67,700,000
Residential Meter Replacement and Upgrade Program	d	3,600,000	3,600,000	3,600,000	3,600,000	3,600,000	3,600,000	21,600,000
	Total	3,600,000	3,600,000	3,600,000	3,600,000	3,600,000	3,600,000	21,600,000
Storage Facilities Rehabilitation	d	1,150,000	900,000	1,000,000	520,000	380,000	380,000	4,330,000
	Total	1,150,000	900,000	1,000,000	520,000	380,000	380,000	4,330,000
Hydrant Replacement Program	d	475,000	500,000	525,000	550,000	575,000	575,000	3,200,000
	Total	475,000	500,000	525,000	550,000	575,000	575,000	3,200,000
Valve Replacement Program	c	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	d	400,000	0	400,000	0	0	400,000	1,200,000
	Total	400,000	0	400,000	0	0	400,000	1,200,000
Large Meter Replacement and Upgrade Program	d	273,000	273,000	273,000	273,000	273,000	273,000	1,638,000
	Total	273,000	273,000	273,000	273,000	273,000	273,000	1,638,000
<i>Italics denotes a new project</i>	District	15,898,000	15,773,000	16,848,000	16,593,000	17,078,000	17,478,000	99,668,000
	Department Total	15,898,000	15,773,000	16,848,000	16,593,000	17,078,000	17,478,000	99,668,000

Water Main Rehabilitation

Project Description This is a long-term, multi-year program for rehabilitation of old pipelines in the Authority's system by either rehabilitating the old mains by lining them or by replacing them. Approximately five miles of water main are rehabilitated per year.

Environmental Review This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding Details

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
d	10,000,000	10,500,000	11,050,000	11,650,000	12,250,000	12,250,000	67,700,000
Total	10,000,000	10,500,000	11,050,000	11,650,000	12,250,000	12,250,000	67,700,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
0 Years	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Residential Meter Replacement and Upgrade Program

Project Description The replacement of 15,000 obsolete residential water meters with radio read meters.

Environmental Review This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding Details

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
d	3,600,000	3,600,000	3,600,000	3,600,000	3,600,000	3,600,000	21,600,000
Total	3,600,000	3,600,000	3,600,000	3,600,000	3,600,000	3,600,000	21,600,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
0 Years	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Storage Facilities Rehabilitation

Project Description This is a long-term annual program to clean and paint tanks in the authority's production and distribution systems. There are currently 43 steel water storage tanks in the system. The expected life of the paint coating systems ranges from 15-25 years.

Environmental Review This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding Details

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
d	1,150,000	900,000	1,000,000	520,000	380,000	380,000	4,330,000
Total	1,150,000	900,000	1,000,000	520,000	380,000	380,000	4,330,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
0 Years	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Hydrant Replacement Program

Project Description The Hydrant Replacement Program is for the systematic, system wide replacement of older, leaking, or damaged hydrants. Hydrants are replaced based upon maintenance inspections, leak detection testing, and damage as a result of vehicular accidents.

Environmental Review This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
d	475,000	500,000	525,000	550,000	575,000	575,000	3,200,000
Total	475,000	500,000	525,000	550,000	575,000	575,000	3,200,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
0 Years	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Valve Replacement Program

Project Description Based on ongoing inspection and problems discovered in operating the system, valves are selected for replacement or additional valves are installed.

Environmental Review This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
c	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
d	400,000	0	400,000	0	0	400,000	1,200,000
Total	400,000	0	400,000	0	0	400,000	1,200,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
0 Years	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Large Meter Replacement and Upgrade Program

Project Description The Water Authority has a continuous meter maintenance program for large meters that enables accurate registration of water consumption.

Environmental Review This project is a Type II Action and will not require further environmental review.

Funding	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total Cost 6 Years
d	273,000	273,000	273,000	273,000	273,000	273,000	1,638,000
Total	273,000	273,000	273,000	273,000	273,000	273,000	1,638,000

Estimated Annual Impact on the Operating Budget

Bond Life	Debt Service Payment	Operating Costs	Attributable Revenue	Net Operating Budget Impact
0 Years	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

By Legislators Frazier and Jeffery

Intro. No. ____

MOTION NO. ____ OF 2026

PROVIDING THAT RESOLUTION (INTRO. NO. 245 OF 2026), ENTITLED "ADOPTING MONROE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL AND FARMLAND PROTECTION PLAN UPDATE," BE LIFTED FROM THE TABLE

BE IT MOVED, that Resolution (Intro. No. 245 of 2026), entitled "ADOPTING MONROE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL AND FARMLAND PROTECTION PLAN UPDATE," be lifted from the table.

File No. 26-0147

ADOPTION: Date: _____ Vote: _____

By Legislators Frazier and Jeffery

Intro. No. ____

MOTION NO. _____ OF 2026

PROVIDING THAT RESOLUTION (INTRO. NO. 245 OF 2026), ENTITLED "ADOPTING MONROE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL AND FARMLAND PROTECTION PLAN UPDATE," BE ADOPTED

BE IT MOVED, that Resolution (Intro. No. 245 of 2026), entitled "ADOPTING MONROE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL AND FARMLAND PROTECTION PLAN UPDATE," be adopted.

File No. 26-0147

ADOPTION: Date: _____

Vote: _____

By Legislators Frazier and Jeffery

Intro. No. ____

RESOLUTION NO. ____ OF 2026

ADOPTING MONROE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL AND FARMLAND PROTECTION PLAN UPDATE

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF MONROE, as follows:

Section 1. The Legislature hereby adopts the proposed Monroe County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan Update, as submitted by County Executive Adam J. Bello, in its entirety.

Section 2. This resolution shall take effect in accordance with Section C2-7 of the Monroe County Charter.

Planning & Economic Development Committee; May 18, 2026 – CV: 5-0
File No. 26-0147

ADOPTION: Date: _____ Vote: _____

ACTION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

APPROVED: _____ VETOED: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

EFFECTIVE DATE OF RESOLUTION: _____



ADAM J. BELLO
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board

Monroe County, New York

April 9, 2026

The Honorable Adam J. Bello
110 County Office Building
39 West Main Street
Rochester, New York 14614

Subject: Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan Update

Dear County Executive Bello:

I am pleased to report that the Monroe County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board (AFPB) completed its review of the Proposed Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan Update ("the Plan"). New York State Agriculture and Markets Law and Monroe County Resolution 258 of 1993 obligate the AFPB to assess and approve county agricultural and farmland protection plans. Specifically, prior to adoption by the County Legislature, the Plan must first be reviewed and receive approval from the AFPB. The AFPB has completed its review of the Plan and voted to approve and recommend adoption to the Legislature during its February 2026 meeting.

Throughout the Agricultural and Farmland Protection Planning Update process, the AFPB worked closely to advise and guide the County, its consultants, and the Steering Committee. The Plan identifies the needs of farmers and the agricultural community in Monroe County. The AFPB looks forward to working with the County, its partners, and partner agencies to implement the recommendations of the Plan. Successful implementation will require an ongoing commitment for collaboration among County departments, municipalities, the general public, agricultural organizations, and the farming community to carry out the Plan's goals and strategies. The AFPB supports the Plan's use as a guiding document for policy decisions, funding priorities, and program development that will sustain continued agricultural production in Monroe County.

The Plan is submitted to you with our endorsement and recommended for adoption by the Monroe County Legislature. The AFPB strongly urges the County and its partners to support the Plan and its implementation. If you have any questions or concerns about this Plan, please contact Board Secretary, Patrick Gooch, Senior Associate Planner, Monroe County Planning and Development.

Sincerely,

Chairman Robert J. Colby

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MONROE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL & FARMLAND PROTECTION PLAN

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Part 1. PLANNING PROCESS

1. Overview of Planning Process and Context

Monroe County's previous Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan was completed in 1999. Monroe County was awarded grant funding from the NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets (NYS DAM) to assist with the cost of preparing an updated Plan. The Monroe County Planning Department issued a Request for Proposals in May 2023 and contracted with a consultant team led by LaBella Associates in January 2024.

A Steering Committee comprised of farmers and representatives of agencies and organizations that serve farmers met periodically during the planning process to identify issues and opportunities, guide the farmer and public engagement process, review draft documents, and to provide feedback and guidance to the consulting team.

The following people served on the Steering Committee:

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|-------------------|--|
| • Phil Hurlbutt | Farmer, Town of Hamlin |
| • Bob King | MCC Agriculture & Life Sciences Institute |
| • Lorna Wright | Genesee Land Trust |
| • Kelly Emerick | Monroe County Soil & Water Conservation District |
| • David Woodward | Farmer, Penfield |
| • William Steimer | Farmer, Chili |
| • Jarmila Haseler | Cornell Cooperative Extension of Monroe County |

Monroe County Department of Planning Staff provided guidance to the consulting team.

The Agricultural & Farmland Protection Plan complements Monroe County's Comprehensive Plan and Climate Action Plan.

2. Farmer, Stakeholder and Public Engagement Summary

Farmer and stakeholder engagement activities included:

- Interviews with representative farmers, agency representatives, and other stakeholders
- Farmer focus group meetings
- Farmer/landowner survey
- Project website
- Public informational meeting to present the draft Plan
- County Legislature public hearing

Stakeholder Interviews

One-on-one interviews, in-person or via telephone or video conference, were conducted with representatives from farms, community gardens, and agriculture-related agencies and organizations.

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These interviews provided insight into challenges and opportunities for farms and related businesses in Monroe County. A summary of the findings from these interviews is in Appendix A.

Regional Farmer Focus Group Meetings

Two focus group meetings, one on the east side (Town of Pittsford) and one on the west side (Town of Ogden) of Monroe County were held during March 2024 to share information about the Plan update and to obtain input from farmers. In addition, one virtual meeting was held via Zoom. Attendees shared their thoughts and insights on the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats (SWOT) to agriculture in Monroe County. Information gathered from these meetings was utilized to identify issues, needs, and opportunities to address in the updated Monroe County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan and to identify potential initiatives to investigate further. The consultant team also participated in the Monroe County Farm Bureau's Annual Meeting in October 2024.

Copies of the presentation materials and summaries of participant comments are in Appendix A.

Farmer/ Landowner Survey

To encourage farmer and farmland owner participation in the Monroe County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan, a survey was made available to farmers and farmland owners throughout Monroe County. To increase participation, steering committee members publicized the survey through newsletters and email lists. The survey was also available through the project website.

This survey campaign yielded a total of 33 responses. The results helped identify the most pressing issues and priorities for Monroe County farmers and farmland owners and helped in identifying the actions recommended in the Plan. A summary of the survey results can be found in Appendix A.

Project Website

A project website served to inform the public about the Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan Update, publicize the farmer/ landowner survey, post meeting notices, and collect comments on draft documents.

Public Informational Meeting

One in-person and one virtual Public Informational Meeting were held in November 2025 to present the draft Plan and encourage public comments.

Monroe County Legislature Public Hearing

The Monroe County Legislature held a public hearing on the draft Plan on July 14, 2026 and incorporated comments prior to adopting the updated Plan.

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3. Plan Contents

The Plan is organized into the following sections:

Part 1. Plan Overview & Methodology

Part 2. Current Conditions and Trends

- Agricultural Land
- Agricultural Economy
- Environmental Protection & Climate Resiliency
- Public Understanding & Appreciation of Agriculture
- Urban Agriculture

Part 3. Goals, Opportunities & Challenges, and Recommended Actions.



Photo 1. Reed Farm aerial landscape. Credit: Adam Montoya

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Part 2: Goals, Opportunities & Challenges, and Recommended Actions

The Monroe County Agricultural & Farmland Protection Plan Update identifies five broad goals to guide Monroe County and its partners in supporting continued agricultural production and farmland protection:

Goal #1: Retain high quality farmland for agricultural production.

Goal #2: Improve economic viability of farm operations.

Goal #3: Improve opportunities for agriculture-related economic development in Monroe County and the region.

Goal #4: Protect soil and water resources, enhance climate resiliency, and minimize greenhouse gas emissions from agricultural practices.

Goal #5: Increase understanding and appreciation of agriculture among the general public and local decision-makers.

Goal #6. Support commercial agricultural producers in urban and suburban areas.

The summary of opportunities and challenges for each goal follow from the analysis of current conditions and trends (Part 3) as well as input from farmers, agencies and the Steering Committee.

Recommended actions specify the steps Monroe County and its partners can take to achieve the goals of this Plan. For each action, the Plan identifies the entity or entities that would lead the task and partners that would also be involved.

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The following acronyms represent names of lead and partner entities:

AFPB	Monroe County Agricultural & Farmland Protection Board
BOCES	Board of Cooperative Educational Services
CCE	Cornell Cooperative Extension
COMIDA	County of Monroe Industrial Development Agency
DES	Monroe County Department of Environmental Services
ESD	Empire State Development
GFL-RPC	Genesee Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council
GRE	Greater Rochester Enterprise
MCC	Monroe Community College
NYS DAM	New York State Department of Agriculture & Markets
NYS DOS	New York State Department of State
NYSERDA	New York State Energy Research & Development Authority
REDC	Regional Economic Development Council
SWCD	Soil & Water Conservation District
USDA	United States Department of Agriculture



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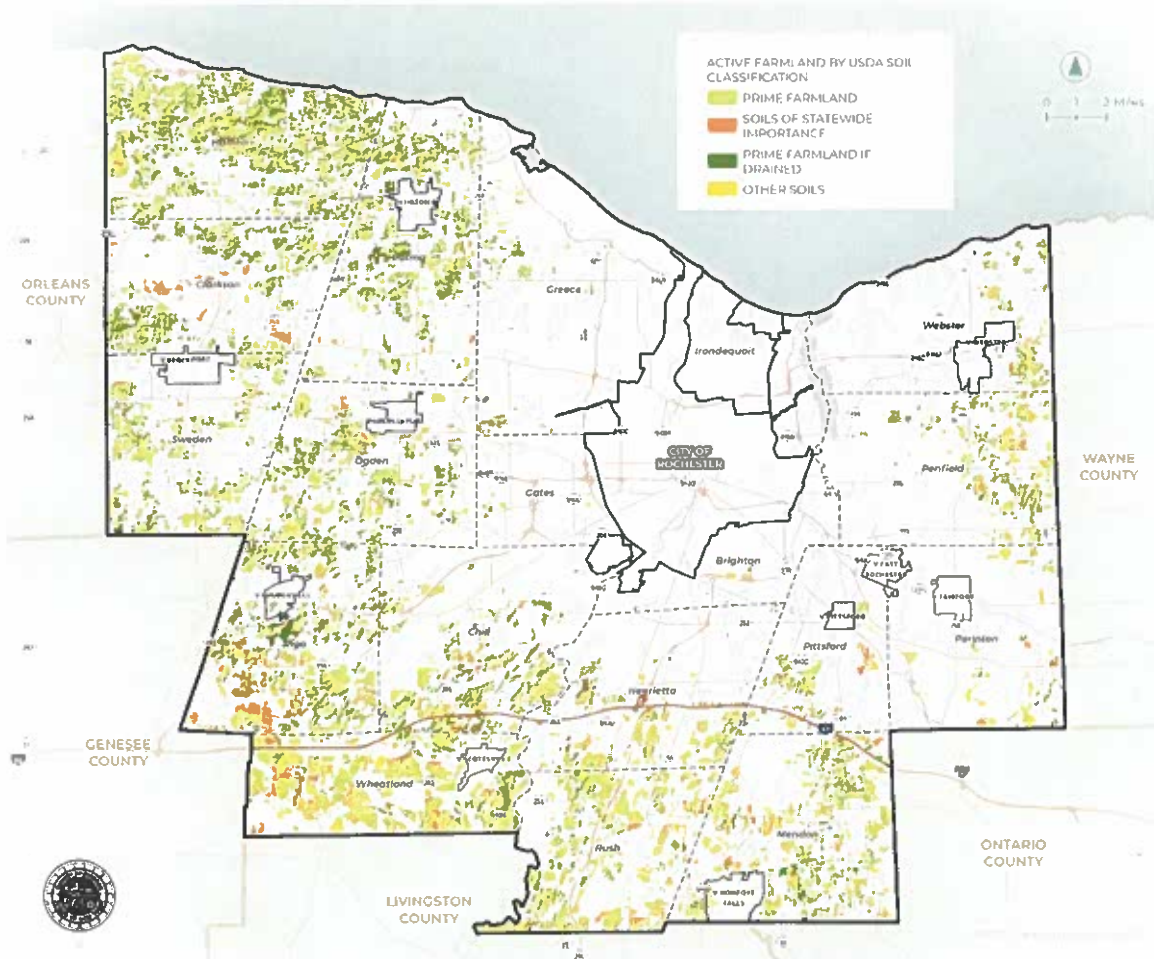
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Goal #1: Retain high quality farmland for agricultural production.

Why is this important?

Retaining high quality farmland for agricultural production is critical to maintaining a viable agricultural industry in Monroe County. Large areas of high-quality agricultural soils in Monroe County are currently being used and remain available for agricultural production. Approximately one-third of the land area of Monroe County is in agricultural use or open land that may be suitable for agriculture. The most recent U.S. Census of Agriculture (2022), approximately 93,901 acres of land were in farms, including 72,118 acres of farmland. Retention of these lands for agricultural use will help ensure the continued viability of agriculture in Monroe County. The figure below depicts active farmland in Monroe County by USDA soil classification. Development projects and other actions that could impact these lands need to be evaluated to minimize loss of viable farmland.

Figure 1. Farmland Suitable for Protection by USDA Agricultural Soil Classification



What are the challenges and opportunities?

Farmland throughout Monroe County is susceptible to conversion to non-agricultural uses. As documented in Part 2A, farmland is often suitable for development as it is generally level and free from environmental constraints. Continued demand for residential and other development as well as increasing demand for solar energy development are the main sources of pressure for farmland conversion.

Lands where public sewer service is available are suitable for more compact residential and other development. Managing the location of sewer infrastructure can direct needed development to suitable areas while maintaining the County's rural areas for continued agricultural use.

What tools can help Monroe County and its partners achieve this goal?

Monroe County and its partners can help to keep farmland in agricultural use by encouraging land use regulations that guide development away from farmland, promoting permanent conservation easements on farms, discouraging residential and solar development on high quality farmland, educating owners of rented farmland, and supporting programs that help farmers with succession planning.

Conservation Easements

Permanent conservation easements prevent future non-agricultural development on farmland through legal restrictions. By removing the development rights from a parcel, the land becomes more affordable for the next generation of farmers.

Farmland owners may voluntarily donate a conservation easement to a land trust or work with a municipality or land trust to obtain grants enable the farmer to sell the development rights to their farmland. Genesee Land Trust and Genesee Valley Conservancy are key partners with expertise and experience in working with landowners to permanently protect farmland.

Counties adjoining Monroe support efforts by land trusts to encourage long-term preservation of farmland and to work with farmers to prepare applications for NYS-funded Purchase of Development Rights (PDR) or federal USDA Agricultural Conservation Easement programs. Both Livingston and Genesee Counties budget for contractual services, administered by their Planning Departments, for land trust staff to organize educational workshops for farmers and to help farmers prepare applications for PDR funding or to consider donating a conservation easement to a land trust.

Municipal Zoning and Solar local laws

Municipalities can limit or discourage use of agricultural lands for solar development through local land use laws and regulations. For example, zoning or a solar local law may require applications to delineate both active farmland and the agricultural soil suitability of lands proposed for the project, and to limit the extent of high quality farmland that may be used for the solar project.

Local laws regulating solar development can also help ensure that projects that use farmland are carried out in a way that minimizes long-term impacts. For example, the local law can require adherence to NYS Department of Agriculture & Markets construction and decommissioning guidance,

such as ensuring that topsoil is preserved during construction to retain the viability of the land to be returned to agricultural use following decommissioning. In addition, municipalities can require that the developer retain a qualified Environmental Monitor on site during construction to ensure that mitigation practices are carried out properly.

Local laws may require solar developers to consider co-location of agricultural practices with solar facilities. Solar developers in New York have incorporated sheep grazing and pollinators into the design of solar energy facilities. Sheep grazing under solar panels reduces or eliminates the need for regular mowing and helps reduce costs for facility maintenance. Ensuring that farmers benefit economically from co-location with solar panels requires careful planning and design. The types of agriculture that can co-locate with solar facilities is different from the production of field crops or other traditional agricultural production that would occur without the solar facility.

Municipalities have the authority to regulate projects smaller than 25 MW through local laws. For projects larger than 25 MW, for which NYS ORES has siting approval authority, the local law remains an important tool as it expresses the Town's policy and is considered by ORES in NYS review of projects.

Outreach to Owners of Rented land

While most farmers intend to keep the land they own in agricultural production, farmland that is rented or leased to farmers, as well as farmland passed on to non-farming heirs of farmers, may be sold for other purposes.

Land that is rented or leased to farmers for agricultural use is more susceptible to conversion than lands owned by farmers. While farmers may sell land for development, they typically choose the least productive areas of the farm and maintain farming operations on the most productive areas. Owners of rented land may respond to offers from solar or other developers by selling the entire parcel rather than subdividing the parcel to retain a portion for continued agricultural production.

Owners of rented land may benefit from information about tax benefits and resources to assist with estate planning or options for land conservation. While many farmers work with owners of leased land to help the owners obtain agricultural use property tax exemptions, some owners of rented land may not be receiving these benefits. Ongoing communication with owners of rented land may encourage them to consider selling land to neighboring farmers or including land conservation in their estate planning.

Farm Succession Education

Farmland in the process of passing to the next generation is susceptible to conversion when there are multiple heirs or the heirs are not interested in continuing to farm the land. Education and outreach programs, such as those run by FarmNET, help farmers plan for farm transition and can help avoid sales of farmland for non-agricultural uses.

Recommended Actions

1. Provide education and technical assistance to municipalities to support the adoption and maintenance of farm-friendly land use regulations that require consideration of the impacts on agriculture from new development.
 Lead: Monroe County Planning
 Partners: Municipalities
2. Provide training and technical assistance, including model laws, to encourage municipalities to adopt local solar laws that limit the extent to which solar energy facilities use active farmland with high quality agricultural soils and/or that incentivize use of lands that are not suitable for agricultural production, and require mitigation such as reducing impacts to farmland during construction and decommissioning or including co-location of agriculture within the solar project.
 Lead: Monroe County Planning
 Partners: Municipalities; NYSEDA Model Law; NYS Ag & Markets (guidance)
3. As part of negotiations for Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILOTs) for solar development projects, incorporate requirements for the facility to avoid siting projects on active farmland with high quality agricultural soils. If projects must use active farmland, require mitigation of impacts to farmland during construction and decommissioning.
 Lead: COMIDA
 Partners: Monroe County Planning
4. Work with utilities and advocate with regulators for policies and practices that limit the impact of new transmission lines and other electricity infrastructure on farmland and farm operations.
 Lead: Monroe County Planning
 Partners: Monroe County Legislature
5. Communicate potential impacts on agriculture when municipalities and other entities propose extensions of public sewer service into predominantly agricultural areas through County review of development projects, with education and training for local official, and by filing Notices of Intent to the NYS Dept. of Agriculture & Markets where projects receive State or Federal funding.
 Lead: Monroe County Planning
 Partners: Utilities; NYS DAM

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6. Provide information and connect farmland owners to resources to encourage them to place land under permanent conservation easements.
 - a. Provide letters of support and technical assistance to support grant applications.
 - b. Contract with local land trusts to support additional outreach to farmers and the preparation of grant applications.
 - c. Establish a fund for Monroe County to purchase development rights to farms.

Lead: Monroe County AFPB (letters of support); Monroe County Planning (contracts with land trusts); Monroe County Legislature (funding)

Partners: Genesee Land Trust

7. Provide information and connect farmland owners with resources for technical assistance to encourage them to develop succession plans to facilitate transfer of farmland to another farmer to continue its use in agricultural production.

Lead: CCE Monroe County

Partners: FarmNET

8. Facilitate transfer of farmland to farmers by maintaining an inventory of interested farmers. Advocate for creation of a “buy, protect, sell” program to be administered by a land trust.

Lead: Monroe County Planning

Partners: Genesee Land Trust; CCE Monroe; [American Farmland Trust \(Farmland for a New Generation New York\)](#)

Goal #2: Improve economic viability of farm operations.

Why is this important?

Farms in Monroe County generated more than \$101 million in sales in 2022, according to the US Census of Agriculture. Crop farming generated 90% of all sales as shown in the table below.

Table 1. Market Value of Products Sold, 2022

Item	2022 Market Value (in dollars)	Percent of Total
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops	\$ 91,147,000	90%
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	37,325,000	37%
Corn	20,595,000	20%
Wheat	4,430,000	4%
Soybeans	11,070,000	11%
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	28,607,000	28%
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	9,375,000	9%
Fruits and tree nuts	7,786,000	8%
Berries	1,589,000	2%
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	12,117,000	12%
Cultivated Christmas Trees and short rotation woody crops	930,000	1%
Cultivated Christmas Trees	930,000	1%
Other crops and hay	2,793,000	3%
Livestock, poultry, and their products	\$ 9,935,000	10%
Poultry and eggs	\$ 157,000	0%
Cattle and calves	\$ 963,000	1%
Milk from cows	\$ 7,913,000	8%
Hogs and pigs	\$ 38,000	<1%
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	\$ 140,000	<1%
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkey	\$ 506,000	<1%
Other animals and other animal products	\$ 219,000	<1%
Total	\$ 101,082,000	100%

Source: 2022 Census of Agriculture

When farms are economically viable, they are highly likely to continue operating and keep farmland in agricultural production. However, as described in Part 2.B, farming is a complex, challenging business and farmers need to navigate changes in market conditions, government regulations, and environmental conditions.

While many farms in Monroe County benefit from County, State and Federal government programs that provide technical and financial assistance, some farms may have difficulty accessing these programs or find that existing programs are not well-suited to their farm businesses. Future availability of government funding is uncertain. Government regulations, including State labor and environmental

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regulations as well as local zoning regulations, can make farming more difficult. Assisting farmers, especially smaller farms, in accessing assistance helps to keep farms economically viable and maintain the agricultural economy of Monroe County.

Proximity of Monroe County farms to consumers in urban areas create opportunities for agritourism and direct-to-consumer sales. Incorporating agritourism and/or direct-to-consumer sales into farm operations can help farmers retain more of the market value of farm products.

What are the challenges and opportunities?

Promising market opportunities for Monroe County farms include agritourism enterprises and direct-to-consumer sales, as well as increasing sales to schools and other institutions.

Direct-to-Consumer Sales

Many farms in Monroe County sell directly to consumers and capture a larger share of the product's value. Many consumers are willing to pay more for farm products when they know where it comes from and want to support local farmers. Several farms manage Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) programs. The Rochester Public Market and many farmers markets throughout the County offer opportunities for direct sales to consumers. Several farms in Monroe County participate in New York State's NY Grown & Certified Program, which helps consumers find local farm products.

Challenges for farmers engaged in direct-to-consumer sales include the need to establish skills and devote hours to managing retail markets and customer service. Sources of technical assistance for farmers include CCE Monroe as well as resources through Cornell University Small Farms Program.

Operators of farmers markets help farmers through efficient operation of the market and by publicizing the market to bring customers.

Agritourism

Agritourism activities help some farms increase revenue. Challenges include:

- the need for farmers to establish and manage a separate business enterprise that requires a different skill set than producing crops.
- The need to manage local impacts such as traffic, parking, and noise. Municipal regulations can require safeguards to reduce impacts but may be overly restrictive.

Resources to support farmers include technical assistance and educational resources through CCE and Monroe County Community College as well as grant funding opportunities. CCE Monroe and MCC promote agritourism through web-based maps and periodic promotions. The Market New York Tourism Grant Program, administered by NYS Empire State Development, offers funding for regional tourism marketing and planning as well as capital projects. Guidance for municipal zoning regulations are suggested in Appendix C: Zoning Review Findings. Impacts of agritourism operations can be managed through reasonable zoning regulations and permitting and inspection procedures.

Value-added enterprises on farms

Incorporating on-farm processing, packing or packaging allows the farmer to retain a larger portion of the value of the end product. However, farmers face challenges in establishing on-farm value-added enterprises and in scaling up these businesses. Each additional business enterprise requires its own business plan as well as capital investment, staffing and record-keeping.

While value-added enterprises are considered part of farm operations protected by NYS Agricultural District Law, operations may need to comply with local zoning regulations. Municipalities can support farms that integrate value-added businesses through farm-friendly municipal zoning regulations.

Secondary businesses on farms

Secondary non-agricultural businesses on farms can help generate additional revenue to maintain the farm's economic viability. As non-agricultural businesses on farms are not considered "farm operations" in NYS Agricultural District Law, they are not protected from local regulation.

Some municipalities accommodate on-farm businesses through a special use permit, which requires certain conditions to be met. Other municipal zoning regulations prohibit such businesses because they do not allow more than one principal use on a lot or require businesses to be located in a commercial or industrial zoning district.

Farm Transition Planning

Without sound transition planning, farms may be sold for development when the farm owner retires or passes away. Transition planning may include estate planning and can also include provisions for another party to take over the farm.

Challenges for new, beginning and women farmers

New and beginning farmers face multiple challenges getting started, including access to land to purchase or lease, high cost of land, difficulty obtaining financing, and the need to develop business skills. People who did not grow up in a farming family also lack a built-in network of support and knowledge.

Women and immigrants face additional challenges as they do not fit the expected profile of a farmer and may not be part of an existing social network.

Farm Labor

Farms of all sizes face challenges in finding suitable workers. Recent changes in NYS regulations and minimum wage requirements exacerbate these challenges. Although New York State law allows farms to pay youth under age 16 lower rates, and minor children of the farm operator do not need to be paid, many farms face challenges in obtaining labor. Some small farms are not able to increase operations due to the cost of labor.

Existing resources to assist farmers include programs administered by Cornell Cooperative Extension, which offers periodic training on farm business issues, and NY FarmNet, which offers training programs

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to farmers on business planning, workforce training and other aspects of managing a farm enterprise. These resources help farmers in addressing workforce challenges.

Diversification of Products

Some farms have had to adapt to changes in markets, such as the loss of regional vegetable processing capacity. For example, loss of cabbage and other vegetable processors in recent years required farms to consider other produce.

Farms that sell directly to consumers have introduced new products to increase direct-to-consumer sales. Farms have opportunities to meet niche markets with high value products such as heirloom or organic produce.

Climate change may lead to opportunities for farmers to grow crops that require longer growing seasons. Climate change is likely to exacerbate impacts of weeds, pests and diseases, which may result in farms selecting different crops.

Institutional Sales

Some farms may be able to sell directly to institutions; smaller farms could sell to institutions through aggregators that sell farm products to institutions.

Increasing opportunities may become available to local farmers as New York State incentivizes purchases of local farm products by institutions, including:

- Monroe County facilities, such as the Monroe County Jail, Monroe Community Hospital and Monroe Community College
- Food banks
- K-12 Schools
- Colleges and Universities
- NYS agencies

Challenges to increasing institutional purchases of local farm products include:

- Lack of aggregation, distribution, processing and packaging infrastructure to allow small farms to compete with large-scale providers of food to institutions
- Lack of capacity at local schools and institutions to prepare agricultural products for use in food service.

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Recommended Actions

1. Continue to provide funding to organizations such as CCE Monroe and Monroe County SWCD that provide information and technical assistance to farm operations, including support for new and beginning farmers, business planning, crop diversification, and adapting to the impacts of climate change. Partner with Cornell University and CCE Wayne, Ontario and Wyoming Counties to leverage resources.

Lead: Monroe County Legislature (funding allocation); CCE Monroe

Partners: CCE Wayne, Ontario and Wyoming; Monroe County SWCD

2. Advocate for continued State and Federal funding for Cornell Cooperative Extension, SWCD, USDA and other programs that provide technical and financial assistance to farms.

Lead: Monroe County Planning

Partners: Farm Bureau; CCE Monroe; SWCD; NYS DAM; Cornell University; USDA

3. Promote agritourism and direct-to-consumer sales as a component of areawide tourism campaigns, through “buy local” campaigns, and guides to local produce, including improvements to online guides. Provide information and technical assistance to farmers to increase direct-to-consumer sales. Improve the local food guide website and expand outreach to farms with farm stands, u-pick or entertainment to be listed in the online guide.

Lead: CCE Monroe; MCC

Partners: NYS Empire State Development (tourism promotion); Visit Rochester; NYS DAM

4. Provide information about funding and sources of technical assistance to farms interested in incorporating on-farm processing and other value-added enterprises.

Lead: CCE Monroe

Partners: NYS DAM; USDA

5. Continue to provide land use education and training programs and provide information about sources of funding (such as NYS Department of State Smart Growth zoning grants) to encourage municipalities to revise zoning regulations to accommodate value-added and secondary businesses on farms.

Lead: Monroe County Planning

Partners: Municipalities; NYS Department of State (funding)

6. Support programs that assist farms with business planning and hiring procedures and that help to building and maintain a skilled agricultural workforce.

Lead: Monroe County Planning

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Partners: BOCES; CCE Monroe

7. Advocate for more favorable federal and State labor policies and regulations, including NYS minimum wage requirements and the federal H2-A program.

Lead: Monroe County Planning

Partners: Farm Bureau

8. Facilitate purchases of local farm products by Monroe County facilities. For example:
 - Identify and engage with supply chain support businesses (pick-up and delivery, storage, etc.) to facilitate order fulfillment and decrease the costs of entry for small and mid-sized farms.
 - Work with the Monroe County Jail, MCC and other institutions to adopt procurement policies that prioritize products from Monroe County or surrounding farms.
 - Adopt an official County policy and direct institutions to modify their contracts with food providers (e.g., Sysco; Broadliner; Headwater Food Hub as alternative to national supplier)

Lead: Monroe County Legislature; Procurement managers at Monroe County Jail, MCC and other facilities

Partners: Food providers; Aggregators

9. Connect schools and other institutions to information and sources of funding and technical assistance to expand purchases from local farms. Encourage schools and emergency feeding organizations to prioritize purchases from Monroe County farms.

Lead: CCE Monroe; School Districts

Partners: Schools, universities, health care and other institutions; Foodlink

Goal #3: Improve opportunities for agriculture-related economic development in Monroe County and the region.

Agriculture-related industries include processing, aggregation, distribution, packing, packaging, wholesale and retail operations, financial services and other businesses that support farms. Food manufacturing in Monroe County generated \$3.2 billion in sales (3% of the County total) in 2022 and employed approximately 6,557 people, according to data compiled through an IMPLAN economic analysis. Operations range from large, multi-national companies to small and medium-sized local businesses engaged in value-added food processing.

Why is this important?

Farms in Monroe County benefit from access to processing, storage, distribution and markets. Monroe County industries include large facilities that are integrated into global markets as well as small-scale

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businesses that support smaller producers. Continued access to markets and support businesses helps to ensure the economic viability of Monroe County farms.

What are the challenges and opportunities?

Processing

Food manufacturing is recognized as an important industrial cluster in Monroe County and the Genesee-Finger Lakes region. Greater Rochester Enterprise (GRE) and the Finger Lakes Regional Economic Development Council (REDC) promote food manufacturing as a key industrial sector.

While many food manufacturing businesses, such as Pepsi, use no local agricultural products, their presence as part of a regional industrial cluster in agriculture/ food processing represents significant investment in regional food manufacturing and helps maintain a supply of experienced workers. When multiple businesses of the same type are located in a region, workers have options for places to work.

Dairy processing facilities in Monroe County have provided nearby markets for local and regional dairy farms. The former Upstate Niagara Co-op in the City of Rochester served as a major milk processing facility, the plant has since closed. This closure reflects broader changes in the dairy industry, including consolidation, evolving processing technologies, and the facilities limited ability to expand or modernize within its existing location. The new Fairlife facility to be constructed in Webster is expected to significantly increase dairy processing capacity and provide an important new market outlet for regional dairy producers.

Large food manufacturing facilities other than dairy offer limited opportunities for local farms as they source inputs from a global supply chain. For example, Star in Churchville gets 30% of its wheat from Canadian producers. In addition, consolidation in food manufacturing industries has resulted in the loss of some local processing facilities. For example, a large cabbage processing facility and a green bean processing facility recently left the region, leaving farmers with no ready market for these crops. Farms that raised crops for processing at that facility needed to either find other markets or pivot to other crops.

Despite the challenges relating to consolidation and global supply chains, increasing processing capacity in Monroe County could benefit local farms as well as the broader agricultural economy. COMIDA administers incentives that could support processing facilities to site or expand in Monroe County.

Meat processing capacity is limited locally. Many farmers need to travel long distances to bring their animals to processing facilities. Small farms face particular challenges as they do not have the leverage to arrange timely processing.

Agricultural Support Businesses

Businesses that provide aggregation, distribution and services to farm operations are important parts of the regional agricultural economy. Monroe County and its partners can support these businesses, through financial incentives, infrastructure improvements, site selection assistance and letters of support for grant applications.

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1. Work with County and regional economic development organizations to support existing and encourage new and expanded agriculture-related businesses, through financial incentives, infrastructure improvements, site selection assistance, letters of support for grant applications, and other means.

Lead: COMIDA; Greater Rochester Enterprise (GRE); Regional Economic Development Council (REDC); Monroe County Planning

Partners: Municipalities; farms and agriculture-related businesses; Market NY (funding)

2. Provide technical support to private initiatives, including cooperative ventures, which would support additional aggregation, distribution, or processing where relevant County skills and capabilities support project advancement, such as grant identification, letters of support for grant funding, GIS mapping, or site selection.

Lead: Monroe County Planning; COMIDA

Partners: CCE Monroe

3. Building on recent food system studies, support development of a regional (multi-county) food system study that would include an inventory of existing capacities and operators across the supply chain to identify gaps, potential partnerships, and opportunities for expansions that support overall aggregation and distribution for producers, processors, and purchasers.

Lead: Genesee/ Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council; CCE Monroe

Partners; Monroe County, Monroe County Economic Development (Grow Monroe), Foodlink, Headwater Food Hub, Western NY Produce, Inc. NYS DAM (funding)

Goal #4: Protect soil and water resources, enhance climate resiliency, and minimize greenhouse gas emissions from agricultural practices.

Why is this important?

Clean water is critical to agricultural production. While agriculture keeps land open, agricultural practices may lead to runoff of nutrients and chemicals into surface and groundwater. Best management practices such as cover crops and stream buffers can prevent and mitigate impacts of agricultural practices on water quality.

Proper management of stormwater is needed to maintain productivity of farm fields and avoid introduction of pathogens and other negative impacts on farm fields. Stormwater management programs through the Soil & Water Conservation District and local governments support implementation of best practices to better manage stormwater.

Farms, like all businesses, have a role to play in minimizing greenhouse gas emissions and adapting to climate change. Farms also have an opportunity to counter the impacts of climate change. Climate resilient farming practices such as manure management and cover crops can minimize emissions.

What are the challenges and opportunities?

Agricultural Best Management Practices (BMPs)

Agricultural practices may lead to runoff of nutrients or chemicals into streams and other waterways. To reduce or avoid these impacts, most farms in Monroe County use conservation practices that conserve soil and protect water quality, help to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and mitigate to impacts of climate change. Best Management Practices and “Climate Resilient Farming” measures on farms include stream buffers, cover crops, filter strips, nutrient management systems, fertilizer and pesticide storage improvements, and effective manure storage facilities.

Cost-sharing programs and education provided by Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE), Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD), and USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) are critical to supporting the implementation of these BMPs.

Monroe County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) offers technical assistance and cost sharing to encourage farms to plan for and implement these practices. New York State Climate Resilient Farming and USDA NRCS grants offer cost sharing for farms to install best practices.

Sequestering carbon in soil and plants prevents its release as a greenhouse gas. However, the extent of carbon sequestration in soil, other than by planting trees or retaining forests, is difficult to quantify¹. Soil management techniques such as no-till systems, planting cover crops, trees and perennial forages, and managing compost application will improve water retention and nutrient storage and reduce erosion potential.

Drainage

Farms rely on effective flow of stormwater in streams to prevent flooding of farm fields which can negatively impact crops. When dead trees or other debris in streams block flow, stormwater may back up onto farm fields and affect crops and soil health. New York State regulations make it difficult to clear debris from streams, as a NYS DEC permit is required to work within stream bed.

In addition, New York State regulations on wetlands have recently changed to require site-specific evaluation for potential wetlands. The changes in procedures and criteria for designating wetlands need to be communicated with municipalities and farmers. Farmers would benefit from assistance in navigating these regulations.

¹ A pilot project in the Hudson Valley region of New York aims to measure the extent of carbon sequestration resulting from various practices. The study will utilize [NRCS COMET-Planner](#), an online calculator tool, to estimate the reductions in greenhouse gas emissions that will result from each practice. In addition to the potential benefit of carbon sequestration.

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Development projects adjoining farms may alter natural drainage and impact farm fields. Compliance with municipal, and state stormwater management regulations and design standards during the review of development projects help to avoid these impacts.

Resources to support drainage improvements include:

- The Monroe County SWCD advises farmers and municipalities regarding stormwater management, including an extensive stormwater management training program for code officers, municipal officials, contractors, and developers
- Municipal or inter-municipal drainage districts to support improvements
- NYS stormwater management regulations for solar and other development.
- Monroe County's training for local government officials will include module on drainage management

Organic waste

Farms have an opportunity to advance New York State initiatives to reduce organic waste. On-farm practices include composting on-farm waste and potentially accepting organic waste from restaurants or institutions to be composted on the farm. New requirements for organic waste disposal may lead to opportunities for Monroe County farms.

Coordinating with emergency food providers to facilitate gleaning or donation of unsold produce can also reduce organic waste on farms.

Recommended Actions

1. Encourage farms to participate in Agricultural Environmental Management (AEM) programs and support continued funding for cost-sharing from NYS and for sufficient staffing at County SWCD. Connect farm operators with information about conservation and soil health benefits and sources of funding and technical assistance.
 Lead: Monroe County Planning
 Partners: SWCD
2. Maintain and expand funding for SWCD AEM programs, including dedicated staff person to work with farmers to plan and implement best management practices for soil health, climate resilience, energy efficiency, fuel and chemical containment structures, and other water quality and soil protection measures.
 Lead: Monroe County
 Partners: SWCD

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3. Work with NYS DEC to shorten the time it takes to obtain permits to remove excess debris in streams and allow removal of silt that impedes flows, while maintaining benefits of debris such as filtering nutrients and chemicals and providing habitat for fish and aquatic insects.

Lead: Monroe County Planning

Partners: SWCD; Farm Bureau; NYS DEC

4. Encourage municipalities to work with landowners and neighboring municipalities to plan for stormwater management and create drainage districts to provide ongoing funding to manage drainage improvements.

Lead: Monroe County Planning; Municipalities

Partners: SWCD through the Stormwater Coalition of Monroe County

5. Provide information and assistance to municipalities to address stormwater management in the review of development proposals, including solar energy developments, including consideration of potential impacts on agricultural lands.

Lead: Monroe County Planning

Partners: Municipalities; NYSERDA (Model Law); NYS Ag & Markets (guidance)

6. Incorporate a module on drainage management in Monroe County's training program for local government officials and encourage members of planning boards and conservation boards to participate.

Lead: Monroe County Planning

Partners: Municipalities; Cornell Local Roads; SWCD

7. Connect farms with organizations and businesses engaged in reducing organic waste, such as gleaning programs to supply emergency food and/or opportunities for composting or other disposal/ reuse of organic waste,

Lead: Monroe County Planning; CCE Monroe

Partners: Municipalities; SWCD; Monroe County DES – Solid Waste & Recycling

Goal #5: Increase understanding and appreciation of agriculture among the general public and local decision-makers.

Why is this important?

Interest in and appreciation of agriculture among residents can help build public support for farms in local communities that may face conflicts with neighbors or need approvals from local boards. Although NYS Agricultural Districts Law protects farms from nuisance lawsuits relating to farm practices, conflicts with neighbors make farming more difficult. Increased awareness of farm practices and support for local agriculture may reduce neighbor complaints and increase support from local officials who may respond to neighbor complaints. In addition to producing food and other products, community gardens, school gardens and home gardening help residents feel connected to the land and better understand where food comes from.

What are the challenges and opportunities?

As a small minority of people who serve on local legislative and advisory boards in Monroe County municipalities are directly involved in farming, board members would benefit from education to increase understanding of farm practices, protections offered to farmers by NYS Agricultural Districts Law and the benefits of local agriculture to the regional economy. With greater appreciation and understanding, local decision makers would hopefully also be more able and willing to make policies that work for farms instead of against. As local officials change with every election and appointment, educational programs and events need to be presented repeatedly to reach newly appointed officials and to refresh the knowledge of continuing officials. Farm Bureau, Cornell Cooperative Extension, Soil & Water Conservation and other organizations periodically sponsor tours and other events to share information with local decision-makers and share the perspectives of local farmers about issues that affect their businesses.

Farms that sell directly to consumers benefit from increased public understanding of where their food comes from and what products are available locally. Many Monroe County farms that produce vegetables, fruits, herbs and flowers sell directly to customers via roadside stands, Community Supported Agriculture, or farmers markets. Many consumers appreciate fresh, local products and are willing to pay higher prices for these goods when they know that all the money goes directly to the farmer.

Many Monroe County farms offer hands-on farming experiences to consumers, such as picking strawberries or cutting their own Christmas trees. These types of experiences both generate additional revenue for farm operations and help to increase public understanding and appreciation of agriculture and local farms. To maximize benefits programs that promote local farm products, farmers must ensure that their business is listed in the promotional materials.

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1. Continue to support programs that promote local farm products, agritourism and related businesses, including GrowMonroe, agri-tourism promotions, local harvest calendars, website listings and publicity for farmers markets, farm stands, CSAs, U-pick and agritourism operations.
 Lead: MCC; CCE Monroe
 Partners: NYS DAM; NYS ESD (Market NY grants, I Love New York tourism promotions)
2. Continue programs that help farmers integrate additional direct-to-consumer sales and agri-tourism initiatives into their farm operations.
 Lead: CCE Monroe
 Partners: Monroe County, NYS, Cornell University; NYS DAM
3. Work with Farm Bureau to organize farm tours for local decision-makers.
 Lead: Farm Bureau
 Partners: Monroe County, CCE Monroe; SWCD
4. In training programs for local planning boards and other officials, include education about NYS Agricultural District Law provisions that limit enforcement of local zoning provisions that unreasonably restrict farm practices.
 Lead: Monroe County Planning; GFL-RPC
 Partners: MCC; SWCD
5. Encourage schools to continue youth education and workforce development through programs such as NYS Ag in the Classroom, BOCES, and FFA.
 Lead: Monroe County Planning
 Partners: CCE Monroe; BOCES; School Districts; NYS DAM

Goal #6. Support commercial agricultural producers in urban and suburban areas as well as school, community and home gardens.

Why is this important?

Farming in urban and suburban areas can provide opportunities for small scale production or niche products, produce agricultural products that are close to potential markets, and potentially make use of underutilized land.

Community gardens, school gardens and home gardening provide food for residents and help participants better understand where food comes from.

What are the challenges and opportunities?

Farms in urban and suburban areas are close to markets and may offer access to land for people with limited resources or lack of transportation. Innovative technologies such as vertical farming and niche products such as microgreens or cannabis provide potential opportunities for indoor agriculture in urban areas.

Urban farms share many of the same challenges as small farms countywide, such as labor issues, finding suitable land, and need to access markets and support services. Neighbor relations can be challenging where farms are located near residences. Farms in urban areas may need to test and potentially treat or replace soils contaminated with lead or other substances and obtaining access to water at a reasonable rate.

Challenges to maintaining community gardens include the lack of long-term leases to vacant municipal-owned land that would enable them to plan and invest in soil and other improvements. Organizations such as Tap Root Collective provide education, tool sharing and other support to school and community gardens. Urban agriculture initiatives carried out by not-for-profit organizations such as FoodLink, Greentopia and Tap Root Collective include programs to engage residents and work with youth to help them develop work skills.

Recommended Actions

1. Provide information and technical assistance to urban growers, including support for soil testing and resources for innovative products that can be effectively produced in urban areas.

Lead: CCE Monroe

Partners: NYS DAM; USDA; SWCD

2. Provide information and training to municipalities to support land use regulations that reasonably accommodate farm operations in urban and suburban areas.

Lead: Monroe County Planning

Partners: CCE Monroe

3. Support school and community gardens in urban and suburban areas to produce food for residents, provide skills training for youth and other community members and increase public understanding and appreciation of agriculture.

- a. Encourage local governments, by offering training, educational programs and informational resources, to maintain land use regulations that allow community gardens as a permitted principal or accessory use and that include reasonable accommodations for on-site structures and related uses such as equipment storage.

Lead: Monroe County Planning

Partners: CCE Monroe

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- b. Encourage City and other local governments to maintain a process to make underutilized publicly owned land available for community gardens, preferably with agreements to use the land for periods of 3 or more years so that gardens can plan for future use and benefit to improvements in the soil.

Lead: Monroe County Planning

Partners: CCE Monroe

- c. Encourage residents to participate in backyard or community gardening and continue to support school gardens as a means to learn about where food comes, increase appreciation of agriculture, develop skills and potentially find jobs in horticultural or other agriculture-related occupations.

Lead: CCE

Partners: Monroe County; non-profit organizations; School Districts

Photo 3. Apple blossoms, Parma



Part 3: Current Conditions and Trends

A. Agricultural Land

1. History of Farming in Monroe County

Before European settlers arrived, the area now known as Monroe County was inhabited by the Haudenosaunee (Iroquois) people, including the Seneca Nation. They are best known for growing crops like corn, beans, and squash — often referred to as the "Three Sisters" — as well as other crops, such as tobacco.

By the late 1700s, European and later American settlers began establishing farms along the Genesee River and other fertile lands in the area. The soils in Monroe County, particularly around the Genesee River valley, were very conducive to farming, making it a hub for agricultural development.

During the 1800s, Monroe County became a center of agricultural production in New York State. The county was especially well-suited for the production of grains (such as wheat and corn), dairy farming, and the cultivation of fruits, especially apples. The construction of the Erie Canal in the 1820s greatly facilitated the transport of farm goods to other parts of the state and beyond, creating new markets for local farmers. This led to the expansion of agriculture in Monroe County, including the production of grains to feed the many mills in "Flour City" Rochester. As development advanced westward and transportation routes allowed for shipping of agricultural goods from the west, Monroe County's dominance in flour milling and agricultural production diminished. However, the nursery and seed industry flourished, leading to Rochester's new nickname, the "Flower City."

Technological advancements and improved transportation networks during the 20th century led to more efficient farming methods, diversification of farming and increased specialization. Beginning in the mid-20th century, urbanization led to significant reduction in farmland as land was sold for residential or commercial development or for speculation.

2. Agricultural Land Resources

This section describes the existing agricultural land resources in Monroe County. Data sources include satellite imagery, USDA Soil Survey, US Census of Agriculture, and parcel data. Each data source offers a distinct perspective; all sources should be considered to understand the current extent and characteristics of farmland in Monroe County. Analysis of trends and conversion pressure follows in Section 2.A.3.

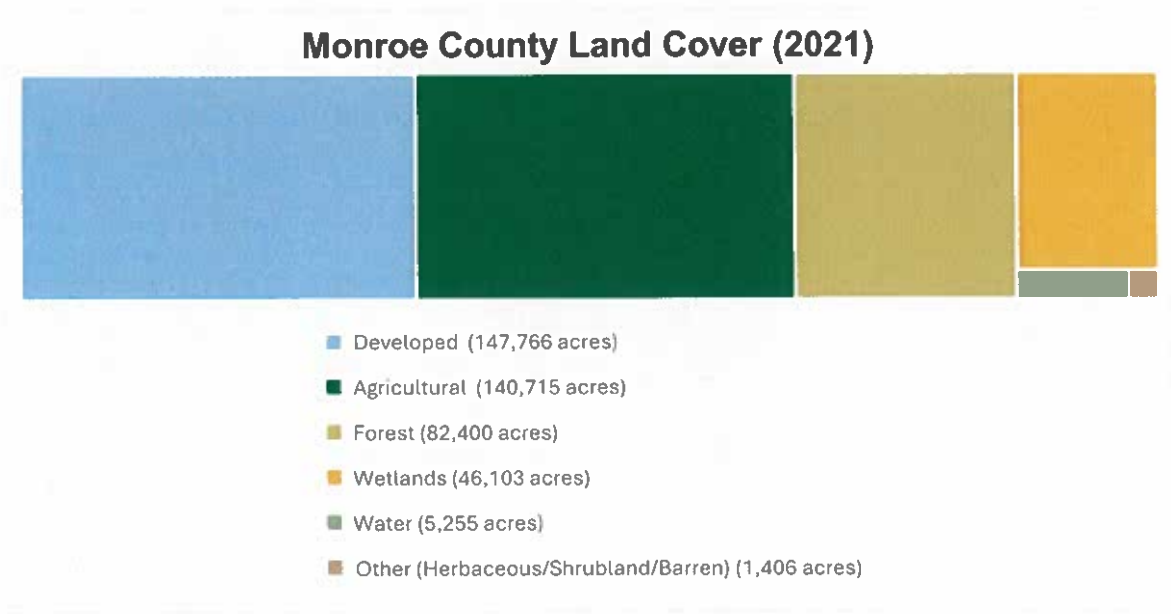
Land Cover

Based on data from the United States Geological Survey's (USGS) National Land Cover Database (NLCD), approximately 140,715 acres of land in Monroe County – 33% of all land cover in the County – is considered agricultural land. These agricultural lands are most abundantly found in the County's more rural towns and less so in the City of Rochester and its adjoining inner-ring suburbs (i.e., Brighton, Gates, Greece, and Irondequoit). The proportion of land in farmland is lower in Monroe County than in neighboring, more rural counties.

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More than 82,400 acres (19.3%) of land in the County is forested, 46,103 acres (10.8%) are wetlands, and 5,255 acres (1.2%) is water when excluding portions of jurisdictional boundaries that include parts of Lake Ontario. Monroe County is a highly developed county with developed land covering 147,766 acres or 34.7% of land cover in the County; most of these developed lands are found in the City of Rochester and its inner-ring suburbs (See Map 2: Land Cover).

Chart 1. Land Cover (2021)



Agricultural Parcels

Approximately 1,579 parcels covering 83,870 acres of land in Monroe County are classified as agricultural in real property assessment records, as of 2024. (Additional parcels are in agricultural use but are classified as vacant or residential for assessment purposes.) Among the parcels that are agriculturally classified:

- 1,029 parcels that cover 51,524 acres are classified as “vacant farmland” - farmland that does not have a building on the lot.
- The 374 parcels classified as “field crops” cover 24,372 acres. An additional 344 acres in 9 parcels are truck crops.
- A total of 27 parcels classified as orchards, vineyards or fruit occupy 1,439 acres.
- The County’s 26 nursery parcels occupy 518 acres.

A total of 10 parcels with 1,004 acres are classified as “dairy farm.” The 48 “horse farm” parcels cover 1,963 acres, The 23 parcels used for cattle, sheep, bee products, poultry production, or other livestock cover a total of 1,057 acres.

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Table 2. Agricultural Parcels by Assessor's Property Class Code (2024)

NYS Tax Parcel Code	Agricultural Classification	# of Parcels	Acres Covered
105	Vac farmland	1029	51,523.80
120	Field crops	374	24,371.90
117	Horse farm	48	1,962.70
129	Land rights	30	1,538.20
112	Dairy farm	10	1,004.20
151	Fruit crop	16	749.2
113	Cattle farm	13	635.2
150	Orchard crop	8	556.5
170	Nursery	26	518
140	Truck crops	9	344.5
110	Livestock	2	187.5
152	Vineyard	3	133.1
100	Agricultural	3	110.7
116	Other stock	4	92
114	Sheep farm	1	83.5
180	Special farm	1	50.7
111	Poultry farm	1	7.2
115	Bee products	1	1
Total		1579	83,869.9

SOURCE: Real Property Tax Data, 2024²

² NOTE: Land use classification code categories are created by New York State Office of Real Property and are assigned to each individual parcel by local assessors.

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Agricultural Soils

The agricultural productivity of soils in Monroe County was assessed utilizing both the USDA's Agricultural Soil Classification system (Map 3) and NYSDAM's Mineral Soil Group (MSG) Classification system (Map 4). Examining the soil suitability based on USDA agricultural suitability classifications for soils in New York State, approximately 220,398 acres – 52% of all land cover in Monroe County – is considered to have soils classified as “prime farmland”. “Farmland of statewide importance” covers more than 44,480 acres (10%) of land, and soils classified as “prime farmland if drained” covers an additional 65,042 acres (15%) of land. The remaining 96,378 acres of land are not considered prime farmland and largely correlate with areas with developed land cover.

USDA Agricultural Suitability Classifications

Prime Farmland: Prime soils have the best physical and chemical properties for producing food, feed, forage, fiber, and oilseed crops, with high productivity and sustainability when properly managed.

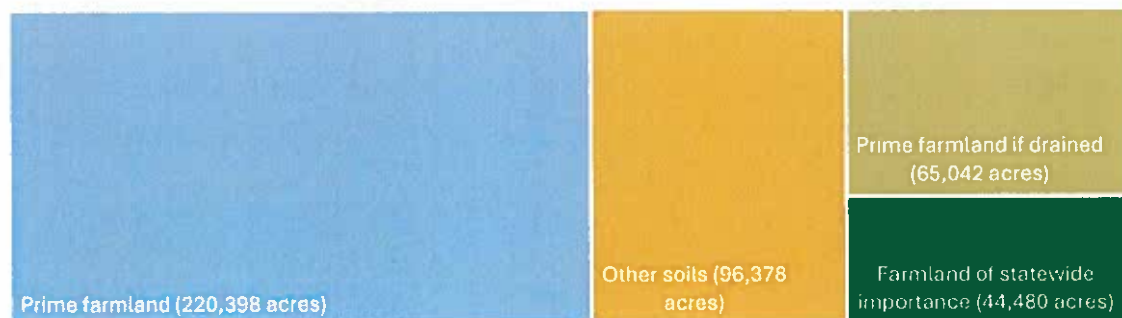
Prime Farmland if Drained: Soils that have the potential to be highly productive if they are artificially drained. Many areas in Monroe County with these types of soils have been improved with tile drainage and are as productive as “prime” soils.

Farmland of Statewide Importance: These lands are identified by New York State agencies as important for agricultural production state but do not meet the criteria for prime farmland. Generally, this land includes areas of soils that nearly meet the requirements for prime farmland and that economically produce high yields of crops when treated and managed according to acceptable farming methods. Some areas may produce as high a yield as prime farmland if conditions are favorable. Many of these soils are in the same series as prime soils but with steeper slopes or poorer drainage.

SOURCE: [USDA](#)

Chart 2. Agricultural Soils (USDA)

Agricultural Soils, Monroe County, NY



For use in property valuation for agricultural assessments and other applications by State agencies, NYS classifies the productivity of soil groups using their MSG Classification system. The MSG Classification system classifies mineral soils into 9 different soil groups, with groups 1-6 being subdivided further into groups A and B based on lime content in the soil. Soils in the MSG groups 1-4 are considered the most highly productive for agricultural use. Across Monroe County there are approximately 217,981 acres of land (51%) that have soils which are within the MSG groups 1-4. (See Map 4).

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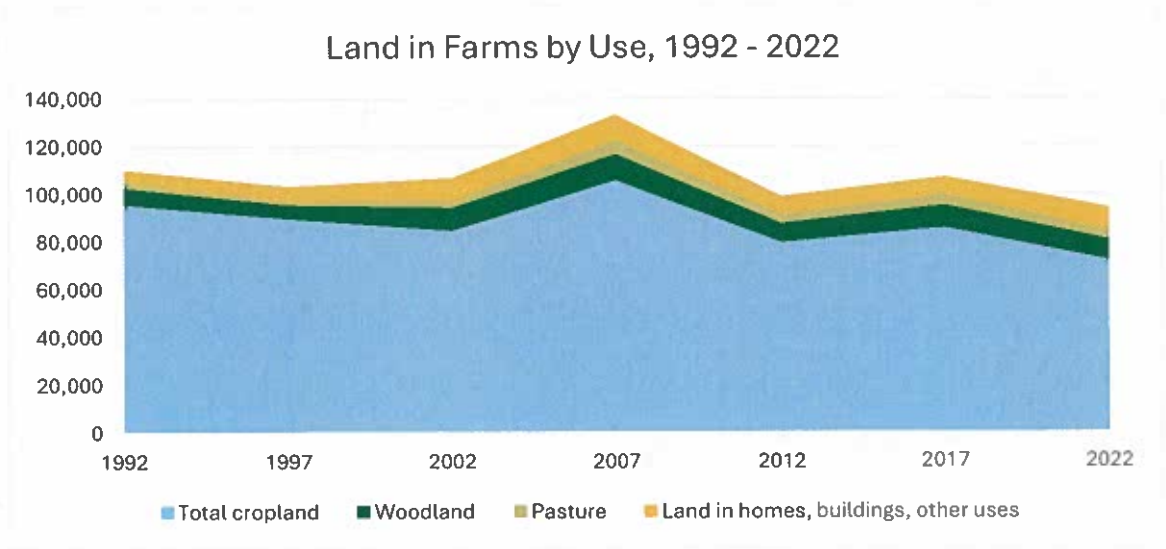
While there is considerable overlap between areas that are considered prime farmland according to USDA's Soil Classification system and soils that are a part of NYSDAM's MSG groups 1-4, there are differences as the two systems are designed for different purposes. New York State's MSG Classification system classifies soil by productivity for property tax valuation purposes, environmental review and solar policy. The USDA classifications are based on global standards and incorporate evaluation of the engineering uses of soil.

Land in Farms

Approximately 93,901 acres of land in Monroe County are in farms, according to the 2022 U.S. Census of Agriculture. Of this total, 72,118 acres were cropland, 8,502 acres were in woodland, 3,493 acres were pasture, and 9,788 acres were in homes, buildings and other uses.

The US Census of Agriculture reports an 15.9% decrease between 2017 and 2022 in the amount of cropland on farms, from 85,728 to 72,118 acres, and a 24.5% reduction in pastureland, from 4,629 to 3,493 acres. Land in homes, buildings and other uses includes land on the farm used for farmworker or owner housing, barns and facilities for on-farm use. As the Census of Agriculture data is based on surveys of farm operators, variations in response rates and accuracy of responses could account for some of the differences in data.

Chart 3. Land in Farms by Use, Monroe County, NY



SOURCE: US Census of Agriculture

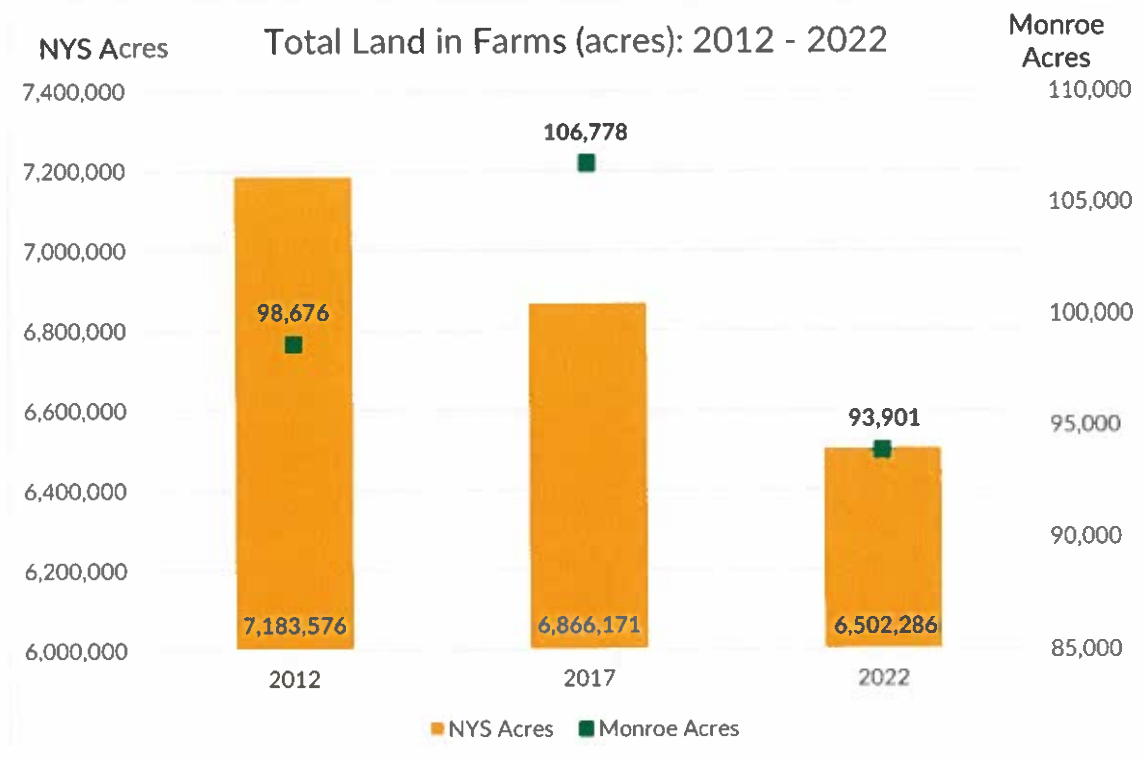
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	1992	1997	2002	2007	2012	2017	2022
<i>Total cropland</i>	95,781	89,730	84,592	105,731	79,522	85,728	72,118
<i>Woodland</i>	6,757	5,601	9,486	10,758	7,915	9,226	8,502
<i>Pasture</i>	2,512	1,994	3,157	5,901	3,701	4,629	3,493
<i>Land in homes, buildings, other uses</i>	5,100	5,772	9,326	10,651	7,538	7,195	9,788
Total Land in Farms	110,150	103,097	106,561	133,041	98,676	106,778	93,901

SOURCE: US Census of Agriculture

Over the past 30 years, the amount of land in farms in Monroe County decreased by 15%, and the total acreage of cropland decreased 25%. As shown in the chart below, between 2012 and 2022, land in farms in Monroe County declined by 4.8% compared to a 9.5% decrease statewide during the same ten-year period.

Chart 4. Land in Farms, NYS and Monroe County, 2012 - 2022



SOURCE: Census of Agriculture

Types of Farms and Acres in Production

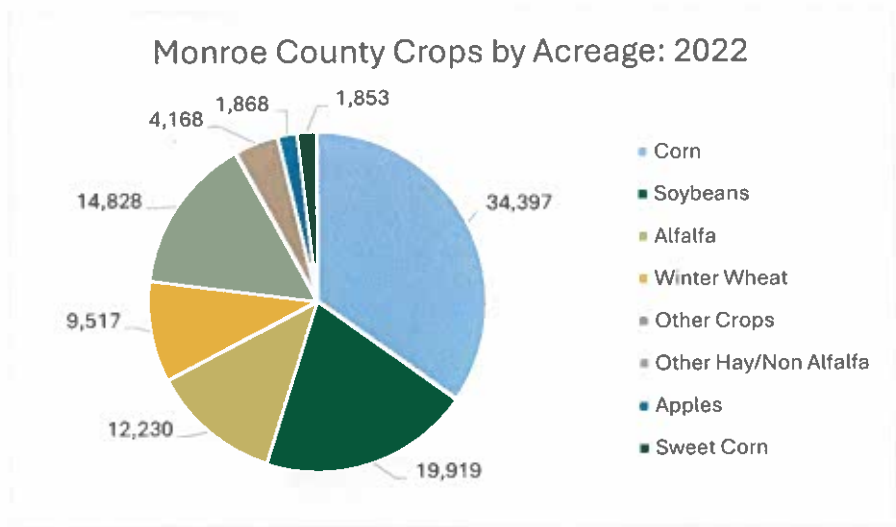
Nearly two-thirds of all farms in Monroe County produced crops. Among the 386 farms that harvested cropland in 2022, 129 farms harvested forage crops, including hay, haylage, grass silage, and greenchop, on 19,036 acres. Four crops – corn, soybeans, alfalfa, and winter wheat - accounted for almost 84% of the total acreage committed to crop production in 2022.

Data from USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service and Agricultural Research Services CroplandCROS web app report that roughly 43 crop varieties are grown in Monroe County. Four crops – corn, soybeans, alfalfa, and winter wheat - accounted for almost 84% of the total acreage committed to crop production in 2022.

A total of 108 farms produced vegetables for sale on a total of 7,276 acres. The most prevalent vegetable crops grown in Monroe County were sweet corn (2,652 acres on 56 farms), beans (snap and pole) (1,336 acres on 33 farms) and squash (1,122 acres on 38 farms). Only 13 farms produced potatoes and 13 farms produced melons.

A total of 116 farms in Monroe County produced “grains, oilseeds, dry beans and dry peas.” These included: 76 farms that produced corn for grain on 19,036 acres, generating sales of approximately \$20,595,000; 65 farms that produced soybeans on 16,085 acres, generating sales of \$11,070,000; and 53 farms that produced wheat for grain on 7,755 acres, generating \$4,430,000 in sales.

Chart 5. Crops by Acreage, 2022



SOURCE: Data collected from the USDA’s Cropland CropSpace, 2022

Approximately 74 farms sold nursery crops, sod, and other crops grown under glass or other protection. Approximately 955,880 sq. ft. (equivalent to approximately 21 acres) were under glass or other protection, and 35 acres were in the open. The market value of sales was approximately \$12,117,000.

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Approximately 49 farms in Monroe County had 1,050 acres in Christmas trees. Of these, 28 farms cut approximately 21,174 trees, generating approximately \$930,000 in sales.

Table 3. Harvested Cropland - Selected Crops

	2022		2017		Change 2017 - 2022	
	farms	acres	farms	acres	farms	acres
Corn for grain	76	19,036	68	21,922	11.8%	-13.2%
Forage (land used for hay, haylage, grass silage, greenchop)	129	8,367	164	8,910	-21.3%	-6.1%
Soybeans for beans	65	16,085	70	14,878	-7.1%	8.1%
Wheat for grain	53	7,755	49	10,557	8.2%	-26.5%
Vegetables harvested for sale	108	7,276	117	7,739	-7.7%	-6.0%
Land in orchards	69	1,670	44	1,100	56.8%	51.8%
Land in berries	42	145	25	119	68.0%	21.8%
Harvested cropland - total	386	63,733	397	69,903	-2.8%	-8.8%

Size of farms

More than one-half (58%) of all farms in Monroe County (as defined by the US Census of Agriculture) work fewer than 50 acres. These small farms manage approximately 6% of the farmland in Monroe County.

Of the 93,901 acres of land in farms, 60% were managed by large farms. The 28 farms with 1,000 or more acres managed 60 percent of all acres in production.

Statewide, the distribution of farm sizes has trended towards consolidation and increasingly large farms. From 2017 to 2022, farms with 1,000 to 1,999 acres operated increased 17 percent, farms with 2,000 or more acres operated increased four percent, and all other farm sizes decreased in number and acreage.

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Table 4. Monroe County Farm Size by Acres Operated, 2022

Farm Size by Acres Operated, Monroe County, 2022					
Acreage Range	Number of Farms in Range	Percent of Total Farms	Acres in Range	Percent of Total Acres	Percent Change in Farms 2017 - 2022
1 - 9	78	15%	296	0.3%	-9%
10 - 49	219	43%	5,378	6%	4%
50 - 69	61	12%	3,533	4%	53%
70 - 99	43	8%	3,545	4%	-19%
100 - 139	25	5%	3,012	3%	-11%
140 - 179	9	2%	1,352	1.4%	-18%
180 - 219	6	1%	1,144	1.2%	-50%
220 - 259	4	1%	997	1.1%	-20%
260 - 499	22	4%	8,113	9%	-29%
500 - 999	16	3%	10,165	11%	-11%
1,000 - 1,999	19	4%	25,723	27%	-14%
2,000+	9	2%	30,643	33%	-10%
Total	511		93,901		-3%

Source: USDA Census of Agriculture

Agricultural Districts

Land enrolled in certified Agricultural Districts pursuant to the NYS Agricultural District program provides additional insight into the number of farms and land in farms. In 2024, a total of 139,890 acres – 33% of all land cover in the County were in one of the two certified Agricultural Districts in Monroe County as of 2024 (see Map 8). Since 1999, when a total of 133,888 acres were in certified Agricultural Districts, the acres of land within Agricultural Districts has increased by 7.2%.

Active Farmland by Soil Classification

Map 10 depicts areas in Monroe County that are currently farmed (based on satellite imagery and parcel data) by USDA agricultural soil classification (Prime Soils; Soils of Statewide Importance; Prime Soils if Drained; Other Soils). This map shows the locations of existing farmland throughout Monroe County and the agricultural soil classification of the areas that are actively farmed and other open areas that may be suitable for agriculture.

Preserved Land

Several farms in Monroe County are permanently preserved through conservation easements held by private land trusts, municipalities or the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). Map 8 depicts the locations of these farmlands.

3. Farmland Conversion

As farmland is generally flat, well-drained and free of environmental constraints, it is often desirable to be developed for non-agricultural purposes. Farmland in Monroe County is susceptible to conversion for residential and other development as well as increasingly for solar energy and electric transmission projects.

Changes in the agricultural parcels

Analysis of real property data offers a rough approximation of changes in the amount of farmland in Monroe County. The 1999 Plan reported that there were 1,864 parcels with an agricultural property class code in 1997, comprising a total of 111,653.5 acres. In 2025, there were 1,579 parcels comprising 83,869 acres. The total acreage of land in parcels with an agricultural property class code decreased by 24.9%. It is important to note that some parcels changed from a 100 Agricultural Classification to a 241 Residential with Agriculture classification. These parcels had a residence in 2025 but were also used in agricultural production.



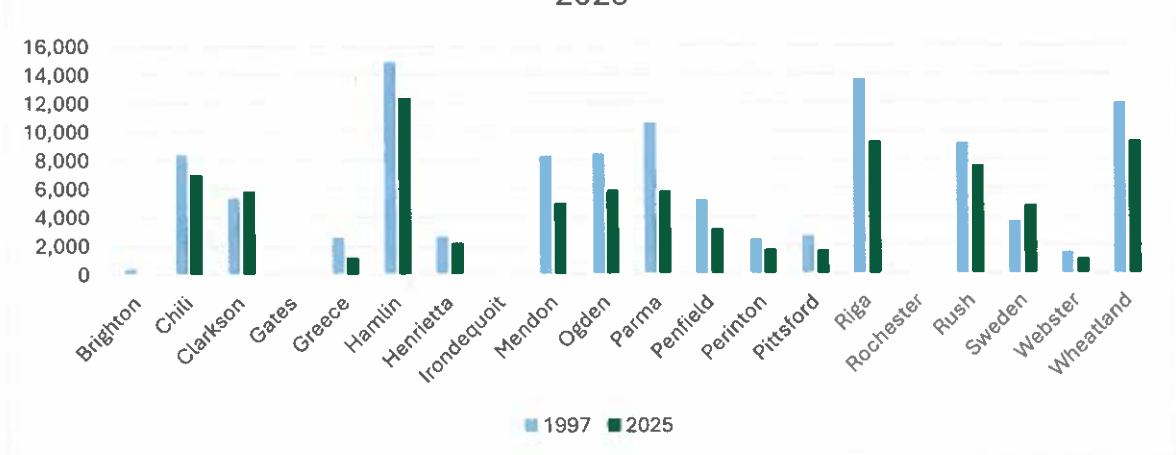
Photo 4. De Meyer Family Farm - butternut squash, Parma. Credit: Genesee Land Trust

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Table 5. Total Agriculture-Coded Parcels and Acres by Municipality, 1997-2025

Municipality	1997		2025		Change 1997 - 2025		
	# parcels	# acres	# parcels	# acres	# parcels	# acres	
Brighton	17	384.0	0	0.0	-17	-384.0	-100.0%
Chili	134	8,380.9	131	6,999.0	-3	-1,381.9	-16.5%
Clarkson	68	5,342.7	88	5,820.9	20	478.2	9.0%
Gates	5	29.0	1	11.4	-4	-17.6	-60.7%
Greece	74	2,591.4	42	1,215.1	-32	-1,376.3	-53.1%
Hamlin	207	14,925.1	211	12,313.3	4	-2,611.8	-17.5%
Henrietta	49	2,607.5	46	2,223.9	-3	-383.6	-14.7%
Irondequoit	2	7.6	4	18.1	2	10.5	138.2%
Mendon	144	8,257.7	96	5,011.7	-48	-3,246.0	-39.3%
Ogden	176	8,388.4	130	5,870.7	-46	-2,517.7	-30.0%
Parma	189	10,577.9	121	5,812.7	-68	-4,765.2	-45.0%
Penfield	117	5,134.9	79	3,165.6	-38	-1,969.3	-38.4%
Perinton	52	2,452.2	41	1,727.4	-11	-724.8	-29.6%
Pittsford	56	2,627.4	41	1,666.8	-15	-960.6	-36.6%
Riga	218	13,629.0	159	9,250.7	-59	-4,378.3	-32.1%
Rochester	0	0.0	2	0.2	2	0.2	
Rush	116	9,166.7	121	7,568.7	5	-1,598.0	-17.4%
Sweden	53	3,671.2	112	4,818.6	59	1,147.4	31.3%
Webster	30	1,537.9	24	1,081.2	-6	-456.7	-29.7%
Wheatland	157	11,942.1	130	9,293.2	-27	-2,648.9	-22.2%
Totals	1864	111,653.5	1579	83,869.2	-285	-27,784.3	-24.9%

Change in Agricultural Parcel Acreage by Municipality, 1997 - 2025



SOURCE: Monroe County Agricultural & Farmland Protection Plan 1999 and 2025 Real Property Tax data

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An analysis of how parcels classified as agricultural in 2015 were coded in 2025 shows that the total land area of parcels classified as agricultural decreased by approximately 7,716 acres during this 10-year period. Of these, approximately 2,346 acres (30%) were converted to single family dwellings and approximately 2,938 acres (38%) changed to a non-agricultural “Vacant” classification.

Vulnerability Analysis

Over the past several decades, residential development has been the primary driver of farmland conversion in Monroe County. Farmland has also been converted for commercial, solar, conservation and public uses.

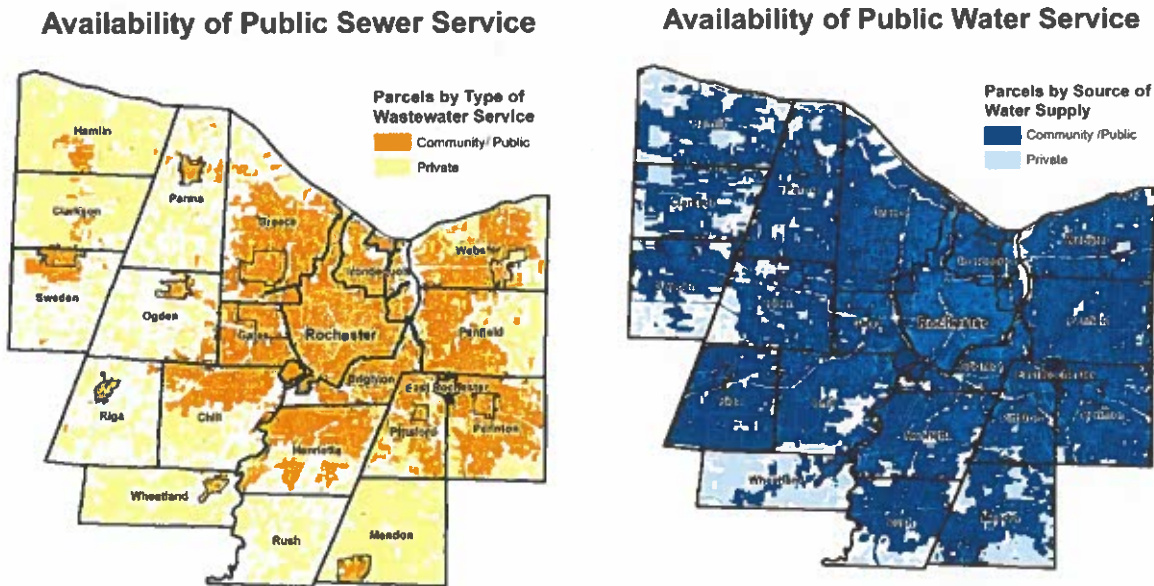
Vulnerability to Residential and Other Development Pressure

Conversion of farmland for residential development occurs both as scattered lot development and as larger-scale residential subdivisions. While larger developments may convert many acres at once, residential development on individual lots or subdivisions of 2-5 lots converts land a few acres at a time, adding up to significant loss over time.

As shown in the figure below, nearly all of Monroe County is currently served by public water systems. The availability of public water supply does not appear to have accelerated residential development in agricultural areas.

Extensions of sewer service into agricultural areas that are not already developed would likely accelerate conversion of farmland to other uses. Areas served by public sewers are highly suitable for the development of new housing and other development. The physical construction of sewer lines may also take farmland.

Figure 2. Availability of Public Sewer and Public Water Services. Source: Real Property Tax Parcel data



Factors Impacting Development Pressure

While it is impossible to predict exactly where and how farms may be sold or converted to non-agricultural uses, certain criteria help identify areas that may be more valuable for development and therefore more susceptible to conversion. Map 12: Agricultural Parcels by Vulnerability to Development shows the location of agricultural parcels that have one or more of the following characteristics:

- *Proximity to previously development land, based on satellite imagery as shown in Map 12*
- *Proximity to major highways (Interstates 490, 390 and 590 and NYS Route 104)*
- *Proximity to sewerage areas*

Vulnerability to Solar Energy Development

Conversion of farmland to solar energy development is a continuing concern. As agricultural land is typically flat and not obstructed with buildings or constrained by wetlands or other natural features, it is well-suited for solar energy as well as for residential and other development. Solar energy developments in Monroe County have taken high quality farmland out of production and additional projects on farmland have been proposed.

Previous Solar Energy Development

Analysis of tax parcel data shows that between 2015 and 2024, eight parcels with 264 acres that were formerly classified as agricultural were converted for solar energy development.

According to NY-SUN data maintained by NYSEERDA, a total of 2,263 solar projects with total generating capacity of 257 MW have been installed in Monroe County since 2000, including approximately 44 commercial projects with the capacity to generate 2 MW or more. Some of these larger facilities resulted in loss of agricultural lands. Figure 3 below shows the locations of these projects in relation to current farm parcels

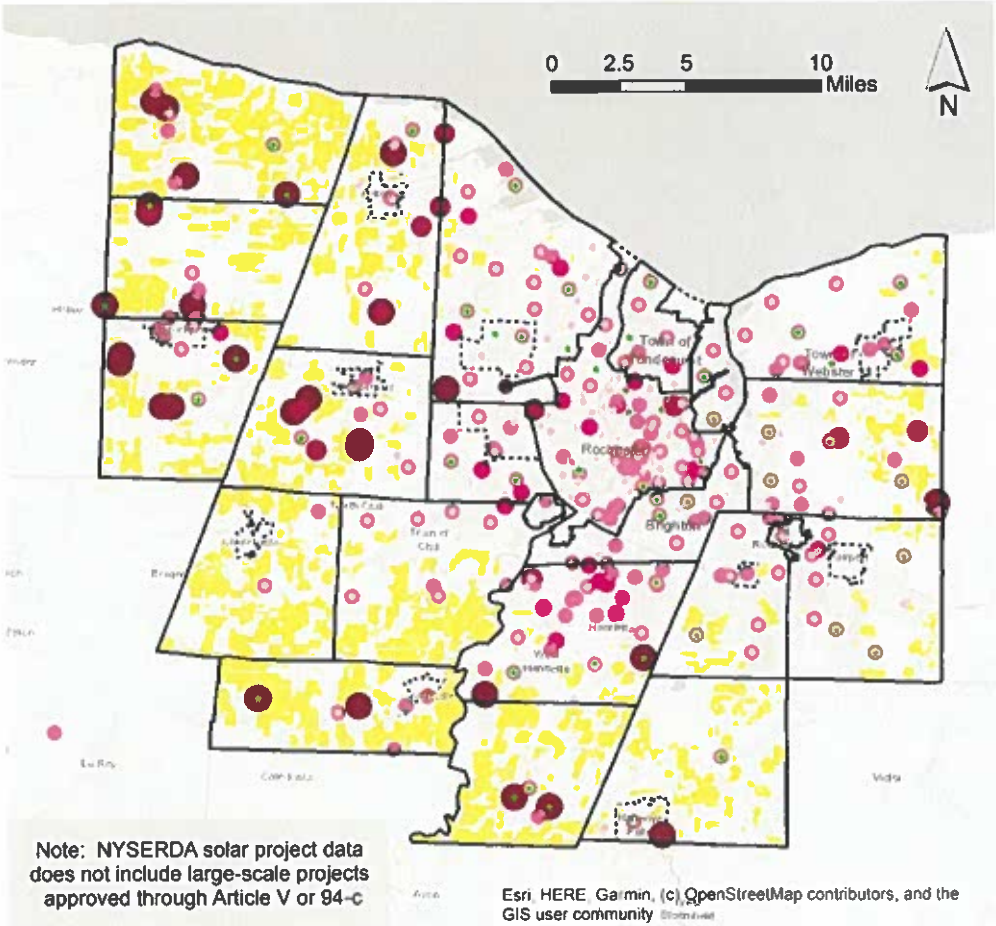


Photo 5. Solar facility under construction on Miller Road in Henrietta, 2018.

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Figure 3. NYSERDA-Supported Solar Projects (2000-2025) and Agricultural Parcels (Source: NYSERDA; Real Property Tax data)

NYSERDA-Supported Solar Projects (2000-2025) and Agricultural Parcels



Solar Projects Assisted by NYSERDA, 2000-2024

Generating Capacity (Nameplate kW)

- 0 - 10
 - 11 - 150
 - 151 - 1000
 - 1001 - 3000
 - 3001 - 7560
 - Pipeline as of January 2025
- Agricultural Parcels (100s Property Classification) 2025

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Potential for Future Solar Energy Development

Figure 4 below shows agricultural parcels in Monroe County that may be suitable for solar development. For the purpose of this map, areas generally suitable for solar include parcels five acres or larger, excluding the following features:

- Building Footprints
- Developed Land Cover
- Wetlands (NYSDEC and NWI)
- Flood Zones (A and AE)
- NYS Conservation Easement
- Waterbodies
- Roads with a 50ft buffer
- Railroads with a 50ft buffer
- Parks (NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP))
- Protected Areas (per New York Protected Areas Database)
- Electric Transmission with a 25ft buffer
- Election Substation with a 25ft buffer
- Steep slopes

Areas near electrical transmission lines (less than one mile) are generally more attractive for solar energy development than those farther away. To illustrate the relative susceptibility to solar energy development, Figure 4 below shows farm parcels suitable for solar development by distance from transmission lines (less than ¼ mile, between ¼ and ½ mile, ½ to 1 mile, and greater than one mile.)

Solar developers may target farmland for both large-scale projects (>25 MW) that require permits through the NYS Office of Renewable Energy Siting (ORES) and smaller projects that Towns have jurisdiction to approve.

For example, ORES issued a siting permit for a large scale (95-C) project located partially in the Town of Rush in December 2022. This project is expected to have 180 MW of generating capacity, of which 8.4 MW is in Monroe County (Town of Rush). While the siting permit includes provisions to minimize impacts on agricultural lands and incorporate sheep grazing, the land will no longer be available for the traditional types of farming that it was previously used for.

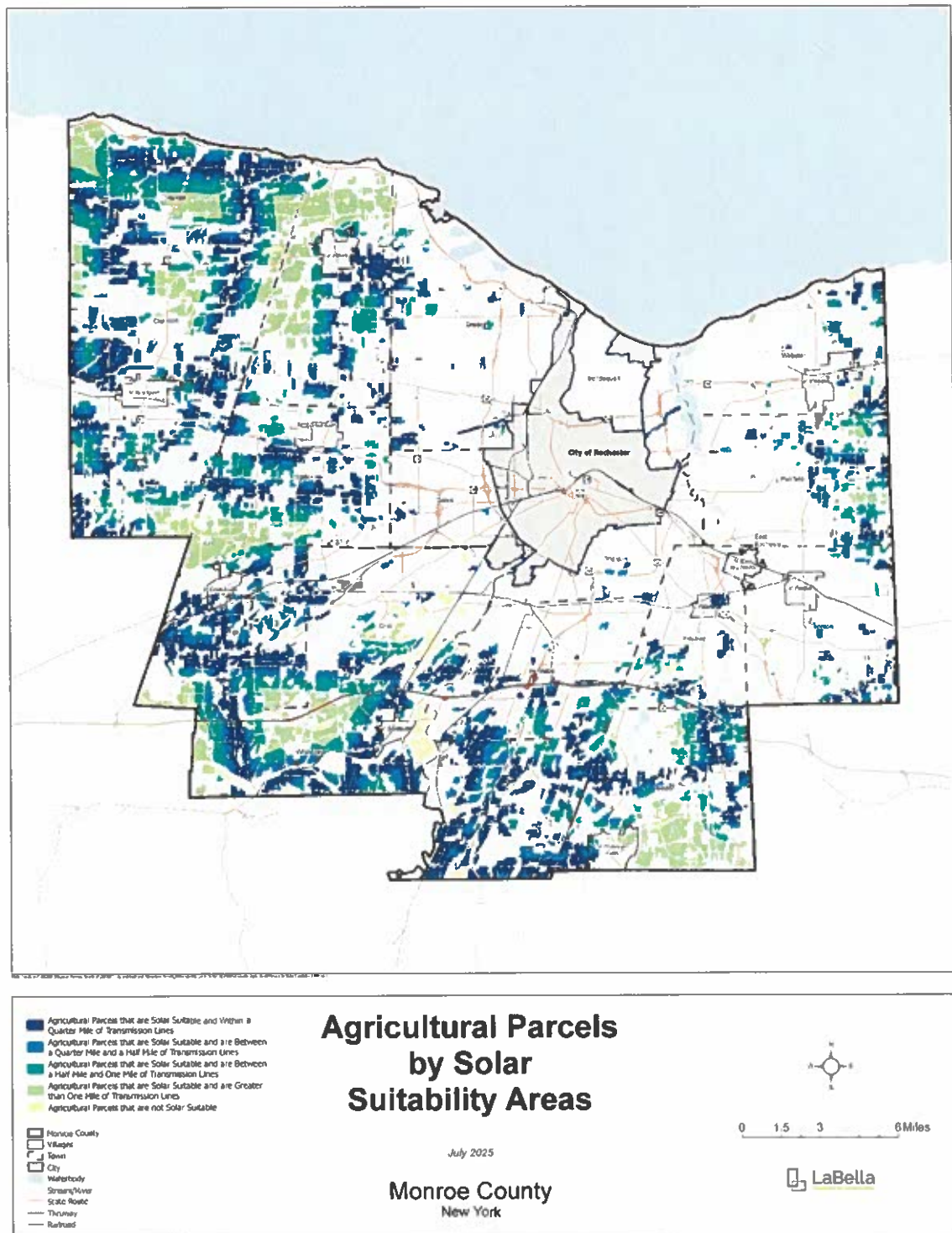
In addition, several smaller-scale (5 – 10 MW) solar development projects throughout Monroe County have been approved and additional projects are expected. Many of these projects take 10-20 acres of land and are likely to include projects constructed on farmland.

Monroe County is not currently involved in negotiating Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) agreements for solar projects but could potentially influence the design and approval of solar projects if the developer requests financial assistance from COMIDA through a Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) agreement.

Extensions of electric transmission lines and upgrades to other electric infrastructure, currently supported and incentivized by New York State, have the potential to use agricultural lands and block off access to farmland. While these infrastructure upgrades are needed and supported by New York State to improve the overall grid and support renewable energy development, construction of lines impacts agricultural lands through direct conversion and by reducing the efficiency and profitability of a farm operation when they cross farm fields.

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Figure 4. Agricultural Parcels Potentially Suitable for Solar Development



4. Existing Plans & Programs – Farmland Protection

The following list of programs illustrates the type and range of programs, agencies and organizations involved in farmland protection. The list is not exhaustive, as programs change or are discontinued and new programs are introduced.

NYS Agricultural District Program

As of November 2025, there is one NYS-certified Agricultural District in Monroe County. Prior to the most recent renewal, there were two NYS-certified Agricultural Districts in Monroe County, the Eastern District and the Western District. The Eastern District covered land within the municipalities of Henrietta, Mendon, Penfield, Perinton, Pittsford, Rush, and Webster. The Western District covered land within the municipalities of Chili, Clarkson, Gates, Greece, Hamlin, Ogden, Parma, Riga, Sweden, and Wheatland.

In accordance with Sections 303-a of NYS Agriculture and Markets Law Article 25AA (NYS Agricultural District Law), Agricultural Districts must be renewed every eight years. As both the Eastern and Western Agricultural Districts were up for review in 2025, Monroe County consolidated the two districts into a single Agricultural District as part of the 2025 reviews.

While parcels can only be removed from a certified Agricultural Districts during the 8-year review periods, landowners may request to have their parcels added to a district yearly during the annual open enrollment period. In Monroe County, this period goes from March 1st to March 30th.

The Agricultural Districts program is intended to support the long-term economic viability of agricultural production through the following benefits:

1. **Agricultural Use Assessments:** Section 305.1 of NYS Agricultural Districts Law allows eligible farmland to be taxed based on its value for agricultural production, rather than at its fair market value. Landowners must apply annually to receive agricultural use assessments. The land must be used in a farm operation that meets the eligibility requirements specified in the definition of “Land used in agricultural production” in NYS Agricultural Districts Law Section 301.
2. **Protection from Unreasonable Local Regulations:** Local governments may not enforce laws, ordinances, rules, or regulations which would unreasonably restrict or regulate farm operations within an agricultural district unless it can be shown that public health or safety is threatened. (Agricultural Districts law Section 305-a)
3. **Discourages Private Nuisance Lawsuits:** the NYS Department of Agriculture & Markets will issue opinions and interpretations regarding what is considered a “sound agricultural practice”. Such practices cannot be considered nuisances in private lawsuits.
4. **Limits Impacts from Public Projects:** State agencies, local governments, and public benefit corporations who intend to acquire more than one acre of land from any active farm within an agricultural district or more than 10 acres in total from a district must file a notice of intent with the Commissioner of Agriculture and the County agricultural and farmland protection board. (Agricultural Districts law Section 305.4)
5. **Limits Power of Special Improvement Districts:** Limits the power of special improvement districts such as water or sewer districts to impose rates or fees for agricultural land that does

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not directly benefit from the improvement, such as for a water line that passes along unimproved farm fields. (Agricultural Districts law Section 305.6)

NYS Purchase of Development Rights

The **NYS Farmland Protection Implementation Grant (FPIG) Program** administered by the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets provides funding for the purchase of development rights (PDR) to farmland. While the most frequently funded activity through this program is the purchase of development rights on individual farms, FPIG may also award funding to enable other implementation activities, such as amendments to local laws affecting agriculture. (See NYS Department of [Agriculture and Markets Grant Opportunities webpage](#) for more information.)

Land Trusts

The Genesee Land Trust (GLT), based in Rochester, New York, and the Genesee Valley Conservancy, based in Geneseo, NY, holds several conservation easements on farmland in Monroe County. Land trusts work with municipalities and farmland owners to obtain grant funding to purchase development rights to farmland. GLT also provides information through workshops and individual consultation to farmers interested in permanent protection of their farmland.

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

The US Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA NRCS) administers the Agricultural Conservation Easement Program which helps private landowners, land trusts, and local governments protect farmland through conservation easements. The Agricultural Conservation Easement Program provides up to 50% of the value of a conservation easement, or 75% if the land has special environmental characteristics. Funding was allocated in the 2018 Farm Bill with additional funding provided through the Inflation Reduction Act. Landowners, municipalities, and land trusts are eligible to apply.

Farmland for a New Generation

[Farmland for a New Generation](#), a program established by the American Farmland Trust, connects landowners with farmland to sell with farmers seeking to purchase land. The program also connects farmers and farmland owners to resources to help with estate and transition planning.

Municipal Comprehensive Planning and Agricultural Preservation

The table shown below provides a snapshot of all municipalities in Monroe County, identifying the year each adopted or last updated its comprehensive plan alongside the date of its most recent agriculture and farmland protection plan. This information highlights where local planning efforts currently stand and identifies gaps or opportunities for municipalities that have not updated these documents in recent years. Comprehensive plans serve as a blueprint for long-range community development. When agricultural goals and farmland protection strategies are incorporated into these plans, or when municipalities adopt stand-alone agriculture and farmland protection plans, they create clear policy frameworks that support local agricultural viability and guide land use decisions.

Under New York State’s Agriculture and Markets Law, municipalities are encouraged to develop agricultural and farmland protection plans to identify, protect, and support local agricultural resources. These plans typically include an analysis of land with agricultural value, the level of development pressure, and locally tailored strategies to maintain agricultural productivity and open space. The New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets provides several funding opportunities to assist municipalities and counties with both the development and implementation of agriculture and farmland protection plans. Planning grants are available to assist local governments prepare plans that identify farmland resources and recommend strategies. Implementation grants are also available to support actions consistent with locally adopted plans, while the Land Trust Grants Program provides funding to land trusts for activities that will assist municipalities with their agricultural and farmland protection efforts. More information on agricultural and farmland protection related grants can be found on New York State Agriculture and Markets’ [website](#).

These planning and funding mechanisms help ensure that agricultural lands are protected and remain productive. By aligning municipal comprehensive plans with agriculture and farmland protection efforts, local governments can strengthen their agricultural resource protection, encourage investment in farming infrastructure, support the long-term economic viability of agriculture, and improve eligibility for agriculture related grants.

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Table 6. Municipal Comprehensive and Agricultural Plan Adoption Dates

Municipality	Comprehensive Plan	Agriculture & Farmland Protection Plan
TOWNS		
Brighton	2018	N/A
Chili	2022	2015
Clarkson	2022	N/A
East Rochester	2025	N/A
Gates	2022	N/A
Greece	2020	N/A
Hamlin	N/A	2025
Henrietta	2019	2018
Irondequoit	2024	N/A
Mendon	2023	N/A
Ogden	2024	2012
Parma	2024	2009
Penfield	2023	N/A
Perinton	2021	2012
Pittsford	2019	N/A
Riga	2017	N/A
Rochester (City)	2019	N/A
Rush	2023	2012
Sweden	2019	N/A
Webster	2008	N/A
Wheatland	2004	2015
VILLAGES		
Brockport	2019	N/A
Churchville	2017	N/A
East Rochester	2025	N/A
Fairport	2021	N/A
Hilton	1977	N/A
Honeoye Falls	2021	N/A
Pittsford	2019	N/A
Scottsville	2004	N/A
Spencerport	2012	N/A
Webster	2011	N/A

Plans Updated Within the Last 10 Years

Plans 10-20 Years Since Last Update

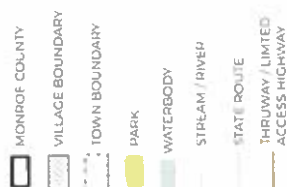
Plans 20 + Years Since Last Update or No Plan

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Photo 6. Van Voorhis farm, Henrietta. Credit: Adam Montoya



AERIAL BASEMAP
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TOPOGRAPHY
MIN ELEVATION 234 FT
MAX ELEVATION 1,132 FT

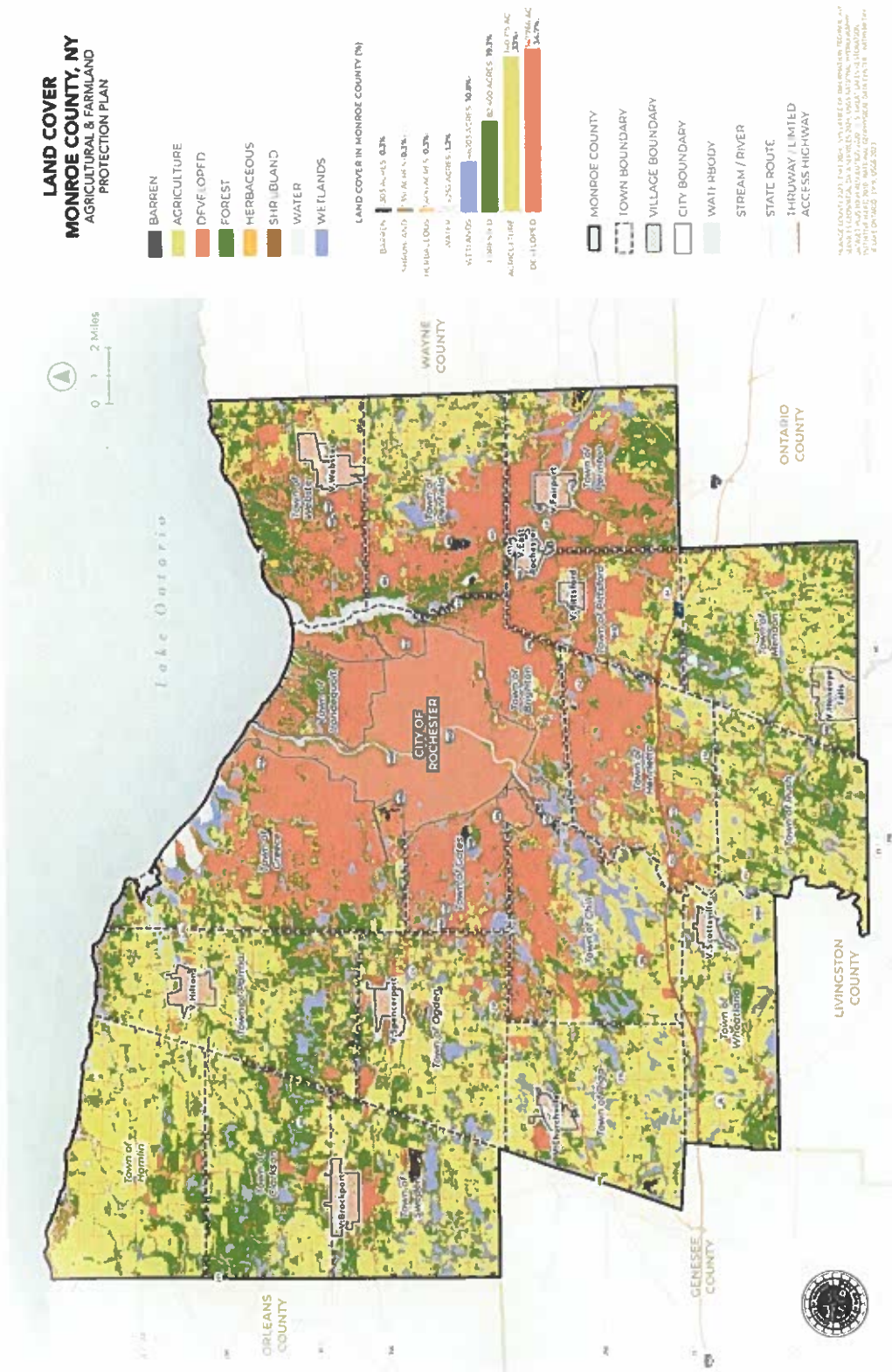


These data suggest that the use of a low-dose, long-acting, potentiated combination of a 250-mg tablet of efavirenz, 250-mg tablets of zalcitabine, and 100-mg tablets of zidovudine (Atracur, Bristol-Myers Squibb, New York, NY) may be an effective and well-tolerated regimen for the treatment of HIV infection. Further studies are needed to confirm these findings.

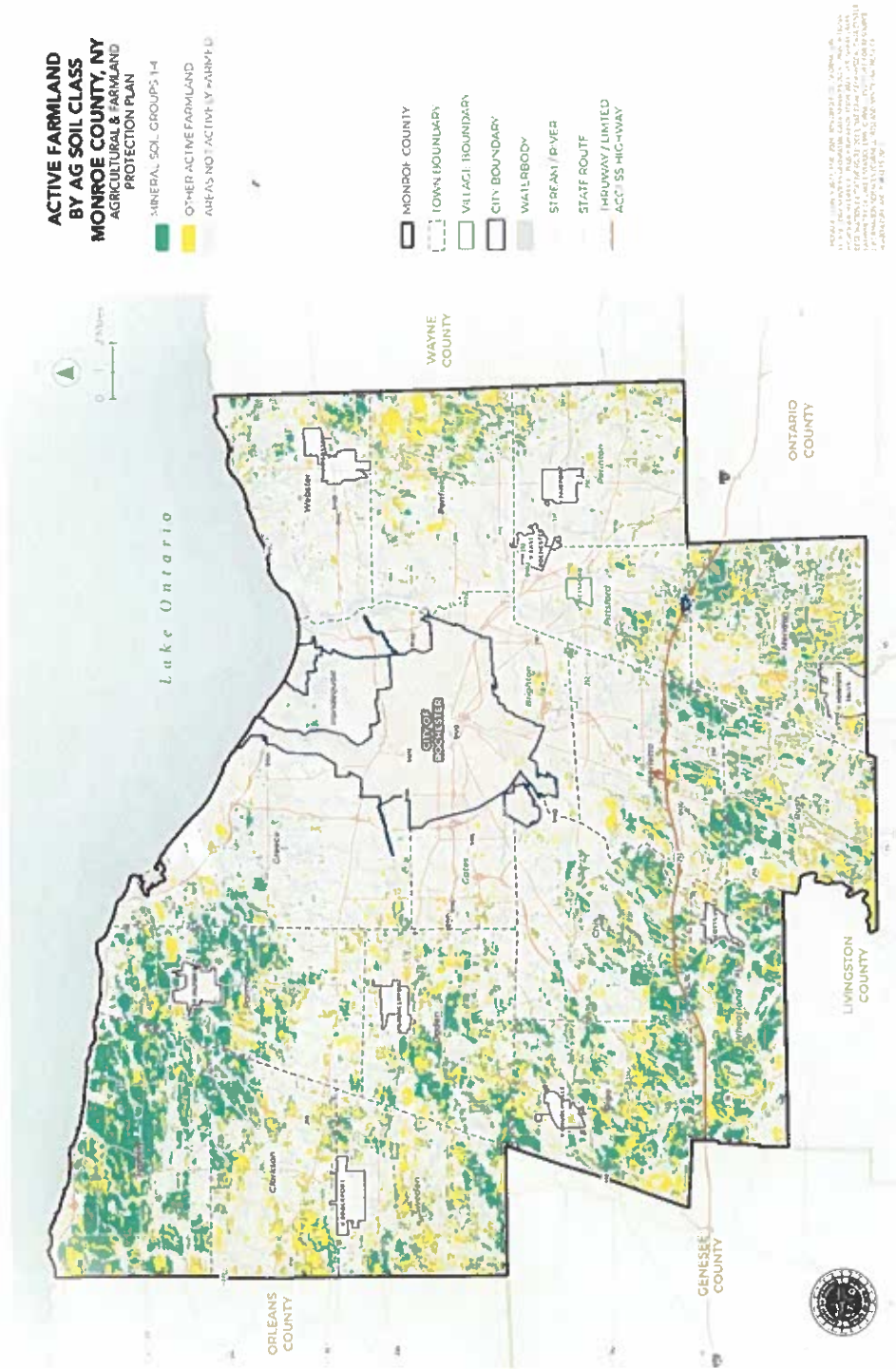
Map 1. Aerial Basemap



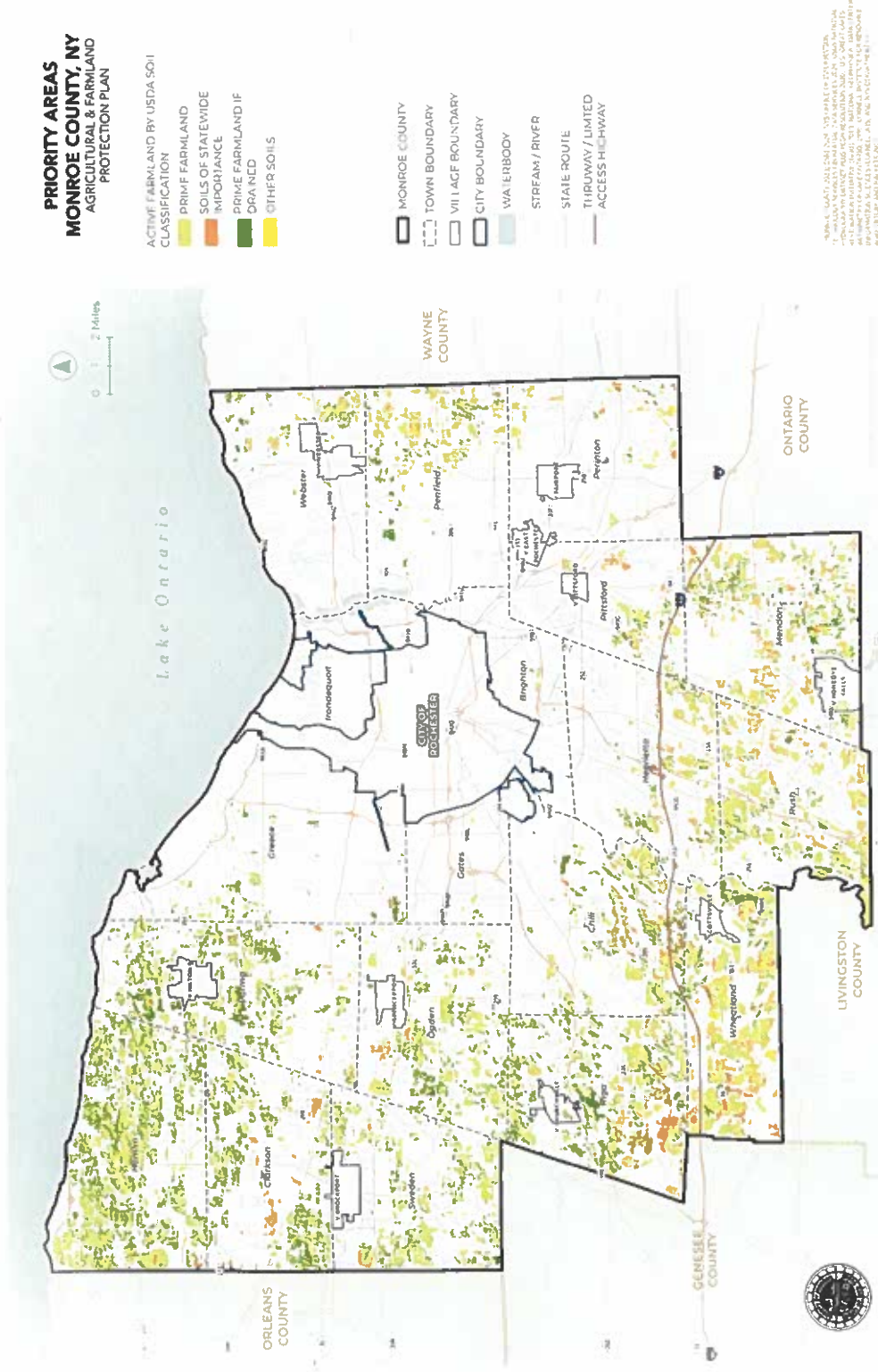
Map 2. Land Cover



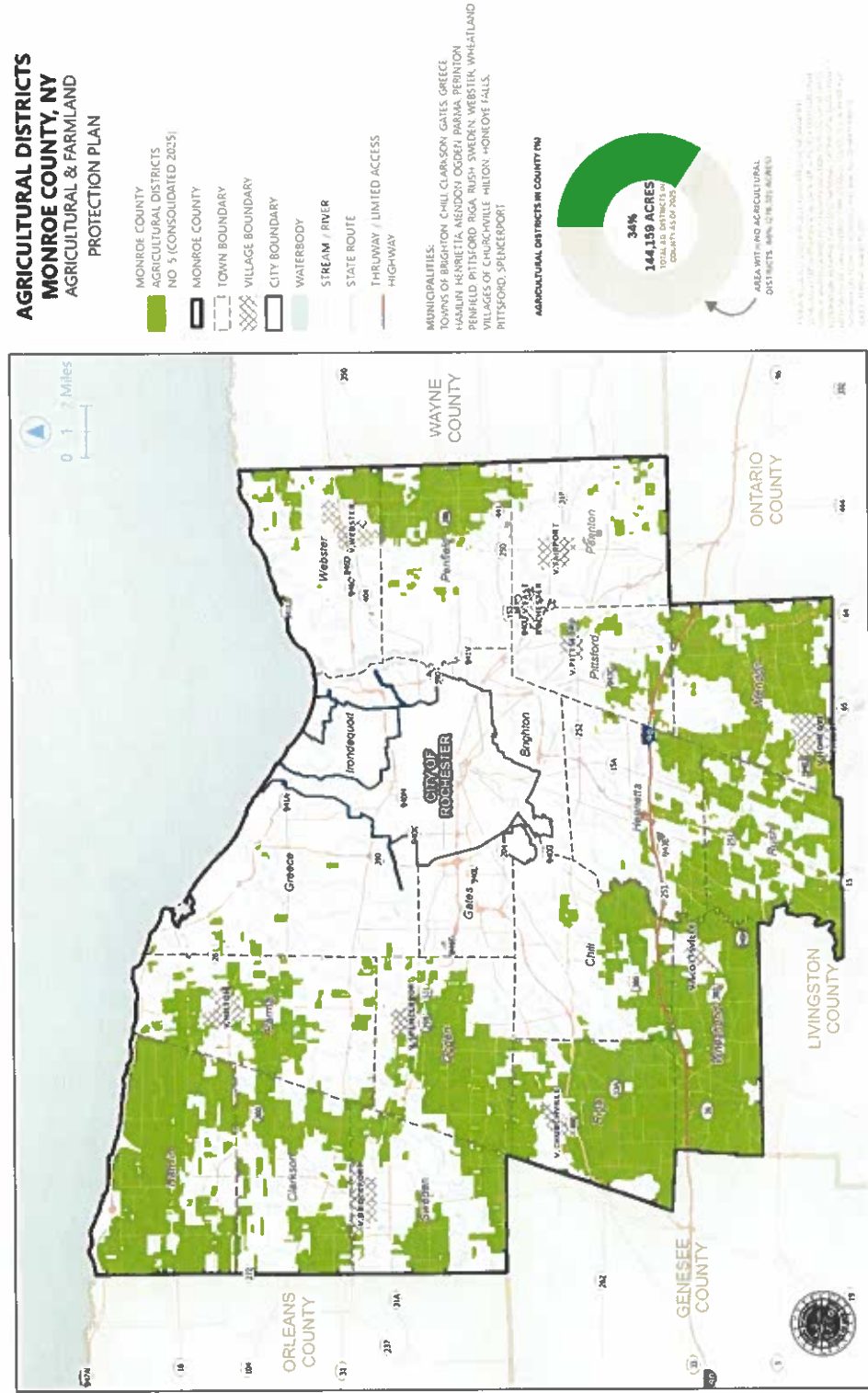
Map 6. Active Farmland by Mineral Soil Group Classification



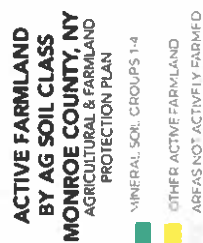
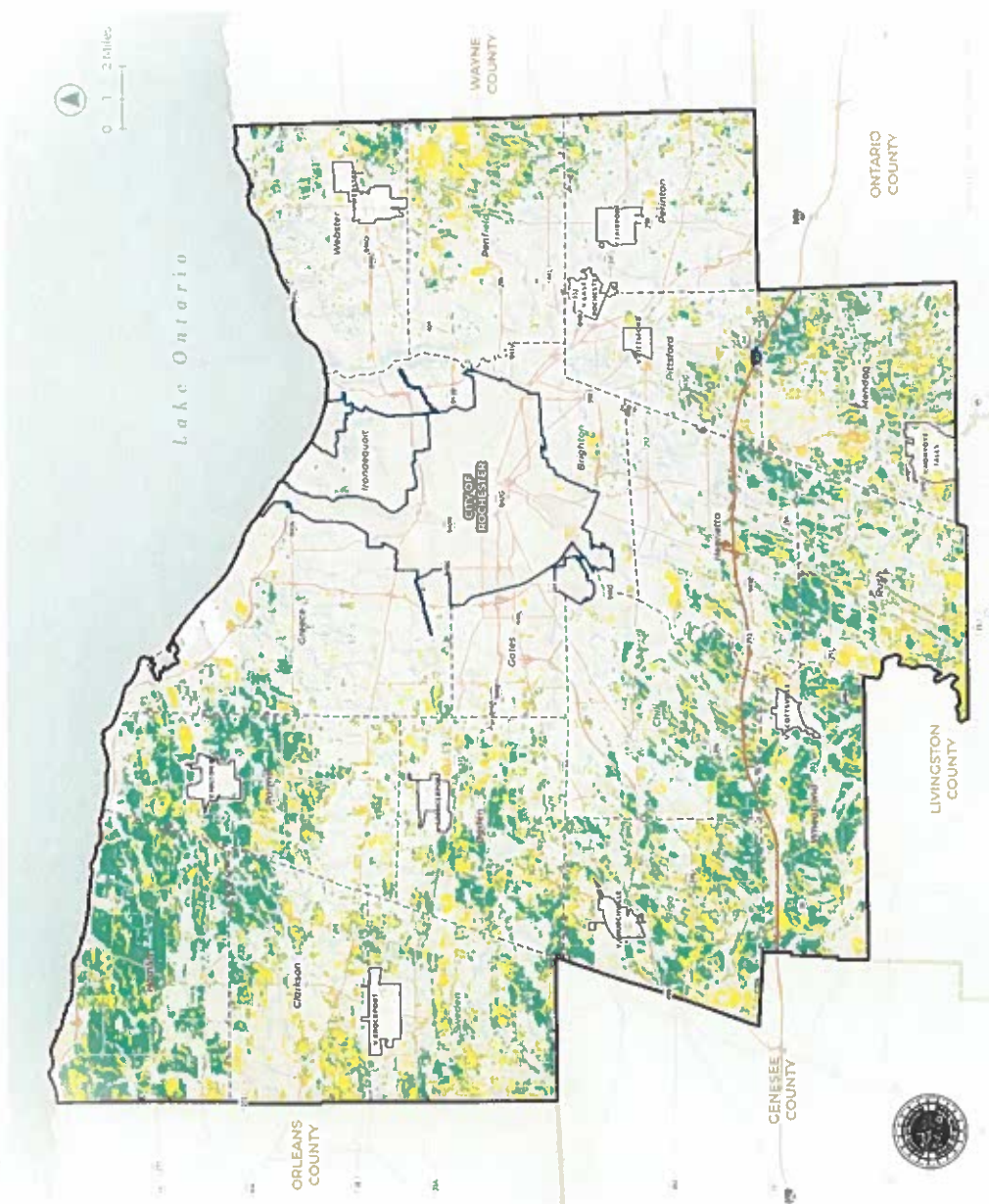
Map 7. Active Farmland by USDA Soil Classification



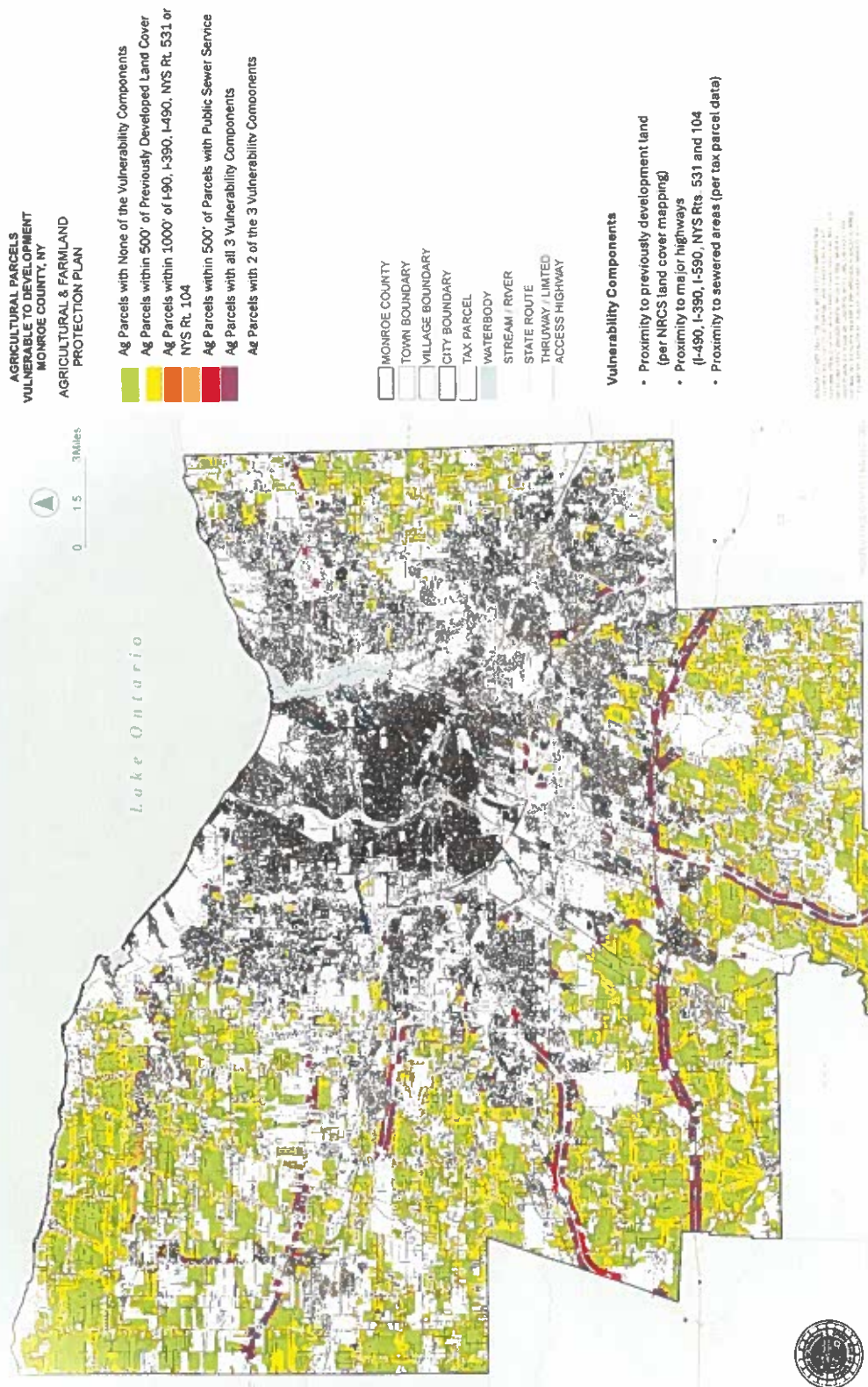
Map 9. Agricultural Districts



Map 11. Active Farmland by Soil Classification

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Map 12. Agricultural Parcels by Vulnerability to Development



B. Agricultural Economy

1. Introduction

This section examines the value and types of products produced on farmland as well as the economic contributions of related businesses such as services, distribution, wholesale and retail sales, and processing. The analysis relies on a variety of data sources, each of which contributes to an understanding of the significance of agriculture and related industries to Monroe County and the regional economy. See footnotes within the following sections for data source descriptions and limitations.

Data Sources

Sources of data include:

- U.S. Department of Agriculture Census of Agriculture
- U.S. Department of Commerce Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA)
- IMPLAN – a proprietary economic model that compiles data from a variety of sources to identify inputs and outputs related to specific industrial sectors
- Research and stakeholder interviews to describe the economic impact of farms and related businesses in Monroe County

BEA data also relies on surveys and secondary data to generate its annual reports. IMPLAN analysis of inputs and outputs is more accurate when conducted on a regional basis, rather than for a single county, as supply chains and markets extend beyond county boundaries.

Reports based on economic data compiled by IMPLAN, a proprietary economic impact analysis tool, offer details about specific components of the agricultural economy and how various sectors interact with one another. This data provides a more complete picture of how agricultural products move through primary and secondary market supply chains and, therefore, the total value generated through agricultural activities. However, only Monroe County industry data was included in the Plan's economic analysis, leaving substantial supply chain value and relationships outside of the scope of this plan, but nevertheless present in the regional, state, and national economy. Analysis of IMPLAN data is included in Appendix B.

2. Food System Overview

The “food system” is a broad term that encompasses all of the complex, interconnected activities that involve the production, processing, transportation, and consumption of food. Food systems exist in a wide range of scales ranging from the global food system to the national, regional, community, local, and household levels. Food systems include both the drivers and outcomes of these activities, as well as the influences of large-scale forces and actions taken by institutions and governments. For example, the the local/regional scale of the food system of Monroe County is influenced and supported by the food systems of individual farms, nearby counties, New York State, the United States, and the

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entire globe. As shown in the graphic below, the food system is a holistic way of viewing a myriad of environmental, commercial, governmental, sociocultural, and agricultural elements, which are sometimes perceived as acting independently from each other, as an integrated web of activities.

Municipalities and government agencies can take steps to be supportive and proactive towards their local food systems, though they cannot control or influence every aspect of the food system at large.

While municipalities can undertake comprehensive food system plans, this Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan focuses primarily on agricultural production and the markets and inputs that directly relate to agricultural production and farmland protection.

Figure 5. Food System graphic



Source: <https://foodsystems.wsu.edu/food>

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3. Sales of Agricultural Products

According to the 2022 US Census of Agriculture³, 511 farms in Monroe County generated \$101 million in total sales, an increase of 32% increase since 2017.

Monroe County ranks fifth in the production of vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes, eighth in nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod, second in Christmas trees, and eleventh in grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas.

The 2022 Census of Agriculture ranked Monroe County 31st in the State in the total market value of products sold, Monroe County farms generated 1.3% of the Statewide total value of agricultural products sold in 2022.

Crops comprised 90% of the market value of products sold in Monroe County in 2022 led by “grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas” with \$37,325,000 (37% of the total), and “vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes” with \$28,607,000 (28%) The primary grains produced in 2022 were corn and soybeans, with sales valued at \$20.6 million and \$11.1 million, respectively, followed by wheat with \$4.4 million. While the number of farms producing crops remained stable between 2017 and 2022, the value of sales from these farms increased by 37%.

Revenue from livestock products included \$7.9 million from dairy farms. Cattle, horses, poultry and other animal products generated approximately \$2 million in sales in 2022.

The Census of Agriculture reported that 139 farms in Monroe County produced livestock, poultry and their products in 2022, generating approximately \$9,935,000 in sales. Approximately three dairies generated sales of approximately \$7,913,000 from sales of milk from cows. The market value of milk produced from cows in Monroe County was 21% more than in 2017, when approximately 12 dairy farms generated \$6,514,000 in sales.

Approximately 81 farms in Monroe County had poultry. Of these 59 farms sold poultry or eggs, with a total market value of approximately \$157,000. Approximately 135 farms had horses, 34 raised beef cattle, 26 maintained sheep or lambs, and 23 had goats. Approximately 43 farms in Monroe County manage colonies of honeybees.

³ Data from the U.S. Census of Agriculture, conducted every five years, relies on surveys of farmers and defines “farm” as any operation that generates at least \$1,000 a year in sales. As the 5-year Census reports data from a single point in time, it does not account for volatility in prices received by farmers for commodities and may present an uncharacteristic peak or dip in market value.

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Chart 6. Market Value of Products Sold, by Commodity or Commodity Group, 2012-2022

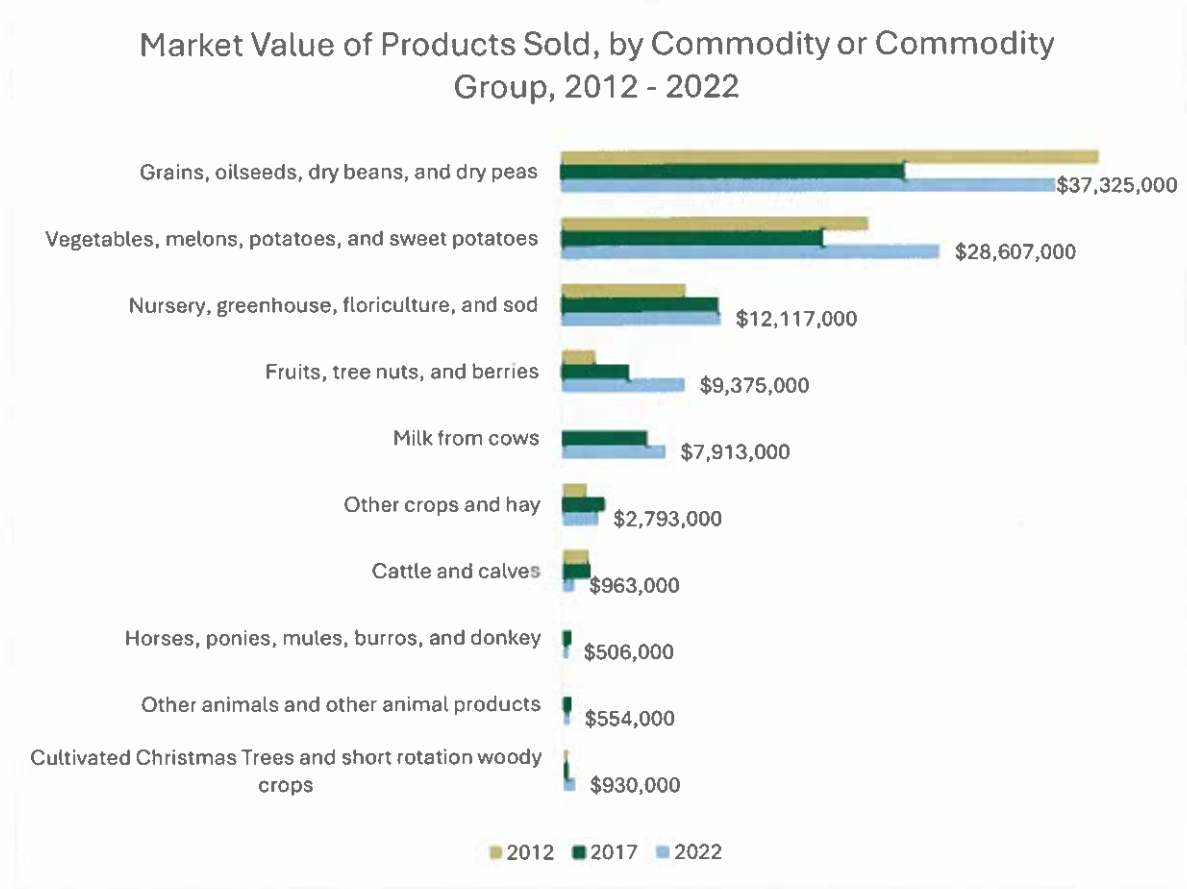


Photo 7. Chase Farm Aerial Landscape, Town of Rush. Credit: Adam Montoya



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Table 7. Market Value of Products Sold, 2022

Item	2022 Market Value (in dollars)	Percent of Total
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops	\$ 91,147,000	90%
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	37,325,000	37%
Corn	20,595,000	20%
Wheat	4,430,000	4%
Soybeans	11,070,000	11%
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	28,607,000	28%
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	9,375,000	9%
Fruits and tree nuts	7,786,000	8%
Berries	1,589,000	2%
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	12,117,000	12%
Cultivated Christmas Trees and short rotation woody crops	930,000	1%
Cultivated Christmas Trees	930,000	1%
Other crops and hay	2,793,000	3%
Livestock, poultry, and their products	\$ 9,935,000	10%
Poultry and eggs	\$ 157,000	0%
Cattle and calves	\$ 963,000	1%
Milk from cows	\$ 7,913,000	8%
Hogs and pigs	\$ 38,000	0%
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	\$ 140,000	0%
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkey	\$ 506,000	1%
Other animals and other animal products	\$ 219,000	0%
Total	\$ 101,082,000	100%

Source: 2022 Census of Agriculture

The per farm average of market value of products sold increased 36 percent from 2017 to \$197,813 as compared to a Statewide average of \$262,228, which was a 63 percent increase from 2017. The per farm average net cash farm income in Monroe County increased, as well, rising 35 percent to \$57,713.

Sales by size of farm

A small number of large farms account for most of the economic output and land in production. The 38 farms that generated \$500,000 or more in the market value of products accounted for 7% of Monroe County farms, but 85% of overall County product market value. The 268 farms with less than \$10,000 in annual sales generated less than 1% of the total value of agricultural products sold.

Similarly, farms with 1,000 or more acres in production account for 6% of farms, but 60% of acres in production.

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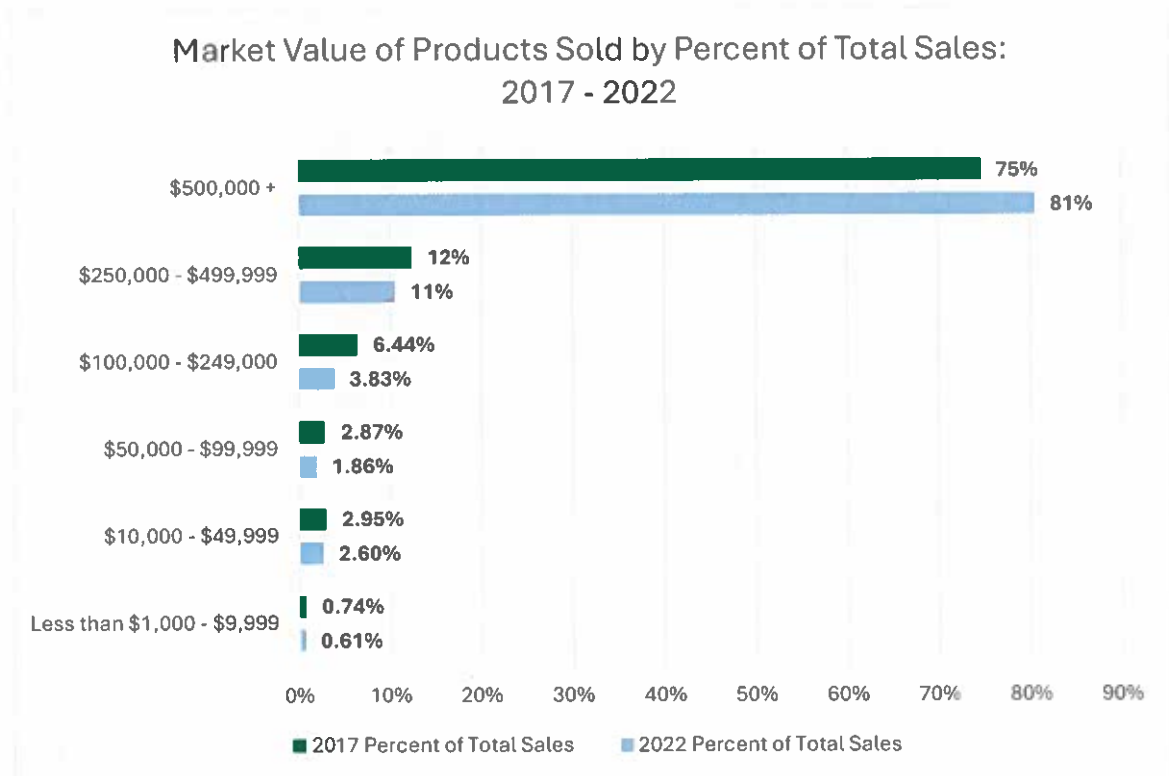
Table 8. Monroe County 2022 Value of Products by Range

Annual Value of Products	Number of Farms in Value Range	Percent of Total County Farms	Value	Percent of Total County Value
Less than \$1,000 - \$9,999	268	51%	\$621,000	0.61%
\$10,000 - \$49,999	136	26%	\$2,624,000	2.60%
\$50,000 - \$99,999	26	5%	\$1,882,000	1.86%
\$100,000 - \$249,000	26	5%	\$3,869,000	3.83%
\$250,000 - \$499,999	29	6%	\$10,664,000	11%
\$500,000 +	38	7%	\$81,422,000	81%
Total	523	100%	\$101,082,000	100.00%

Source: USDA Census of Agriculture

The concentration of sales among the County's largest producers has increased since 2017, as shown in the chart below. Consolidation of large producers reflects a continuing national trend.

Chart 7. Market Value of Products by Range, 2017 - 2022



Source: USDA Census of Agriculture

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4. Economic Impact of Agricultural Production

Data from the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) quantify the economic impact of farming and other industries with annual reports on farm income, employment and value of products sold.

With 1,256 people employed on farms in 2022, agriculture represented 0.25% of all Monroe County jobs.

In addition to directly providing jobs and earnings, agriculture complements other industries in Monroe County, including food manufacturing, agriculture related businesses, and forestry. When these related industries are considered, agriculture-related earnings comprise 4% of County earnings.

Farm Income and Expenses

Farm sales have been increasing since 2015 but so have expenses. Farm sales have increased due to factors like higher crop prices and livestock values. However, farm expenses have also risen, particularly in areas like hired labor and feed, potentially offsetting some of the income gains. The overall impact on farm profitability depends on the specific details of each farm and the broader economic context.

Farm Income

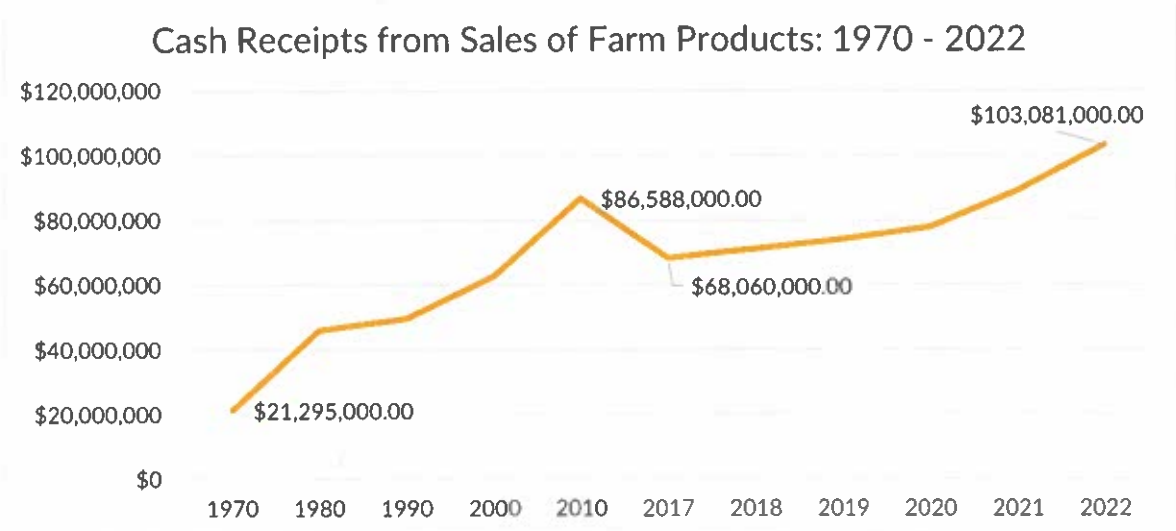
Farm income from sales of agricultural products totaled \$103,081,000 in 2022. Based on BEA data (which are [reported in current dollars but not adjusted for inflation](#)), the value of sales of farm products has steadily increased in Monroe County over the last fifty years. Since 2017, Monroe County farms increased sales each year and at an accelerated pace, gaining 4% from 2017 to 2018, 16% from 2021 to 2022, and a remarkable 51% from 2017 to 2022.



Photo 8. Chili farm. Credit: Steve Krenzer

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Chart 8. Cash Receipts from Farm Marketings, 1970 - 2022

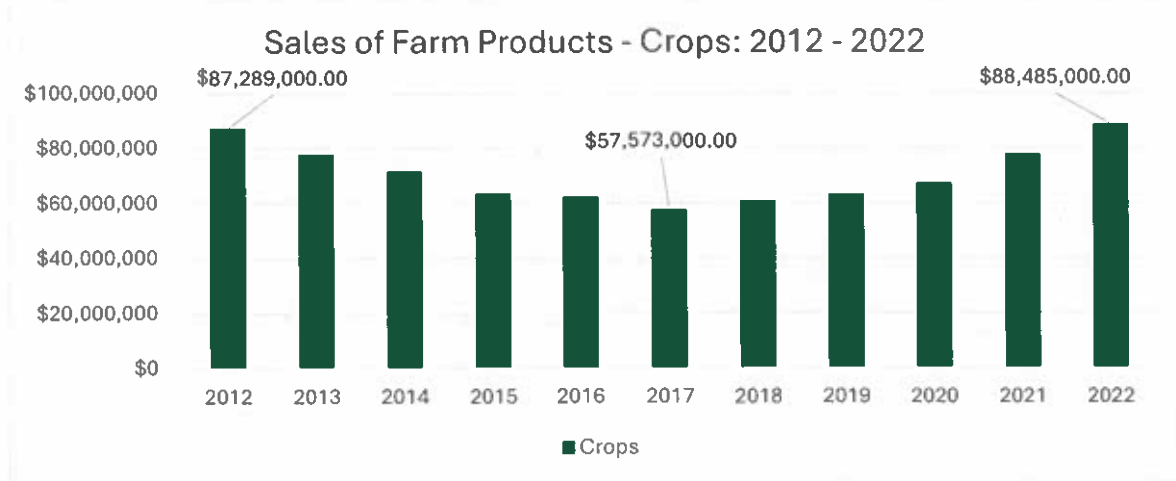


Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, Table CAINC45: Farm Income and Expenses

The BEA groups farm sales into two main categories– livestock and products (which includes milk and dairy products) and crops. Crops are the main driver of farm sales in Monroe County, accounting for 86% of all sales of farm products in 2022. Crop sales fell from \$87 million (their second highest total) to a low of \$57 million in 2017 before experiencing a steady, nearly \$31 million recovery and expansion to \$88,485,000 in 2022.

While livestock and products only accounted for 14% of farm sales in 2022, the industries enjoyed steady increases from a 2016 low of \$9.8 million to \$14,596,000 in 2022. Both categories reached 10-year highs in 2022 and both experienced substantial fluctuations over the 10-year period.

Chart 9. Cash Receipts from Farm Marketings - Crops, 2012 – 2022



Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, Table CAINC45: Farm Income and Expenses

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Chart 10. Cash Receipts from Farm Marketings - Livestock and Products, 2012 - 2022

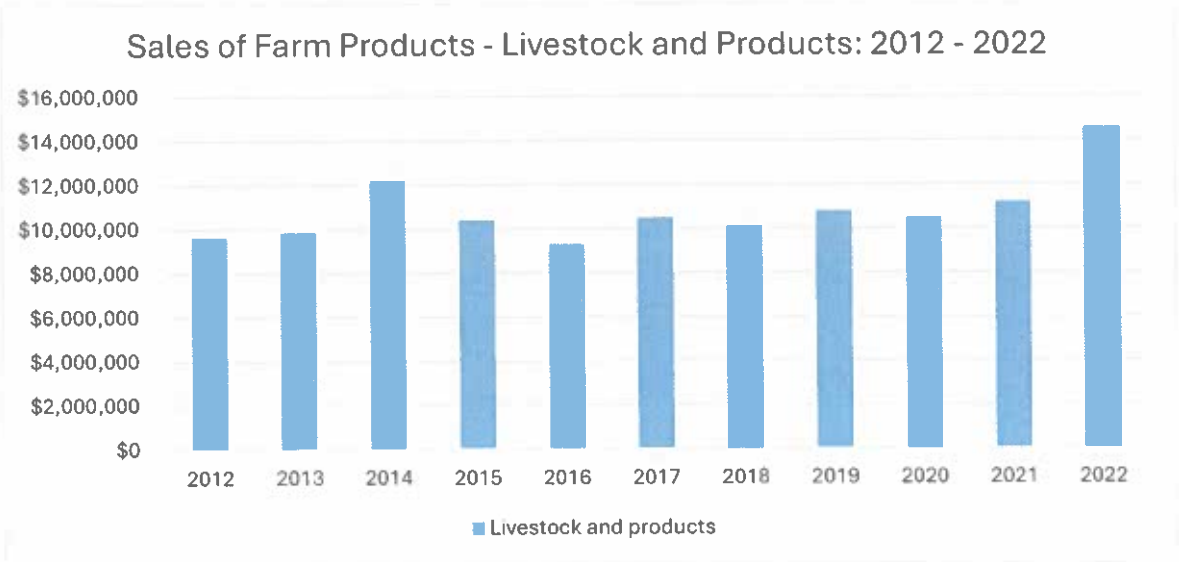
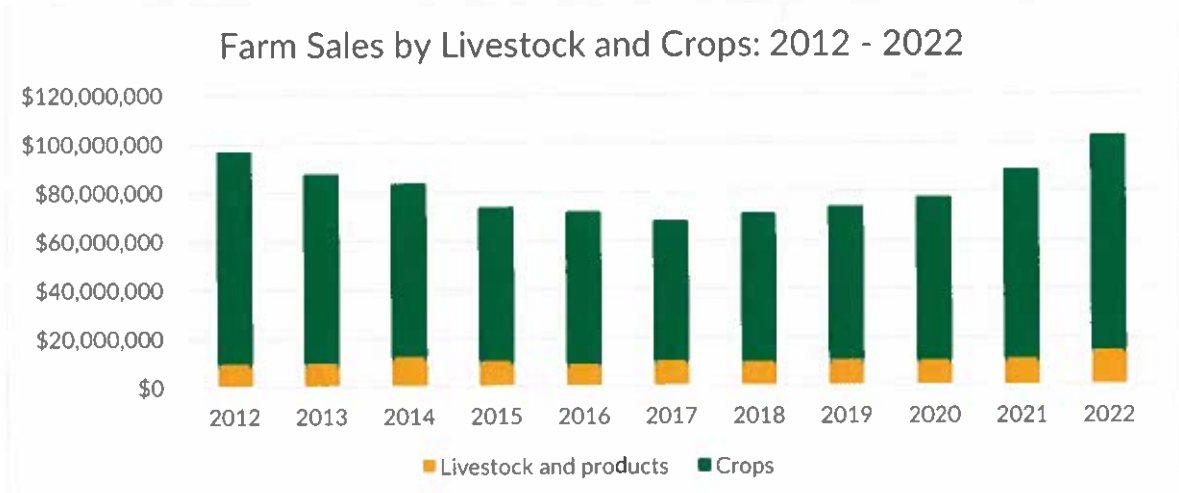


Chart 11. Farm Sales by Livestock and Crops: 2012 - 2022



Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, Table CAINC45: Farm Income and Expenses

Based on BEA data, Monroe County's Real GDP in 2022, was \$49 billion which ranked 8th in the state – behind Erie (7) and Westchester (6) and in front of Bronx (9) and Albany (10). At \$99 million, farm sales comprised less than one percent of the County's total Real Gross Domestic Product and 0.06% of County earnings.

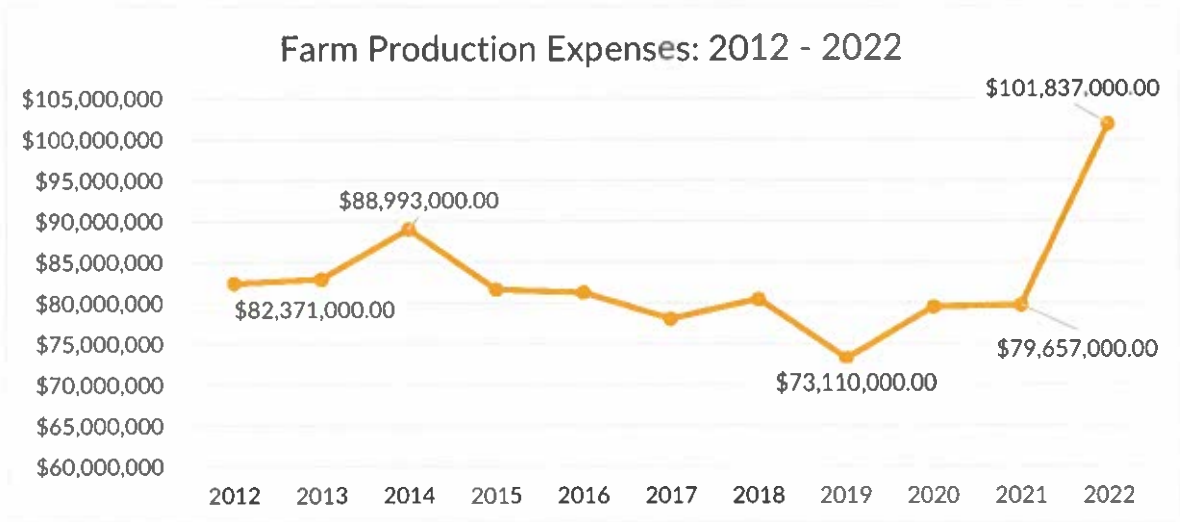
Production Expenses

Farm production expenses totaled nearly \$102 million in 2022, an increase of 28% since 2021. Between 2012 and 2022, total expenses fluctuated while trending higher over the last decade. Since the 10-year

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low in production expenses in 2019, expenses climbed nine percent from 2019 to 2020, stayed flat from 2020 to 2021, and then spiked 28% from 2021 to 2022, rising \$22 million in a single year.

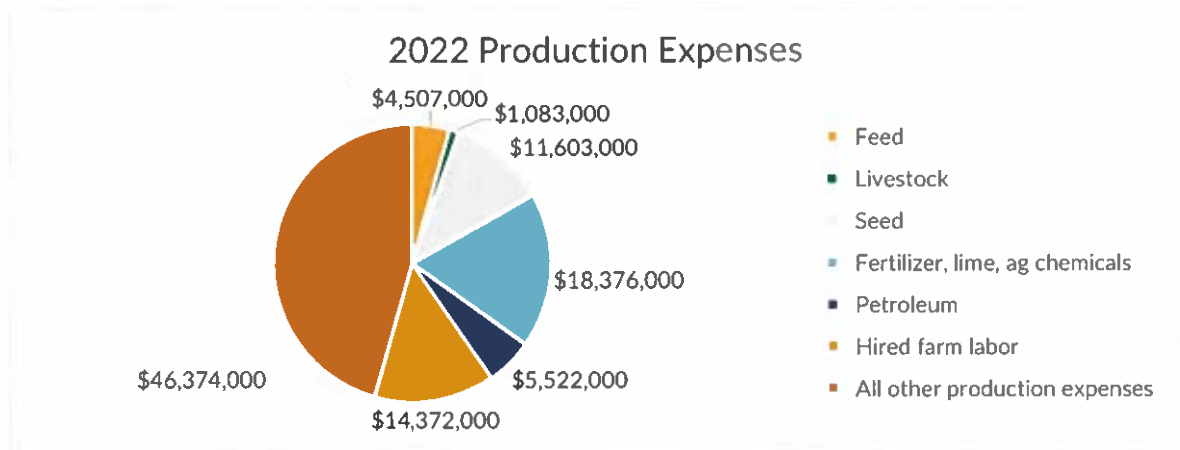
Chart 12. Production Expenses, 2012 - 2022



Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, Table CAINC45: Farm Income and Expenses

Production expenses include feed, livestock, seed, fertilizer, fuel, labor and all other production expenses. In 2022, the BEA category of “all other production expenses” represented almost half of Monroe County farm expenses. These expenses include repair and operation of machinery; depreciation, interest, rent, and taxes; and other miscellaneous expenses.

Chart 13. Production Expenses, 2022

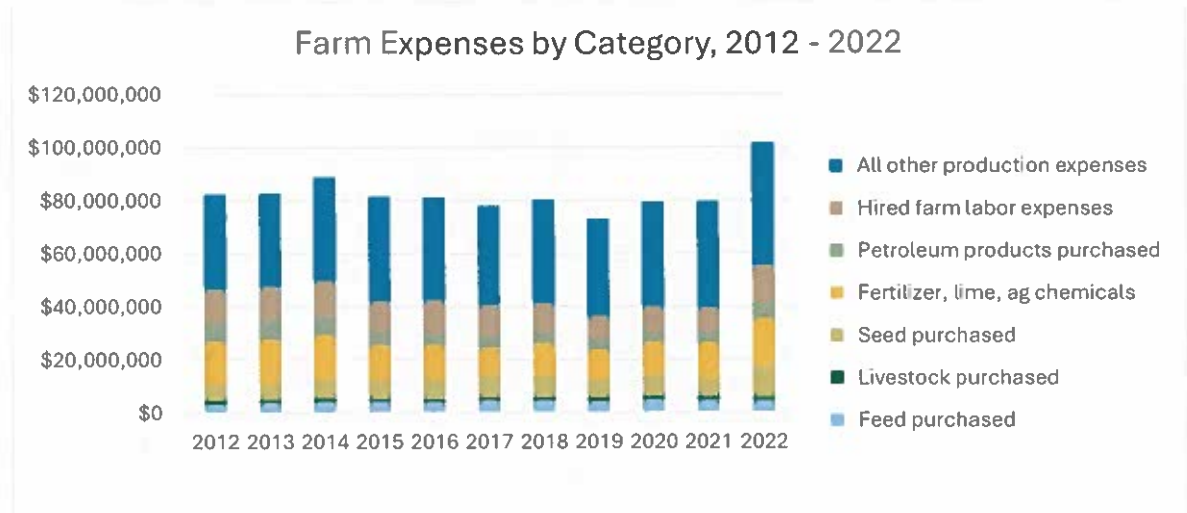


Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, Table CAINC45: Farm Income and Expenses

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Between 2012 and 2022, feed, seed, and all other production expenses were the largest contributors to overall expense increases. Several other categories also experienced significant spikes from 2021 to 2022, which resulted in a dramatic increase in overall expenses from 2021 to 2022. All other expenses rose \$6 million, labor costs rose \$5.2 million, and seeds rose by \$5 million.

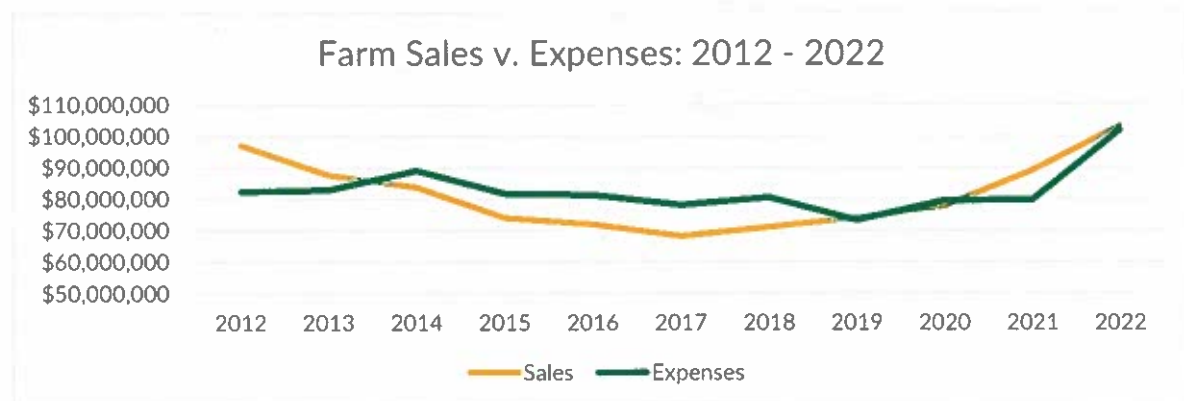
Chart 14. Production Expenses by Category, 2012 - 2022



Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, Table CAINC45: Farm Income and Expenses

When taken together, the gains in sales are almost entirely offset by the increase in expenses. While some farms may be able to raise prices as costs increase, many Monroe County farms have limited ability to set their prices, especially in commodity markets. In those markets, farms are price “takers” not price “makers” and this can result in production expenses exceeding sales price and revenues for extended periods of time. This is likely a major challenge for farms as they continue to seek efficiencies and economies of scale to reduce costs amidst the inflationary pressures they are facing.

Chart 15. Farm Sales versus Expenses, 2012 - 2022



Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, Table CAINC45: Farm Income and Expenses

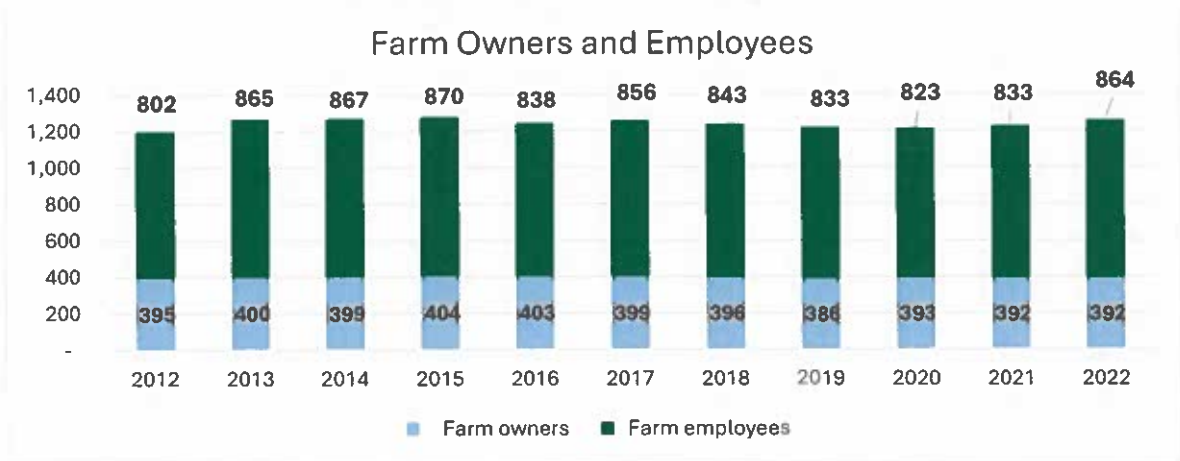
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Farm Employment

According to 2022 data from the BEA, 1,256 people were employed on farms, including 392 farm proprietors and 864 employees. This represents 0.25% of the 495,556 people employed in Monroe County. For comparison, the top three industries by number of employees in Monroe County in 2022 were Health Care and Social Assistance (76,351 people, representing 15% of the total), Government and Government Enterprises (46,702 people, representing 9% of the total), and Retail Trade (44,732 people, representing 9% of the total).

Farm employment has remained relatively stable over the 10-year period between 2012 and 2022. The industry has added 59 jobs since 2012, a five percent increase. For comparison, the total number of jobs in Monroe County increased by 4.9% over the same period. Additionally, the percentage of farm jobs occupied by employees versus proprietors has remained stable over the 10-year period between 2012 and 2022 at roughly 70% employees and 30% proprietors.

Chart 16. Farm Owner versus Farm Employee Jobs, 2012 - 2022

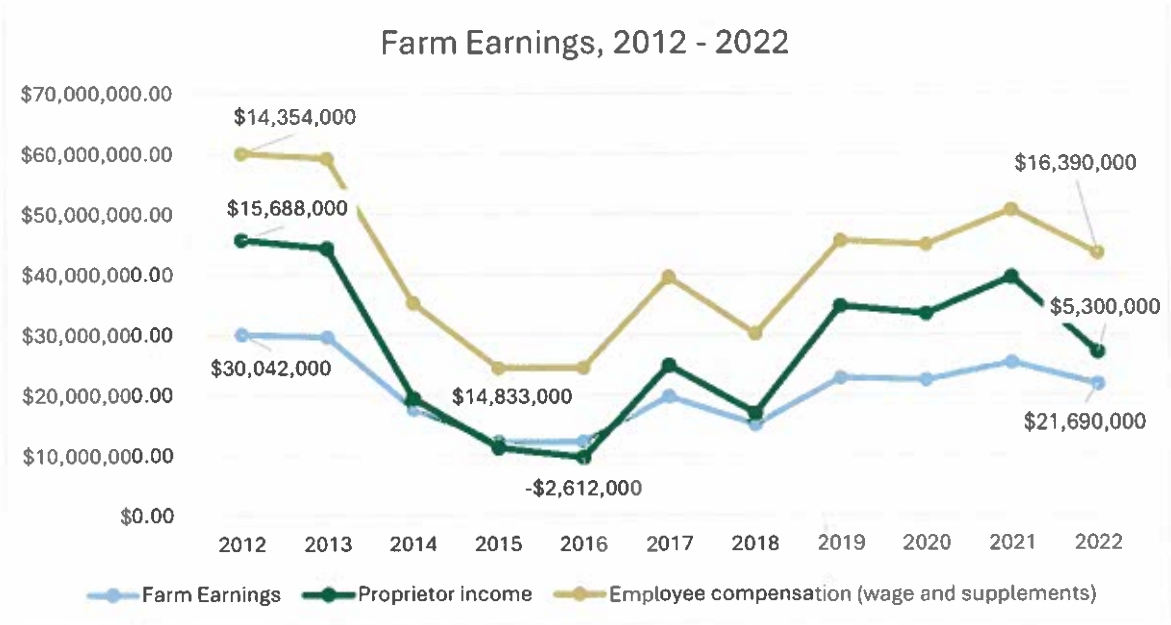


Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, Table CAEMP25N: Total Full-Time and Part-Time Employment by NAICS Industry

Farm earnings – the sum of wage and salary disbursements, supplements to wages and salaries, and proprietors’ income – have been remarkably volatile over the 10-year period from 2012 – 2022. Total farm earnings peaked in 2012 at \$30,042,000, decreased to a low of \$12,221,000 in 2016, and then rose and fell over the next seven years, settling at \$21,690,000 in 2022. Farm earnings increased almost \$9.5 million from the 2015 low to 2022. However, earnings fell \$3.5 million from 2021 to 2022 underscoring just how volatile earnings are in the current agricultural economy.

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Chart 17. Farm earnings – Total , Proprietor, Employee – 2012 - 2022



Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, Table CAINC45: Farm Earnings

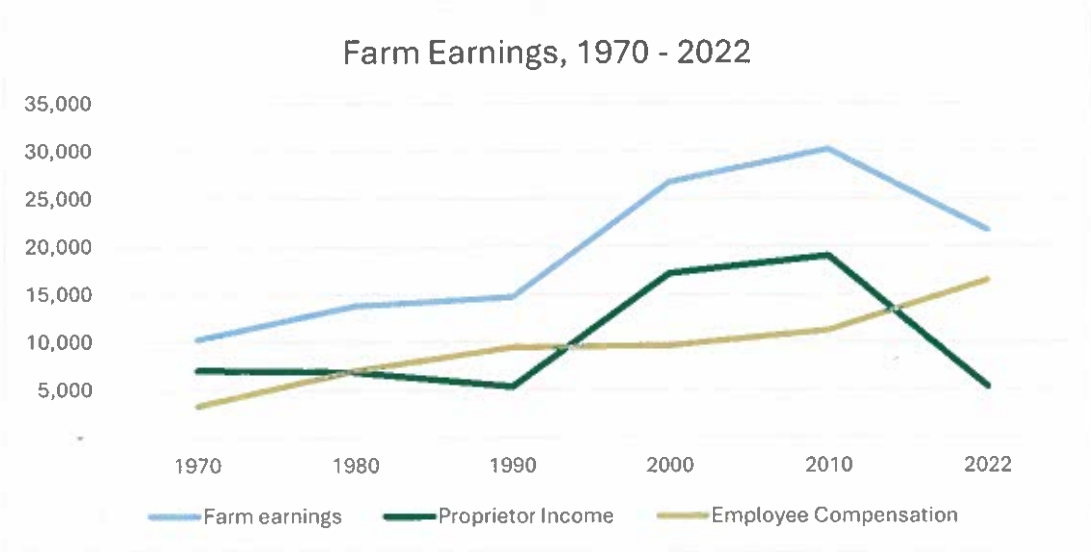
Proprietor income is an especially volatile component of overall farm earnings. Monroe County proprietor's earnings ranged from a \$2.6 million loss in 2016 to \$15.7 million in earnings in 2012 – the 10-year high for earnings. The 10-year period is characterized by rapid shifts in earnings on a year-to-year basis. From the \$2.6 million low in 2015, earnings rallied to \$5.1 million in 2017 (a \$7.7 million increase) and fell from \$14.1 million in 2021 to \$5.3 million in 2022 (an \$8.8 million decrease).

Employee compensation, by comparison, is a more stable component of farm earnings. As shown in the chart below, labor costs increased sharply between 2010 and 2022.

The 2012 – 2022 period appears to be uniquely volatile when compared to earnings data from 1970 to 2022. Farm earnings, employee earnings, and even proprietor earnings, follow a relatively smooth upward trajectory from 1970 to around 2010. From 2010 to 2022, that trend ends abruptly and, as we saw in the chart above, the year-to-year volatility increases substantially.

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Chart 18. Farm earnings – Total, Proprietor, Employee – 1970 - 2022



Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, Table CAINC45: Farm Earnings

5. Markets

Monroe County farms rely on various markets to sell their products, including:

- Direct-to-consumer sales
- Sales to retail or institutional purchasers
- Sales to processors
- Sales to food hubs
- Sales to wholesalers

Direct-to-consumer sales allow the farm to retain the full value of the end product. Farms that produce and sell “value added” products generate additional income through the by increasing the value of raw products. Value added enterprises require additional business planning, investment and staffing beyond what is required for the production of the crop, animal or animal product.

Sales to directly to retailers, food hubs or institutions eliminate the “middleman” but do not command as high a price as direct retail sales. Many farms, particularly in commodities such as grains and dairy, sell directly to processors or wholesalers. Such enterprises must deliver large quantities of consistent quality and require dedicated staffing and business planning.

The table below shows changes in farm revenue from these business activities.

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Table 9. Monroe County Farm Business Activities, 2017 - 2022

Business Activity	2022 # Farms	2017 # Farms	2022 Value	2017 Value	Percent Change in Value
Value of food sold directly to consumers	91	101	\$ 4,661,000	\$ 4,156,000	12%
Value of food sold directly to retail markets, institutions, and food hubs for local or regionally branded products	26	21	\$ 12,874,000	\$ 7,515,000	71%
Value of processed or value-added agricultural products sold	34	38	\$ 11,780,000	\$ 6,233,000	89%
Total	151	160	\$29,315,000	\$17,904,000	64%

Source: USDA Census of Agriculture

Between 2017 and 2022, the value of value-added agricultural products sold increased 89% to 11.78 million.

Additional detail about markets for agricultural products follows in this section. An overview of institutional sales and emergency feeding and how they may offer opportunities for local farmers is presented in the following section (Part 2. B. 6).

Direct-to-Consumer Sales

Many farms in Monroe County sell directly to consumers, thereby retaining a larger portion of the end value of their products. While direct-to-consumer sales help farmers increase income, incorporating retail sales into the farm enterprise requires additional business planning, investment and staffing beyond what is required to produce the agricultural product.

Farms in Monroe County sell directly to consumers through farm stands, on-farm retail stores, internet sales and Community Supported Agriculture (CSAs). Between 2017 and 2022, the value of products sold directly to consumers by 12% to \$4.661 million; the value of food sold directly to retail markets, institutions, and food hubs or for local or regionally branded products increased 71% to \$12.874 million.

Community Supported Agriculture (CSA)

Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) are farming operations that receive funds from customers, typically through a subscription service where community members will pay a fee in exchange for a regular delivery of produce and/or other agricultural products.

Farmers Markets

As listed by CCE Monroe County, there are approximately 13 farmers markets which are typically open from May to October. Most markets operate seasonally, with some, including the Rochester Public Market and the Brighton Market, operating year-round.

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The Rochester Public Market has been continuously open and operating since 1827. The Public Market has been at its current site at 280 North Union Street since 1905. Located in one of the most economically distressed neighborhoods in the City, MarketView Heights, the market not only provides opportunities for community members to purchase local produce and interact with their community, but the market also provides indoor spaces for other local entrepreneurs to market and sell their goods such as baked goods, coffee, flowers, dog treats, cooked foods, and much more.

Resources to support farmers markets include the [Farmers Market Managers Professional Certification](#), offered by the Farmers Market Federation of New York which offers courses to help market managers build skills in marketing, communications, business planning and overall market management.

Farmers markets may participate in the Farmers' Market Nutrition Program, which is funded by USDA Food and Nutrition Service and associated with the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) and seniors through the Commodity Supplemental Food Program (SCFP). The program provides coupons for low-income seniors and families enrolled in WIC or CSFP to purchase fresh, local fruits and vegetables. Participating markets in Monroe County include the Rochester Public Market, Westside Farmer's Market, South Wedge Farmers' Market, Greece Ridge Mall Farmers Market, Fairport Farmers' Market, Brighton Farmers Market and Brockport Farmers Market.

On-Farm Value-Added

Many farms in Monroe County operate on-farm value-added enterprises to expand their revenue and capture a larger share of the value of the end product. These include on-farm processing or packaging, manufacturing of beverages or food products, marketing of branded products, and preparation of ready to eat foods.



Photo 9. Zarpentine Farms. Credit: Lori Coleman. Copyright Lori & Erin Photography, used with permission

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Raw agricultural products become “value added” when they have been modified or enhanced to have a higher market value and/or a longer shelf life. A value-added agricultural business may be defined as any activity an agricultural producer performs outside of traditional commodity production to receive a higher return per unit of commodity sold.

By creating new products from raw commodities, through packaging innovations, or by taking on distribution and storage, the farmer increases the value of the product sold and the farm business captures the increased value that would otherwise be paid to downstream businesses.

Distinctive branding and certifications can also increase the value of an agricultural product that can be captured by the farmer. For example, consumers may be willing to pay more for pasture-fed animal products, certified organic or local foods.

USDA Definition of a Value-Added Agricultural Product:

Any agricultural commodity or product that:

- *Has undergone a change in the physical state or form of the product, such as milling wheat into flour or making strawberries into jam.*
- *Is produced in a manner that enhances the value of the agricultural commodity or product, such as organically produced products.*
- *Is physically segregated in a manner that results in the enhancement of the value of that commodity or product, such as an identity preserved product.*
- *Is a source of farm- or ranch-based renewable energy, including E-85 fuel; or*
- *Is aggregated and marketed as a locally produced agricultural food product and, as a result of the change in physical state or the manner in which the agricultural commodity or product is produced and segregated, the customer base for the commodity or product is expanded*

Resources

Existing programs that support on-farm value-added enterprises include the Genesee-Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council’s (G/FLRPC) [Growing the Agricultural Industry Now! \(GAIN\) program](#), a revolving loan program that could provide up to \$200,000 in low interest loans to help finance ag-related projects. The USDA [Value-Added Producer Grant](#) programs have offered funding for planning (such as conducting feasibility studies or developing business plans) and working capital for processing, marketing or inventory and salary expenses to value-added processing and other enterprises. However, future grant opportunities from the federal government or NYS agencies may not be available in the future.

Agritourism

Agritourism is another business activity farms engage in to build their brands, the connection to their customers, and their sales. Agritourism can also help to increase the public’s knowledge and awareness of farming. Some examples of value-added agricultural products and agritourism in Monroe County include “U-Pick” for apples, strawberries and blueberries, vineyards, cider, festivals, and farm

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stands. Many farms that offer agritourism activities are listed in CCE Monroe's on-line Local Food Guide, which is updated annually.

The specific agritourism activities a farm engages in vary based on farmers' preferences, proximity to population centers, crops or livestock and can include "u-pick" options, educational tours, farm stays, workshops, farm restaurants or "pop-up" dinners, and more. Agritourism operations and direct-to-consumer sales can help farmers capture a larger share of the value chain by selling directly to consumers or by drawing more consumers to them directly. Direct-to-consumer sales may mean roadside stands, farmers market or other programs where sellers get to connect directly with consumers.

The 2022 U.S. Census of Agriculture reported that 20 farms in Monroe County participated in agritourism and recreation services, generating \$4,982,000 in total sales. This was up from \$553,000 in 2017.

Monroe County Cornell Cooperative Extension's Local Food Guide provides a comprehensive listing and interactive maps of farm and food operators engaged in various forms of agritourism, portions of which are included below: <https://monroe.cce.cornell.edu/agriculture/local-food-guide>

NYS Agricultural District laws provide protection from unreasonable local regulation when the agritourism enterprise supports agricultural production on the farm. New York State Agricultural Districts Law (AGM Sec. 25-AA) defines "Agricultural tourism" as, "activities, including the production of maple sap and pure maple products made therefrom, conducted by a farmer on-farm for the enjoyment and/or education of the public, which primarily promote the sale, marketing, production, harvesting or use of the products of the farm and enhance the public's understanding and awareness of farming and farm life." Agritourism operations on farms within NYS-certified Agricultural Districts are generally protected against unreasonable local regulation provided the revenues from agritourism events does not exceed the annual sales of the farm's crops, livestock and livestock products.

Direct to Retailer

Some Monroe County farms sell directly to retailers. Typically, such sales require large volumes and consistent quality.

Wholesale Markets

Wholesale food distributors purchase products from farms for sale to restaurants, institutions, retail outlets and other markets.

Livestock and Produce Auctions

Produce and livestock auctions serve as a way for farmers to offload surplus goods and livestock without spending the time and energy on direct-to-consumer sales. Farmers can drop off their goods and livestock at the auction grounds and the auction house will handle selling and processing payment for the goods, taking a commission as payment for the service. Individuals and wholesalers alike purchase from auctions. Auctions often have the benefit of being able to sell very large quantities of produce at

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once and in some cases can connect ethnic groups with culturally desirable livestock and produce. Farmers also use auctions to purchase feeder or replacement cattle.

The primary livestock auctions near Monroe County are Empire Livestock Marketing in Pavilion (Genesee County) and Canandaigua Stockyards (Ontario County).

The closest produce auction to Monroe County is Orleans Produce Market in Albion (Orleans County). Other auctions are in Genesee Valley Produce Auction in Freedom NY (Allegany County), Finger Lakes Produce Auction in Penn Yan (Yates County), Ontario Produce Auction in Stanley (Ontario County) and Seneca Produce Auction in Romulus (Seneca County).

Aggregation

Many farms in Monroe County sell their products directly to aggregators, which prepare and distribute the products to retailers, processors or other markets. Services provided by these businesses include purchasing, marketing, processing/packaging, transportation, and/or storage. These businesses develop relationships and enter contracts with markets, restaurants, and institutions to provide food in large quantities. These organizations also sign contracts with farmers to supply food in large quantities to fulfill procurement contracts. The exact degree to which produce is processed and packaged by the farmer or the aggregator would be a part of the contract. For instance, a farmer might wash and cut the produce, but the aggregator might pack it into the specific packaging the aggregator uses. Because aggregation and distribution is contract-based, this gives the farmer a certain peace of mind that there is a purchaser for what they produce.

Processing

Farmers may contract with processors or sell their products directly to processors. Livestock farmers may contract for meat processing and sell the resulting product directly to consumers, either as retail products or as “shares” of an animal. Vegetable farmers may sell products directly to food processing facilities.

Processing generally refers to actions such as packaging, washing, cutting/preparing, and sorting food, as well as value-adding processes, such as converting raw milk into yogurt, baking apples into pies, or packaging lettuce heads into salad mixes, for example. Meat processing refers to the entire process of livestock butchering, from transporting live animals to packaging saleable meats.

As detailed in the IMPLAN analysis section in Appendix B, food manufacturing is a significant industry in Monroe County, with a total output of \$2.2 billion in 2022. Canned fruits and vegetables manufacturing is the largest industry sector with \$504 million in sales (22% of the food manufacturing total), providing robust local infrastructure for the County's substantial fruit and vegetable production.

Food Manufacturing is the County's largest agricultural related industry and is well positioned for growth because of the County's available workforce as well as the availability of freshwater resources, as evidenced by the recently announced Fairlife Coca-Cola plant which is projected to use one million gallons of water per day. Efforts to align production and workforce development to support manufacturing expansion can build markets for Monroe farm products and create manufacturing jobs.

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Breweries, distilleries, and wineries collectively represent 31% of the food manufacturing total output and generated \$714 million in sales. This not only provides a ready market to Monroe County producers but also offers opportunities for branding and agritourism, often associated with the social and experiential nature of the beverage industry.

Emerging Markets

Cannabis is an emerging market although potential growers have faced challenges in navigating licensing and other requirements. Cultivation of cannabis requires an Adult-Use Cultivator License (AUCC) from the NYS Department of Agriculture & Markets pursuant to the Conditional Cannabis Cultivation law enacted in 2022. There may be opportunities for local farmers to supply dispensaries as New York State requires these products to be grown within the state. Challenges remain as the market and regulatory landscape evolve.



Photo 10. Beef cattle in Parma

6. Farm to Institution Sales

Farm-to-institution sales connect local farms with institutions such as schools, hospitals, universities, correctional facilities, and senior living centers to provide locally produced food. Institutions may enter into direct purchasing agreements with farms, establish local food procurement policies, or institute educational initiatives to promote healthy eating and sustainable practices. Consistent demand from institutions can provide farmers with stable, high-volume markets beyond traditional retail or wholesale channels.

K-12 Schools

K-12 purchases are supported through the **NY 30% Initiative**, a New York State Farm-to-School program that incentivizes schools to purchase at least 30% of their food from New York producers and

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processors. Schools that meet this threshold receive an increased state reimbursement—rising from \$0.06 to \$0.25 per meal—for their school lunch programs.

During the 2022-23 school year, none of the 18 school districts in Monroe County reached the 30% threshold. However, some Monroe County school districts may have purchased local farm products but may not have tracked or reported NYS food purchases due to limited administrative capacity.

Colleges and Universities

Colleges and universities are important markets for local and regional food producers. The extent to which these institutions prioritize local food sourcing varies based on their culture, values, and financial priorities. Student and faculty interest in healthy food, knowledge of food origins, connections to local communities, and carbon emission reduction goals motivate these institutions to engage with the local food supply chain.



Photo 11. Farm field, Parma

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However, these motivations are often weaker or more complex than those of K-12 schools. While some college students are from the local community, many come from across the state or country, lacking specific ties to local growers. Additionally, college food services are not subsidized by public funds like K-12 schools, making profitability a more significant factor, especially with budget and enrollment pressures.

Colleges and universities typically have two main contracts for food service operations: a food service operator and a broadline food distributor. These institutions have varying degrees of leverage to negotiate goals beyond price and cost, such as carbon reduction and local sourcing. Goals may include adapting menus to include lower-impact foods and tracking the carbon footprint of food to demonstrate progress, as well as geographic and local preference bids.

For State University of New York (SUNY) schools,

Executive Order 32, signed by Governor Hochul in August 2023, could lead to increased purchasing of New York State and local food. This order mandates New York State agencies to source 30% of their food from New York farmers and producers within five years, boosting local agriculture and food system resilience. While the specifics of compliance tracking and enforcement are still unclear, the Order provides state institutions with more leverage in negotiations with food service contractors to source more local food.

Monroe County Higher Education: Local Food Procurement

In Monroe County, there are several colleges and universities, each with varying approaches to local food sourcing policies and practices:

1. **University of Rochester:** The University of Rochester emphasizes sustainability and local sourcing in its dining services. They have initiatives to incorporate locally grown produce and products into their dining halls when possible, supporting regional farms and suppliers.
2. **Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT):** RIT has committed to sustainable practices in its dining services, including sourcing food locally whenever feasible. They participate in programs that support regional agriculture and aim to reduce their environmental footprint through responsible sourcing practices.
3. **Monroe Community College (MCC):** MCC focuses on providing healthy and sustainable food options on campus. While specific local sourcing policies weren't detailed, they participate in initiatives promoting wellness and environmentally responsible dining choices.
4. **Nazareth College:** Nazareth College includes local and sustainable food options in its dining services, though specific policies weren't detailed publicly. They prioritize wellness and sustainable practices in campus dining.
5. **St. John Fisher College:** St. John Fisher College integrates sustainable and locally sourced food options into its dining program. They emphasize environmental stewardship and healthy eating choices for their campus community.
6. **SUNY Brockport:** SUNY Brockport sources local foods whenever possible, including organic greens from Bolton Farms in Hilton.

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Hospitals and Health Care Organizations

Hospitals and healthcare organizations have increasingly become significant sources of institutional purchasing. Like colleges and universities, their level of engagement can vary widely and must align with their overall business model's profitability. Hospitals typically contract with food service providers, often the same ones used by colleges and universities, which presents similar challenges in negotiating local procurement requirements.

At the primary care and health insurance levels, many operators are experimenting with "Food as Medicine" or food prescription models. Monroe County, NY, has several "food as medicine" initiatives integrating nutrition into healthcare. Trillium Health's Food Pharmacy allows physicians to prescribe healthy foods, partnering with Headwater Food Hub and EquiCenter (educational partner) to provide fresh produce, cooking lessons, and nutrition education.

The Fruit and Vegetable Prescription (FVRx) Program, led by Cornell Cooperative Extension of Monroe County (CCE Monroe), operates across six Finger Lakes counties, including Monroe. The program partners with 30 healthcare providers and 70 clinics to offer vouchers redeemable at over 50 food retailers, including farmers' markets and grocery stores. In 2023, FVRx distributed over \$300,000 in vouchers, benefiting nearly 2,000 participants.

In February 2025, Trillium Health opened a food pantry and learning kitchen to address food insecurity. The facility, in partnership with Headwater Food Hub and EquiCenter, offers fresh local fruits and vegetables "prescribed" to people with diabetes, high cholesterol or hypertension.

The Rochester Lifestyle Medicine Institute promotes whole-food, plant-based nutrition through education, while the University of Rochester Medical Center's Nutrition in Medicine Research Center provides prepared meals for research participants and the public. These programs aim to improve health outcomes by increasing access to nutritious food and integrating it into medical care.

Currently, many of these programs are funded through grants, philanthropy, or marketing budgets. However, there are state and national efforts to integrate "Food as Medicine" more directly into the continuum of care. New York State's Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment Program (DSRIP) created connections and provided funding for several partnerships aimed at improving health outcomes and reducing healthcare costs by providing healthy food to qualifying patients. New York is working towards rolling out a DSRIP 2.0 program, which would build on the successes of the first round and likely include additional funds for "Food as Medicine" programs.

Many healthcare organizations, especially primary care providers, are also experimenting with Section 1115 Demonstration Waivers to test approaches to delivering and financing Medicaid services, including nutrition and food-based interventions. In Monroe County, Jordan Health is leveraging this waiver to pilot a Fruit and Vegetable Prescription (FVRx) program in partnership with Foodlink. Eligible patients—adults diagnosed with Type 2 Diabetes who experience food insecurity—receive vouchers redeemable for fresh produce at participating retailers, helping integrate nutrition into healthcare to improve patient outcomes.

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Emergency Feeding Programs

Emergency feeding agencies, including food banks and food pantries, could potentially play a critical role in the farm-to-institution landscape in New York State by creating consistent demand for locally grown and produced foods while addressing food insecurity. These agencies distribute fresh and shelf-stable foods to low-income and underserved populations. When they source products from local and New York State farmers, they help sustain agricultural producers while ensuring that nutritious food reaches those in need.

Several key programs support these efforts by providing funding specifically for the procurement of local and NYS products. The following describe programs existing in 2024. Future Federal funding for these programs is uncertain.

NY Food for NY Families Program

This USDA-funded NY Food for NY Families initiative provides grants to emergency feeding organizations to purchase and distribute New York State agricultural products. It emphasizes building long-term relationships between farmers and food banks, fostering a sustainable farm-to-institution model. The program supports local economies while improving food access for vulnerable populations.

Nourish NY

Nourish NY is a state-funded program that emerged during the COVID-19 pandemic to connect New York farmers with emergency feeding organizations. It reimburses food banks and pantries for purchasing surplus agricultural products directly from NYS farmers, reducing food waste and supporting the agricultural sector while supplying fresh, local food to families in need.

Hunger Prevention and Nutrition Assistance Program (HPNAP)

Administered by the NYS Department of Health, HPNAP provides funding to emergency feeding organizations to purchase nutritious food, including local and NYS products. It also supports operational costs like storage and transportation, enabling agencies to handle perishable and fresh foods effectively.

Through these programs, emergency feeding agencies not only address immediate food security needs but also contribute to the broader farm-to-institution ecosystem by integrating local agriculture into their supply chains, creating a win-win scenario for both producers and consumers in New York State.

Foodlink serves as the primary food bank for Monroe County and the broader Finger Lakes region, working to combat food insecurity and improve community health. Covering a 10-county service area—including Monroe, Allegany, Genesee, Livingston, Ontario, Orleans, Seneca, Wayne, Wyoming, and Yates counties—Foodlink distributes food to a network of 200 partner agencies including food pantries, shelters, and meal programs.

Food insecurity has risen significantly in the region, with rates increasing from 9.3% in 2021 to 12% in 2022, impacting more than 151,820 individuals. The demand for emergency food assistance has grown, particularly during the summer months when children lose access to school meals. In July and August

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2024, Foodlink recorded 276,794 client visits, more than double the 135,336 visits during the same period in 2023.

Foodlink plays a key role in Monroe County's emergency food system, working with community partners to distribute nutritious food and support initiatives like the Fruit and Vegetable Prescription (FVRx) program. These efforts help address food insecurity while advancing broader health and equity goals within the county.

Foodlink: Supporting Local Agriculture While Fighting Food Insecurity

Foodlink actively supports local agriculture through various programs and purchasing policies that prioritize sourcing from Monroe County and New York State producers. A notable initiative is the **Nourish New York** program, through which Foodlink has purchased 3.6 million pounds of surplus food from New York farmers, including products like apples, lettuce, tomatoes, onions, and potatoes. These items are then distributed to families in need within the region.

In its state-of-the-art commercial kitchen, Foodlink processes local produce to add value and support regional agriculture. For example, local apples are washed, sliced, bagged, and distributed to schools across New York State, promoting the consumption of fresh, local produce among students.

Additionally, Foodlink's **Curbside Market** is a mobile market that links communities in Rochester and the surrounding area to fresh, affordable food, further supporting local producers by providing them with a platform to reach consumers directly.

These efforts demonstrate Foodlink's commitment to strengthening the local food system, supporting New York State farmers, and providing fresh, nutritious food to the communities it serves.

Other Governmental Organizations

State-managed and funded institutions, especially those that are governed and operated by Monroe County are a potential important institutional market for Monroe County farm and food products. The Monroe County Jail and Correctional Facility both serve over one million meals per year each. Establishing targets, not just for New York State food, but for Monroe County food through a geographic preference bid or other such measure could substantially increase procurement of food produced in Monroe County.

Additionally, the Monroe County Office for the Aging administers several meal programs, including the Lunch Club Program and Home Delivered Meals. The Lunch Club Program provides congregate meals at various senior center sites throughout the county, serving nutritious meals to older residents and visitors. The Home Delivered Meals program delivers meals to homebound individuals who are unable to prepare their own meals due to illness or disability. These programs collectively serve thousands of meals annually, contributing to the nutritional well-being of Monroe County's senior population.

While Executive Order 32 will provide additional incentives for procurement, without additional policies in place, distributors and food service providers need only source New York State food, not necessarily

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Monroe County produce. Additionally, unless or until clear incentives or penalties for failing to meet Executive Order are put in place, adherence to Executive Order 32 will largely be voluntary.

The Good Food Bill (NYS S.6955/A.7264) would have built on the Good Food Purchasing Program by providing a comprehensive set of tools, technical support, and resources to support public institutions shifting to a values-based procurement model, perhaps at the same time as they are implementing Executive Order 32. These values include standards related to Local Economies, Animal Welfare, Environmental Sustainability, Nutrition, and Valued Workforce. The bill was vetoed in December 2024 by Governor Kathy Hochul. While supported by many agricultural organizations and farmers in NYS, it was opposed by the New York Farm Bureau, the state's largest farmer advocacy organization.

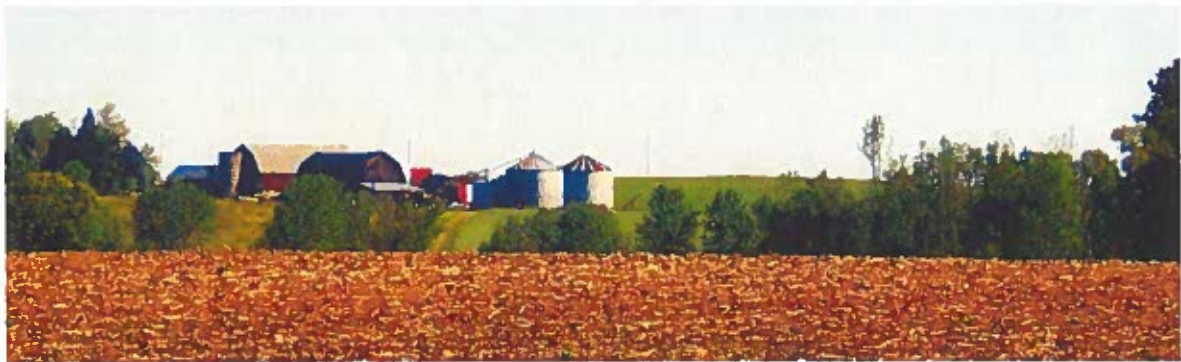


Photo 12. Credit: Farm Field, Chil. Credit: Steve Krenzer

7. Agricultural Support Services

Farms in Monroe County purchase supplies and services from numerous businesses located within and outside of Monroe County. These include suppliers of farm equipment, seed, fertilizer and other inputs as well as providers of services such as building contractors, equipment repair, veterinarians, accountants, nutrient management and other technical specialists.

As documented in the analysis of IMPLAN data in Appendix B, agriculture related businesses in Monroe County (other than retail food and beverage stores and wholesale grocery and related products businesses) generated approximately \$106,000 in sales in 2022. Businesses located in Monroe County mix fertilizers and manufacture pesticides and other agricultural chemicals as well as farm equipment, and food product machinery. Many equipment dealers and farm service providers are located in adjacent counties. Other farm inputs involve technical and professional services such as accounting, legal and construction by businesses that serve other sectors in addition to agriculture.

Lenders and investment firms that serve farms in Monroe County include traditional lending organizations like the Farm Credit System, USDA Farm Service Agency, and commercial banks with agricultural lending divisions. Farm Credit East, a financial cooperative that serves farmers in eight northeastern States, offers loans for land, equipment and facilities as well as consulting services such as tax planning, appraisals, estate planning and grant writing. Services focused on assisting young and beginning farmers include Farm Start, which offers financial assistance, mentorship, and education.

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Cornell Cooperative Regional Agricultural Programs

Cornell's regional agriculture specialists offer a variety of agriculture programs that provide specialized research-based education, technical assistance, and industry updates to enrolled farmers. Specialist Teams cover multi-county regions and deliver targeted support such as production management, pest and disease management advisory, field research results, and educational workshops tailored to each subsector of agriculture. Through enrollment, farmers receive information and programming from regional specialty teams. Teams that serve Monroe County are described below. More information can be found at Cornell Cooperative Extension's Regional Agriculture Programs webpage.

Northwest New York Dairy, Livestock & Field Crops Program

The NWNYS Dairy, Livestock and Field Crops team provides services to farms specializing in dairy, livestock, and field crops such as hay, corn, wheat, or soybeans. The team is part of the Cornell College of Agriculture & Life Sciences' Pro-Dairy program outreach and supports producers through a variety of educational and technical assistance efforts. Their outreach ranges from individual farm management consultations and troubleshooting to hands-on training and educational programs designed to support farm productivity and sustainability.

Cornell Vegetable Program

The Cornell Vegetable Team collaborates with faculty and Extension Educators statewide to address issues affecting the commercial vegetable industry. The program provides educational resources and technical assistance to growers, processors, and agribusinesses. Key focus areas include food safety, crop variety evaluation, market development, pest management, and best management practices for vegetable production.

Lake Ontario Fruit Team

The Lake Ontario Fruit team provides educational programs and technical support to the commercial fruit industry across New York. The team focuses on helping New York fruit farms remain competitive and profitable in the global market. Their efforts include evaluating and promoting new technologies that improve efficiency while reducing financial, legal, labor, environmental, and health-related risks for growers.

Ornamental Horticulture

The CCE Commercial Horticulture Program provides research-based information and educational programming to support the horticulture industry within Monroe County. The program focuses on improving production efficiency, increasing yields, and reducing operational costs for horticulture businesses. Educational efforts also address marketing and retail strategies, as well as best practices for plant growth, pest management, and disease control.

8. Existing Plans, Programs & Regulations – Agricultural Economy

Agriculture and agriculture-related economic development are supported in the Finger Lakes Regional Economic Development Council's 2023 Strategic Plan as a key industry sector. Programs that help support farm businesses and the agricultural economy are administered by the Federal and State agencies, Monroe County, financial institutions and not-for-profit organizations.

County of Monroe Industrial Development Agency (COMIDA)

COMIDA is a governmental agency created in 1972 under Article 18A of the NYS General Municipal Law, with the purpose of attracting industry and creating job opportunities for Monroe County residents. It is governed by a Board of Directors appointed by the Monroe County Legislature. COMIDA supports business development through Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) agreements that reduce property and/or sales taxes for investments that create jobs.

Recent agriculture-related businesses that have received financial incentives from COMIDA include:

- Gascon Family Vineyards, Mendon
- Black Button Distilling, Rochester
- Empire Medicinals, dba Leep Foods (Controlled Environment Mushroom Farm), Henrietta
- Fairlife, dairy processing, Webster
- Farmer Jon's Popcorn, Rochester
- Northern Soy (SoyBoy), Chili

Cornell Cooperative Extension

Cornell Cooperative Extension offers educational resources and technical assistance to help farmers in all aspects of their operation. Three Regional Ag Teams offer specialized expertise to farmers: Lake Ontario Fruit Program Team; Northwest Dairy, Livestock and Field Crops Team, and Cornell Vegetable Program. Training and education programs include pesticide applicator training webinars on various topics. Resources from Cornell University include the Cornell Agricultural Workforce Development resources.

USDA Farm Service Agency

The **USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA)** administers loans and financial assistance, including disaster relief. The Rochester Service Center office is at 1200a Scottsville Road, Rochester.

The **USDA Value-Added Producer Grant (VAPG)** program, which was created under the 2018 Farm Bill, administers grants for farms to add value-added processes to farm business, to generate new products, create and expand marketing opportunities, and increase producer income. Funds can be received for both planning purposes and working capital. The VAPG is administered by the [Office of Rural Development of the USDA](#).

NYS Ag & Markets

NYS Department of Agriculture (DAM) administers several grant programs to support farms and related businesses. The **Farmer's Market Resiliency Grant Program** offers grants of \$10,000 to \$50,000 for

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“projects such as modernizing the delivery of products; repairing, replacing, or enhancing market infrastructure; and developing or scaling up marketing and outreach efforts.”

The NYS Grown and Certified Label is a state program that assures consumers that their food was produced using a high standard by requiring producers to adopt food safety standards (Good Agricultural Practices) and enroll in an environmental management program. This voluntary program is one way to increase consumer and aggregator confidence in farm products. NYS DAM offers a GAP certification program, as well as reimbursement for up to \$2,000 for the cost of the GAP audit.

Growing the Agriculture Industry Now (GAIN)

The Growing the Agriculture Industry Now (GAIN) program is a regional revolving loan program intended to support a variety of farming and agriculture-related economic development projects. Monroe County Economic Development administers the loan program for projects within Monroe County.

Priorities are projects that demonstrate one or more of the following:

- Job creation/ job retention
- Farm diversification including: value-added agriculture products; farm-based retail/wholesale (farm markets, wineries, distilleries)
- Investment in new technology including renewable energy projects production, harvesting and processing equipment
- Increase the amount of land in productive agricultural use
- Growth in net revenue for agricultural enterprises
- Leveraging other sources of funding
- Renewable energy application
- Projects that produce secondary economic development multipliers (e.g., other business expansions)

A recent project supported by this program helped a local farmer make capital investments to reduce energy expenses by supplying on farm energy generation.

Finger Lakes REDC Strategic Plan (2023)

The **Finger Lakes Regional Economic Development Council (FLREDC) Strategic Plan (2023)** outlines the region's approach to fostering sustainable and equitable economic development. The plan emphasizes four core focus areas: Industry Growth, Built Environment, Workforce Development, and Quality of Life. Key goals include promoting job growth, increasing regional wealth, driving private investment, and reducing poverty. The plan also highlights the importance of advancing equity and sustainability throughout the region's economic activities.

The FLREDC Strategic Plan (2023) provides a comprehensive framework for promoting agriculture and the food system in the Finger Lakes region, with specific initiatives that directly benefit Monroe County. These efforts aim to enhance the economic impact of agriculture, support sustainable practices, and foster innovation and collaboration across the sector.

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The following components of the REDC Strategic Plan support agriculture in the 9-County region, which includes the City of Rochester and Monroe County as well as eight rural counties and the Finger Lakes Food System:

1. Agriculture and Food Production Focus

- The strategic plan continues to prioritize agriculture and food production as a key industry sector. This focus includes initiatives to support agribusinesses, enhance food processing capabilities, and promote local food systems.

2. Support for Agribusiness Startups

- The plan encourages innovation and entrepreneurship within the agricultural sector through programs like Grow-NY, which provides funding and mentorship to agribusiness startups.

3. Collaboration with Educational Institutions

- Partnerships with institutions like Cornell AgriTech are emphasized to advance research, development, and commercialization in agriculture and food production.

4. Sustainable Practices

- Emphasis on sustainable farming practices and the development of technologies to reduce environmental impacts and enhance the long-term viability of the agricultural sector.

5. Marketing and Branding

- Initiatives to enhance the regional and national marketing of Finger Lakes agricultural products, leveraging the region's reputation for high-quality produce and agritourism attractions.

The following components of the REDC Strategic Plan specifically support Monroe County initiatives:

1. Economic Impact and Job Creation:

- Significant investments in Monroe County include expansions by companies like Coca-Cola, which supports local food production through increased manufacturing and processing capabilities.

2. Workforce Development:

- Monroe Community College's involvement in workforce development initiatives tailored to meet the needs of the agricultural sector and related industries.

3. Innovation and Research:

- Monroe County benefits from the presence of research institutions and initiatives aimed at advancing agricultural technologies and practices.

4. Sustainability Projects:

- Monroe County is involved in regional sustainability projects that promote environmentally friendly agricultural practices and clean energy technologies.

5. Public-Private Partnerships:

- Collaborative efforts with local organizations and businesses in Monroe County to foster growth in the agricultural sector, enhance food processing infrastructure, and support agritourism.

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Cornell AgriTech

The New York Center of Excellence for Food and Agriculture at Cornell AgriTech offers access to research and facilities to support food and agriculture businesses in developing and marketing new products.

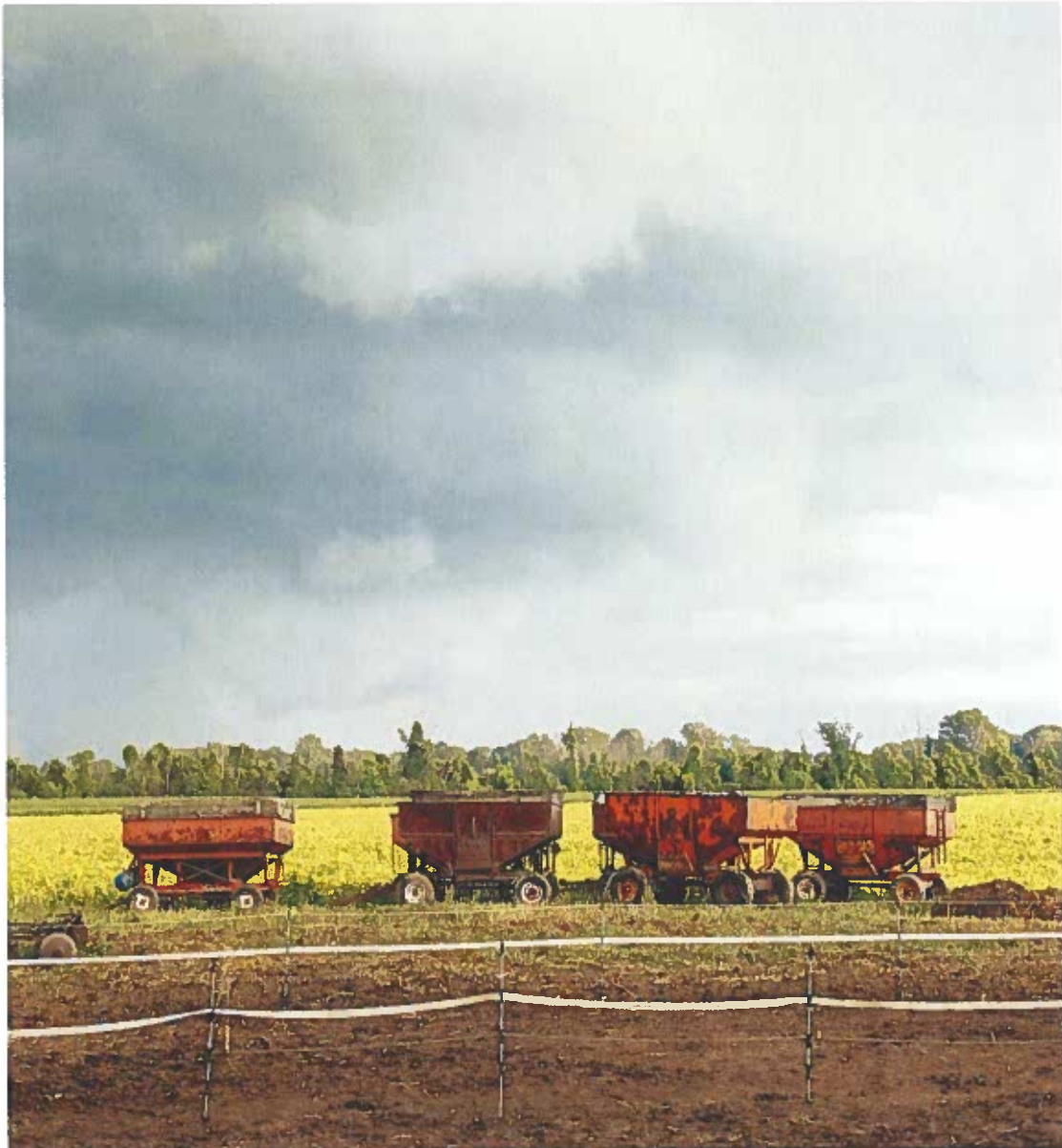


Photo 13. De Meyer Family Farms. Credit: Genesee Land Trust

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Agriculture in Monroe County both depends on and impacts natural resources. This section presents an overview of the water resources and wildlife habitats as well as current and projected climate conditions as well as an overview of relevant plans, studies and regulations.

1. Water Resources

Watersheds

A watershed is an area of land from which all water drains into a particular stream, river, lake, or other waterbody. Surface topographic features (such as ridges, mountains, and hills) help to define the boundaries of these watersheds. In Monroe County, nearly all the water that falls on the land or is expelled drains into four main HUC-8 (8-digit USGS Hydrologic Unit Code) watersheds -- Oak Orchard-Twelvemile, Lower Genesee, Irondequoit-Ninemile, and Seneca -- that drain into Lake Ontario (see Map 13). Divided largely by the Genesee River through the middle of the county, water to the west of the Genesee River drains into the Oak Orchard-Twelvemile watershed; water to the east largely drains into the Irondequoit-Ninemile watershed; and water through the middle of the county drains into the Lower Genesee watershed. Ultimately all the water that drains into these three HUC-8 watersheds drain into Lake Ontario. A small portion of land along the County's eastern boundary drains into the Seneca watershed, which ultimately drains into Seneca Lake. Water within these 10 sub-watersheds carry water into 4 different drainage basins.

As seen in the table below, a significant portion of land within each of these watersheds are covered by farmland.

Table 10. Watershed Landcover in Monroe County

Watershed	Area Covered	% of Monroe County Land Cover	Farmland Cover	Forested Cover	Developed Cover
Irondequoit-Ninemile	125,553	30%	24,235 (19%)	25,055 (20%)	37,809 (30%)
Oak Orchard-Twelvemile	136,973	32%	52,473 (38%)	31,904 (23%)	21,371 (15%)
Lower Genesee	157,397	37%	61,323 (39%)	24,042 (15%)	32,280 (20%)
Seneca	4,133	1%	2,179 (53%)	804 (19%)	87 (2%)

Each of these watersheds is made up of several HUC-12 sub-watersheds, as shown in Map 13.

Waterbodies

Monroe County is home to an abundance of waterbodies, including Lake Ontario, the Genesee River, Erie Canal, Braddock and Irondequoit Bays, and numerous smaller tributaries, ponds, and wetlands. Lake Ontario is the largest of the County's waterbodies, providing approximately 32 miles of coastline along its northern border. The lake's shoreline provides a favorable climate for producers in Monroe County as seen by the significant amount of land in the northwest portion of the County being used for agricultural purposes.

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Wetlands

Wetlands are regulated by both the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Changes in the NYS regulations effective January 2025 establish guidelines for identifying wetlands subject to State permitting.

Wetlands provide ecosystem services that benefit farmland such as filtering and sequestering agricultural pollutant runoff, supporting pollinator populations, recharging well water sources, and protecting lands from flood damage.

Stormwater Management

Many farms in Monroe County have installed drainage tiles and other improvements on the farm to manage stormwater and maintain soil productivity. Stormwater drainage systems along roadways and other existing drainage infrastructure, including streams, ditches and other structures, also help to carry stormwater away from farm fields.



Photo 14. Ponding on no-till field, Parma

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2. Habitats and Wildlife

Native Habitats and Species

Despite being one of New York's most populated counties, large portions of land within Monroe County remains undeveloped. Approximately 82,400 acres (19.3%) of Monroe County's land cover is classified as forested. Within that forested landcover there are several parcels of land dedicated specifically to the preservation of wildlife and natural habitats in the County. These protected lands include state parks and wildlife management areas; county parks and nature centers; and nature preserves managed by private not-for-profit organizations such as the Genesee Land Trust. These forested areas help to provide a diversity of habitats for wildlife; help support clean water sources; and provide opportunities for recreational activities. Ecosystem services that may benefit agriculture include nutrient cycling, pollinator support, seed dispersal, soil formation, pest and disease control, and climate regulation. Agriculturally, farmers can also utilize the benefits of forested areas located on their farms by generating income from timber harvesting or by employing agroforestry techniques such as silvopasturing.

Invasive and Pest Species

Invasive and pest species impact farms and the agricultural economy in Monroe County. Pest species such as the white-tailed deer and invasive species can significantly damage vegetable, fruit and ornamental crops. Monroe County is classified as having an infestation of spotted lanternfly, which feeds on maple, walnut and fruit trees, grapevines and hops and threatens apple and grape growers. Pest management techniques such as the construction of fences to prevent deer migration onto farmland and the application of insecticides to eradicate invasive insects can affect the surrounding natural environment. Climate change is expected to result in increases in weeds, insects and diseases that affect plants and reduce crop yields.⁴

According to the 2023 Monroe County Hazard Mitigation Plan, invasive species and infestation is a hazard that poses a significant threat to agriculture in Monroe County. It notes that the County has experienced infestations from Armyworm, Emerald ash borers, and Dutch elm disease. The USDA reports that infestation and invasive species caused \$72,000 in losses to farms in Monroe County between 2015 and 2022. As the climate becomes warmer and more humid, the risk from serious infestation from fungal and other diseases and pests is expected to increase.

In 2012, a spring storm system brought adult armyworm moths to western New York (from the south). The early arrival of warm spring weather was blamed for the appearance of an unusually high number of armyworms. Ordinarily, they arrive later in the season when more of their natural predators are present. Monroe County was included in a USDA disaster declaration (S3411) for the armyworm outbreak.

⁴ SOURCE: NYS Climate Impacts Assessment,
<https://nyaspubs.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/nyas.15192>

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Photo 15. Spotted Lanternfly. Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture

3. Climate

In 2014, The New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) updated their *ClimAID, Responding to Climate Change in New York State, Technical Report* with new projections on the impact of climate change in New York State, including Monroe County. Concerning the agricultural sector, the report noted that farmers would be on the front lines of coping with climate change; however, there will also likely be new opportunities from climate change, such as longer growing seasons and new crop options. In 2024, the New York Academy of Sciences published an updated Climate Impacts Assessment which includes a section on [Agriculture](#). The report noted that many of the issues highlighted in the previous study remain accurate. It summarizes the challenges facing agriculture as follows:

“The primary climate-related challenges New York farmers face include too much or too little precipitation, extreme weather events, shifts in growing season length, increasing variability and uncertainty (including warmer spring temperatures followed by hard freezes), heat stress, and increasing pressure from pests (insects, mites, plant diseases, weeds, and wildlife), and changes in phenology” (the timing of biological events such as plant flowering and insect emergence).

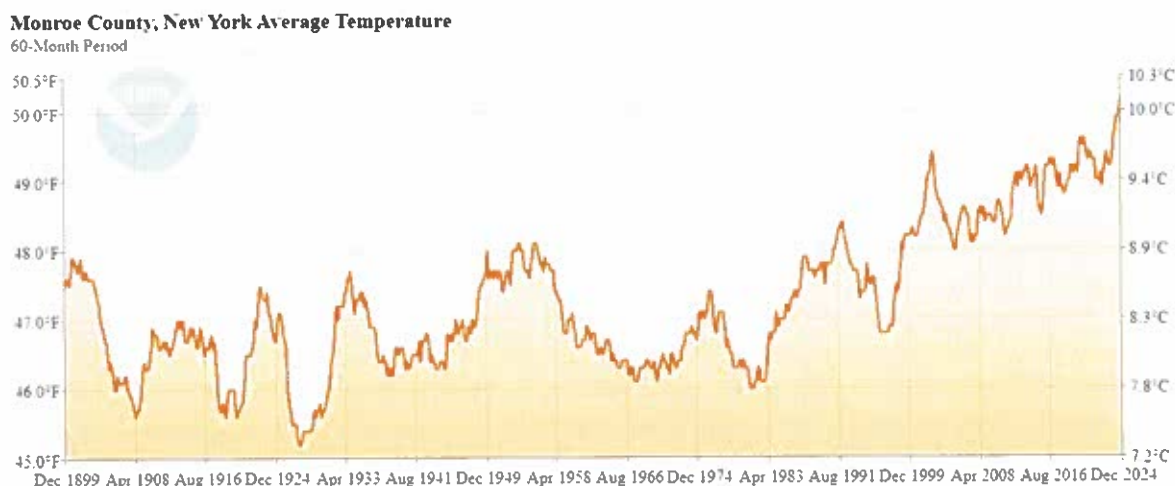
Air Temperature

The average yearly temperature for Monroe County in 2024 was 50.5 °F, with an average summer high of 80 °F in July and an average winter low of 20 °F in January. According to the ClimAID report, the average annual air temperature in Monroe County is projected to increase by 3.7 to 7.3 °F by the 2050s and by as much as 13.8 °F by 2100. NYSERDA’s report anticipates that each season will experience similar amounts of warming. Across New York State, the growing season is projected to lengthen by about a month, with summers becoming more intense and winters becoming milder. While these changes may lead to new opportunities in longer growing seasons and new crop types, these drastic changes will also strain current agricultural industries. For instance, hotter summers may lead to heat stresses on farm animals leading to a loss of production, the extension of breeding seasons for insect pests, and an increase in droughts which will damage the quality and yield of many crops. Additionally, winter

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agricultural industries such as Christmas tree and maple syrup production will be affected as the health of these trees relies on consistent cold weather.

Chart 19. Average Temperatures, 60-Month Period



SOURCE: NOAA National Centers for Environmental information, Climate at a Glance: County Time Series, published January 2025, retrieved on January 16, 2025, from <https://www.ncei.noaa.gov/access/monitoring/climate-at-a-glance/county/time-series>

Precipitation

On average, Monroe County receives 34 inches of rainfall annually and 76 inches of snow per year. According to the 2014 ClimAID Report, the average precipitation rate in Monroe County is predicted to increase by 2-12% by 2050 and by as much as 24% by 2100. The most serious impact of increased precipitation on Monroe County's agriculture could come from damage to crops, erosion and the loss of productive topsoil. Increased erosion from precipitation could lead to the loss of productive farmland and the increase of pollutants such as phosphorous entering the counties' waterbodies. Furthermore, agricultural communities that reside along streams may face increased risks of flooding during extreme precipitation events, damaging crop yields and destroying important farming tools/infrastructure.

Severe Weather Events

As climate characteristics such as air temperature and precipitation are anticipated to increase, the rate of extreme weather events is also anticipated to increase. According to the 2023 Monroe County Hazard Mitigation Plan, drought is a hazard that poses a significant threat to agriculture in Monroe County. Monroe County has experienced several USDA-declared disasters over recent years, including droughts (2016), flooding (2022), excessive heat (2015), frost/ freeze (2015 and 2020) and severe storms (2019).

Increasingly severe periods of drought combined with higher temperatures will increase the risk of wildfire which would be a threat to agriculture in Monroe County. During 2024, a November [brush fire in](#)

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Tompkins County burned approximately 10 acres and forest fires in the southeastern part of New York burned 2,100 acres⁵.

In 2020, excessive heat caused losses of \$98,000 to sweet corn, green pea and soybeans. In 2022, frost/freeze caused \$180 million in losses to apples and soybeans in Monroe County. Excessive moisture/precipitation/ rain in 2015 and 2017 caused losses of more than \$5 million. (Source: 2023 Monroe County Hazard Mitigation Plan, p. 5.4.4-9.) Future increases in severe weather events and daily temperatures will have serious repercussions for the agricultural success of farms in Monroe County as well as the health of its residents.

4. Relevant Plans, Studies & Programs

Monroe County SWCD/ AEM

The Monroe County Soil & Water District (SWCD) Agricultural Environmental Management (AEM) provides technical assistance and cost sharing to help farms plan and install conservation practices that help to protect water quality, maintain soil health and improve climate resiliency. The SWCD's 2021-2025 Strategic Plan prioritizes projects on farms located within watersheds where agricultural inputs are "Known" or "Suspected" to contribute to Impaired and stressed waterbodies. One of the priorities in SWCD's 2021-2025 Strategic Plan is the Salmon Creek subwatershed, which is within the Lake Ontario Shoreline – Rochester West watershed.

Genesee River Basin Nine Key Element Watershed Plan for Phosphorous and Sediment

The 2015 Genesee River Basin Nine Key Element Watershed Plan for Phosphorous and Sediment estimated that agricultural activities the amount contributed 311,912 lbs./yr. of phosphorus into the Genesee River Basin, comprising 42% of all phosphorus loading into the Basin. Farms that implement best management practices help to reduce the amount of phosphorous entering waterways that drain into the Genesee River.

Climate Resilient Farming Grants

The NYS Department of Agriculture & Markets (NYS AGM) administers the Climate Resilient Farming (CRF) program, which awards funds to County Soil & Water Conservation Districts (SWCD) on behalf of farmers to install projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions, enhance on-farm adaptation and resiliency to heavy storm events, rainfall and drought. Eligible projects include agricultural waste storage cover and flare for methane reduction, on-farm water management, and soil health systems such as cover crops. In the most recent round of funding, a dairy farm in Monroe County received funds to install a riparian buffer and irrigation water management system to reduce nutrient and runoff from the farm fields.

⁵ SOURCE: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2024_Northeastern_United_States_wildfires

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Agricultural Non-point Source Abatement & Control Grants

The Monroe County Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) administers grant funding allocated by the NYS New York State Soil & Water Conservation Committee and the Department of Agriculture &

- Markets to improve water quality by reducing pollutants resulting from various types of land uses. Projects completed through this program include:

- Streambank stabilization and restoration of riparian buffers to reduce nutrient and sediment migration from farm pastures into waterbodies
- Cover cropping to reduce erosion and the transport of contaminated soils into waterways
- Fencing to keep farm animals away from streams

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) manages several programs that help farmers install and maintain conservation practices.

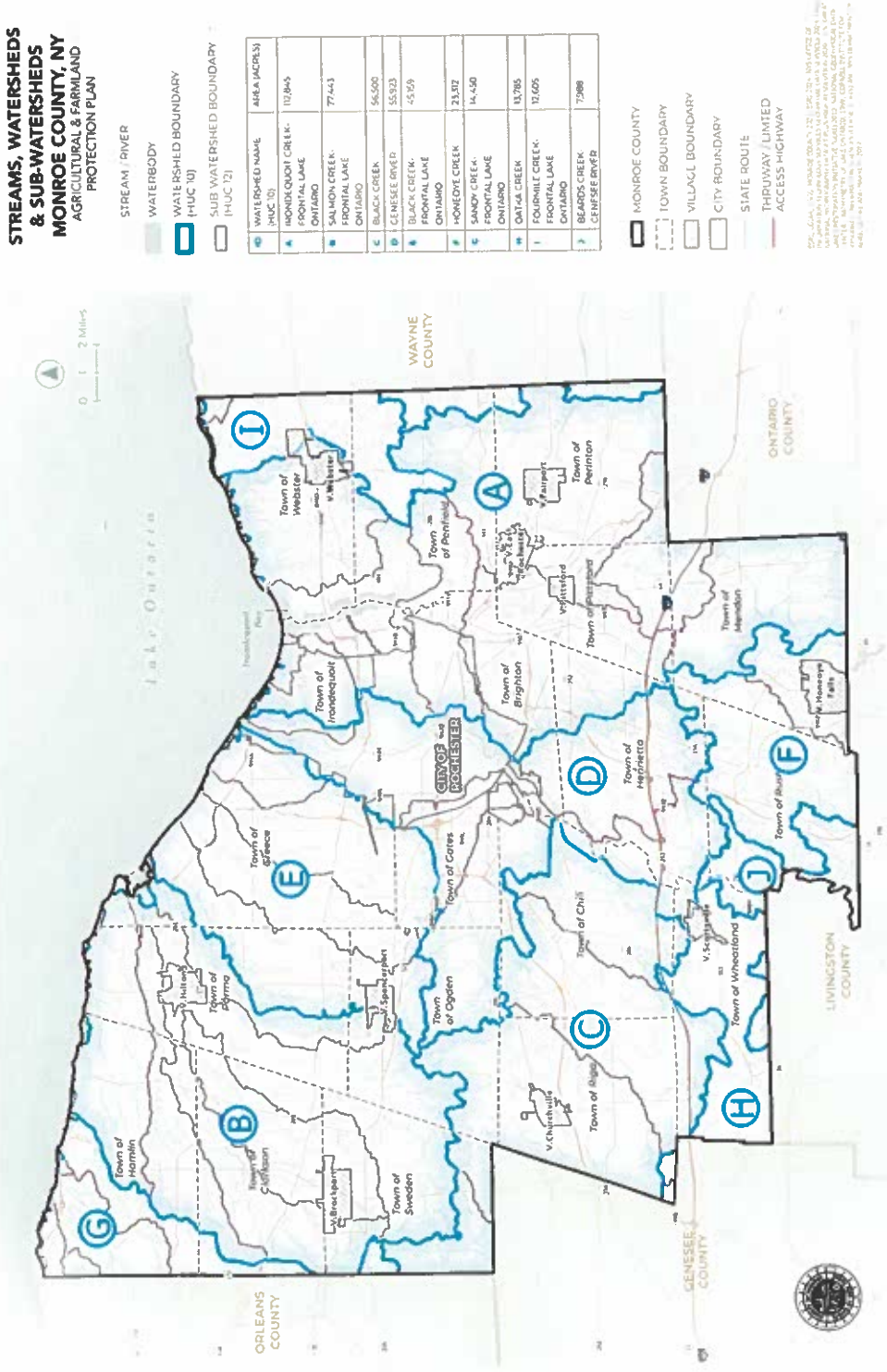
- The Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) provides yearly payments to farmers who remove environmentally sensitive land from production and plant environmentally beneficial species.
- The Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) provides technical and financial assistance to agricultural producers and forest landowners to plan and install conservation initiatives such as:
 - High Tunnel Systems ("hoop house")
 - Transition to organic
 - Energy efficiency improvements



Photo 16. Pete Widener farm, Chili. Provided by William Steimer

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Map 12. Streams, Watersheds & Sub-Watersheds



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D. Public Understanding & Appreciation of Agriculture

Existing programs to educate the public and increase public understanding and appreciation of agriculture include promotion of local farm products, outreach and education for local officials, and youth education.

1. Promotion of Local Farm Products

Monroe Community College's Agriculture & Life Sciences Institute promotes local farm products through the "Grow Monroe" campaign. A website promotes the benefits of buying local products, provides a month-by-month guide to harvest times and availability of local produce. A video and radio spots help to promote local produce.



Cornell Cooperative Extension of Monroe County promotes local farm products by listing farmers markets, CSAs, farm stores and U-Pick operations on its [website](#). The website also includes information about the benefits of buying local and a guide to seasonal harvests.

The New York State Farmers' Market Nutrition Programs (FMNP) promote local farmers by providing eligible consumers with coupons to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables at participating farmers' markets, farm stands and mobile markets. The program provides Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (FMNP) coupons to low-income seniors and to families eligible for the New York State Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), as well as FreshConnect Checks for veterans, service members, and recipients of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) recipients. Coupons can be used to purchase eligible food items at participating markets.

The Monroe County Fair was historically held at the fairgrounds in Henrietta, including the Dome Arena, and operated annually from 1947 to approximately 2013, after which it relocated to other venues. The fair featured agricultural exhibits, livestock competitions, food vendors, rides, live entertainment, and a variety of family activities. In 2020, the fair was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and subsequent efforts to re-establish the event have experienced mixed success. As a result, the fair has not consistently returned in its traditional form in recent years.

Re-establishing the Monroe County Fair would provide a valuable opportunity to strengthen and promote the county's agricultural connections by creating a dedicated venue for local farmers and producers to showcase their products, educate the public on agricultural practices, and foster connections between producers and consumers. Additionally, the fair can contribute to the economic vitality of local farms by expanding market exposure, community involvement, and agricultural awareness.

2. Decision-maker Education

Staff at Monroe Community College's Agriculture & Life Sciences have worked with local government officials to address conflicts between farmers and municipalities relating to interpretation of local laws and compliance with protections for farm operations within certified Agricultural Districts. MCC staff

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have also worked with assessors to help ensure consistent administration of agricultural use exemptions.

The Monroe County Farm Bureau organizes periodic farm tours and other events, such as the annual “Taste of Monroe County Legislative Reception”, for local government decision-makers to help them understand issues of importance to local farmers. The Farm Bureau also works with local farmers to help them understand and comply with government regulations such as training in NY Department of Transportation regulations and safety guidance regarding slow-moving farm vehicles.

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Monroe County sponsors educational workshops on issues of importance to farmers as well as local decision-makers.

Monroe County Department of Planning occasionally organizes training programs for planning board members and other local government officials on various topics. Past sessions have addressed agriculture-related issues such as right-to-farm provisions of the NYS Agricultural District Law.

3. Youth and Adult Education

Programs that educate youth about where food comes from help to promote public understanding of agriculture and encourage youth to consider careers in agriculture. Programs range from “Ag in the Classroom” curriculum for school children starting in kindergarten to 4-H, and career training at community colleges.

New York Agriculture in the Classroom

New York Agriculture in the Classroom (NYAITC) is a partnership of Cornell University, the NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets, the NYS Education Department, Cornell Cooperative Extension, and the New York Farm Bureau. Established in 1985, the program works with schoolteachers, Cornell Cooperative Extension and other partners to increase agricultural literacy in New York State.

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Monroe County

CCE Monroe County administers several educational programs for youth and adults.

- The New York Agriculture in the Classroom program is a partnership of Cornell University, the NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets, the NYS Education Department, Cornell Cooperative Extension, and the New York Farm Bureau. It offers curriculum materials for schoolteachers and educator workshops to promote agricultural literacy, as well as the Grow-NY Youth Competition to encourage entrepreneurship in agriculture, technology and agriculture-related businesses.
- 4-H is a worldwide youth development program that encourages learning and civic engagement. Monroe County activities include several 4-H Clubs and resources for parents and youth. 4-H programs work with youth ages 5 to 19 in activities related to “Citizenship”, “Healthy Lifestyles”, and “Science, Education and Technology.”
- CCE’s Horticulture program offers an Agricultural Workforce Development program which includes a Landscape Technicians training program for individuals seeking employment in the field of horticulture. The “Gaining Relevant and Outstanding Work Skills (GROWS) program to

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help residents of low-income neighborhoods in the City of Rochester develop work skills through employment at the CCE educational farm that would be transferable to other areas of employment.

FFA/ BOCES

Monroe 2-Orleans BOCES- Career and Technical Education Center has an FFA (formerly “Future Farmers of America”) chapter. FFA chapters in middle and high schools promote school-based agricultural education and offers opportunities for youth in leadership development and community engagement.

Springdale Farm

Springdale Farm is a public demonstration farm owned by Monroe County and operated by Heritage Christian Services, a non-sectarian human services agency that supports children and adults with developmental disabilities. The farm has been in operation since 1830 and offers visitors unique demonstrations of modern agriculture. Amenities include a petting zoo, playground, pavilion, and walking trails. Springdale Farm is also home to approximately 60 dairy cows and features the region’s first robotic milking system.

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E. Urban Agriculture

1. Overview of existing urban agriculture

“Urban Agriculture,” broadly defined, includes commercial for-profit and not-for-profit growers as well as school and community gardens and even backyard gardening. This Plan focuses on growers that produce agricultural products for commercial sale or institutional distribution while recognizing the significant benefits of community and school gardens and home gardens in providing access to food and increasing public understanding and appreciation of agriculture.

Commercial Growers

Commercial Agricultural Production is used to describe farming operations which are dedicated to producing agricultural products for revenue or distribution. These types of operations may be located in greenhouses or warehouses or on outdoor plots of land dedicated to the production of agricultural products to be sold for profit. Agricultural products produced within the City of Rochester include flowers, microgreens, mushrooms, and vegetables. Between 2016 and 2022, a facility in Eastman Business Park in the City of Rochester produced vegetables, and for a brief period cannabis for medical and adult use.

Rochester Microgreens

Rochester Microgreens produces herbs, flowers, lettuce, grasses and microgreens at a home-based indoor facility in the Maplewood neighborhood in the City of Rochester. The business sells directly to restaurants and other customers.

Leep Foods

Leep Foods produces organic mushrooms and blended products (such as chicken-and-mushroom sausage) at an indoor facility on Scottsville Road in Chili, NY. The company was awarded \$250,000 in the 2020 Grow-NY competition and received COMIDA support.

Smugtown Mushrooms

Smugtown Mushrooms currently cultivates mushrooms as a home-based business and sells directly to consumers at farmers markets and online. The company previously utilized warehouse space in the City of Rochester.

Columbia Care (Cannabis)

Between 2016 and 2022, Columbia Care produced cannabis for medical use in 2016 at a 204,000 sq. ft indoor growing facility leased from Eastman Kodak at the Eastman Business Park in Rochester. This facility grew all the cannabis for the company’s dispensaries throughout New York State. The company committed to a 7-year lease in exchange for financial incentives to support the start-up. When Columbia Care merged with Cresco Labs in 2022, it divested the Rochester facility.

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Community & School Gardens

Community gardens are green spaces which contain individual plots or shared gardening spaces that can be utilized by community members to grow various plants and produce for personal consumption or to be utilized by the community as a local and sustainable source of healthy food options.

Community gardens are generally publicly accessible but can be located on public or private land.

More than 50 community gardens in Monroe County produce vegetables, flowers and other products. These include community gardens associated with City of Rochester R-Centers, gardens maintained by FoodLink as part of its Emergency Food Pantry program, gardens owned and operated by various religious institutions, gardens run by community organizations, and gardens owned and operated by municipalities.

School gardens are typically located on school property and are often developed and used in coordination with the school's curriculum or as extracurricular clubs. These gardens typically focus more on the educational aspects of gardening in addition to food production.

Not-for-Profit Growers/ Educational/Workforce Training

Some urban agriculture sites in Monroe County are designed to educate the community about the importance of agriculture as well as teaching valuable skills which can in turn be used to further participants' careers. Examples of these types of urban agriculture include CCE, FoodLink and school gardens. To retain tax exempt status, not-for-profit organizations must ensure that their food and flower production serves the charitable or educational purposes of the organization.

Examples of not-for-profit organizations operating community gardens

Foodlink Community Farm

The [Foodlink Community Farm](https://foodlinkny.org/program/foodlink-community-farm/) consists of a commercial growing operation and a large community garden located on a 1.6-acre urban agriculture campus between the Edgerton and Lyell-Otis neighborhoods of northwest Rochester.

The Foodlink Community Farm produces an average of 2,000 pounds of produce annually to support Foodlink's Curbside Market, Community Kitchen and Nutrition Education programs. This commercial growing operation includes an orchard and apiary.

Photo 17. Foodlink Community Farm. Source: <https://foodlinkny.org/program/foodlink-community-farm/>



The community garden was founded in 2011 through the advocacy of immigrants working with Mary's Place who were seeking a space to grow traditional and medicinal foods. Many members of the Nepalese, Burmese, Somali and Bhutanese communities who participate were farmers in their home

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countries. The community garden now provides space for 65 families to grow approximately 6,000 pounds of food for their households each year.

Foodlink also collaborates with schools and community organizations to help build teaching and community gardens.

Green Visions

The not-for-profit organization Greentopia installs and cultivates cut flowers as part of the Green Visions workforce development program. Program participants cultivate flowers and sell arrangements at the Rochester Public Market and Wegmans. Established in 2012, the program recruits young adults age 16-24 to plant and maintain flower gardens on vacant lots in the JOSANA neighborhood in the City of Rochester. Participants receive training and certifications as well as a stipend.



Photo 18. Green Visions (SOURCE: <https://greenvisions.org/>)

Cornell Cooperative Extension's South Lawn

In 2022, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Monroe County developed a market garden CCE facility at 2449 St. Paul Boulevard which is used in its GROWS (Growing Relevant and Outstanding Work Skills) workforce development program to assist at-risk young adults overcome barriers to employment, develop skills and learn about horticulture and agriculture.

CCE manages two workforce development programs: (1) the Landscape Technicians Training Program and (2) GROWS Program which provide individuals with the skills necessary to obtain a career in horticulture as well as general work skills that would be transferable to other areas of employment.

City of Rochester

Within the City of Rochester, there were approximately 80 food-growing gardens in 2024 (City Permit: 42; R-Center: 6; RCSD: 10; RPL: 2; Private Land: 16; Other: 4) About half utilized city garden permits and 20% were on private land.

The [City's Garden Permit Program](#) allows individuals or community groups to apply for developing a community garden on a vacant city-lot on a one-year basis in accordance with guidelines set by the City. Applicants must re-apply every year. The City also offers a 5-year Garden Permit for organizations that have successfully completed three seasons of the garden permit program. The 5-year Garden Permit allows these organizations to establish programs and facilities on site that may be longer-term investments, enhancing productivity and programming and fulfilling more long-term planning visions for the space.

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Suburban Community Gardens

Community gardens are located in many Towns and villages. Some larger gardens include those in Brighton, Perinton and Webster.

- As part of the **Town of Brighton's** Color Brighton Green Initiative, founded in 2008, the Town of Brighton, an inner-ring suburb of Rochester, established the [Brighton Farmers Market and Community Garden](#). The Brighton Community Garden, which sits adjacent to their winter farmers' market location, offers 100 plots available to the community to grow their own local produce. Each year, some of the produce grown there is donated to the Brighton Food Cupboard. In addition to facilitating a community garden, the Town also hosts a summer and winter farmers' market. The farmers' market supports local producers by requiring vendors that participate to be within 100 miles of the Town.
- The [Perinton Community Garden](#) in Potter Park, Fairport, was established in 2011 on the site of a WWII Victory Garden. The garden has more than 100 raised plants used by members to grow vegetables, herbs and flowers as well as eight community beds, vertical gardens and a worm composting system.
- The Town of Penfield owns and manages the [Penfield Community Victory Garden](#) on a 3.3-acre site at 1748 Five Mile Line Road. Residents can rent plots to grow organic vegetables, flowers and herbs.

2. Organizations involved in Urban Agriculture

Several not-for-profit organizations provide coordination, education and technical assistance to residents and organizations involved in urban agriculture. The following list identifies several of these organizations.

FoodLink

Foodlink is a nonprofit dedicated to ending hunger and building healthier communities by addressing both the symptoms and roots causes of food insecurity.

- Owns and operates a 1.6-acre urban farm in the Edgerton and Lyell-Otis Neighborhood which consists of a large community garden and commercial growing operation.
- Food grown on the urban farm is utilized for their curbside market, community kitchen, and nutrition education programs.
- Collaborates with local schools and organizations to help them develop their own community gardens and urban agriculture programs.

Taproot Collective

The Taproot Collective is a nonprofit organization with the mission of designing and building holistic systems for healthy local food, and to provide educational opportunities for city youth and families.

Taproot Collective provides access to funding and organizing support to community gardens which aren't established nonprofits with a board overseeing operations. They also provide programming services to support institutions and community groups committed to food justice.

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Taproot Collective owns and maintains the First Market Farm, a 4,500 sq ft lot which holds garden beds and a greenhouse, which the Collective use for educational and youth-employment programming. Located near the Rochester Public Market's north entrance, it was designed as a pilot "proof of concept" community garden and serves as the site for educational programming and training in growing food as well as nutrition and how to cook and store fresh produce.

During 2024, the organization supported 68 community or school gardens, distributed materials including seeds and seedlings, conducted 15 educational workshops and employed 32 youth and two adults.

490 Farmers

490 Farmers is an urban farming collective that maintains the Broadway Community Garden and Free Food Forest. The Broadway Community Garden has 40 garden plots which community members can apply to grow their own local fruits and vegetables. The Free Food Forest is open to the public who can help themselves to the fresh produce grown.

M.K. Gandhi Institute for Nonviolence

The **M.K. Gandhi Institute for Nonviolence** is a nonprofit organization that partners with other local organizations to promote nonviolence education, restorative practices, environmental sustainability, and racial justice.

The institute owns and operates a 24-bed community garden and greenhouse in the Plymouth-Exchange Neighborhood which is used to grow produce that is distributed to neighbors in the community and families at the nearby School #19. It also offers workshops teaching community members skills on growing their own vegetable garden and healthy cooking.

Grow Green Rochester

Grow Green Rochester is an urban agriculture program that serves as an outdoor classroom devoted to fostering S.T.E.M concepts with a focus on ending food deserts in Rochester.

Flower City Pickers

Flower City Pickers is a nonprofit organization that supports the local community by delivering free food from Rochester Public Market vendors that would otherwise be landfill bound.

3. Existing Plans, Programs & Regulations

Rochester Food System Plan

"The Rochester Community Food System Plan is a city-wide assessment and planning initiative intended to inform City policies, strategies, and activities to improve healthy food access and create a stronger food system in Rochester."

Findings from the initial research include:

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- Rochester is located within an abundant agricultural region with real strength in vegetable and fruit production.
 - Monroe County has 3x the % of farms with Direct to Consumer sales compared to U.S. counties as a whole
- Increasing numbers of food-growing gardens in Rochester
 - Rochester had 80 food-growing gardens in 2024 (City Permit: 42; R-Center: 6; RCSD: 10; RPL: 2; Private Land: 16; Other: 4) About half utilized city garden permits and 20% were on private land
 - City's permit program has grown to around 80 active gardens since 2019 (includes non-food gardens)
- Rochester residents value access to community gardening but perceive barriers to land tenure and resources.
 - Focus group attendees cited community as the most common benefit of urban agriculture and gardening
 - Some residents find the City permitting process to be challenging to access
- Food is an important part of Rochester's economy - but entrepreneurs face challenges when attempting to scale their small businesses.
 - Rochester is home to over 12K food-related jobs - about 10% of all jobs
 - In manufacturing categories, Rochester overperforms (relative to US) in: Baked Goods, Beverages, Packaged Fruit & Veg, Food Packaging
- Rochester residents experience food insecurity at high levels with disproportionate impacts to specific demographic groups and neighborhoods.
 - 39,840 food insecure residents in the City of Rochester and 95,530 in Monroe County as a whole
 - Access to food retail is highly variable, with price and transportation cited as top barriers.
 - Benefit and incentive programs are widely utilized at food stores but there is room to increase participation among eligible populations.
- Rochester is home to uniquely innovative organizations and initiatives which can be further leveraged to strengthen the food system.
 - FOODLINK: Regional food bank with highly diversified and innovative programming
 - ROCHESTER PUBLIC MARKET: Unique partnership with Friends of the RPM; hugely successful SNAP redemption program (\$1.1M in 2023)
 - HEADWATER FOOD HUB: Regional food hub building regional supply chains; innovative product lines
 - Additional key organizations include: The Commissary, Taproot Collective, Common Ground Health, Rochester Food Policy Council, network of ~90 food pantries, farmers' markets, etc.
 - Recent initiatives include: \$3M in Innovative Food Model grants, Healthy ROC Grocer Program, SNAP Restaurant Meals Program (RMP).
- Information and data about Rochester's food system are fragmented, difficult to navigate, and incomplete.

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- Recent investments set the stage for the City of Rochester to take a stronger role in addressing food system issues.
 - Recent investments include Healthy ROC Grocer, Innovative Food Model grants, and this planning process

Urban Agriculture Working Group

The Urban Agriculture Working Group formed in 2014 to bring together representatives of community gardens, not-for-profit organizations, universities, community associations and community members. An annual community garden conference provides ongoing education and opportunities for collaboration.

Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) of Monroe County

Monroe County Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) provides research-based information and educational programming to ensure the vitality of local agriculture and to promote the health and well-being of the community and natural environment. CCE is also a member of the Rochester Urban Agriculture Working Group which helps to cultivate leaders in Rochester's urban agriculture community by supporting urban agriculture policies and providing the necessary resources and educational opportunities.

CCE's Harvest NY Program

Harvest NY is a federally funded, state executed program that focuses on the local food and supply chain, urban agriculture, community gardens, emerging crops, and ag climate resiliency. Specialists in these areas, including two team members in the CCE Monroe office, help to increase profitability and sustainability by:

- Facilitating connections to research and resources of Cornell University and Cornell Cooperative Extension
- Assisting with workforce development and business expansion
- Responding to emerging opportunities with educational resources and technical assistance to farmers and businesses.

Monroe County Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD)

In addition to its other programs relating to environmental protection, the Monroe County Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD), in partnership with Cornell Cooperative Extension Harvest NY and EquiCenter, provided funding and technical assistance to help three community organizations establish or expand community gardens. Between 2020 and 2023, community gardens were established or restored at Living Word Temple of Restoration, Spiritus Christi/ The Neilsen House, and Rochester City School No. 42, and Asbury First United Methodist Church.

City of Rochester Comprehensive Plan

The Urban Agriculture + Community Garden component of the City of Rochester's Plan 2034 includes the following goals and recommended actions to support urban agriculture and community gardens.

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- **Support urban agriculture as a valid reuse option for vacant land and vacant buildings.**
 - Recommended actions include: updating the City's zoning code to allow urban agriculture as a permitted use; market strategic sites for large-scale hydroponic or aquaponic operations; facilitate composting of organic waste that can be utilized in gardens; evaluate policies and funding sources to provide water to community gardens; and, support grants for community gardens and workforce development programs; convene a local Food Policy Council
- **Facilitate community gardening on City-owned vacant lots.**
 - Recommended actions include: creating a longer term (5-10 years) permit/ lease arrangement for community garden sponsors who have demonstrated sustainable gardening operations over the course of a full growing season and have support by the immediate neighborhood; facilitate meetings with gardeners and City staff to assess the permit process; accept proposals from gardeners for vacant lot redevelopment; and work with refugee service providers to use City-owned vacant land for community gardening and programming
- **Explore innovative urban agriculture initiatives.**
 - Recommended actions include: research feasibility of introducing edible landscaping in public areas; research feasibility of a hydroponic/ aquaponics operation as a potential employee-owned coop; and explore support for installation of high tunnels and other season-extending production aids on City-owned land, in partnership with USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service.

4. Resources for Funding and Technical Assistance

USDA Urban Agriculture & Innovative Production Grants

At the federal level, the USDA provides financial and technical assistance to urban and small-scale producers with growing, processing, and selling their agricultural products. The USDA's [Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production Grant](#) offers funding to initiate or expand urban agricultural efforts. Grant funding awarded through this program can be utilized for either planning or implementation activities. Planning activities include assessing community needs, researching best practices, or conducting business planning and feasibility studies related to urban agriculture. Eligible implementation activities include expanding operations, providing workforce training, implementing best practices, or supporting educational programs. In Monroe County, Foodlink was awarded over \$94,000 in 2021 through this program to evaluate and redesign their commercial and community growing spaces to maximize community engagement, food production, and innovation.

Other Federal Programs

Other federal agencies and departments that can assist urban agriculture operations through financial and technical assistance include:

- (1) the Farm Service Agency which can offer microloans tailored to small-scale farms,
- (2) the Natural Resources Conservation Service which can offer financial assistance with implementing urban agriculture best practices,

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- (3) the Food Nutrition Service which can provide funding for farm to school programs, and
- (4) the Agricultural research Service which provide funding to research innovative production techniques such as vertical farming.

[USDA's Urban Agriculture Programs at a Glance](#) lists current federal programs available to assist urban agriculture operations.

New York State Office of Community Gardens and Community Gardens Task Force

The Office of Community Gardens was created by the State to support New Yorkers who are dedicated to building greener and healthier cities. The program helps interested individuals and organizations with forming community gardens by leveraging resources across state agencies to assist with identifying vacant public land for the development of community gardens, and by coordinating between those interested parties and the state agencies.

Established through an update to the NYS Agriculture and Markets Law in 2021, the Community Gardens Task Force is a group of stakeholders tasked with studying, evaluating, and developing recommendations to the State which would support the development of community gardens. The taskforce meets biannually and is required to submit a report to the Governor and Legislature every five years. Currently one member of the taskforce is from Monroe County.

Urban Farms and Community Gardens Grant Program

Now in its second year of funding, New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets (NYSDAM) administers the [Urban Farms and Community Gardens Grant Program](#) which provides funding for the expansion or development of community gardens, school gardens, and urban farms. With \$1,000,000 in available funding, NYSDAM offers minimum grant amounts of \$20,000 with a 10% match for projects that are focused on improving food security in urban areas through food production, food safety, and food distribution.



Photo 19. Reed Farm, Chili. Credit: Gay Mills

Appendices

- A. *Summary of Public Engagement*
- B. *IMPLAN Economic Data Analysis*
- C. *Municipal Land Use Regulations Analysis*

By Legislators Hughes-Smith and Maffucci

Intro. No. _____

RESOLUTION NO. _____ OF 2026

**ACCEPTING MUNICIPAL WASTE REDUCTION AND RECYCLING GRANT-IN-AID FROM
NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION FOR
MUNICIPAL WASTE REDUCTION AND/OR RECYCLING PROJECT FOR PUBLIC
EDUCATION**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF MONROE, as follows:

Section 1. The County Executive, or his designee, is hereby authorized to accept a \$215,241 Municipal Waste Reduction and Recycling Grant-In-Aid from, and execute a contract and any amendments thereto, with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation for a Municipal Waste Reduction and/or Recycling Project for recycling salaries and public education for the period of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026.

Section 2. Funding for this grant, along with a 50% matching requirement, is included in the 2026 operating budget of the Department of Environmental Services, solid waste fund 9009, funds center 8201010000, Solid Waste Administration.

Section 3. This resolution shall take effect in accordance with Section C2-7 of the Monroe County Charter.

Environment & Public Works Committee; June 22, 2026 - CV: 7-0
Ways & Means Committee; June 22, 2026 - CV: 11-0
File No. 26-0186

ADOPTION: Date: _____ Vote: _____

ACTION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

APPROVED: _____ VETOED: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

EFFECTIVE DATE OF RESOLUTION: _____

By Legislators Hughes-Smith and Delvecchio Hoffman

Intro. No. ____

RESOLUTION NO. ____ OF 2026

CLASSIFICATION OF ACTION AND DETERMINATION OF SIGNIFICANCE PURSUANT TO STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT FOR CONVEYANCE OF PERMANENT EASEMENT FOR THE ROCHESTER GAS AND ELECTRIC IMPROVEMENT PROJECT IN TOWN OF GATES

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF MONROE, as follows:

Section 1. The Monroe County Legislature determines that the conveyance of a permanent easement for the Rochester Gas and Electric Improvement Project located in the Town of Gates is an Unlisted action.

Section 2. The Monroe County Legislature has reviewed and considered the Short Environmental Assessment Form dated May 5, 2026 and has considered the potential environmental impacts of the conveyance of a permanent easement for the Rochester Gas and Electric Improvement Project located in the Town of Gates pursuant to the requirements of the State Environmental Quality Review Act and has found that the proposed action will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts. The Monroe County Legislature hereby issues and adopts the Negative Declaration attached hereto and made a part hereof and determines that an environmental impact statement is not required.

Section 3. The County Executive, or his designee, is hereby authorized to take such actions to comply with the requirements of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, including without limitation, the execution of documents and the filing, distribution, and publication of the documents required under the State Environmental Quality Review Act, and any other actions to implement the intent of this resolution.

Section 4. This resolution shall take effect in accordance with Section C2-7 of the Monroe County Charter.

Environment & Public Works Committee; June 22, 2026 - CV: 7-0
File No. 26-0187

ADOPTION: Date: _____ Vote: _____

ACTION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

APPROVED: _____ VETOED: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

EFFECTIVE DATE OF RESOLUTION: _____

Short Environmental Assessment Form

Part 1 - Project Information

Instructions for Completing

Part 1 – Project Information. The applicant or project sponsor is responsible for the completion of Part 1. Responses become part of the application for approval or funding, are subject to public review, and may be subject to further verification. Complete Part 1 based on information currently available. If additional research or investigation would be needed to fully respond to any item, please answer as thoroughly as possible based on current information.

Complete all items in Part 1. You may also provide any additional information which you believe will be needed by or useful to the lead agency; attach additional pages as necessary to supplement any item.

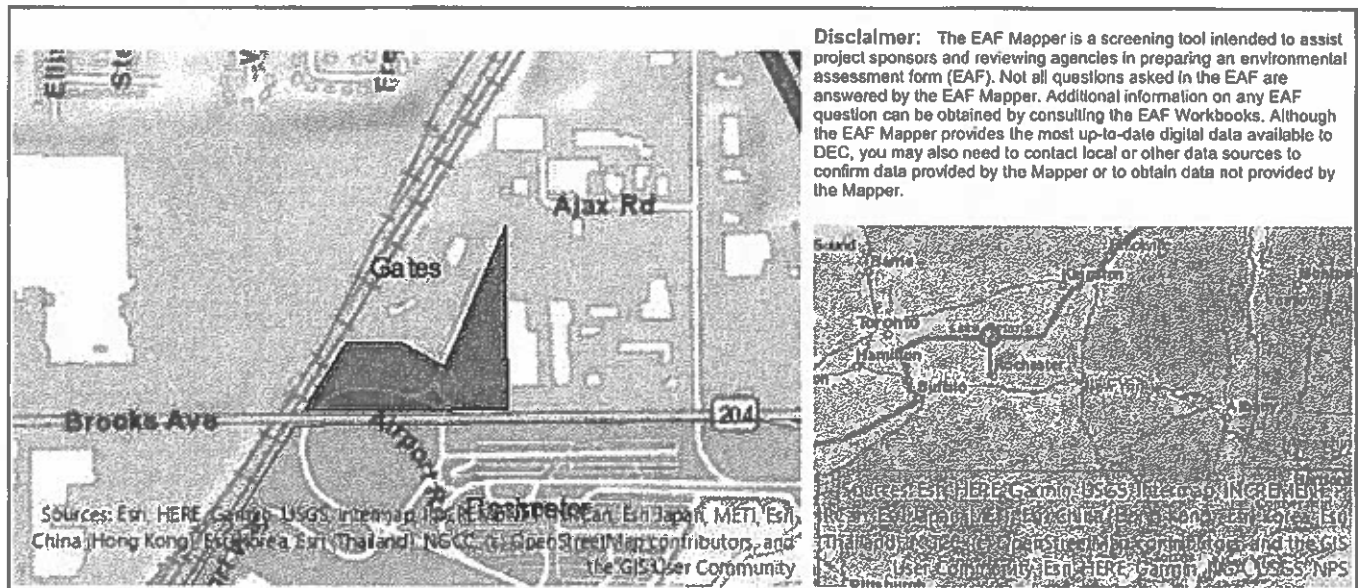
Part 1 – Project and Sponsor Information			
Name of Action or Project: Conveyance of a Permanent Easement to Rochester Gas and Electric			
Project Location (describe, and attach a location map): Brooks Avenue			
Brief Description of Proposed Action: Authorize the Conveyance of a Permanent Easements on County Owned Property to Rochester Gas and Electric Corporation for Underground Transmission and/or Distribution of Electric, Gas and All Necessary Appurtenances and Fixtures at County Owned Property Located in Monroe County			
Name of Applicant or Sponsor: Monroe County		Telephone: 585 753 1233	
		E-Mail:	
Address: 39 W Main Street			
City/PO: Rochester		State: NY	Zip Code: 14614
1. Does the proposed action only involve the legislative adoption of a plan, local law, ordinance, administrative rule, or regulation? If Yes, attach a narrative description of the intent of the proposed action and the environmental resources that may be affected in the municipality and proceed to Part 2. If no, continue to question 2.		NO ☒	YES ☐
2. Does the proposed action require a permit, approval or funding from any other government Agency? If Yes, list agency(s) name and permit or approval:		NO ☒	YES ☐
3. a. Total acreage of the site of the proposed action? _____ .11 acres b. Total acreage to be physically disturbed? _____ 0 acres c. Total acreage (project site and any contiguous properties) owned or controlled by the applicant or project sponsor? _____ .11 acres			
4. Check all land uses that occur on, are adjoining or near the proposed action:			
5. ☐ Urban ☐ Rural (non-agriculture) ☐ Industrial ☒ Commercial ☐ Residential (suburban) ☐ Forest ☐ Agriculture ☐ Aquatic ☐ Other(Specify): ☐ Parkland			

5. Is the proposed action,	NO	YES	N/A
a. A permitted use under the zoning regulations?	☐	☐	☒
b. Consistent with the adopted comprehensive plan?	☐	☐	☒
6. Is the proposed action consistent with the predominant character of the existing built or natural landscape?	NO	YES	
	☐	☒	
7. Is the site of the proposed action located in, or does it adjoin, a state listed Critical Environmental Area?	NO	YES	
If Yes, identify: _____	☒	☐	
8. a. Will the proposed action result in a substantial increase in traffic above present levels?	NO	YES	
	☒	☐	
b. Are public transportation services available at or near the site of the proposed action?	☐	☒	
c. Are any pedestrian accommodations or bicycle routes available on or near the site of the proposed action?	☐	☒	
9. Does the proposed action meet or exceed the state energy code requirements?	NO	YES	
If the proposed action will exceed requirements, describe design features and technologies: _____ _____	☒	☐	
10. Will the proposed action connect to an existing public/private water supply?	NO	YES	
If No, describe method for providing potable water: _____ _____	☒	☐	
11. Will the proposed action connect to existing wastewater utilities?	NO	YES	
If No, describe method for providing wastewater treatment: _____ _____	☒	☐	
12. a. Does the project site contain, or is it substantially contiguous to, a building, archaeological site, or district which is listed on the National or State Register of Historic Places, or that has been determined by the Commissioner of the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation to be eligible for listing on the State Register of Historic Places?	NO	YES	
	☒	☐	
b. Is the project site, or any portion of it, located in or adjacent to an area designated as sensitive for archaeological sites on the NY State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) archaeological site inventory?	☒	☐	
13. a. Does any portion of the site of the proposed action, or lands adjoining the proposed action, contain wetlands or other waterbodies regulated by a federal, state or local agency?	NO	YES	
	☐	☒	
b. Would the proposed action physically alter, or encroach into, any existing wetland or waterbody?	☒	☐	
If Yes, identify the wetland or waterbody and extent of alterations in square feet or acres: _____ A Federal wetland is located approximately 300 feet west of the site. _____ _____			

14. Identify the typical habitat types that occur on, or are likely to be found on the project site. Check all that apply:		
☐ Shoreline ☐ Forest ☐ Agricultural/grasslands ☐ Early mid-successional ☐ Wetland ☐ Urban ☒ Suburban		
15. Does the site of the proposed action contain any species of animal, or associated habitats, listed by the State or Federal government as threatened or endangered?	NO ☒	YES ☐
16. Is the project site located in the 100-year flood plan?	NO ☒	YES ☐
17. Will the proposed action create storm water discharge, either from point or non-point sources? If Yes,	NO ☒	YES ☐
a. Will storm water discharges flow to adjacent properties?	☐	☐
b. Will storm water discharges be directed to established conveyance systems (runoff and storm drains)?	☐	☐
If Yes, briefly describe: _____ _____		
18. Does the proposed action include construction or other activities that would result in the impoundment of water or other liquids (e.g., retention pond, waste lagoon, dam)? If Yes, explain the purpose and size of the impoundment: _____ _____	NO ☒	YES ☐
19. Has the site of the proposed action or an adjoining property been the location of an active or closed solid waste management facility? If Yes, describe: _____ _____	NO ☒	YES ☐
20. Has the site of the proposed action or an adjoining property been the subject of remediation (ongoing or completed) for hazardous waste? If Yes, describe: _____ _____	NO ☐	YES ☒
The Comfort Inn Brownfield Cleanup Site is located approximately 1,000 feet east of the site.		
I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ABOVE IS TRUE AND ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE Applicant/sponsor/name: <u>AMY E GRANDE</u> Date: <u>5-5-26</u> Signature: <u><i>Amy E. Grande</i></u> Title: _____		

EAF Mapper Summary Report

Monday, April 6, 2026 8:38 AM



Part 1 / Question 7 [Critical Environmental Area]	No
Part 1 / Question 12a [National or State Register of Historic Places or State Eligible Sites]	No
Part 1 / Question 12b [Archeological Sites]	No
Part 1 / Question 13a [Wetlands or Other Regulated Waterbodies]	Yes - Digital mapping information on local, New York State, and federal wetlands and waterbodies is known to be incomplete. Refer to the EAF Workbook.
Part 1 / Question 15 [Threatened or Endangered Animal]	No
Part 1 / Question 16 [100 Year Flood Plain]	No
Part 1 / Question 20 [Remediation Site]	Yes

Agency Use Only [If applicable]

Project: Easement to RG&E

Date: 5-7-26

Short Environmental Assessment Form
Part 2 - Impact Assessment

Part 2 is to be completed by the Lead Agency.

Answer all of the following questions in Part 2 using the information contained in Part 1 and other materials submitted by the project sponsor or otherwise available to the reviewer. When answering the questions the reviewer should be guided by the concept "Have my responses been reasonable considering the scale and context of the proposed action?"

	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
1. Will the proposed action create a material conflict with an adopted land use plan or zoning regulations?	☒	☐
2. Will the proposed action result in a change in the use or intensity of use of land?	☒	☐
3. Will the proposed action impair the character or quality of the existing community?	☒	☐
4. Will the proposed action have an impact on the environmental characteristics that caused the establishment of a Critical Environmental Area (CEA)?	☒	☐
5. Will the proposed action result in an adverse change in the existing level of traffic or affect existing infrastructure for mass transit, biking or walkway?	☒	☐
6. Will the proposed action cause an increase in the use of energy and it fails to incorporate reasonably available energy conservation or renewable energy opportunities?	☒	☐
7. Will the proposed action impact existing:	☒	☐
a. public / private water supplies?	☒	☐
b. public / private wastewater treatment utilities?	☒	☐
8. Will the proposed action impair the character or quality of important historic, archaeological, architectural or aesthetic resources?	☒	☐
9. Will the proposed action result in an adverse change to natural resources (e.g., wetlands, waterbodies, groundwater, air quality, flora and fauna)?	☒	☐
10. Will the proposed action result in an increase in the potential for erosion, flooding or drainage problems?	☒	☐
11. Will the proposed action create a hazard to environmental resources or human health?	☒	☐

Agency Use Only (If applicable)

Project: Easement to RG&E

Date: 5-7-26

Short Environmental Assessment Form Part 3 Determination of Significance

For every question in Part 2 that was answered "moderate to large impact may occur", or if there is a need to explain why a particular element of the proposed action may or will not result in a significant adverse environmental impact, please complete Part 3. Part 3 should, in sufficient detail, identify the impact, including any measures or design elements that have been included by the project sponsor to avoid or reduce impacts. Part 3 should also explain how the lead agency determined that the impact may or will not be significant. Each potential impact should be assessed considering its setting, probability of occurring, duration, irreversibility, geographic scope and magnitude. Also consider the potential for short-term, long-term and cumulative impacts.

Part 1 of the EAF indicates that the site contains or is near wetlands and a remediation site. This action pertains solely to the conveyance of a Permanent Easement on County Owned Property to Rochester Gas and Electric Corporation for Underground Transmission. No wetlands or remediation site will be impacted by the conveyance itself. Any future development of the parcel will be subject to local zoning and building codes, as well as all applicable federal and New York State wetland regulations.

The Comfort Inn Brownfield Cleanup Site is located approximately 1,000 feet east of the site. Remediation at this site has been completed.

Accordingly, no wetlands or remediation site will be impacted from this acquisition and the action will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts.

- ☐ Check this box if you have determined, based on the information and analysis above, and any supporting documentation, that the proposed action may result in one or more potentially large or significant adverse impacts and an environmental impact statement is required.
- ☒ Check this box if you have determined, based on the information and analysis above, and any supporting documentation, that the proposed action will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts.

Monroe County

Name of Lead Agency

Adam J. Bello

Print or Type Name of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency

Date

County Executive

Title of Responsible Officer



Signature of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency

Signature of Preparer (if different from Responsible Officer)

PRINT FORM

By Legislators Frazier and Maffucci

Intro. No. ____

RESOLUTION NO. _____ OF 2026

AUTHORIZING CONVEYANCE OF PERMANENT EASEMENT TO ROCHESTER GAS AND ELECTRIC FOR ROCHESTER GAS AND ELECTRIC IMPROVEMENT PROJECT IN TOWN OF GATES

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF MONROE, as follows:

Section 1. The County Executive, or his designee, is hereby authorized to convey the permanent easement on County-owned property identified by tax identification number 134.08-1-82.1 and execute all documents necessary for the Rochester Gas and Electric Improvement Project in the Town of Gates.

<u>Parcel</u>	<u>Offeror</u>	<u>Offered Amount</u>
Area 1, PE, 5,035 sf	Rochester Gas and Electric	\$930
Brooks Avenue	180 South Clinton Avenue	
T.A. #134.08-1-82.1	Rochester, New York 14604	
Town of Gates		

Section 2. This resolution shall take effect in accordance with Section C2-7 of the Monroe County Charter.

Planning & Economic Development Committee; June 22, 2026 - CV: 4-0
 Ways & Means Committee; June 22, 2026 – CV: 11-0
 File No. 26-0188

ADOPTION: Date:

Vote:

ACTION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

APPROVED: _____ VETOED: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

EFFECTIVE DATE OF RESOLUTION: _____

By Legislators Hughes-Smith and Delvecchio Hoffman

Intro. No. ____

RESOLUTION NO. _____ OF 2026

CLASSIFICATION OF ACTION AND DETERMINATION OF SIGNIFICANCE PURSUANT TO STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT FOR ACCEPTANCE OF MAINTENANCE JURISDICTION OF APPROXIMATELY .004 ACRE OF RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR FORMER NEW YORK STATE HIGHWAY (ROUTE) NO. 1499A, TOWN OF HENRIETTA

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF MONROE, as follows:

Section 1. The Monroe County Legislature determines that the transfer of maintenance jurisdiction of approximately .004 acre of right-of-way for former New York State Highway (Route) No. 1499A located in the Town of Henrietta is an Unlisted action.

Section 2. The Monroe County Legislature has reviewed and considered the Short Environmental Assessment Form dated May 5, 2026 and has considered the potential environmental impacts of the transfer of maintenance jurisdiction of approximately .004 acre of right-of-way for former New York State Highway (Route) No. 1499A located in the Town of Henrietta pursuant to the requirements of the State Environmental Quality Review Act and has found that the proposed action will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts. The Monroe County Legislature hereby issues and adopts the Negative Declaration attached hereto and made a part hereof and determines that an environmental impact statement is not required.

Section 3. The County Executive, or his designee, is hereby authorized to take such actions to comply with the requirements of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, including without limitation, the execution of documents and the filing, distribution, and publication of the documents required under the State Environmental Quality Review Act, and any other actions to implement the intent of this resolution.

Section 4. This resolution shall take effect in accordance with Section C2-7 of the Monroe County Charter.

Environment & Public Works Committee; June 22, 2026 - CV: 7-0
File No. 26-0189

ADOPTION: Date: _____ Vote: _____

ACTION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

APPROVED: _____ VETOED: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

EFFECTIVE DATE OF RESOLUTION: _____

Short Environmental Assessment Form

Part 1 - Project Information

Instructions for Completing

Part 1 – Project Information. The applicant or project sponsor is responsible for the completion of Part 1. Responses become part of the application for approval or funding, are subject to public review, and may be subject to further verification. Complete Part 1 based on information currently available. If additional research or investigation would be needed to fully respond to any item, please answer as thoroughly as possible based on current information.

Complete all items in Part 1. You may also provide any additional information which you believe will be needed by or useful to the lead agency; attach additional pages as necessary to supplement any item.

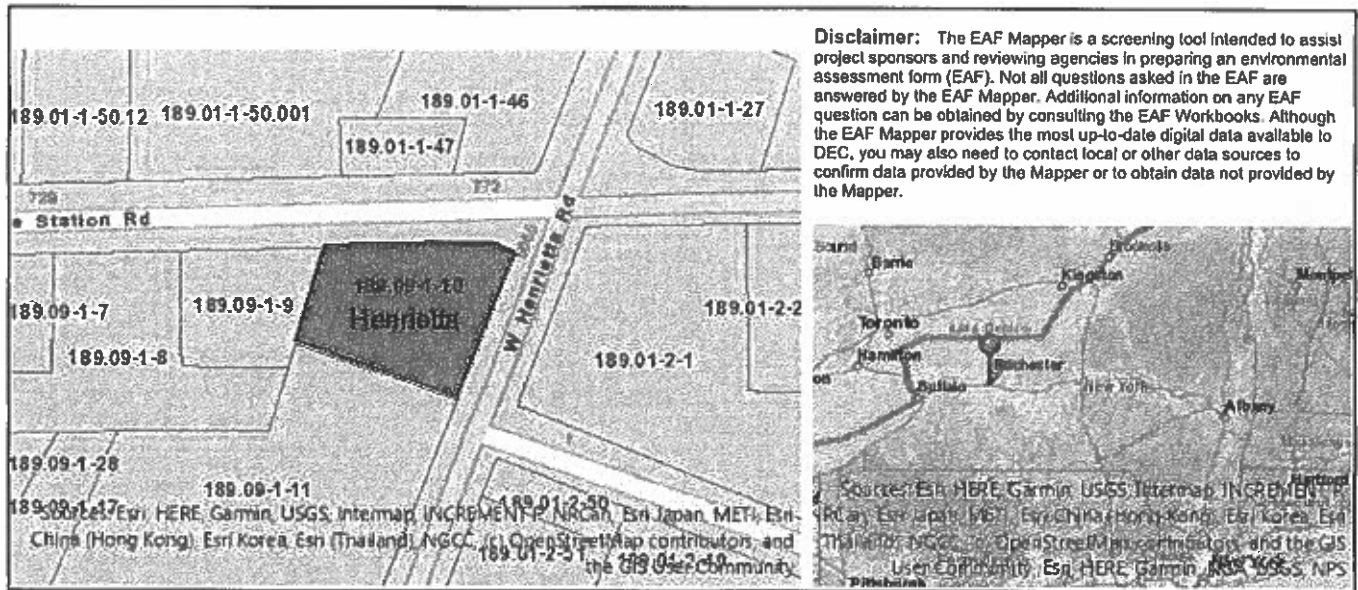
Part 1 – Project and Sponsor Information			
Name of Action or Project: Accept Maintenance Jurisdiction of Approximately .004 Acre of Right-of-Way for Former New York State Highway (Route) No. 1499A, Town of Henrietta			
Project Location (describe, and attach a location map): Right-of-Way for Former New York State Highway (Route) No. 1499A, Town of Henrietta			
Brief Description of Proposed Action: Accept Maintenance Jurisdiction of Approximately .004 Acre of Right-of-Way for Former New York State Highway (Route) No. 1499A, Town of Henrietta as shown on Map 1 Abandonment Parcel No 46			
Name of Applicant or Sponsor: Monroe County		Telephone: 585 753 1233 E-Mail:	
Address: 39 W Main Street			
City/PO: Rochester		State: NY	
		Zip Code: 14614	
1. Does the proposed action only involve the legislative adoption of a plan, local law, ordinance, administrative rule, or regulation? If Yes, attach a narrative description of the intent of the proposed action and the environmental resources that may be affected in the municipality and proceed to Part 2. If no, continue to question 2.			NO ☒
2. Does the proposed action require a permit, approval or funding from any other government Agency? If Yes, list agency(s) name and permit or approval: New York Department of Transportation			YES ☒
3. a. Total acreage of the site of the proposed action? 0.004 acres b. Total acreage to be physically disturbed? 0.00 acres c. Total acreage (project site and any contiguous properties) owned or controlled by the applicant or project sponsor? 0.004 acres			
4. Check all land uses that occur on, are adjoining or near the proposed action: 5. ☐ Urban ☐ Rural (non-agriculture) ☐ Industrial ☒ Commercial ☒ Residential (suburban) ☐ Forest ☐ Agriculture ☐ Aquatic ☐ Other(Specify): ☐ Parkland			

5. Is the proposed action,	NO	YES	N/A
a. A permitted use under the zoning regulations?	☐	☐	☒
b. Consistent with the adopted comprehensive plan?	☐	☐	☒
6. Is the proposed action consistent with the predominant character of the existing built or natural landscape?	NO	YES	
	☐	☒	
7. Is the site of the proposed action located in, or does it adjoin, a state listed Critical Environmental Area?	NO	YES	
If Yes, identify: _____	☒	☐	
8. a. Will the proposed action result in a substantial increase in traffic above present levels?	NO	YES	
	☒	☐	
b. Are public transportation services available at or near the site of the proposed action?	☐	☒	
c. Are any pedestrian accommodations or bicycle routes available on or near the site of the proposed action?	☐	☒	
9. Does the proposed action meet or exceed the state energy code requirements?	NO	YES	
If the proposed action will exceed requirements, describe design features and technologies: _____ _____	☒	☐	
10. Will the proposed action connect to an existing public/private water supply?	NO	YES	
If No, describe method for providing potable water: _____ _____	☒	☐	
11. Will the proposed action connect to existing wastewater utilities?	NO	YES	
If No, describe method for providing wastewater treatment: _____ _____	☒	☐	
12. a. Does the project site contain, or is it substantially contiguous to, a building, archaeological site, or district which is listed on the National or State Register of Historic Places, or that has been determined by the Commissioner of the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation to be eligible for listing on the State Register of Historic Places?	NO	YES	
	☐	☒	
b. Is the project site, or any portion of it, located in or adjacent to an area designated as sensitive for archaeological sites on the NY State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) archaeological site inventory?	☐	☒	
13. a. Does any portion of the site of the proposed action, or lands adjoining the proposed action, contain wetlands or other waterbodies regulated by a federal, state or local agency?	NO	YES	
	☒	☐	
b. Would the proposed action physically alter, or encroach into, any existing wetland or waterbody?	☒	☐	
If Yes, identify the wetland or waterbody and extent of alterations in square feet or acres: _____ _____ _____			

14. Identify the typical habitat types that occur on, or are likely to be found on the project site. Check all that apply:		
☐ Shoreline ☐ Forest ☐ Agricultural/grasslands ☐ Early mid-successional ☐ Wetland ☒ Urban ☒ Suburban		
15. Does the site of the proposed action contain any species of animal, or associated habitats, listed by the State or Federal government as threatened or endangered?	NO ☒	YES ☐
16. Is the project site located in the 100-year flood plan?	NO ☒	YES ☐
17. Will the proposed action create storm water discharge, either from point or non-point sources? If Yes,	NO ☒	YES ☐
a. Will storm water discharges flow to adjacent properties?	☒	☐
b. Will storm water discharges be directed to established conveyance systems (runoff and storm drains)? If Yes, briefly describe:	☒	☐
18. Does the proposed action include construction or other activities that would result in the impoundment of water or other liquids (e.g., retention pond, waste lagoon, dam)? If Yes, explain the purpose and size of the impoundment:	NO ☒	YES ☐
19. Has the site of the proposed action or an adjoining property been the location of an active or closed solid waste management facility? If Yes, describe:	NO ☒	YES ☐
20. Has the site of the proposed action or an adjoining property been the subject of remediation (ongoing or completed) for hazardous waste? If Yes, describe:	NO ☒	YES ☐
I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ABOVE IS TRUE AND ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE Applicant/sponsor/name: <u>SMY E GIRANDE</u> Date: <u>5.5.26</u> Signature: <u>SMY E. Girande</u> Title: _____		

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Friday, May 1, 2026 10:02 AM



Part 1 / Question 7 [Critical Environmental Area] No

Part 1 / Question 12a [National or State Register of Historic Places or State Eligible Sites] Yes

Part 1 / Question 12b [Archeological Sites] Yes

Part 1 / Question 13a [Wetlands or Other Regulated Waterbodies] Digital mapping data are not available or are incomplete. Refer to EAF Workbook.

Part 1 / Question 15 [Threatened or Endangered Animal] No

Part 1 / Question 16 [100 Year Flood Plain] No

Part 1 / Question 20 [Remediation Site] No

Agency Use Only [If applicable]

Project: Accept Maintenance Jurisdiction

Date: 5-7-26

Short Environmental Assessment Form
Part 2 - Impact Assessment

Part 2 is to be completed by the Lead Agency.

Answer all of the following questions in Part 2 using the information contained in Part 1 and other materials submitted by the project sponsor or otherwise available to the reviewer. When answering the questions the reviewer should be guided by the concept "Have my responses been reasonable considering the scale and context of the proposed action?"

	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
1. Will the proposed action create a material conflict with an adopted land use plan or zoning regulations?	☒	☐
2. Will the proposed action result in a change in the use or intensity of use of land?	☒	☐
3. Will the proposed action impair the character or quality of the existing community?	☒	☐
4. Will the proposed action have an impact on the environmental characteristics that caused the establishment of a Critical Environmental Area (CEA)?	☒	☐
5. Will the proposed action result in an adverse change in the existing level of traffic or affect existing infrastructure for mass transit, biking or walkway?	☒	☐
6. Will the proposed action cause an increase in the use of energy and it fails to incorporate reasonably available energy conservation or renewable energy opportunities?	☒	☐
7. Will the proposed action impact existing:	☒	☐
a. public / private water supplies?	☒	☐
b. public / private wastewater treatment utilities?	☒	☐
8. Will the proposed action impair the character or quality of important historic, archaeological, architectural or aesthetic resources?	☒	☐
9. Will the proposed action result in an adverse change to natural resources (e.g., wetlands, waterbodies, groundwater, air quality, flora and fauna)?	☒	☐
10. Will the proposed action result in an increase in the potential for erosion, flooding or drainage problems?	☒	☐
11. Will the proposed action create a hazard to environmental resources or human health?	☒	☐

Agency Use Only (If applicable)

Project: **Accept Maintenance Jurisdiction**Date: **5-7-26**

Short Environmental Assessment Form Part 3 Determination of Significance

For every question in Part 2 that was answered "moderate to large impact may occur", or if there is a need to explain why a particular element of the proposed action may or will not result in a significant adverse environmental impact, please complete Part 3. Part 3 should, in sufficient detail, identify the impact, including any measures or design elements that have been included by the project sponsor to avoid or reduce impacts. Part 3 should also explain how the lead agency determined that the impact may or will not be significant. Each potential impact should be assessed considering its setting, probability of occurring, duration, irreversibility, geographic scope and magnitude. Also consider the potential for short-term, long-term and cumulative impacts.

Part 1 of the EAF indicates that the site contains or is near a National or State Register Historic Site and Archaeological Site. This action pertains solely to Accept Maintenance Jurisdiction of Approximately .004 Acre of Right-of-Way for Former New York State Highway (Route) No. 1499A. There will be no National or State Register Historic Site or Archaeological Site impacted by this action itself. Any future development of the parcel will be subject to local zoning and building codes, as well as all applicable federal and New York State regulations.

The Walker-Warren House at 5628 W. Henrietta Road is listed as a National Historic Site and located approximately 500 feet northeast of the site.

Accordingly, no National or State Register Historic Site or Archaeological Site will be impacted and this action will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts.

- ☐ Check this box if you have determined, based on the information and analysis above, and any supporting documentation, that the proposed action may result in one or more potentially large or significant adverse impacts and an environmental impact statement is required.
- ☒ Check this box if you have determined, based on the information and analysis above, and any supporting documentation, that the proposed action will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts.

Monroe County

Name of Lead Agency

Date

Adam J. Bello

County Executive

Print or Type Name of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency

Title of Responsible Officer

Steven M. O'Brien

Signature of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency

Signature of Preparer (if different from Responsible Officer)

PRINT FORM

By Legislators Burgess and Bonnick

Intro. No. ____

RESOLUTION NO. ____ OF 2026

ACCEPTING MAINTENANCE JURSDICTION OF APPROXIMATELY .004 ACRE OF RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR FORMER NEW YORK STATE HIGHWAY (ROUTE) NO. 1499A, TOWN OF HENRIETTA

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF MONROE, as follows:

Section 1. The County Executive, or his designee, is hereby authorized to accept the transfer of maintenance jurisdiction of approximately .004 acre of right-of-way for former New York State Highway (Route) No. 1499A in the Town of Henrietta, at no cost to Monroe County, from the New York State Department of Transportation, and to execute an agreement and any other documents necessary to complete the transfer.

Section 2. This resolution shall take effect in accordance with Section C2-7 of the Monroe County Charter.

Transportation Committee; June 22, 2026 – CV: 7-0
File No. 26-0190

ADOPTION: Date: _____ Vote: _____

ACTION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

APPROVED: _____ VETOED: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

EFFECTIVE DATE OF RESOLUTION: _____

By Legislators Hughes-Smith and Delvecchio Hoffman

Intro. No. ____

RESOLUTION NO. ____ OF 2026

CLASSIFICATION OF ACTION, DESIGNATION OF LEAD AGENCY AND DETERMINATION OF SIGNIFICANCE PURSUANT TO STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT AUTHORIZING ADDITIONS TO MONROE COUNTY CONSOLIDATED AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT #5

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF MONROE, as follows:

Section 1. The Monroe County Legislature determines that the additions to the Monroe County Consolidated Agricultural District #5 are an Unlisted action.

Section 2. The Monroe County Legislature has reviewed and considered the Short Environmental Assessment Form dated May 7, 2026 and has considered the potential environmental impacts of the additions to the Monroe County Consolidated Agricultural District #5 pursuant to the requirements of State Environmental Quality Review Act and has found that the proposed action will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts. The Monroe County Legislature hereby issues and adopts the Negative Declaration attached hereto and made a part hereof and determines that an environmental impact statement is not required.

Section 3. The County Executive, or his designee, is hereby authorized to take such actions to comply with the requirements of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, including without limitation, the execution of documents and the filing, distribution, and publication of the documents required under the State Environmental Quality Review Act, and any other actions to implement the intent of this resolution.

Section 4. This resolution shall take effect in accordance with Section C2-7 of the Monroe County Charter.

Environment & Public Works Committee; June 22, 2026 - CV: 7-0
File No. 26-0191

ADOPTION: Date: _____ Vote: _____

ACTION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

APPROVED: _____ VETOED: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

EFFECTIVE DATE OF RESOLUTION: _____



**STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW
SHORT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FORM
FOR AGRICULTURAL DISTRICTS**

UNLISTED ACTIONS ONLY

Please indicate lead agency status by checking the appropriate box below:

☒ The proposed action is within the scope of a cooperative agreement between the undersigned County Legislative Body ("CLB") and the Department of Agriculture and Markets ("Department"), the only other agency required to undertake an action in this case. Therefore, the undersigned CLB will serve as lead agency for the proposed action to ensure compliance with the requirements of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, and is undertaking a coordinated review of the proposed action with the Department pursuant to 6 NYCRR §617.6(b)(3).

☐ The proposed action is not within the scope of a cooperative agreement between an applicable CLB and the Department. The agency that will serve as Lead Agency is the undersigned CLB, and is undertaking a coordinated review of the proposed action with the Department pursuant to 6 NYCRR §617.6(b)(3).

Part 1 – Project and Sponsor Information

1. The proposed action is located in the County of Monroe and the Town(s) of Clarkson, Hamlin, Mendon, Parma, Penfield, Sweden.
2. The agency responsible for preparing this Short Environmental Assessment Form and determining environmental significance is the CLB of Monroe County.
3. The name, address, and e-mail address for the Clerk of the above named CLB is:
David Grant
407 County Office Bldg, 39 West Main Street, Rochester, NY 14614
DGrant@monroecounty.gov
4. Does the proposed action only involve the modification, consolidation or termination of a county-adopted, State-certified agricultural district by the CLB pursuant to Agriculture and Markets Law (AML) §§303-a, 303-b or 303-c? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, attach a narrative description (including a location map) of the intent of the proposed action and the environmental resources that may be affected in the County. If No, this form should not be used to evaluate the potential environmental impacts of the proposed action.
5. Is this an action proposed to modify an existing agricultural district? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, total number of acres comprising the agricultural district as it exists prior to modification: 144,159 acres.

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New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets

6. If this proposed action involves a modification, will such modification result in a change in the size of the agricultural district? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- If yes, how many acres are involved in the change? 275 acres
- Does this represent ☒ an increase or ☐ a decrease?

7. Check all present land uses that occur on, adjoining, and near the proposed action?

☒ Residential ☐ Industrial ☐ Commercial ☒ Agriculture ☒ Park/Forest/Open Space ☐ Other

If Other, please describe: _____

8. Information on Coastal Resources. Is the action located within, or have a significant effect on:

- A Coastal Area, or the waterfront area of a Designated Inland Waterway? ☐ Yes ☒ No
- A Coastal Erosion Hazard Area? ☐ Yes ☒ No
- A community with an approved Local Waterfront Revitalization Program? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, please identify the affected community or communities: Town of Hamlin, Town of Penfield

9. Information on Local Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plans

- Is the action compatible with the County's Agricultural & Farmland Protection Plan? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, date of Plan approval: April 28, 1999

If Yes, please cite the applicable language: _____

The County and the municipalities in which the districts are located continue to promote the districts by supporting continuation of the districts each time they come up for renewal. Therefore, consider focusing efforts on the districts to reinforce and enhance this existing protection mechanism and reinforce and enhance the support the districts have received and continue to receive from the State, County, and municipalities.

10. Comments from Municipalities within the County

- Did the CLB receive any comments from municipalities about the addition or removal of land from the agricultural district? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes, please briefly summarize the comments: _____

11. Attach any additional information as may be needed to clarify the proposed action.

I AFFIRM AND CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ABOVE IS TRUE AND ACCURATE TO THE
BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE

Name of Person
Authorized to Sign: Patrick T. Gooch

Date: 5-7-26

Signature: _____

Title: Senior Associate Planner

Short Environmental Assessment Form
New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets

Part 2: Impact Assessment

Part 2 is to be completed by the County Legislative Body (“CLB”) as Lead Agency.

Answer all of the following questions in Part 2 using the information contained in Part 1 and other materials submitted to the CLB for the proposed modification, consolidation or termination of a county-adopted, State-certified agricultural district or otherwise available to the reviewer.

In providing responses to each of the questions, the reviewer should keep in mind that the action proposed is the modification, consolidation or termination of an agricultural district(s). The action is not the land use or activity which will, or may, take place in the district(s). For example, it is not appropriate to consider the effects of management actions that may be taken by individual operators in conducting farming. Agricultural farm management practices, including construction, maintenance and repair of farm buildings, and land use changes consistent with generally accepted principles of farming are listed as Type II actions in 6 NYCRR §617.5(c)(3), and these actions have been determined not to have a significant impact on the environment.

	None to small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
1. Will the proposed action create a material conflict with an adopted land use plan or zoning regulations?	☒	☐
2. Will the proposed action result in a change in the use or intensity of use of land?	☒	☐
3. Will the proposed action impair the character or quality of the existing community?	☒	☐
4. Will the proposed action have an impact on the environmental characteristics that caused the establishment of a Critical Environmental Area (CEA)?	☒	☐
5. Will the proposed action result in an adverse change in the existing level of traffic or affect existing infrastructure for mass transit, biking or walkway?	☒	☐
6. Will the proposed action cause an increase in the use of energy and fail to incorporate reasonably available energy conservation or renewable energy opportunities?	☒	☐
7. Will the proposed action impact existing:		
a. public / private water supplies?	☒	☐
b. public / private wastewater treatment utilities?	☒	☐
8. Will the proposed action impair the character or quality of important historic, archaeological, architectural or aesthetic resources?	☒	☐
9. Will the proposed action result in an adverse change to natural resources (e.g., wetlands, waterbodies, groundwater, air quality, flora and fauna)?	☒	☐
10. Will the proposed action result in an increase in the potential for erosion, flooding or drainage problems?	☒	☐
11. Will the proposed action create a hazard to environmental resources or human health?	☒	☐

**Short Environmental Assessment Form
New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets**

Part 3: Determination of Significance

For every question in Part 2 that was answered "moderate to large impact may occur," or if there is a need to explain why a particular element of the proposed action may or will not result in a significant adverse environmental impact, please complete Part 3. Part 3 should, in sufficient detail, identify the impact, including any measures or design elements that have been included by the project sponsor to avoid or reduce impacts. Part 3 should also explain how the lead agency determined that the impact may or will not be significant. Each potential impact should be assessed considering its setting, probability of occurring, duration, irreversibility, geographic scope and magnitude. Also consider the potential for short term, long-term and cumulative impacts.

Eight (8) parcels have been submitted for addition to the Monroe County Agricultural District #5. These parcels are located throughout the County. The addition of each parcel is part of the annual addition period for the Monroe County Agricultural District. Accordingly, this will be reviewed as one action and all impacts, scope, and significance will be determined together.

The action taking place is the addition of parcels to the agricultural district, no physical construction or changes to the parcels are permitted by this action. The parcels being added to the Agricultural District are used for agricultural activities that reflect the current and historic character of the surrounding area and will remain the same through this action. They are not anticipated to change in character, attract people or traffic, impact existing water and waste water services.

This action will not result in significant adverse impacts to on-site or nearby national or state register of historic places, or state eligible sites, or archaeological sites; wetlands or other regulated water-bodies; 100 year flood plain (s), or remediation sites.

☐ Check this box if you have determined, based on the information and analysis above, and any supporting documentation, that the proposed action may result in one or more potentially large or significant adverse impacts and an environmental impact statement is required.

☒ Check this box if you have determined, based on the information and analysis above, and any supporting documentation, that the proposed action will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts.

Monroe County

Name of Lead Agency

Date

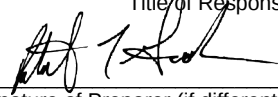
Adam J. Bello

County Executive

Print or Type Name of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency

Title of Responsible Officer

Signature of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency



Signature of Preparer (if different from Responsible Officer)

By Legislators Frazier and Jeffery

Intro. No. ____

AUTHORIZING ADDITIONS TO MONROE COUNTY CONSOLIDATED AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT #5

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 25AA Section 303-b of the Agriculture and Markets Law, the Monroe County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board has submitted a report recommending the proposed additions of eight (8) parcels to the following Monroe County Consolidated Agricultural District #5 (“District”) as follows:

- 84 Topspin Drive, Town of Mendon, consisting approximately 14.23 acres, tax account number 204.02-1-20.11, owned by Warren Knapp;
- 38 Morton Road, Town of Hamlin, consisting approximately 54.11 acres, tax account number 012.01-1-5.111, owned by Solomon’s Choice, LLC;
- 128 Lighthouse Road, Town of Parma, consisting approximately 18.60 acres, tax account number 016.02-2-2.1, owned by Nicole and Patrick Stickney;
- 163 Lawrence Road, Town of Clarkson, consisting approximately 10.01 acres, tax account number 031.03-1-10.112, owned by Vernon and Lyn Wright;
- W Sweden Road, Town of Sweden, consisting approximately 70.50 acres, tax account number 112.02-1-7.12, owned by Sweden Center Road Properties, LLC;
- 2831 Penfield Road, Town of Penfield, consisting approximately 17.60 acres, tax account number 141.01-1-48, owned by Christian and Sarah Liberatore;
- 2799 Penfield Road, Town of Penfield, consisting approximately 50.25 acres, tax account number 141.01-1-14.1, owned by Christian and Sarah Liberatore; and
- 8 Hidden Acres Trail, Town of Parma, consisting approximately 39.23 acres, tax account number 057.01-2-21.4, owned by 8 Hidden Acres Trail LLC.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF MONROE, as follows:

Section 1. The Legislature hereby approves and adopts the proposed addition of eight (8) parcels to the Monroe County Agricultural District, as described above and as recommended by the Monroe County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board.

Section 2. This resolution shall take effect in accordance with Section C2-7 of the Monroe County Charter.

Planning & Economic Development Committee; June 22, 2026 - CV:
File No. 26-0192



ADAM J. BELLO
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board

Monroe County, New York

April 30, 2026

To The Honorable
Monroe County Legislature
407 County Office Building
Rochester, New York 14614

Subject: Addition of 8 Parcels to the Agricultural District

Honorable Legislators:

Article 25AA Section 303-B of the NYS Agriculture and Markets law allows additions to established agricultural districts annually. The law also requires the county agricultural and farmland protection board ("AFPB") to review the proposed additions to the district(s) and make recommendations on the proposal to the county legislative body. Resolution number 10 of 2024 adopted by Your Honorable Body directed the Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board to review and make recommendations on additions to the district(s) annually during the March open enrollment period.

Therefore, in accordance with Article 25AA, we are pleased to transmit this report concerning our review, findings, and recommendations. During the 2026 annual enrollment period, eight (8) landowners submitted requests to add a total of ten (10) parcels to the Monroe County Agricultural District. A determination was made by the AFBP as to whether or not these parcels are predominantly (1) "viable agricultural land" and (2) "whether the inclusion of the land serve the public interest by assisting in maintaining a viable agricultural industry within the district." The AFBP makes this determination based on a variety of factors, including, but not limited to: soil type, enterprise budget, physical structures, landowner intent, and compatibility with surrounding land uses. The following eight (8) parcels from seven (7) landowners have been found to be viable agricultural land that will add to the agricultural industry within the district and are recommended by the AFBP to be added to Monroe County Agricultural District #5.

- Mailing Address: Warren Knapp, 84 Topspin Drive, Mendon NY, one (1) parcel located in Town of Mendon, 204.02-1-20.11 (14.23 acres)
- Mailing Address: Solomon's Choice, LLC / Joseph Brightly, 956 Redman Road, Hamlin NY, one (1) parcel located in Town of Hamlin, 012.01-1-5.111 (54.11 acres)
- Mailing Address: Nicole and Patrick Stickney, 128 Lighthouse Road, Parma NY, one (1) parcel located in Town of Parma, 016.02-2-2.1 (18.60 acres)
- Mailing Address: Vernon and Lyn Wright, 163 Lawrence Road, Clarkson NY, one (1) parcel located in Town of Clarkson, 031.03-1-10.112 (10.01 acres)

- Mailing Address: Sweden Center Road Properties, LLC / Eric McCracken, 660 White Road, Brockport NY, one (1) parcel located in Town of Sweden, 112.02-1-7.12 (70.50 acres)
- Mailing Address: Christian and Sarah Liberatore, 11952 W 56th Cir, Arvada CO, two (2) parcels located in Town of Penfield, 141.01-1-48 (17.60 acres) and 141.01-1-14.1 (50.25 acres)
- Mailing Address: 8 Hidden Acres Trail LLC / Joe Hendrix, 8 Hidden Acres Trail, Parma NY, one (1) parcel located in Town of Parma, 057.01-2-21.4 (39.23 acres)

One landowner's request to include two (2) adjoining parcels is not being recommended for inclusion. The two parcels do consist of viable agriculture soils, but the AFPB does not believe the parcels comprise viable agricultural land suitable for a farm-operation that will serve the public interest by assisting in maintaining a viable agricultural industry within the district. The AFPB has concluded that the size of the parcel and the adjoining residential land uses do not allow for a farm operation as a commercial enterprise as defined in in Article 25AA of New York State Agriculture and Markets Law.

- Mailing Address: Joshua J. Bush, 176 Kuhn Road, Greece NY, two (2) parcels located in Town of Greece, 034.01-1-41 (3.60 acres) and 034.01-1-43 (.68 acres)

Sincerely,



Chairman Robert J. Colby

Monroe County, New York Agricultural District 2026 Annual Additions



Lake Ontario

Legend

- Monroe County Agricultural District No. C5
- Proposed 2026 Additions
- Parcels Not Recommended for Addition

This map was created by Monroe County Department of Planning and Development. Data used for the map are compiled from various sources. Agricultural District data is created and maintained by Department of Planning and Development. Street centerlines, including street name, and jurisdictional responsibilities are from NYS GIS Data Hub and maintained by NYS. Municipal boundaries are maintained by the Monroe County Real-Property Tax Service.

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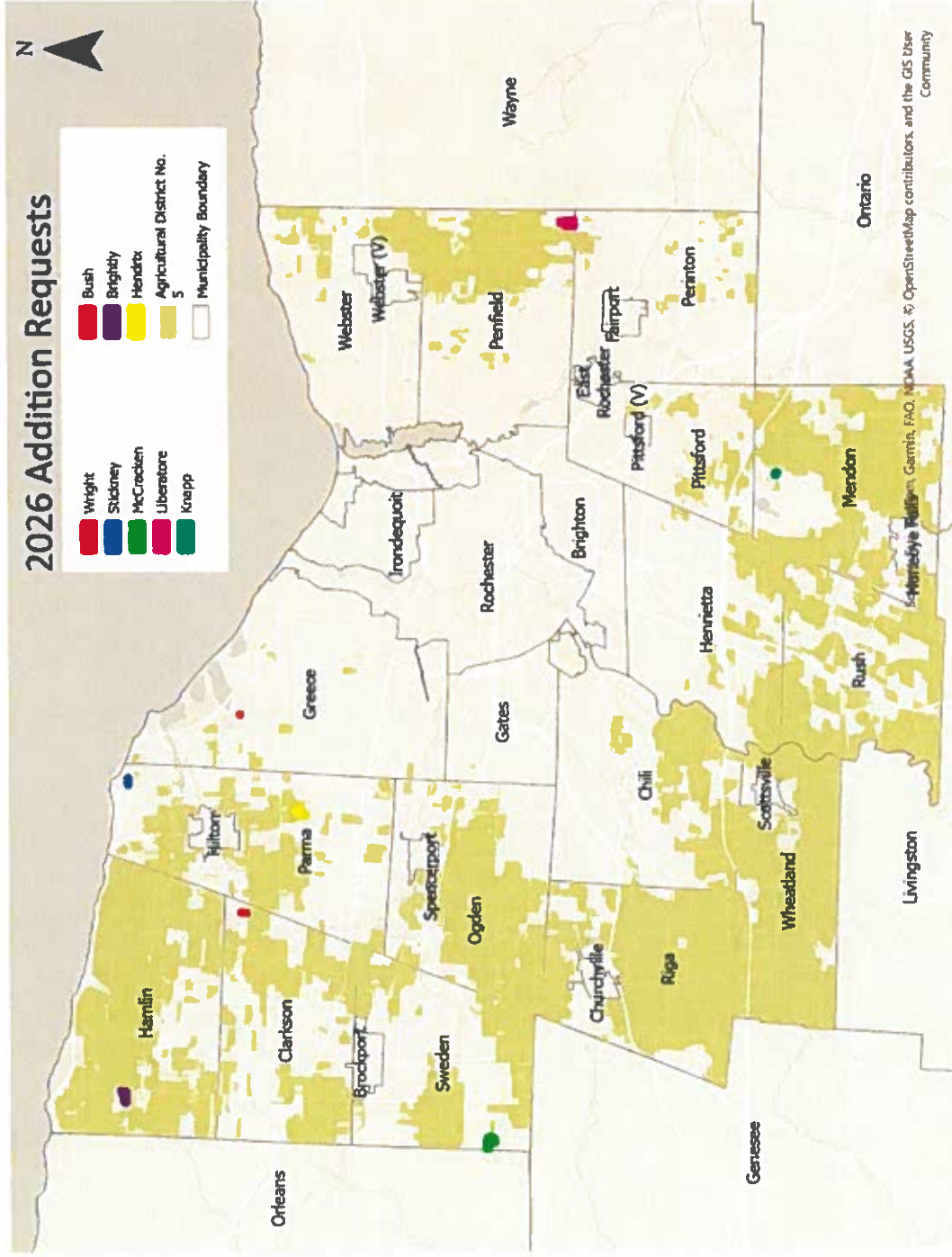
2026 Annual Addition Requests Report to the Monroe County Legislature

Monroe County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board

April 2026

Overview Map

- Total of 10 parcels from 8 landowners:
- Mendon: 1
 - Hamlin: 1
 - Parma: 2
 - Clarkson: 1
 - Sweden: 1
 - Penfield: 2
 - Greece: 2



KNAPP 2026

§303-B Enrollment Candidate
New York State Agricultural Districts Program in Monroe County

Owner Name	Parcel ID	Property Address	Acres	Town
Warren Knapp	204.02-1-20.11	84 Topspin Dr	14.23	Mendon



Type of Farm: Livestock

Horses, Goats, Cows, Chickens
Maintains a productive vegetable garden on previously cultivated land, primarily for personal use with some sales of veggies/eggs, and plans to produce hay in future.

Farmland Classification:

All areas are prime farmland	31.4%
Farmland of statewide importance	1.0%
Not prime farmland	67.5%

KNAPP 2026

§303-B Enrollment Candidate
New York State Agricultural Districts Program in Monroe County

Owner Name	Parcel ID	Property Address	Acres	Town
Warren Knapp	204.02-1-20.11	84 Topspin Dr	14.23	Mendon

Zoning District: Residential/Agricultural – 5 Acres

- One single-family dwelling per lot.
- Normal agricultural farming operations and the use of land for agricultural production purposes, including the keeping, breeding and raising of cattle, sheep, goats, pigs, fowl, horses and ratites, and dairy farms.
- Buildings and structures used exclusively in support of agricultural operations.
- Historic, scenic preservation and conservation areas.
- Public parks and playgrounds.

Surrounding Land Uses/Zoning:

- Surrounding parcels are zoned Residential/Agricultural – 5 acres or Residential/Agricultural – 2 acres
- Surrounding land uses include single-family residential, parkland (MC Mendon Ponds Park), and a recreation center (Mendon Racquet & Pool Club)
- Several parcels surrounding the proposed addition are included within the MC Agricultural District.

AFPB Recommendation:

Board members unanimously voted to recommend. Parcel has limited prime farmland, but could support a commercial farm operation and assist in maintaining a viable agricultural industry within the District.

BRIGHTLY 2026

§303-B Enrollment Candidate
New York State Agricultural Districts Program in Monroe County

Owner Name	Parcel ID	Property Address	Acres	Town
Solomon's Choice, LLC (Joseph Brightly)	012.01-1-5.111	38 Morton Rd	54.11	Hamlin



Type of Farm: Crops
Cabbage/Winter Squash

Farmland Classification:

All areas are prime farmland	65.5%
Farmland of statewide importance	16.5%
Prime farmland if drained	15.3%



BRIGHTLY 2026

§303-B Enrollment Candidate
New York State Agricultural Districts Program in Monroe County

Owner Name	Parcel ID	Property Address	Acres	Town
Solomon's Choice, LLC (Joseph Brightly)	012.01-1-5.111	38 Morton Rd	54.11	Hamlin

Zoning District: R-L Residential – Low Density

- Single-family detached dwelling.
- Public parks, playgrounds or similar public recreational uses authorized or operated by a public agency and not operated for gain.
- Farms, greenhouses, plant nurseries, dairy operations or similar agricultural uses, not including retail sales.
- Commercial greenhouses or plant nurseries or similar commercial agricultural uses involving retail sales.
(Principal use subject to special use permit approval)

Surrounding Land Uses/Zoning:

- Surrounding parcels are zoned the same or R-VL Residential – Very Low Density
- Surrounding land uses include single-family residential and agricultural uses
- Multiple parcels surrounding the proposed addition are included within the MC Agricultural District

AFPB Recommendation:

Betsy Brightly abstained from the vote as she is related to Joseph Brightly. Remaining Board members unanimously voted to recommend. Parcel is overwhelmingly prime farmland, supports a commercial farm operation, and could assist in maintaining a viable agricultural industry within the District.

STICKNEY 2026

§303-B Enrollment Candidate
New York State Agricultural Districts Program in Monroe County

Owner Name	Parcel ID	Property Address	Acres	Town
Nicole & Patrick Stickney	016.02-2-2.1	128 Lighthouse Rd	18.6	Parma



Type of Farm: Livestock
Raises, trains, and sells horses, with land also used for hay production



Farmland Classification:

All areas are prime farmland	55.5%
Prime farmland if drained	34.6%

STICKNEY 2026

§303-B Enrollment Candidate
New York State Agricultural Districts Program in Monroe County

Owner Name	Parcel ID	Property Address	Acres	Town
Nicole & Patrick Stickney	016.02-2-2.1	128 Lighthouse Rd	18.6	Parma

Zoning District: RR Rural Residential + Environmental Protection Overlay

- Single-unit home
- Agribusiness or agritourism
- Customary agricultural operations (dairying, field cash crops, pasturage, fruit and vegetable farms, nurseries, animal and poultry husbandry, and the necessary accessory uses for storage; provided, however, that the operation of any such accessory use shall be incidental to that of the principal agricultural activities.)

Surrounding Land Uses/Zoning:

- Surrounding parcels are also zoned RR Rural Residential
- Surrounding land uses include single family residential and agricultural uses
- Several parcels surrounding the proposed addition are included within the MC Agricultural District
- NYS Lake Ontario State Pkwy E is located near the parcel

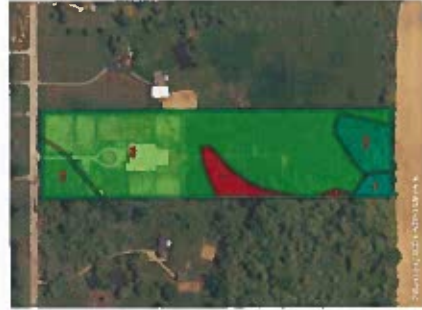
AFPB Recommendation:

Board members unanimously voted to recommend. Parcel has viable agricultural lands, currently supports a commercial horse operation, and could assist in maintaining a viable agricultural industry within the District.

WRIGHT 2026

§303-B Enrollment Candidate
New York State Agricultural Districts Program in Monroe County

Owner Name	Parcel ID	Property Address	Acres	Town
Vernon & Lynn Wright	031.03-1-10.112	163 Lawrence Rd	10.01	Clarkson



Type of Farm: Livestock

Raising, boarding, and showing of livestock

Farmland Classification:

All areas are prime farmland	83.4%
Farmland of statewide importance	2.5%
Prime farmland if drained	8.2%

WRIGHT 2026

§303-B Enrollment Candidate
New York State Agricultural Districts Program in Monroe County

Owner Name	Parcel ID	Property Address	Acres	Town
Vernon & Lynn Wright	031.03-1-10.112	163 Lawrence Rd	10.01	Clarkson

Zoning District: Agricultural/Residential (AR)

- Single-Family Dwelling
- Agricultural Operations
- Farm Market or Stand
- Nursery or Garden Store
- Keeping of Farm Animals/Chickens/Bees (Accessory Use)
- Agri-business (Specially Permitted)
- Home Occupation, Agricultural

Surrounding Land Uses/Zoning:

- Surrounding parcels are zoned Agricultural/Residential (AR)
- Surrounding land uses include single-family residential and agricultural uses
- Several parcels surrounding the proposed addition are included within the MC Agricultural District

AFPB Recommendation:

Board members unanimously voted to recommend. Parcel has viable agricultural lands, currently supports a commercial horse operation, and could assist in maintaining a viable agricultural industry within the District.

McCRACKEN 2026

§303-B Enrollment Candidate
New York State Agricultural Districts Program in Monroe County

Owner Name	Parcel ID	Property Address	Acres	Town
Sweden Center Road Properties, LLC (Eric McCracken)	112.02-1-7.12	W Sweden Rd	70.50	Sweden



Type of Farm: Crops
Primarily corn and soybean rotation crops.

Farmland Classification:

All areas are prime farmland	78.8%
Farmland of statewide importance	1.4%
Prime farmland if drained	11.5%



MCCRACKEN 2026

§303-B Enrollment Candidate
New York State Agricultural Districts Program in Monroe County

Owner Name	Parcel ID	Property Address	Acres	Town
Sweden Center Road Properties, LLC (Eric McCracken)	112.02-1-7.12	W Sweden Rd	70.50	Sweden

Zoning District: One-Family Residential (R1-2)

- One-family dwelling.
- Customary agricultural operations; provided, however, that no storage of manure or odor- or dust-producing substance, nor barns used for housing any animals other than traditional domesticated pets, shall be permitted within 100 feet of any property line.

Surrounding Land Uses/Zoning:

- Surrounding parcels are zoned One-Family Residential R1-2
- Surrounding land uses include single-family residential and agricultural uses
- Several parcels surrounding the proposed addition are included within the MC Agricultural District

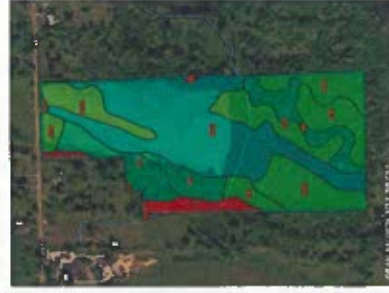
AFPB Recommendation:

Board members unanimously voted to recommend. Parcel has viable agricultural land, currently supports a commercial farm operation, and could assist in maintaining a viable agricultural industry within the District.

LIBERATORE 2026

§303-B Enrollment Candidate
New York State Agricultural Districts Program in Monroe County

Owner Name	Parcel ID	Property Address	Acres	Town
Sarah & Christian Liberatore	141.01-1-48	2831 Penfield Rd	17.60	Penfield
	141.01-1-14.1	2799 Penfield Rd	50.25	Penfield



Type of Farm: Crop/Livestock
Corn crop production and silvo
pasture.

Farmland Classification:

All areas are prime farmland	38.7%
Farmland of statewide importance	38.4%
Prime farmland if drained	18.5%

LIBERATOR 2026

§303-B Enrollment Candidate
New York State Agricultural Districts Program in Monroe County

Owner Name	Parcel ID	Property Address	Acres	Town
Sarah & Christian Liberatore	141.01-1-48	2831 Penfield Rd	17.60	Penfield
	141.01-1-14.1	2799 Penfield Rd	50.25	Penfield

Zoning District: Rural Agricultural (2 Acres)/(RA-2)

- One single-family dwelling unit per lot
- Customary agricultural operations
- The purpose of the Rural Agricultural District is to assure a proper economic and physical environment for continued agricultural use of land; to maintain an open rural character to viable agricultural areas; to assure compatible types and densities of development on lands within and adjacent to the Northeastern Monroe County Agricultural Use District; and to assure low densities of development in areas without sanitary sewers.

Surrounding Land Uses/Zoning:

- Surrounding parcels are zoned Rural Agriculture (2 Acres) or Rural Residential (1 Acre)
- Surrounding land uses include single-family residential and agricultural uses
- Several parcels surrounding the proposed addition are included within the MC Agricultural District

AFPB Recommendation:

Board members unanimously voted to recommend. Parcel has viable agricultural lands, landowner intends to establish commercial operations in the future, and could assist in maintaining a viable agricultural industry within the District.

Owner Name	Parcel ID	Property Address	Acres	Town
Joshua J. Bush	034.01-1-41	176 Kuhn Rd	3.60	Greece
	034.01-1-43	Kuhn Rd	.68	Greece



Type of Farm: Crop/Livestock

Transitioning from personal use to commercial production of crops, livestock, and livestock products for local sale.

Currently developed: Veggie garden, pumpkin patch, apple/cherry trees.

Farmland Classification:

All areas are prime farmland

97.9%

BUSH 2026

§303-B Enrollment Candidate
New York State Agricultural Districts Program in Monroe County

Owner Name	Parcel ID	Property Address	Acres	Town
Joshua J. Bush	034.01-1-41	176 Kuhn Rd	3.60	Greece
	034.01-1-43	Kuhn Rd	.68	Greece

Zoning District: Single Family Existing (R1-E)

- One single-family home per lot
- Stands for sales of produce, flowers or other plants grown on the premises
- Greenhouses and gardens, subject to limitations for gardens which are used or intended to be used principally for the growing of fruits, vegetables, herbs, or grains and other staple crops (Permitted accessory use)

Surrounding Land Uses/Zoning:

- Surrounding parcels are zoned Single Family Existing or Public Land
- Surrounding land uses include single-family residential or forested area
- There are no MC Agricultural District parcels surrounding the proposed addition

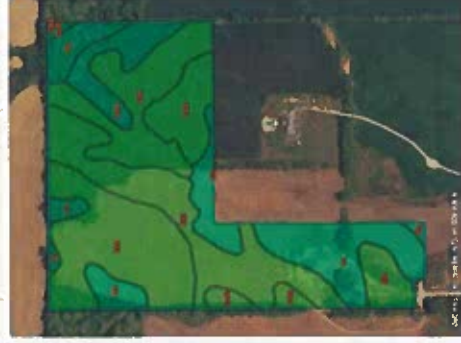
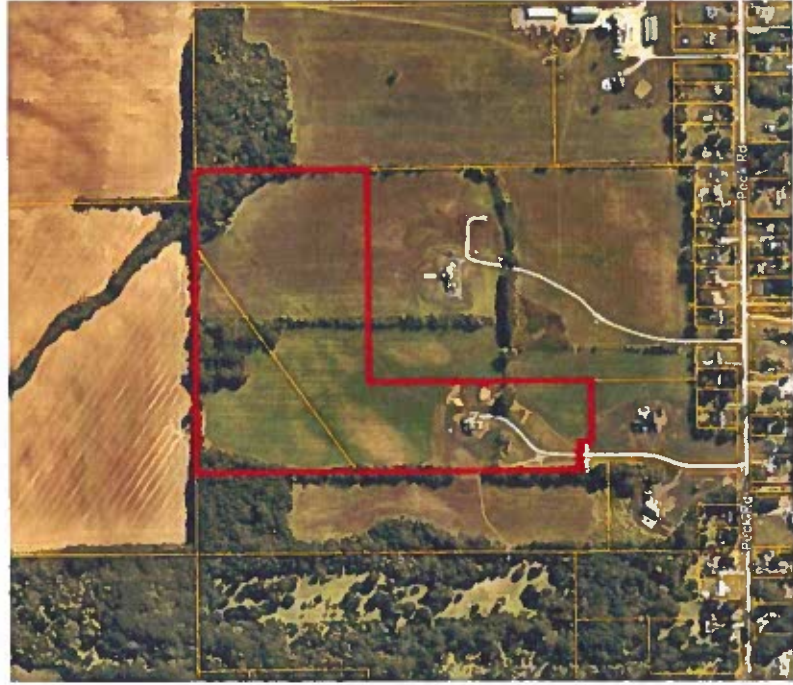
AFPB Recommendation:

Board members unanimously voted to not recommend. Although, the parcels have viable agricultural soils, due to its limited size and surrounding residential land uses, they do not believe a commercial enterprise can be established, nor would it assist in maintaining a viable agricultural industry within the District.

HENDRIX 2026

§303-B Enrollment Candidate
New York State Agricultural Districts Program in Monroe County

Owner Name	Parcel ID	Property Address	Acres	Town
8 Hidden Acres Trail LLC (Joe Hendrix)	057.01-2-21.4	8 Hidden Acres Trl.	39.23	Parma



Type of Farm: Hay Production

Hay production with mowing, raking, baling, and field upkeep as primary activities.

Farmland Classification:

All areas are prime farmland	69.2%
Prime farmland if drained	30.9%

HENDRIX 2026

§303-B Enrollment Candidate
New York State Agricultural Districts Program in Monroe County

Owner Name	Parcel ID	Property Address	Acres	Town
8 Hidden Acres Trail LLC (Joe Hendrix)	057.01-2-21.4	8 Hidden Acres Trl.	39.23	Parma

Zoning District: Agricultural-Residential (AC) +

Environmental Protection Overlay (Stream Corridor Protection District)

- Single-unit home
- Agribusiness or agritourism
- Customary agricultural operations (dairying, field cash crops, pasturage, fruit and vegetable farms, nurseries, animal and poultry husbandry, and the necessary accessory uses for storage; provided, however, that the operation of any such accessory use shall be incidental to that of the principal agricultural activities.)

Surrounding Land Uses/Zoning:

- Surrounding parcels are zoned Agricultural-Residential or Rural Residential
- Surrounding land uses include single-family residential and agricultural uses
- Several parcels surrounding the proposed addition are included within the MC Agricultural District

AFPB Recommendation:

Board members unanimously voted to recommend. Parcel has viable agricultural lands, landowner intends to establish commercial operations in the future, and could assist in maintaining a viable agricultural industry within the District.

By Legislators Frazier and Jeffery

Intro. No. ____

MOTION NO. ____ OF 2026

PROVIDING THAT RESOLUTION (INTRO. NO. ____ OF 2026), ENTITLED “AUTHORIZING ADDITIONS TO MONROE COUNTY CONSOLIDATED AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT #5,” BE TABLED

BE IT MOVED, that Resolution (Intro. No. ____ of 2026), entitled “AUTHORIZING ADDITIONS TO MONROE COUNTY CONSOLIDATED AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT #5,” be tabled.

File No. 26-0192

ADOPTION: Date:

Vote:

By Legislators Frazier and Jeffery

Intro No. ____

RESOLUTION NO. _____ OF 2026

FIXING A PUBLIC HEARING BY THE PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE OF THE MONROE COUNTY LEGISLATURE ON RESOLUTION (INTRO. NO. ____ OF 2026), ENTITLED “AUTHORIZING ADDITIONS TO MONROE COUNTY CONSOLIDATED AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT #5”

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF MONROE, as follows:

Section 1. That there will be a public hearing by the Planning and Economic Development Committee of the Monroe County Legislature at 5:45 p.m. on Monday, July 27, 2026, in the Legislative Chambers in the Monroe County Office Building, 39 West Main Street, Rochester, New York, on Resolution (Intro. No. ____ of 2026), entitled “AUTHORIZING ADDITIONS TO MONROE COUNTY CONSOLIDATED AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT #5.”

Section 2. The Clerk of the Legislature is directed to provide notice of the public hearing on the eight (8) parcels proposed for inclusion of viable agricultural land into the Monroe County Agricultural District, (the "District") by publishing, at least five (5) days before said hearing, a notice in a newspaper having general circulation within the District. The Clerk is also directed to provide written notice of the hearing to the municipalities of Mendon, Hamlin, Parma, Clarkson, Sweden, and Penfield, to the owner of the land proposed to be added to the District as it is listed in the most recent assessment roll, and to the Commissioner of Agriculture and Markets. In addition, the Clerk is directed to conspicuously post a copy of said notice in the office of the Clerk at least five (5) days before said hearing. The notice shall state the time, date and place of the public hearing, a description of the proposed District, the proposed recommendations of the Monroe County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board, and a statement that the public hearing will be held concerning the original proposal and any recommendations proposed by the Monroe County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board.

Section 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Planning & Economic Development Committee; June 22, 2026 - CV:
File No. 26-0192

ADOPTION: Date: _____

Vote: _____

By Legislators Long and Maffucci

Intro. No. ____

RESOLUTION NO. ____ OF 2026

ACCEPTING FUNDING FROM OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS, THROUGH SUBCONTRACT WITH UNIFIED COURT SYSTEM OF NEW YORK STATE FOR NEW YORK STATE OVERDOSE INTERVENTION INITIATIVE

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF MONROE, as follows:

Section 1. The County Executive, or his designee, is hereby authorized to accept a \$921,000 grant from, and to execute a contract, and any amendments thereto, with the Office of Justice Programs through a subcontract with the Unified Court System of New York State, for the New York State Overdose Intervention Initiative for the period of January 1, 2026 through September 30, 2028.

Section 2. The 2026 operating budget of the Department of Human Services, Office of Mental Health, is hereby amended by appropriating the sum of \$921,000 into general fund 9300, funds center 5702030000, Alcohol and Other Substance Abuse Services.

Section 3. The County Executive is hereby authorized to appropriate any subsequent years of the grant award in accordance with the grant terms, to reappropriate any unencumbered balances during the grant period according to the grantor requirements, to make any necessary funding modifications within the grant guidelines to meet contractual commitments, and to enter into any amendments to extend the time period of the grant.

Section 4. Should funding of this program be modified or terminated for any reason, the County Executive is hereby authorized to terminate or modify the program and, where applicable, to terminate or abolish some or all positions funded under such program. Any termination or abolishment of positions shall be in accordance with New York State Civil Service Law and, when applicable, the terms of any labor agreement affecting such positions.

Section 5. This grant is 100% funded by the Office of Justice Programs, through a subcontract with the Unified Court System of New York State.

Section 6. This resolution shall take effect in accordance with Section C2-7 of the Monroe County Charter.

Public Safety Committee; June 22, 2026 – CV: 9-0
Ways & Means Committee; June 22, 2026 - CV: 11-0
File No. 26-0193

ADOPTION: Date: _____ Vote: _____

ACTION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

APPROVED: _____ VETOED: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

EFFECTIVE DATE OF RESOLUTION: _____

By Legislators Blankley, Long and Maffucci

Intro. No. ____

RESOLUTION NO. ____ OF 2026

AUTHORIZING INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH MONROE #1 BOARD OF COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES FOR MONROE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SCHOOL RESOURCE PROGRAM

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF MONROE, as follows:

Section 1. The County Executive, or his designee, is hereby authorized to execute an intermunicipal agreement, and any amendments thereto, with Monroe #1 Board of Cooperative Educational Services in the amount of \$130,000 for reimbursement to the Monroe County Sheriff's School Resource Program for the period of September 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, with the option to renew for two (2) additional one-year terms in an amount to be agreed upon by the parties but in no event less than \$130,000 per year.

Section 2. This resolution shall take effect in accordance with Section C2-7 of the Monroe County Charter.

Intergovernmental Relations Committee; June 22, 2026 – CV: 4-0
Public Safety Committee; June 22, 2026 – CV: 9-0
Ways & Means Committee; June 22, 2026 – CV: 11-0
File No. 26-0194

ADOPTION: Date: _____ Vote: _____

ACTION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

APPROVED: _____ VETOED: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

EFFECTIVE DATE OF RESOLUTION: _____

By Legislators Long and Maffucci

Intro. No. ____

RESOLUTION NO. ____ OF 2026

**AMENDING RESOLUTION 430 OF 2025 AMENDING CONTRACT WITH SAVANT ADVISORS
TO PROVIDE QUALIFIED CONSULTANT FOR MONITORING MEDICAL SERVICES AT
MONROE COUNTY JAIL**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF MONROE, as follows:

Section 1. Section 1 of Resolution 430 of 2025 is hereby amended to read as follows:

The County Executive, or his designee, is hereby authorized to execute a contract, and any amendments thereto, with Savant Advisors, in an amount not to exceed ~~\$45,000~~ 90,000 for the ~~two-year~~ period of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2027, with the option to renew for three (3) additional one-year terms upon mutual agreement of the parties in the amount of \$45,000 per year.

Section 2. Funding for this contract is included in the 2026 operating budget of the Sheriff's Office, general fund 9001, funds center 3804090000, Jail Medical, and will be requested in future years budgets.

Section 3. This resolution shall take effect in accordance with Section C2-7 of the Monroe County Charter.

Public Safety Committee; June 22, 2026 – CV: 9-0
Ways & Means Committee; June 22, 2026 – CV: 11-0
File No. 26-0195

ADOPTION: Date: _____ Vote: _____

ACTION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

APPROVED: _____ VETOED: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

EFFECTIVE DATE OF RESOLUTION: _____

By Legislators Long and Maffucci

Intro. No. ____

RESOLUTION NO. ____ OF 2026

AMENDING RESOLUTION 75 OF 2026 ACCEPTING ADDITIONAL FUNDING FROM UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, UNITED STATES MARSHALS SERVICE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK FOR UNITED STATES MARSHALS SERVICE NY/NJ REGIONAL FUGITIVE TASK FORCE-ROCHESTER DIVISION

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF MONROE, as follows:

Section 1. Section 1 of Resolution 75 of 2026 is hereby amended to read as follows:

The County Executive, or his designee, is hereby authorized to accept a ~~\$3,000~~ \$38,000 grant from, and to execute a contract and any amendments thereto, with the United States Department of Justice, United States Marshals Service Western District of New York for the reimbursement of overtime for the United States Marshals Service NY/NJ Regional Fugitive Task Force-Rochester Division for the period of October 27, 2025 through September 30, 2026.

Section 2. The 2026 operating grant budget of the Office of the Sheriff is hereby amended by appropriating the sum of \$35,000 into general fund 9300, funds center 3803010000, Police Bureau Administration.

Section 3. The County Executive is hereby authorized to appropriate any subsequent years of the grant award in accordance with the grant terms, to reappropriate any unencumbered balances during the grant period according to the grantor requirements, to make any necessary funding modifications within the grant guidelines to meet contractual commitments, and to enter into any amendments to extend the time period of the grant.

Section 4. Should funding of this program be modified or terminated for any reason, the County Executive is hereby authorized to terminate or modify the program and, where applicable, to terminate or abolish some or all positions funded under such program. Any termination or abolishment of positions shall be in accordance with New York State Civil Service Law and, when applicable, the terms of any labor agreement affecting such positions.

Section 5. This resolution shall take effect in accordance with Section C2-7 of the Monroe County Charter.

Public Safety Committee; June 22, 2026 – CV: 9-0
Ways & Means Committee; June 22, 2026 - CV: 11-0
File No. 26-0196

ADOPTION: Date: _____ Vote: _____

ACTION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

APPROVED: _____ VETOED: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

EFFECTIVE DATE OF RESOLUTION: _____

By Legislators Maffucci and Yudelson

Intro. No. ____

RESOLUTION NO. ____ OF 2026

AUTHORIZING CONTRACT WITH ALL NEW YORK PROCESS SERVERS, INC. FOR TAX FORECLOSURE OUTREACH SERVICES

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF MONROE, as follows:

Section 1. The County Executive, or his designee, is hereby authorized to execute a contract, and any amendments thereto, with All New York Process Servers, Inc., for tax foreclosure outreach services for the one (1) year period from August 1, 2026 through July 31, 2027 in an amount not to exceed \$55,000, with the option to renew for four (4) additional one-year periods in an amount not to exceed \$55,000 per year.

Section 2. Funding for this contract is included in the 2026 operating budget of the Department of Finance, general fund 9001, funds center 1205010000, Treasury.

Section 3. This resolution shall take effect in accordance with Section C2-7 of the Monroe County Charter.

Ways and Means Committee; June 22, 2026 – CV: 11-0
File No. 26-0198

ADOPTION: Date: _____

Vote: _____

ACTION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

APPROVED: _____ VETOED: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

EFFECTIVE DATE OF RESOLUTION: _____

By Legislators Long and Maffucci

Intro. No. ____

RESOLUTION NO. ____ OF 2026

CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT OF CONFLICT DEFENDER

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF MONROE, as follows:

Section 1. The appointment of Chelsea Palmisano as Conflict Defender is hereby confirmed pursuant to the Monroe County/Monroe County Bar Association Plan Regarding the Conflict Defender's Office and Assigned Counsel Program, effective immediately.

Section 2. This resolution shall take effect in accordance with Section C2-7 of the Monroe County Charter.

Public Safety Committee; June 22, 2026 – CV: 9-0
File No. 26-0199

ADOPTION: Date: Vote:

ACTION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

APPROVED: _____ VETOED: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

EFFECTIVE DATE OF RESOLUTION: _____

Chelsea Palmisano
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 Penfield, New York 14526
 Chels356@yahoo.com
 (585) 755-1468

New York State Bar Admission: February 26, 2009

Education

University at Buffalo, Law School
 Juris Doctor

Graduation Date: May 2008

University at Buffalo, The State University of New York
 Bachelor of Arts: Communication Minor: Dance
 Concentration: Political Science

Graduation Date: May 2004

Work Experience

Monroe County Conflict Defender Office Rochester, NY

Acting Conflict Defender

1/2026-present

- Oversee a staff of 30-40 employees, consisting of attorneys, paralegals, investigators, social workers and office clerks
- Coordinate with New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services and Public Safety Finance Director to implement grant funding and comply with all state requirements
- Collaborate with the Monroe County Public Defender Office, Assigned Counsel Program, and NYS Office of Indigent Legal Services to strategize for attorney shortages and case overflow between offices
- Recruit, interview, and implement training processes for new attorneys
- Oversee all budgetary, HR, payroll and disciplinary processes for the office
- Implement new internal policy manuals for Family Court, City Court, Appeals bureaus, and paralegals

Monroe County Conflict Defender Office Rochester, NY

Assistant Conflict Defender, Family Court Supervising Attorney

7/2023-12/2025

- Extensive experience representing clients in Article 4, Article 5, Article 6, Article 8, and Article 10 matters under the Family Court Act, including appearances, motions, hearings and trials
- Organizational skills and client management to handle approximately 500 Family Court cases per year
- Excellent communication skills
- Draft orders and motions
- Complete legal research
- Trial preparation including subpoena practice, witness preparation, and developing trial strategy
- Manage Family Court intern program, and directly supervise interns
- Train and supervise Family Court attorneys, paralegal, social worker and office clerk, oversee attorney rotations and coverage scheduling
- Assist in hiring process for all new employees, including interviewing
- Meet with Family Court judges and referees to manage caseload issues, coverage issues, and attorney conflicts

Monroe County Conflict Defender Office Rochester, NY*Assistant Conflict Defender*

1/2020-7/2023

- Extensive experience representing clients in Article 4, Article 5, Article 6, Article 8, and Article 10 matters under the Family Court Act, including appearances, motions, hearings and trials
- Organizational skills and client management to handle approximately 500 Family Court cases per year
- Excellent communication skills
- Draft orders and motions
- Complete legal research
- Trial preparation including subpoena practice, witness preparation, and developing trial strategy

Monroe County Conflict Defender Office Rochester, NY*Assistant Conflict Defender, Appeals & Assigned Counsel Administration*

9/2017-7/2019

- Represent clients in Family Court and Criminal Court appeals, including assembling the record, drafting briefs, and participating in oral argument at the Appellate Division, Fourth Department
- Assist in hiring process for all new employees, including interviewing
- Assist in Assigned Counsel Administration, including assignment of cases, reviewing vouchers, attorney complaints and voucher issues
- Assist in implementation of legal representation standards promulgated by New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services

Monroe County Conflict Defender Office Rochester, NY*Assistant Conflict Defender, Family Court Supervising Attorney*

7/2009-9/2017

- Extensive experience representing clients in Article 4, Article 5, Article 6, Article 8, and Article 10 matters under the Family Court Act, including appearances, motions, hearings and trials
- Organizational skills and client management to handle approximately 500 Family Court cases per year
- Excellent communication skills
- Draft orders and motions
- Complete legal research
- Trial preparation including subpoena practice, witness preparation, and developing trial strategy
- Manage Family Court intern program, and directly supervise interns
- Train and supervise Family Court attorneys, oversee attorney rotations and coverage scheduling

Legal Experience**Monroe County Conflict Defender Office** Rochester, NY*Law Clerk – Family Law and Appeals*

1/2007-7/2009

- Assisted attorneys with motion and trial preparation, drafting orders, and researching and writing memorandums of law
- Completed legal research
- Interviewed clients in preparation for hearings and trials

United States Attorney's Office – Western District of New York Buffalo, NY*Law Clerk – Criminal law*

9/2007-12/2007

- Assisted attorneys with researching and writing memorandums of law
- Completed legal research

By Legislators Baynes and Maffucci

Intro. No. ____

APPROVING MONROE COMMUNITY COLLEGE'S 2026-2027 OPERATING BUDGET

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF MONROE, as follows:

Section 1. The operating budget for the fiscal year September 1, 2026 through August 31, 2027, in the amount of \$124,200,000 and a sponsor contribution by the County of Monroe in the amount of \$21,800,000, is hereby approved.

Section 2. This resolution shall take effect in accordance with Section C2-7 of the Monroe County Charter.

Matter of Urgency
File No. 26-0200

2026–2027 Operating Budget

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SEPTEMBER 1, 2026 – AUGUST 31, 2027



Monroe Community College 2026-2027 Operating Budget

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Monroe Community College 2026-2027 Operating Budget

Overview – Highlights

The college's 2026-2027 gross budget reflects a 3.0% increase from the 2025-2026 budget. The full-time student tuition rate will increase by \$150 to \$5,350/year. The base state aid rate remains flat at \$2,997 per full-time equivalent (FTE) student. The net cost per FTE student reflects a year-on-year decrease of \$78 or 0.6% driven primarily by the increase in budgeted enrollment offset by the increase in the net budget.

ENROLLMENT – 8,300 (state-aidable) FTEs

- ☐ Increase of 300 FTEs or 3.8% greater than the state-aidable enrollment in the 2025-2026 budget of 8,000.
- ☐ Unduplicated headcount for state-aidable students, in total, will approximate 20,623 in 2026-2027 compared to 20,534 in 2025-2026, reflecting an increase of 0.4%.

NET BUDGET – (as defined by SUNY) - \$117,172,000

- ☐ Reflects a \$4.9M increase from 2025-2026 attributable primarily to increases in Student Revenues, Sponsor's Contribution, and Allocated Fund Balance.
- ☐ Computed by deducting Service Fees, Other Sponsored Programs and Miscellaneous income sources from the Gross Budget.

Monroe Community College 2026-2027 Operating Budget

Overview – Highlights

GROSS BUDGET - \$124,200,000

- ☐ Reflects an increase of 3.0% from 2025-2026
- ☐ The year-over-year increase reflects bargaining unit contractual commitments and provision for employee benefits, particularly to support health care and pension costs.

NET COST PER FTE - \$14,117

- ☐ Increase of \$78 or 0.6% from the 2025-2026 budgeted net cost per FTE of \$14,040
- ☐ This increase in net cost per FTE is primarily a result of increases in budgeted enrollment, the tuition rate and technology fees.

Monroe Community College 2026-2027 Operating Budget

Revenues – Highlights

STUDENT TUITION AND FEES - \$55,577,741 up 5.7%

Tuition - \$45,816,418; up 7.7%

- ☐ Enrollment increases by 300 full-time equivalent students.
- ☐ Full-time tuition rate increases to \$5,350 per year.
- ☐ Part-time tuition rate increases to \$223 per credit hour.
- ☐ Reflects an average 5-year annual increase in the full-time tuition rate of 2.6%. MCC remains among the lowest cost SUNY community colleges.

Fees - \$7,878,323; down 3.7%

- ☐ Year-over-year variance of (\$299,715) is due primarily to changes in the student fee structure.
- ☐ The technology fee rate increases \$80 per year.

Charges to Non-residents - \$1,883,000; up 1.2%

- ☐ Remains essentially flat year-over-year.

Monroe Community College 2026-2027 Operating Budget

Revenues – Highlights

STATE AID - \$29,921,110; flat year-over-year

- ☐ State aid is provided by adoption of a funding floor set at 100% of the SUNY approved 2025-26 base aid as stipulated in the NYS Enacted budget.
- ☐ The enacted funding floor provides approximately \$5,300,000 greater than the FTE funding model.
- ☐ The base aid rate remains at \$2,997 per FTE.

SPONSOR CONTRIBUTION - \$21,800,000; increase of \$250,000

- ☐ Sponsor contribution has increased on an average annual basis by 2.1% over the last 5 years.

Monroe Community College 2026-2027 Operating Budget

Appropriations – Highlights

PERSONAL SERVICES EXPENDITURES will increase \$3.2M or 4.9%. This includes contractual commitments under employee labor contracts, and student-centered staffing realigned with enrollment expectations.

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS will increase by \$1.0M due primarily to increases in health care and pension benefit costs.

EQUIPMENT EXPENDITURES will decrease by approximately \$324K. Expenditures for equipment represent less than 1.0% of the college's operating budget.

CONTRACTUAL EXPENDITURES will decrease by approximately \$247K or 1.3% as costs are aligned with budgeted 2026-2027 revenues.

Monroe Community College 2026-2027 Operating Budget

Financial Summary

	<u>2024/25 ACTUAL</u>	<u>2025/2026 BUDGET</u>	<u>2026/2027 BUDGET REQUEST</u>	<u>2026/2027 INCREASE (DECREASE)</u>	<u>% VAR</u>
<u>REVENUE:</u>					
Tuition and Fees	\$50,235,674	\$52,595,508	\$55,577,741	\$2,982,233	5.7%
Other Sponsored Programs	3,651,544	3,416,000	3,416,000	0	0.0%
State Aid	29,921,110	29,921,110	29,921,110	0	0.0%
Sponsor's Contribution	21,300,000	21,550,000	21,800,000	250,000	1.2%
Charges to Other Counties	5,584,221	5,057,600	5,005,200	(52,400)	(1.0%)
Other Sources	5,226,689	4,971,200	4,387,000	(584,200)	(11.8%)
Allocated Fund Balance	3,140,408	3,088,582	4,092,949	1,004,367	32.5%
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>\$119,059,646</u>	<u>\$120,600,000</u>	<u>\$124,200,000</u>	<u>\$3,600,000</u>	3.0%
<u>COSTS BY FUNCTION:</u>					
Instruction	\$40,153,569	\$39,251,614	\$40,582,762	\$1,331,148	3.4%
Other Sponsored Programs	3,318,799	3,325,723	3,325,723	0	0.0%
Public Service	675,970	695,598	762,532	66,934	9.6%
Academic Support	15,506,231	14,246,027	14,388,923	142,896	1.0%
Libraries	1,888,802	2,055,912	2,215,366	159,454	7.8%
Student Services	13,679,278	15,735,592	16,328,342	592,750	3.8%
Maintenance & Operation of Plant	19,072,869	20,558,386	21,984,102	1,425,716	6.9%
General Administration	10,115,737	10,718,013	10,494,288	(223,725)	(2.1%)
General Institutional	14,648,391	14,013,135	14,117,962	104,827	0.7%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>\$119,059,646</u>	<u>\$120,600,000</u>	<u>\$124,200,000</u>	<u>\$3,600,000</u>	3.0%
<u>COSTS BY OBJECT:</u>					
Personal Services	\$61,731,578	\$64,478,024	\$67,648,829	\$3,170,805	4.9%
Employee Benefits	36,538,055	36,335,000	37,335,000	1,000,000	2.8%
Equipment	540,043	845,113	521,126	(323,987)	(38.3%)
Contractual Expenses	20,249,970	18,941,863	18,695,045	(246,818)	(1.3%)
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>\$119,059,646</u>	<u>\$120,600,000</u>	<u>\$124,200,000</u>	<u>\$3,600,000</u>	3.0%

Monroe Community College 2026-2027 Operating Budget

Enrollment Summary

	2024/25 ACTUAL	2025/2026 BUDGET	2026/2027 BUDGET REQUEST	2025/2026 INCREASE (DECREASE)	% VAR
<u>FTEs:</u>					
<u>STATE AIDABLE:</u>					
Credit	7,884	7,901	8,198	297	3.8%
Non-Credit	82	99	102	3	3.1%
TOTAL STATE AIDABLE	7,966	8,000	8,300	300	3.8%
Non-Aidable	407	446	446	0	0.0%
TOTAL FTEs	8,373	8,446	8,746	300	3.6%
<u>STUDENT HEADCOUNT: (Unduplicated)</u>					
State-Aidable	19,985	20,534	20,623	89	0.4%
Non-Aidable	3,519	3,066	3,027	(39)	(1.3%)
TOTAL	23,504	23,600	23,650	50	0.2%

Monroe Community College 2026-2027 Operating Budget

	Revenues				
	<u>2024/25 ACTUAL</u>	<u>2025/2026 BUDGET</u>	<u>2026/2027 BUDGET REQUEST</u>	<u>2026/2027 INCREASE (DECREASE)</u>	<u>% VAR</u>
<u>TUITION AND FEES</u>					
<u>STUDENT TUITION:</u>					
Fall/Spring	\$35,115,553	\$37,170,487	\$39,986,415	\$ 2,815,928	7.6%
Winter	374,954	390,898	408,615	17,717	4.5%
Summer	4,848,842	4,996,085	5,421,388	425,303	8.5%
TOTAL TUITION	<u>\$40,339,349</u>	<u>\$42,557,470</u>	<u>\$45,816,418</u>	<u>\$ 3,258,948</u>	<u>7.7%</u>
<u>CHARGES TO NON-RESIDENTS</u>	1,745,617	1,860,000	1,883,000	23,000	1.2%
<u>STUDENT FEES</u>	<u>8,150,708</u>	<u>8,178,038</u>	<u>7,878,323</u>	<u>(299,715)</u>	<u>(3.7%)</u>
TOTAL TUITION and FEES	\$50,235,674	\$52,595,508	\$55,577,741	\$ 2,982,233	5.7%
<u>OTHER SPONSORED PROGRAMS</u>	3,651,544	3,416,000	3,416,000	0	0.0%
<u>GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS:</u>					
State Aid	29,921,110	29,921,110	29,921,110	0	(0.1%)
Sponsor's Contribution	21,300,000	21,550,000	21,800,000	250,000	1.2%
Charges to Other Counties	5,584,221	5,057,600	5,005,200	(52,400)	(1.0%)
<u>OTHER SOURCES:</u>					
Interest	3,212,325	3,000,000	2,650,000	(350,000)	(11.7%)
Rental Income	299,593	374,900	312,000	(62,900)	(16.8%)
Miscellaneous	<u>1,714,771</u>	<u>1,596,300</u>	<u>1,425,000</u>	<u>(171,300)</u>	<u>(10.7%)</u>
TOTAL	<u>5,226,689</u>	<u>\$4,971,200</u>	<u>\$4,387,000</u>	<u>\$ (584,200)</u>	<u>(11.8%)</u>
<u>ALLOCATED FUND BALANCE</u>	3,140,408	3,088,582	4,092,949	1,004,367	32.5%
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>\$119,059,646</u>	<u>\$120,600,000</u>	<u>\$124,200,000</u>	<u>\$ 3,600,000</u>	<u>3.0%</u>

Monroe Community College

2026-2027 Operating Budget

Expenditures

	2024/25 ACTUAL	2025/26 BUDGET	2026/2027 BUDGET REQUEST	2026/2027 INCREASE (DECREASE)	% VAR
INSTRUCTION					
<u>Fall & Spring</u>					
Personal Services	\$25,614,813	\$24,413,937	\$25,475,190	\$1,061,253	4.3%
Employee Benefits	10,732,483	10,303,846	10,673,982	370,136	3.6%
Equipment	260,763	321,314	322,314	1,000	0.3%
Contractual Expenses	1,519,348	2,627,611	2,531,892	(95,719)	(3.6%)
TOTAL	\$38,127,407	\$37,666,708	\$39,003,378	\$1,336,670	3.5%
<u>Winter Session</u>					
Personal Services	\$161,945	\$121,000	\$121,000	\$0	0.0%
Employee Benefits	31,731	25,410	23,708	(1,702)	(6.7%)
TOTAL	\$193,676	\$146,410	\$144,708	(\$1,702)	(1.2%)
<u>Summer Session</u>					
Personal Services	\$1,536,570	\$1,203,000	\$1,203,000	\$0	0.0%
Employee Benefits	295,915	235,496	231,676	(3,820)	(1.6%)
TOTAL	\$1,832,485	\$1,438,496	\$1,434,676	(\$3,820)	(0.3%)
<u>TOTAL INSTRUCTION</u>					
Personal Services	\$27,313,329	\$25,737,937	\$26,799,190	\$1,061,253	4.1%
Employee Benefits	11,060,129	10,564,752	10,929,366	364,614	3.5%
Equipment	260,763	321,314	322,314	1,000	0.3%
Contractual Expenses	1,519,348	2,627,611	2,531,892	(95,719)	(3.6%)
TOTAL	\$40,153,569	\$39,251,614	\$40,582,762	\$1,331,148	3.4%

Monroe Community College

2026-2027 Operating Budget

Expenditures

	2024/25 ACTUAL	2025/26 BUDGET	2026/2027 BUDGET REQUEST	2026/2027 INCREASE (DECREASE)	% VAR
<u>OTHER SPONSORED PROGRAMS</u>					
Personal Services	\$1,371,659	\$1,568,340	\$1,792,331	\$223,991	14.3%
Employee Benefits	446,061	395,237	354,216	(41,021)	(10.4%)
Equipment	4,998	75,975	0	(75,975)	(100.0%)
Contractual Expenses	1,496,081	1,286,171	1,179,176	(106,995)	(8.3%)
TOTAL	\$3,318,799	\$3,325,723	\$3,325,723	\$0	0.0%
<u>PUBLIC SERVICE</u>					
Personal Services	\$368,617	\$395,475	\$454,491	\$59,016	14.9%
Employee Benefits	218,806	261,862	269,780	7,918	3.0%
Equipment	27,694	14,000	14,000	0	0.0%
Contractual Expenses	60,853	24,261	24,261	0	0.0%
TOTAL	\$675,970	\$695,598	\$762,532	\$66,934	9.6%
<u>ACADEMIC SUPPORT</u>					
Personal Services	\$6,779,009	\$7,640,547	\$7,769,615	\$129,068	1.7%
Employee Benefits	3,146,218	3,416,082	3,605,970	189,888	5.6%
Equipment	22,096	297,500	44,500	(253,000)	(85.0%)
Contractual Expenses	5,558,908	2,891,898	2,968,838	76,940	2.7%
TOTAL	\$15,506,231	\$14,246,027	\$14,388,923	\$142,896	1.0%
<u>LIBRARIES</u>					
Personal Services	\$1,055,843	\$1,216,975	\$1,266,063	\$49,088	4.0%
Employee Benefits	593,453	599,244	711,610	112,366	18.8%
Equipment	0	0	0	0	NA
Contractual Expenses	239,506	239,693	237,693	(2,000)	(0.8%)
TOTAL	\$1,888,802	\$2,055,912	\$2,215,366	\$159,454	7.8%

Monroe Community College

2026-2027 Operating Budget

Expenditures

	2024/25 ACTUAL	2025/26 BUDGET	2026/2027 BUDGET REQUEST	2026/2027 INCREASE (DECREASE)	% VAR
<u>STUDENT SERVICES</u>					
Personal Services	\$7,861,013	\$9,290,847	\$9,584,890	\$294,043	3.2%
Employee Benefits	3,908,141	4,476,463	4,765,175	288,712	6.4%
Equipment	1,820	1,824	1,824	0	0.0%
Contractual Expenses	1,908,304	1,966,458	1,976,453	9,995	0.5%
TOTAL	\$13,679,278	\$15,735,592	\$16,328,342	\$592,750	3.8%
<u>MAINTENANCE & OPERATION OF PLANT</u>					
Personal Services	\$8,151,464	\$9,240,072	\$10,040,527	\$800,455	8.7%
Employee Benefits	4,392,811	4,863,788	5,410,824	547,036	11.2%
Equipment	194,559	124,500	119,488	(5,012)	(4.0%)
Contractual Expenses	6,334,035	6,330,026	6,413,263	83,237	1.3%
TOTAL	\$19,072,869	\$20,558,386	\$21,984,102	\$1,425,716	6.9%
<u>GENERAL ADMINISTRATION</u>					
Personal Services	\$5,319,293	\$5,389,355	\$5,796,170	\$406,815	7.5%
Employee Benefits	2,620,312	3,366,851	2,855,224	(511,627)	(15.2%)
Equipment	13,321	8,000	17,000	9,000	112.5%
Contractual Expenses	2,162,811	1,953,807	1,825,894	(127,913)	(6.5%)
TOTAL	\$10,115,737	\$10,718,013	\$10,494,288	(\$223,725)	(2.1%)
<u>GENERAL INSTITUTIONAL</u>					
Personal Services	\$3,511,351	\$3,998,476	\$4,145,552	\$147,076	3.7%
Employee Benefits	10,152,124	8,390,722	8,432,835	42,113	0.5%
Equipment	14,792	2,000	2,000	0	0.0%
Contractual Expenses	970,124	1,621,937	1,537,575	(84,362)	(5.2%)
TOTAL	\$14,648,391	\$14,013,135	\$14,117,962	\$104,827	0.7%
<u>TOTAL COSTS</u>					
Personal Services	\$61,731,578	\$64,478,024	\$67,648,829	\$3,170,805	4.9%
Employee Benefits	36,538,055	36,335,000	37,335,000	1,000,000	2.8%
Equipment	540,043	845,113	521,126	(323,987)	(38.3%)
Contractual Expenses	20,249,970	18,941,863	18,695,045	(246,818)	(1.3%)
GRAND TOTAL	\$119,059,646	\$120,600,000	\$124,200,000	\$3,600,000	3.0%

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Enrollment

	2024/25 ACTUAL	2025/2026 BUDGET	2026/2027 BUDGET REQUEST	2026/2027 INCREASE (DECREASE)
<u>STATE AIDABLE CREDIT FTEs</u>				
<u>FALL SEMESTER</u>				
Full-Time	2,135	2,215	2,224	9
Part-Time	903	857	1,057	200
Credit Course Supplement	716	684	710	26
TOTAL	3,754	3,756	3,991	235
<u>WINTER SESSION</u>				
Part-Time	61	63	65	2
<u>SPRING SEMESTER</u>				
Full-Time	1,822	1,848	1,855	7
Part-Time	941	890	900	10
Credit Course Supplement	422	466	483	17
TOTAL	3,185	3,204	3,238	34
<u>SUMMER SESSION</u>				
Full-Time/Part-Time	883	878	904	26
TOTAL	7,884	7,901	8,198	297
<u>STATE AIDABLE NON-CREDIT FTEs</u>				
Fall Semester	38	61	63	2
Spring Semester	42	36	38	2
Summer Session	2	2	1	(1)
TOTAL	82	99	102	3
TOTAL STATE AIDABLE FTEs	7,966	8,000	8,300	300
<u>OTHER SPONSORED PROGRAMS (NON-AIDABLE)</u>	407	446	446	-
TOTAL	8,373	8,446	8,746	300
<u>STUDENT HEADCOUNT</u>				
State-Aidable	19,985	20,534	20,623	89
Non-Aidable	3,519	3,066	3,027	(39)
TOTAL HEADCOUNT (unduplicated)	23,504	23,600	23,650	50

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Appendix

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TUITION AND FEE SCHEDULE

	<u>2025-2026</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
TUITION		
NEW YORK STATE residents who are residents of the sponsorship area or non-residents of the sponsorship area who present Certificates of Residence:		
Full-time (12 credit hours or equivalent or more per semester) per academic year	\$5,200.00	\$5,350.00
Part-time (per semester credit hour or equivalent)	\$217.00	\$223.00
Part-time Off-Peak (per semester credit hour or equivalent)	\$144.00	\$148.00
High school students taking college-level credit courses at their high school	\$72.00	\$74.00
Students enrolled in early college high school and/or P-TECH programs	\$0 - \$72.00	\$74.00
NEW YORK STATE residents who do not present Certificate(s) of Residence and non-residents of NYS:		
Full-time (12 credit hours or equivalent or more per semester) per academic year	\$10,400.00	\$10,700.00
Part-time (per semester credit hour or equivalent)	\$434.00	\$446.00
Part-time Off-Peak (per semester credit hour or equivalent)	\$288.00	\$296.00
High school students taking college-level credit courses at their high school	\$144.00	\$148.00
Students enrolled in early college high school and/or P-TECH programs	\$0 - \$144.00	\$0 - \$148.00

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	2025-2026	2026-2027
STUDENT SERVICE FEES		
Laboratory/Service Fee ¹	\$8.00 - \$675.00	\$8.00 - \$675.00
Dual enrollment course fee	\$0	\$0
Credit by Examination	\$217.00	\$223.00
Returned Check Fee	\$20.00	\$20.00
Late Registration Fee	\$25.00	\$25.00
Re-registration Fee	\$25.00	\$25.00
Deferred Payment Fee	\$20.00 - \$50.00	\$20.00 - \$100.00
Enrollment / Records Fee (per applicable session)	\$8.00	\$8.00
Open Educational Resources (OER) Course Fee - for each registered OER course	\$10.00	\$10.00
Students enrolled in early college high school and/or P-TECH programs	May be waived	May be waived
¹ Does not include Airport Rescue Fire Fighter and Hazardous Materials Course Fees. Does include fees for health related courses		
OUT-OF-STATE STUDENT CAPITAL REVENUE FEE		
Required for all out-of-state students per credit hour up to a \$300 annual maximum	\$10.00 - \$300.00	\$10.00 - \$300.00
STUDENT LIFE FEE²		
Fall and Spring (per term)		
12 or more credit hours or equivalent	\$186.50	\$192.00
9-11 credit hours or equivalent	\$163.00	\$167.75
5-8 credit hours or equivalent	\$84.25	\$86.75
1-4 credit hours or equivalent	\$54.75	\$56.50
Summer Session Student Life fee (per credit hour)	\$3.50	\$3.50
Summer Session Photo ID fee	\$3.50	\$3.75
Students enrolled in early college high school and/or P-Tech programs	May be waived	May be waived

²less Graduation Fee of \$6.00 for part-time non-matriculated students

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	<u>2025-2026</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
TECHNOLOGY FEE (per applicable term)		
12 or more credit hours or equivalent	\$325.00	\$365.00
9-11 credit hours or equivalent	\$218.00	\$244.00
5-8 credit hours or equivalent	\$110.00	\$122.00
1-4 credit hours or equivalent	\$56.00	\$61.00
Students enrolled in early college high school and/or P-TECH programs	May be waived	May be waived
TRANSPORTATION FEE		
Fall and Spring Terms	\$75.00	\$75.00
Summer Term	\$50.00	\$50.00
This Transportation Fee supports expenses related to full-service transportation including vehicle registration (on-campus parking) and access to bus services provided by the Regional Transit Service (RTS) with a valid MCC ID, and maintenance and security of campus roadways, walkways, and parking lots		
Students participating in any dual or concurrent enrollment program	May be waived	May be waived

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TUITION AND FEE SCHEDULE

	<u>2025-2026</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
HEALTH INSURANCE FEE		
Required of all matriculated F-1 nonimmigrant visa students (includes repatriation and emergency evacuation coverage):		
Annual (coverage is August 15 - August 14)	\$2,164.00	\$2,403.00
Fall only (coverage is August 15 - January 14)	\$906.00	\$1,007.00
Spring only (coverage is January 15 - June 14)	\$896.00	\$995.00
Spring/Summer (coverage is January 15 - August 14)	\$1,258.00	\$1,396.00
Summer/Short term (coverage is May 15 - August 14)	\$545.00	\$605.00
International Health Insurance (cost is per day)	\$5.94/per day	\$6.58/per day
HEALTH FEE (per semester)		
Required of all students registered for 6 or more credit hours or equivalent	\$10.00	\$10.00
Students enrolled in early college high school and/or P-TECH programs	May be waived	May be waived

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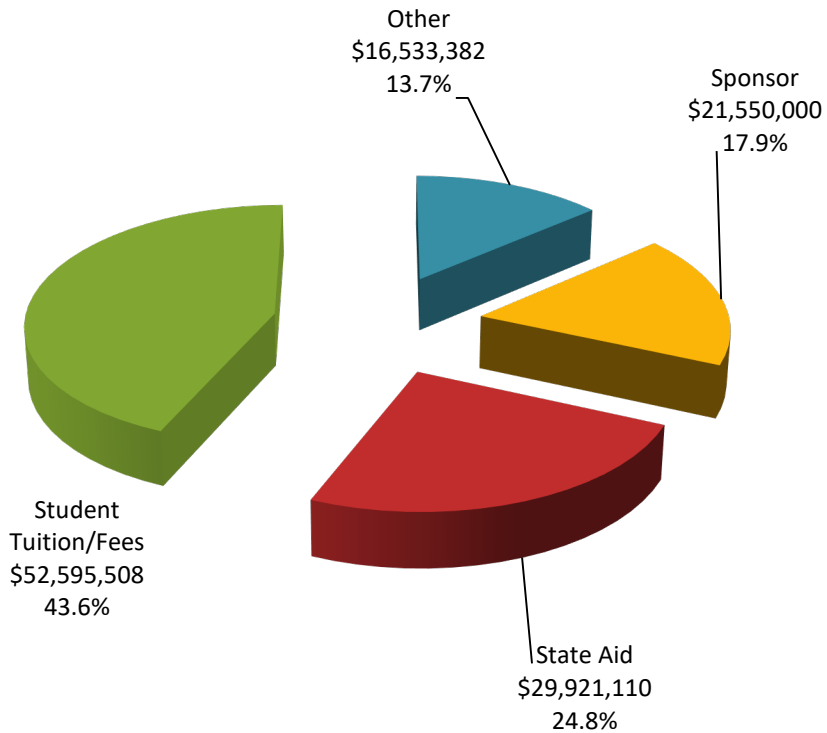
Revenue Sources – Highlights

- ❑ The state, county sponsor, and students provide 86.4% of total funding for the operating budget.
- ❑ State aid is determined by SUNY in accord with the state budget. For the 2026-2027 year, base state aid is the higher of \$2,997 per aidable FTE or 100% of the 2025-26 SUNY approved base aid. Under the enacted funding floor, state aid amounts to \$29,921,110 or 24.1% of the total revenue budget.
- ❑ Sponsor contribution amounts to \$21,800,000, an increase of \$250,000 or 1.2% over last year. This represents 17.6% of the total revenue budget.
- ❑ Student tuition and fees will total \$55,577,741 or 44.7% of the total revenue budget.
- ❑ Student tuition rates will increase to \$5,350 for full-time and \$223 per credit hour for part-time students. Historically, this amounts to a 2.6% average annual increase over the last 5-year period. Student tuition will fund \$45,816,418 or 36.9 % of the total budget. The Technology fee will increase to \$365 per applicable term and will provide \$5,691,523 in student support.
- ❑ Other sources of revenue totaling \$16,901,149 or 13.6% include Other Sponsored Programs, charges to other counties, interest, rental and miscellaneous revenues and the use of allocated fund balance.

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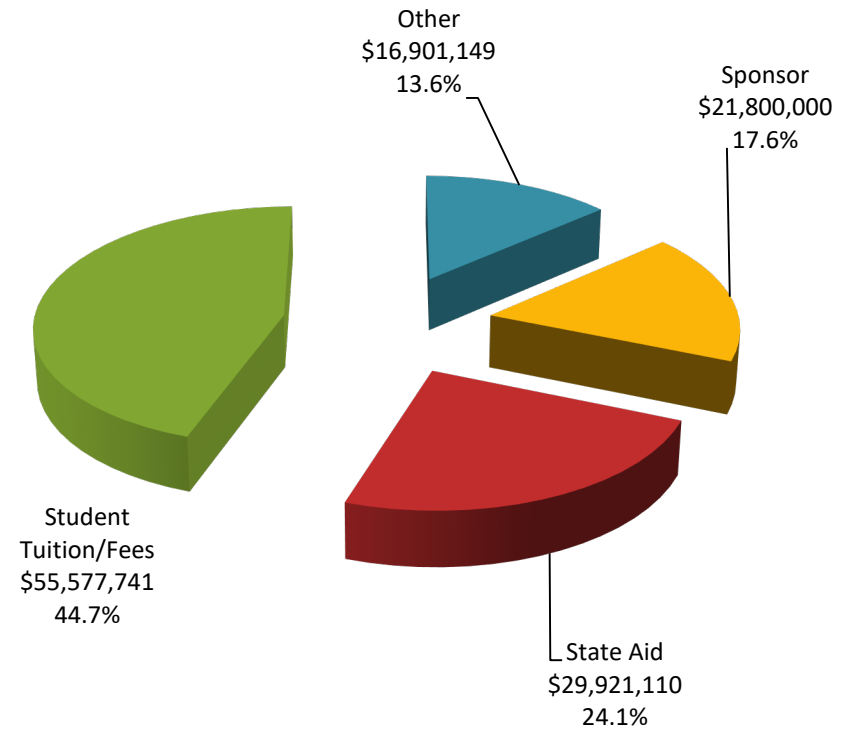
Total Revenues – 2025-2026

\$120,600,000



Total Revenues – 2026-2027

\$124,200,000



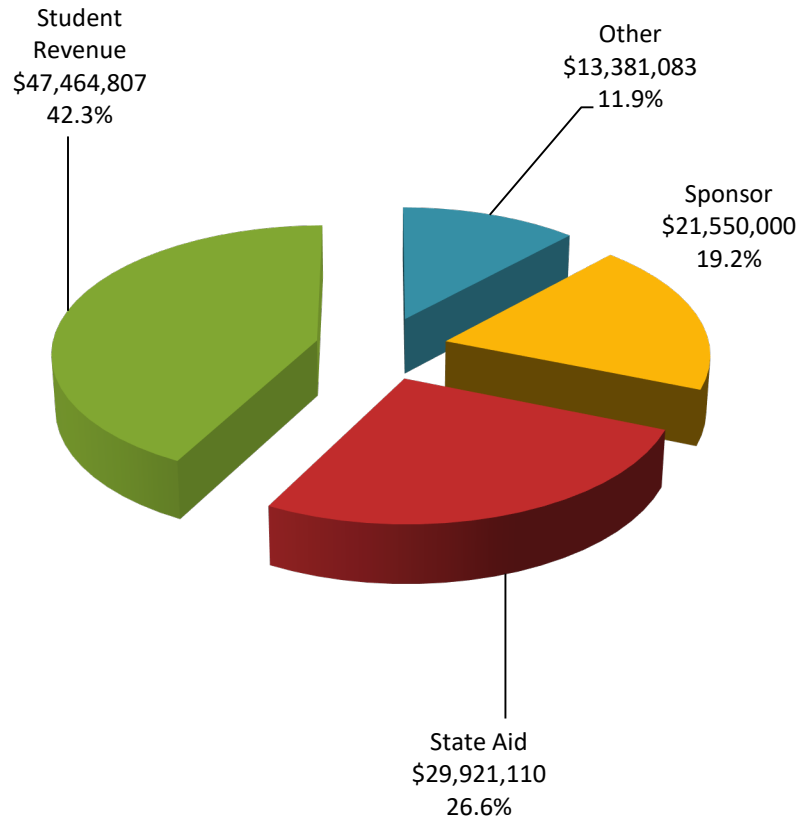
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Net Revenue – Highlights

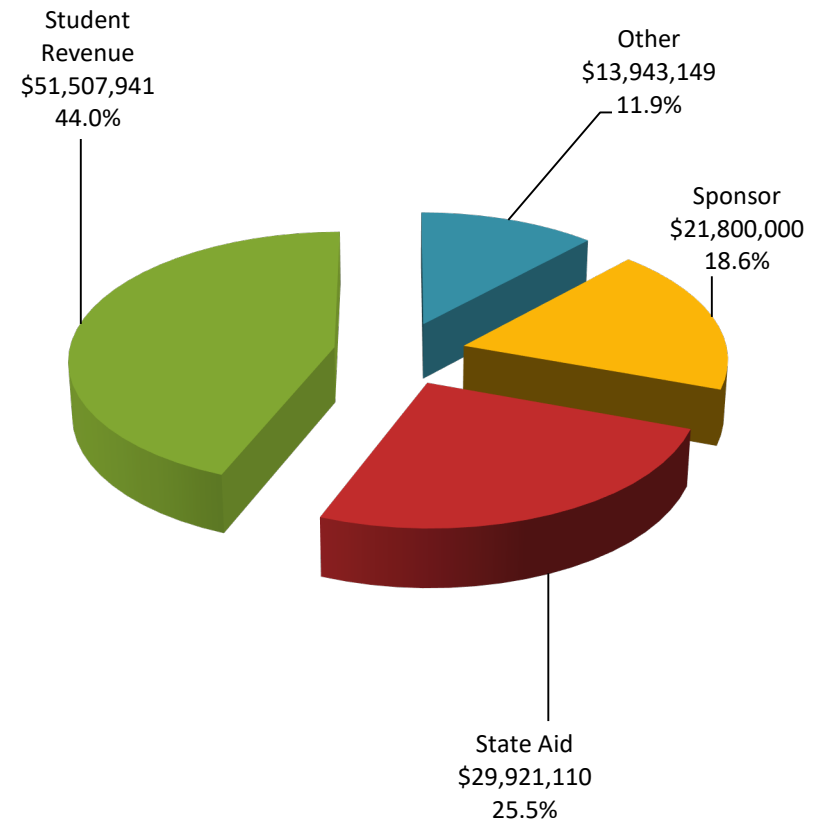
- ❑ The net operating budget of \$117,172,200 equals the gross operating budget minus offsetting operating revenues and budgeted appropriations not allowable for state aid, such as Other Sponsored Programs. This is the basis for the tri-party funding partnership: the state, local sponsor, and student revenue.
- ❑ State aid is provided in the form of enrollment-based funding as determined by SUNY. For the 2026-2027 year, base state aid is the higher of \$2,997 per FTE or 100% of the 2025-26 SUNY approved base aid. Under the enacted funding floor, state aid amounts to \$29,921,110 or 25.5% of the net revenue budget.
- ❑ Sponsor contribution amounts to \$21,800,000 – an increase of \$250,000 over last year. This represents 18.6% of the net revenue budget.
- ❑ Student revenue (tuition and technology fees) will total \$51,507,941 or 44.0% of the net revenue budget. Amended tuition limitation regulations allow community colleges to exceed the limit of one-third of the net budget. This budget anticipates that this amendment will continue.
- ❑ Other sources of net revenue totaling \$13,943,149 or 11.9% include charges to other counties, non-resident tuition, interest and rental revenue allowable under SUNY guidelines, and use of allocated fund balance.

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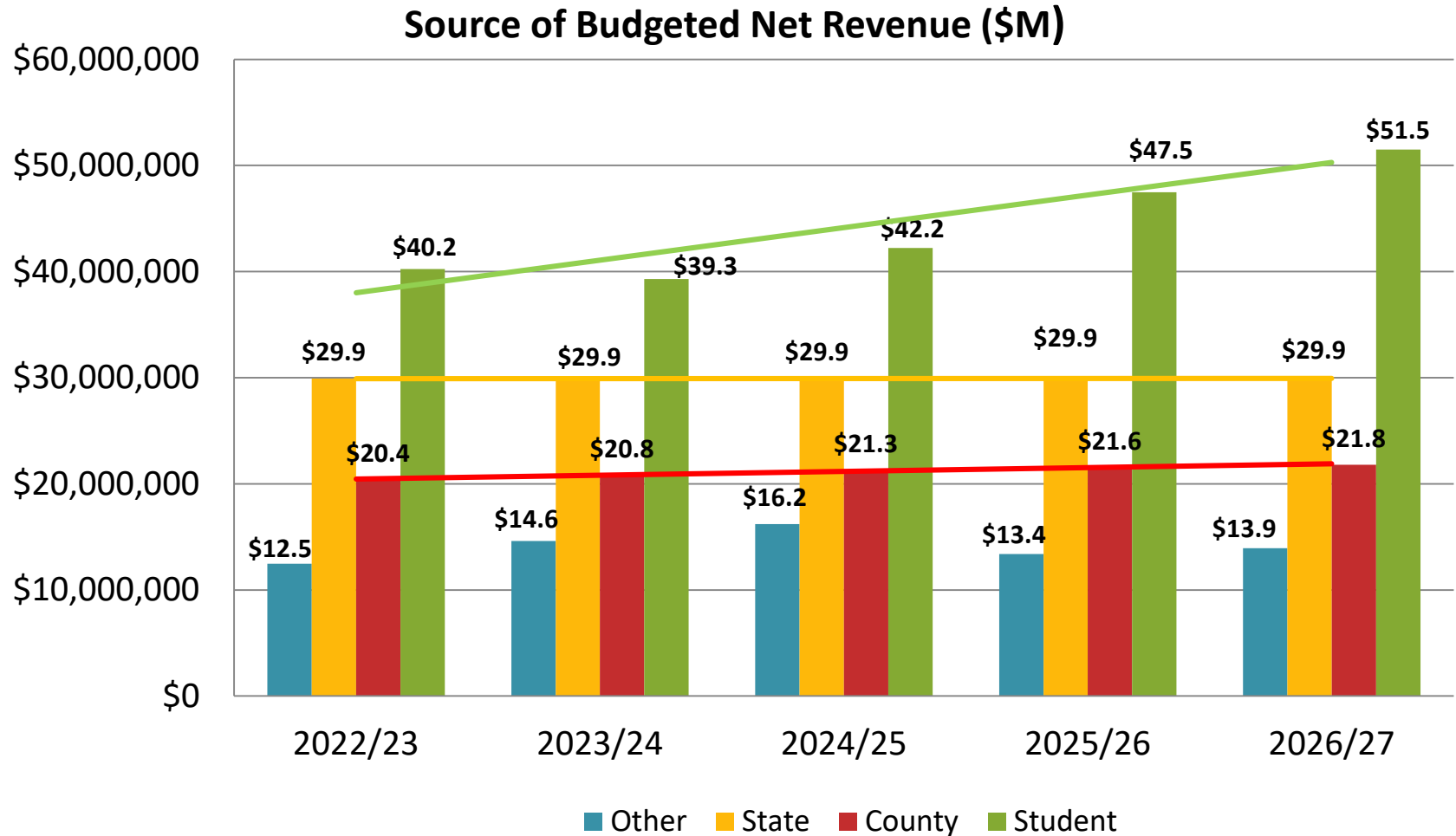
Net Revenues – 2025-2026
\$112,317,000



Net Revenues – 2026-2027
\$117,172,200

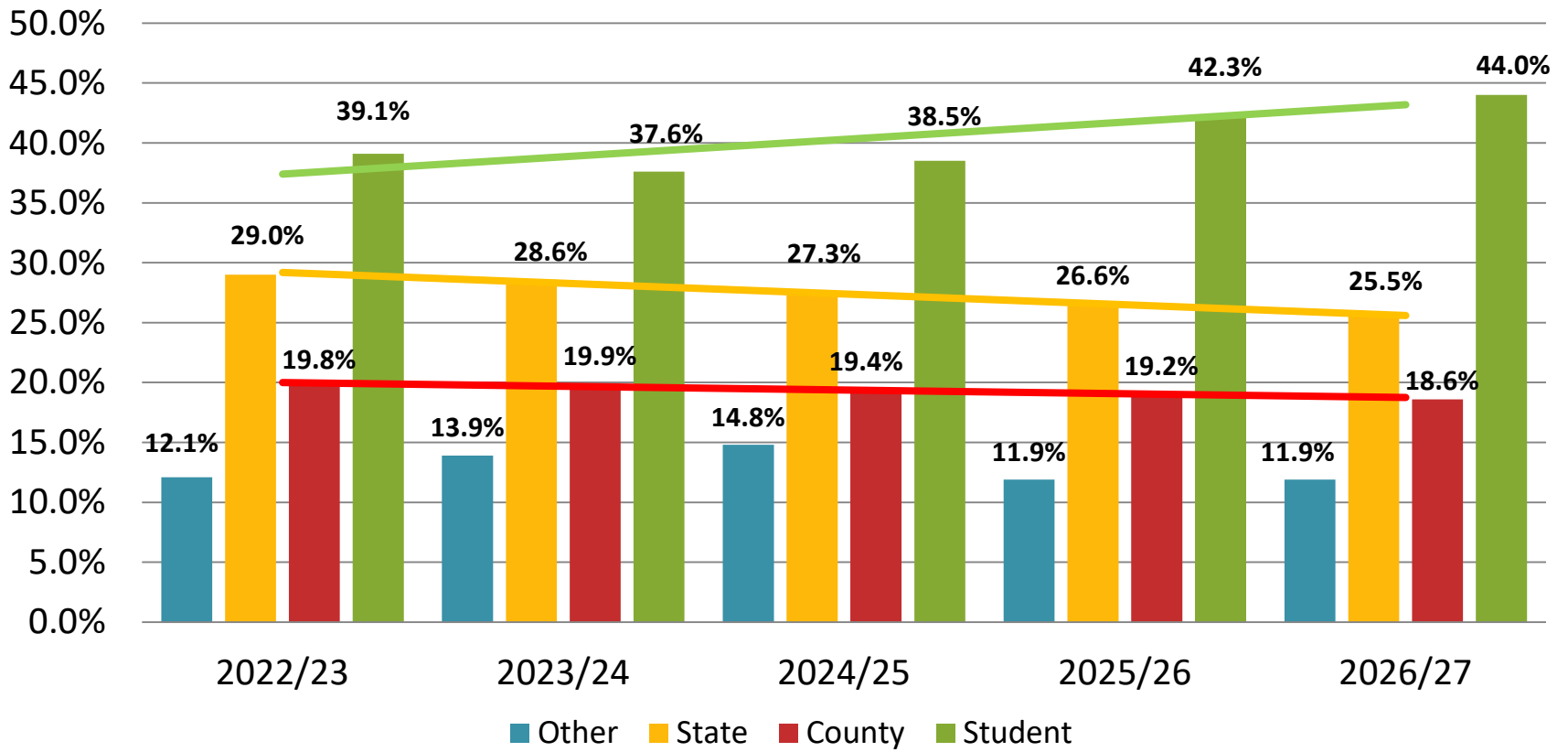


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Source of Budgeted Net Revenue (%)



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Increase (Decrease) in Revenue

- ❑ This chart represents the revenue that is required to fund the College's 2026-2027 operating budget.
- ❑ As previously illustrated, there are three (3) primary sources of revenue for the operating budget. It is anticipated that compared to the 2025-2026 budget, the three sources will change by the following amounts:

Student Revenues	\$4,043,133	8.5%
State of New York	\$ 0	0.0%
County of Monroe	\$ 250,000	1.2%

- ❑ Per the approved state budget, base state aid is set at the enacted 100% funding floor.
- ❑ A three-year history of year-on-year changes in the primary sources of budgeted revenue is as follows:

	<u>2024-2025</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
Student Revenues	\$3,489,285	\$5,016,732	\$4,043,133
State of New York	10,546	0	0
County of Monroe	520,000	250,000	250,000

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Appropriations - Costs by Object

- ❑ 84.5% of the operating budget request is for salaries and benefits for faculty and staff.
- ❑ Less than 1.0% of the operating budget request is for equipment.
- ❑ 15.1% of the operating budget request is for contractual expenses, such as utilities, maintenance agreements and supplies.
- ❑ The percentage change in the budget categories is comprised of the following:

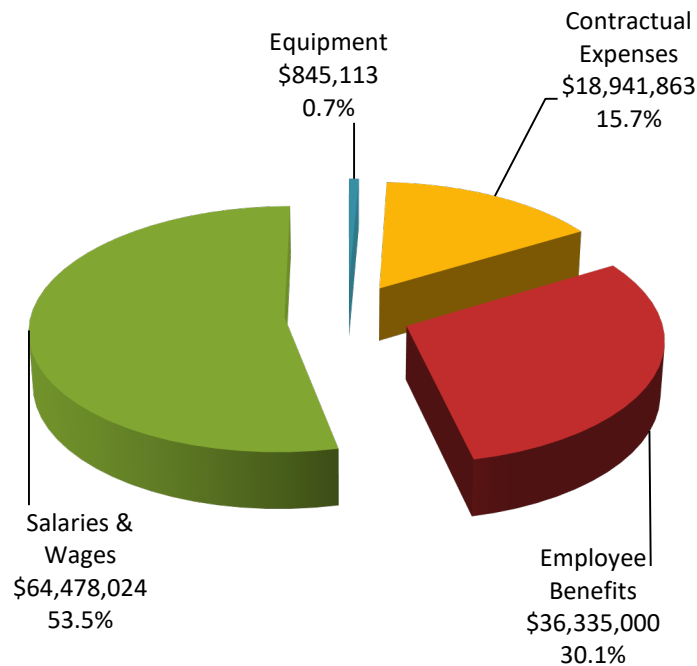
Personal Services	2.5 %
Employee Benefits	0.8 %
Equipment	(0.2)%
Contractual Expenses	<u>(0.1) %</u>
Overall Change	<u>3.0 %</u>

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Appropriations – Costs by Object

2025-2026

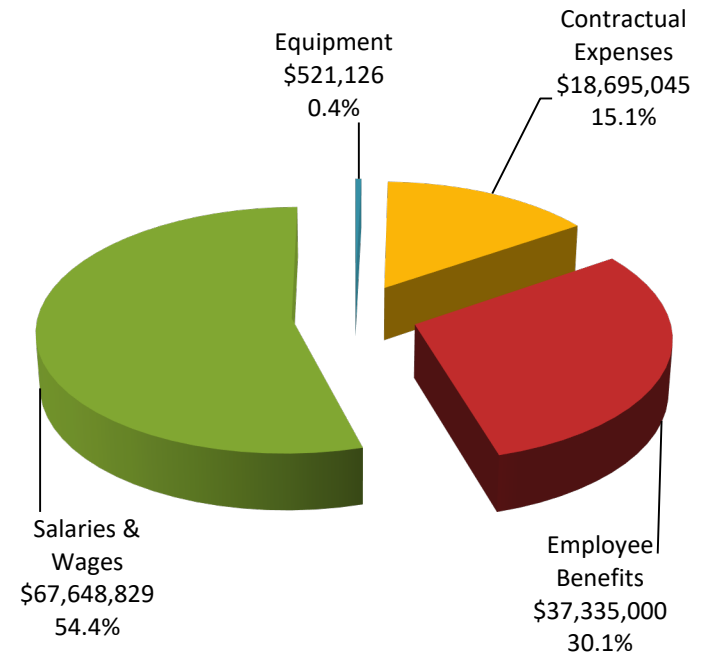
\$120,600,000



Appropriations – Costs by Object

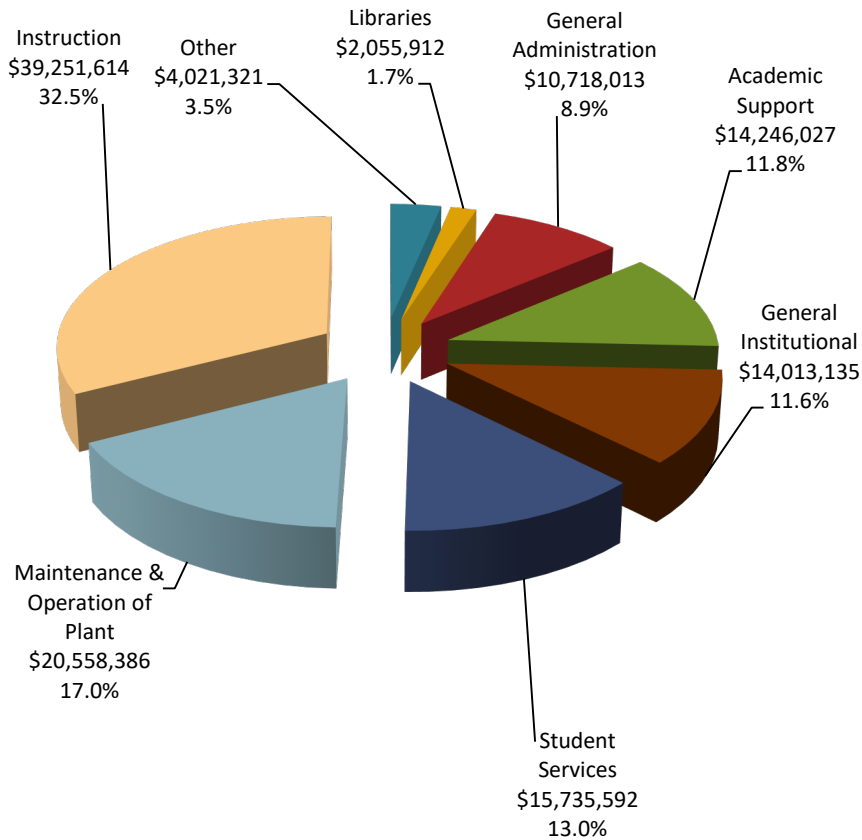
2026-2027

\$124,200,000

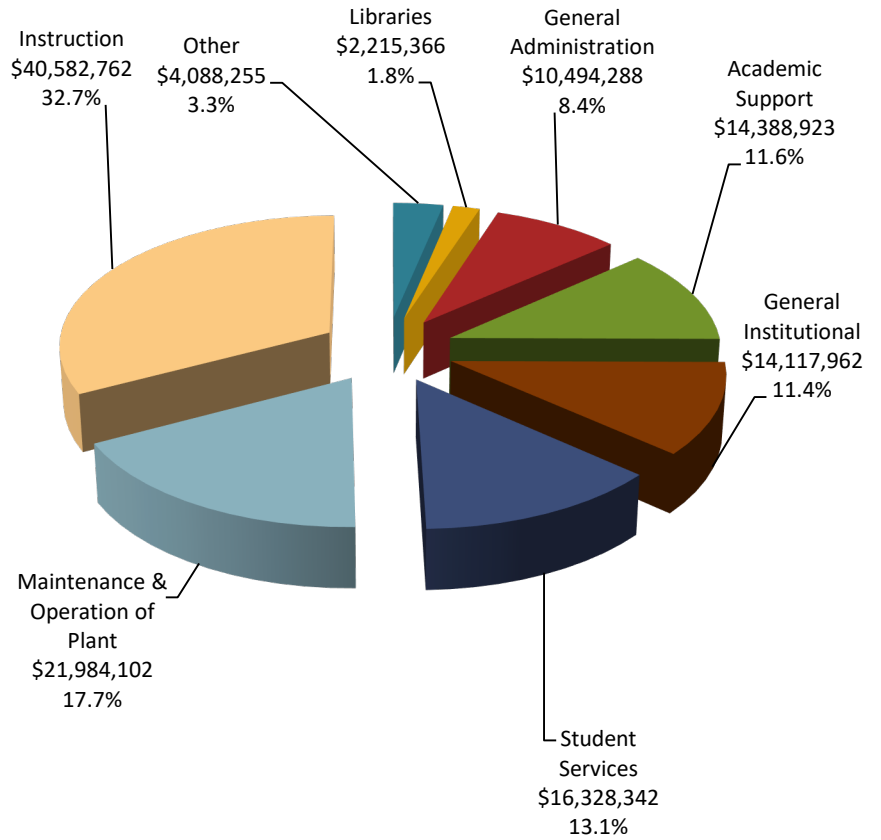


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Gross Budget by Function – 2025-2026
\$120,600,000



Gross Budget by Function – 2026-2027
\$124,200,000



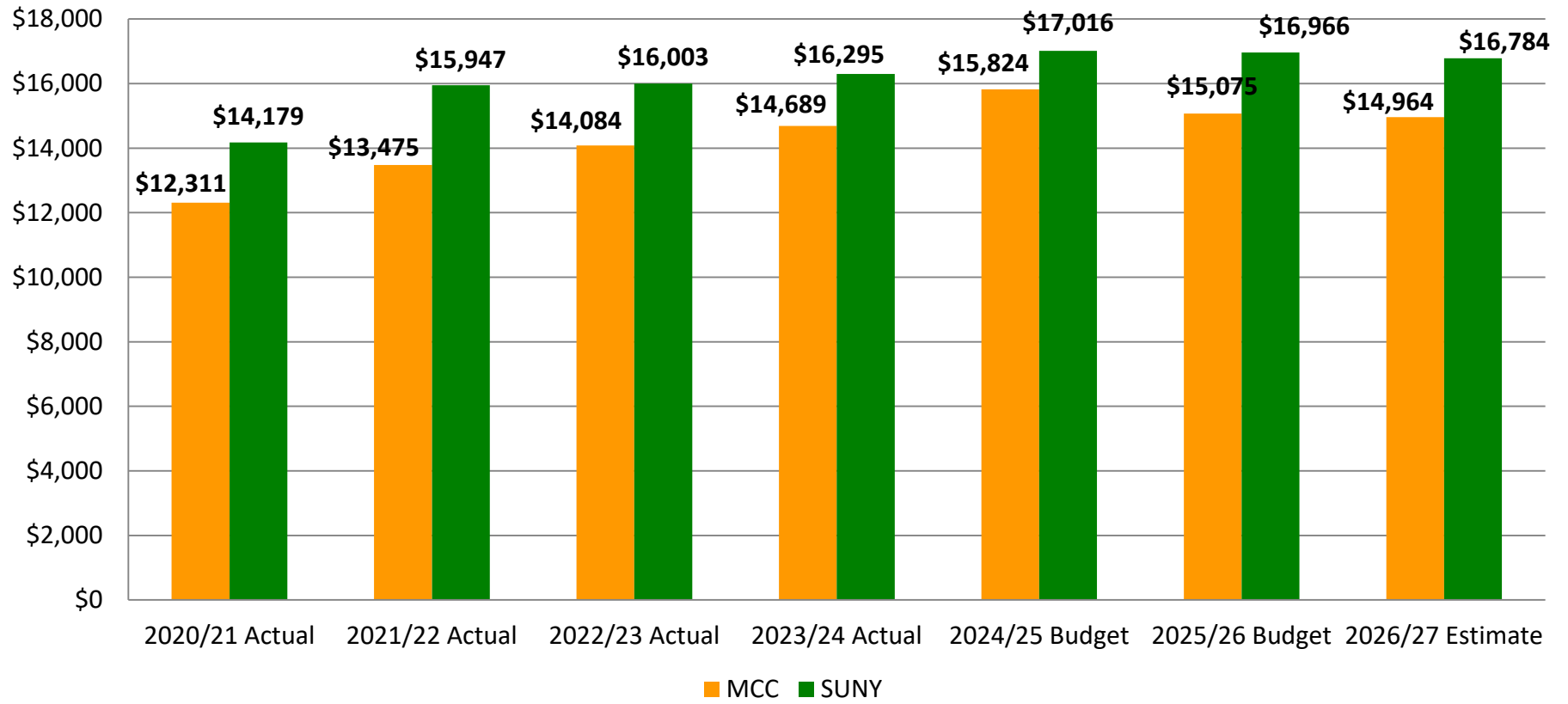
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Gross Budgeted Expenditures per FTE Student

- ❑ This graph compares Monroe Community College's total cost per full-time equivalent (FTE) student with the average cost per FTE student for all community colleges under the program of the State University of New York (SUNY).
- ❑ For the 2026-2027 year, the gross budgeted expenditure per FTE student is \$14,964, down \$111 from the 2025-2026 gross budgeted amount of \$15,075. This is due primarily to the anticipated increase in state-aidable enrollment.
- ❑ The budgeted cost per FTE of \$14,964 is \$1,820 or 12.2% below the estimated SUNY average of \$16,784 for the 2026-27 year.

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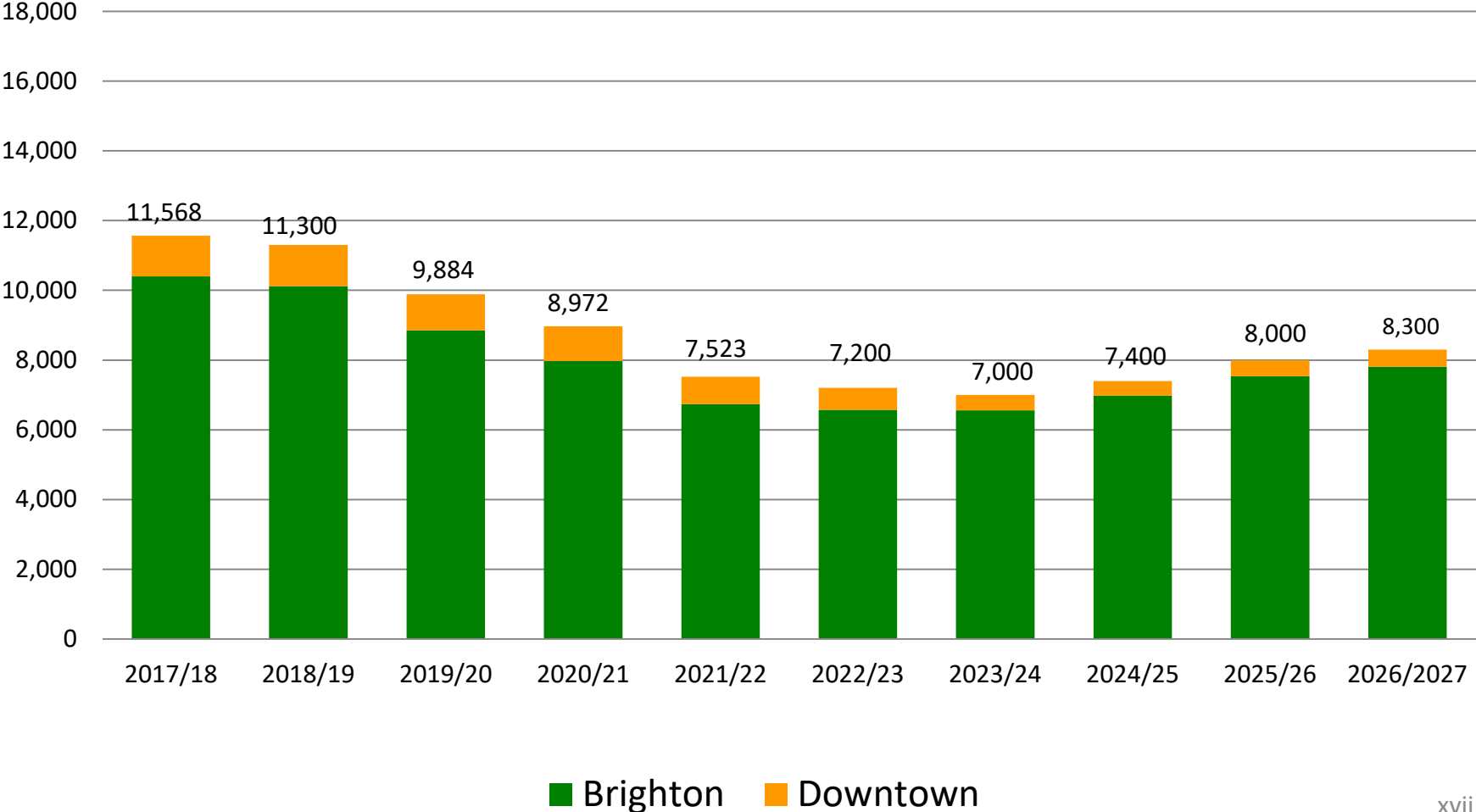
Total Expenditures per FTE



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Aidable FTE Enrollment



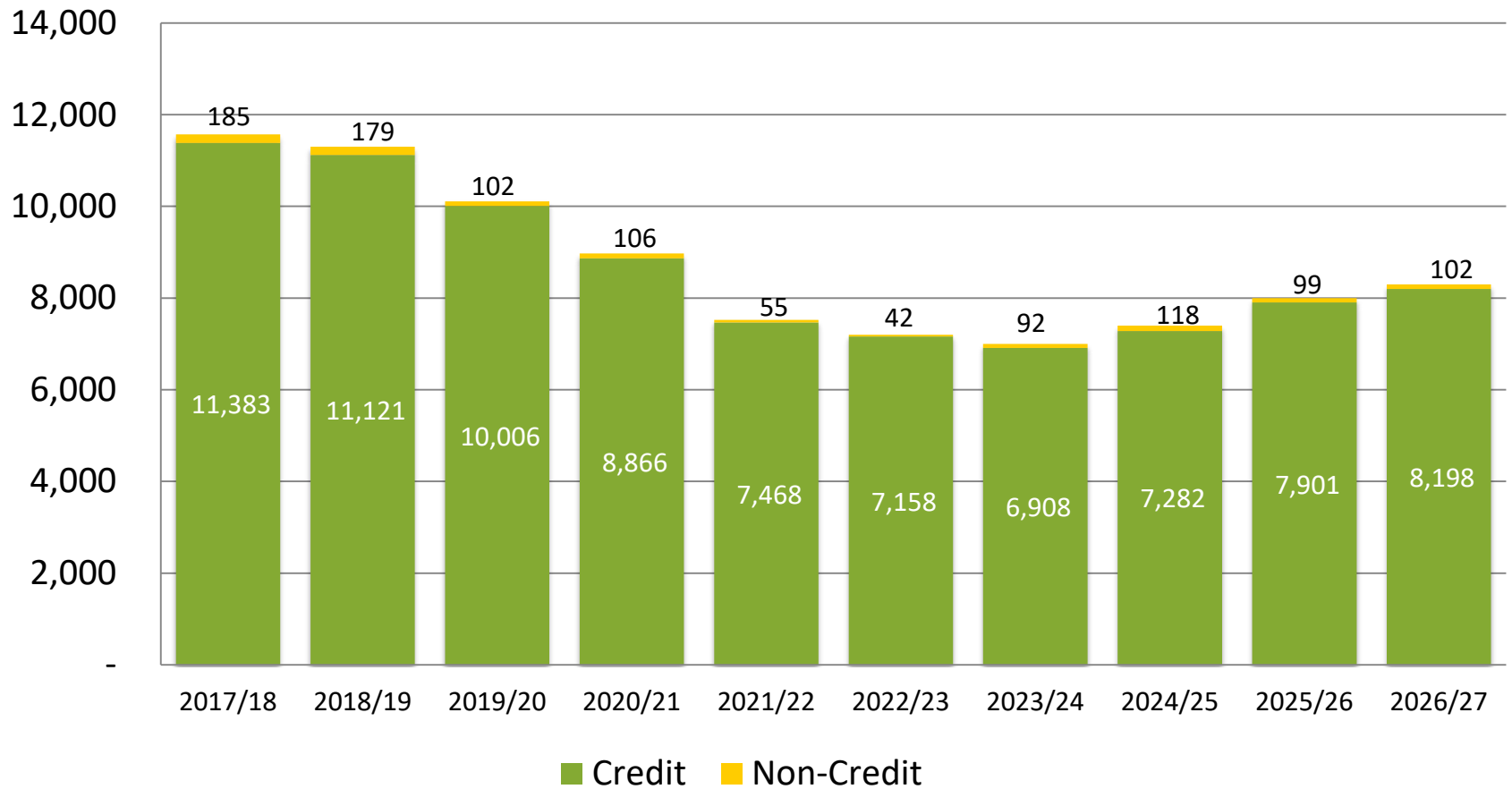
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Aidable FTE Enrollment

- ❑ The graph demonstrates the trend in enrollment at Monroe Community College since 2017-2018. Full-time equivalent (FTE) student is the basic measure of workload used by SUNY.
- ❑ FTE enrollment is calculated by dividing all credit and credit equivalent units in specified aidable non-credit courses taken by students by 30.
- ❑ Total aidable enrollment is budgeted at 8,300 FTEs which is 300 FTEs or 3.8% more than the 2025-2026 budget of 8,000.
- ❑ Aidable enrollment at the Brighton Campus is budgeted at 7,810 FTEs which is 273 FTEs or 3.6% more than the 2025-2026 budget of 7,537.
- ❑ The Brighton Campus includes enrollment related to the Public Safety Training Facility and the Applied Technologies Center of 818 and 317 FTEs, respectively.
- ❑ Downtown Campus enrollment is budgeted at 490 FTEs. This reflects an increase of 27 FTEs or 5.8 % above the 2025-2026 budgeted enrollment of 463 FTEs.

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Credit and Non-Credit Budgeted Aidable FTE Enrollment



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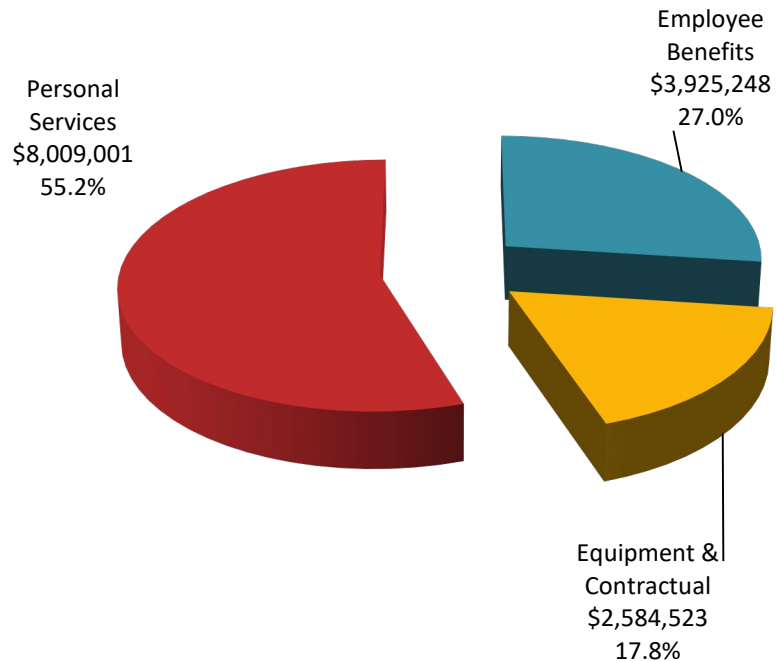
Downtown Campus

- ❑ The Downtown Campus represents the operations of the college's campus at 321 State Street in downtown Rochester. The campus includes all core instructional and student-related functions as well as operations related to the college's Division of Economic Development and Innovative Workforce Services (EDIWS). EDIWS oversees both credit and non-credit instruction including Other Sponsored Programs (OSP).
- ❑ The direct cost appropriation for 2026-2027 is \$14,881,755 reflecting a 2.5% increase from the 2025-26 budget.
- ❑ Projected credit enrollment at the Downtown Campus is 490 FTEs or 5.9% of the total 2026-2027 aidable college enrollment of 8,300. This is an increase of 27 FTEs or 5.9% compared to the 2025-2026 budgeted enrollment of 463.
- ❑ Projected enrollment for Other Sponsored Programs (OSP) is 446 FTEs which remains flat as compared to the 2025-2026 budget.

Monroe Community College 2026-2027 Operating Budget – Downtown Campus

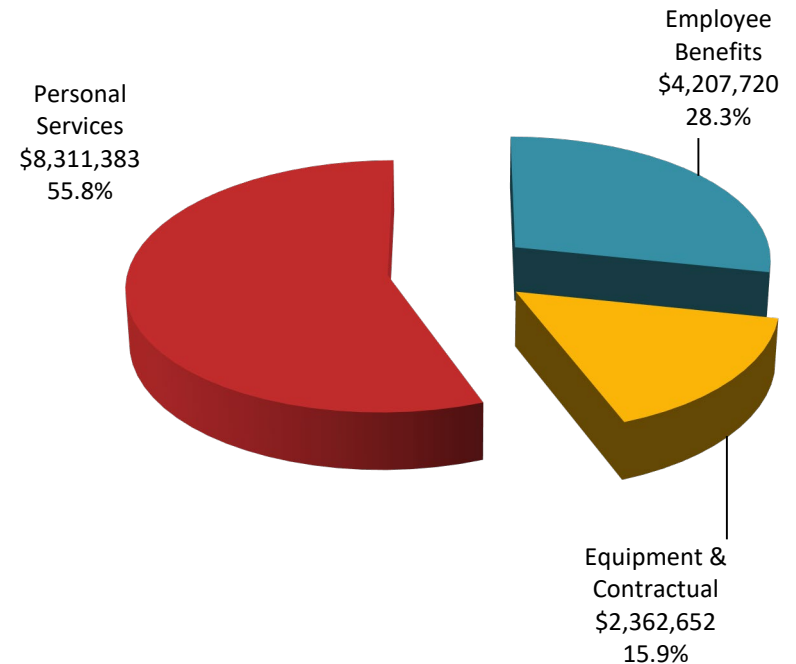
Direct Costs by Object – 2025-2026

\$14,518,772



Direct Costs by Object – 2026-2027

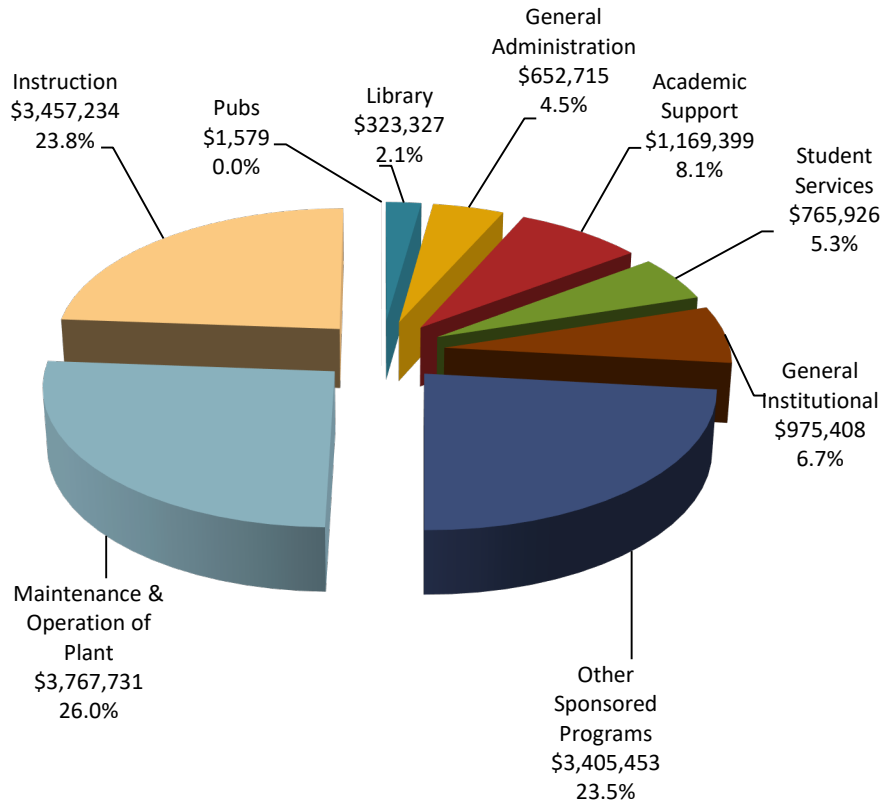
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Monroe Community College 2026-2027 Operating Budget – Downtown Campus

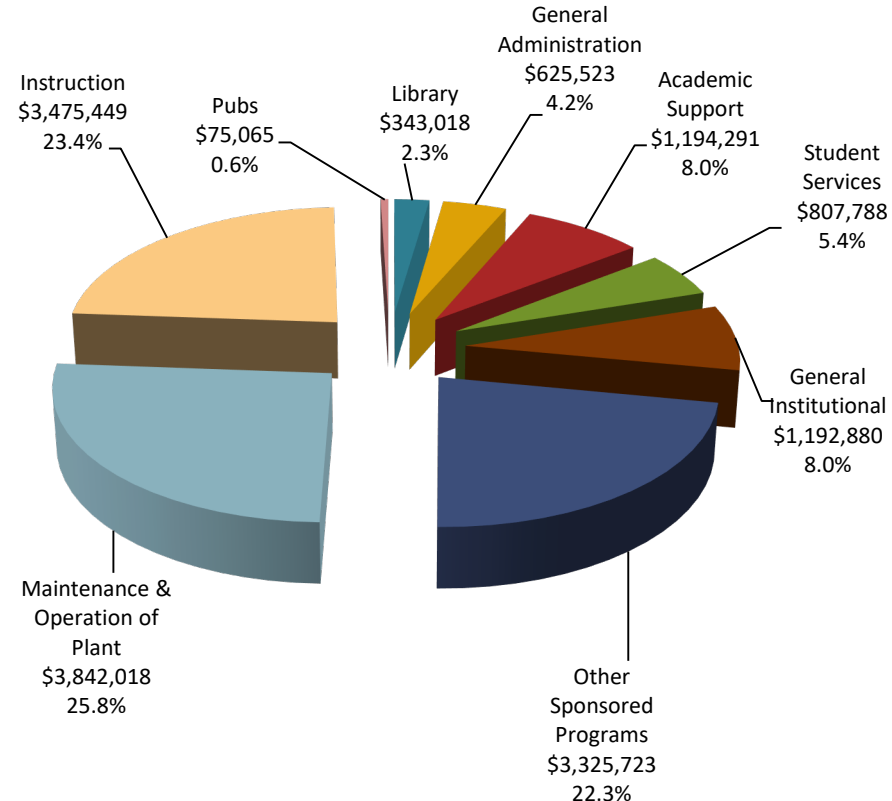
Direct Costs by Functions – 2025-2026

\$14,518,772



Direct Costs by Functions – 2026-2027

\$14,881,755



By Legislators Baynes and Maffucci

Intro. No. ____

MOTION NO. ____ OF 2026

PROVIDING THAT RESOLUTION (INTRO. NO. ____ OF 2026) ENTITLED "APPROVING MONROE COMMUNITY COLLEGE'S 2026-2027 OPERATING BUDGET," BE TABLED

BE IT MOVED, that Resolution (Intro. No. ____ of 2026), entitled, "APPROVING MONROE COMMUNITY COLLEGE'S 2026-2027 OPERATING BUDGET," be tabled.

File No. 26-0200

ADOPTION: Date: _____

Vote: _____

By Legislators Baynes and Maffucci

Intro. No. ____

RESOLUTION NO. ____ OF 2026

**FIXING PUBLIC HEARING ON RESOLUTION (INTRO. NO. ____ OF 2026) ENTITLED
"APPROVING MONROE COMMUNITY COLLEGE'S 2026-2027 OPERATING BUDGET"**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF MONROE, as follows:

Section 1. That there will be a public hearing at 6:00 P.M. on the 28th day of July, 2026, in the Legislative Chambers in the County Office Building, Rochester, New York on Resolution (Intro. No. ____ of 2026), entitled "APPROVING MONROE COMMUNITY COLLEGE'S 2026-2027 OPERATING BUDGET" before a joint meeting of the Recreation and Education and Ways and Means Committees of the Monroe County Legislature.

Section 2. The Clerk of the Legislature is directed to give notice of the time and place of this public hearing, and a description of the proposed resolution, to the news media within the County, and shall conspicuously post a copy of said notice in the office of the Clerk at least five days before said hearing. In addition, the Clerk shall cause said notice to be published once in the official newspaper of general circulation within the County at least five days before said hearing.

Section 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Matter of Urgency
File No. 26-0200

ADOPTION: Date: _____ Vote: _____

By Legislators Maffucci and Yudelson

Intro. No. ____

RESOLUTION NO. ____ OF 2026

STANDARD WORK DAY AND REPORTING RESOLUTION FOR COUNTY ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS FOR RETIREMENT CREDIT PURPOSES

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF MONROE, as follows:

Section 1. The County of Monroe hereby establishes the attached Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution for Elected and Appointed Officials, which is hereby incorporated by reference and adopted, as standard work days for the elected and appointed officials and will report the following days worked to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System based on the record of activities maintained and submitted by these officials to the clerk of this body.

Section 2. The Clerk of the Legislature is hereby directed to post the Resolution on the County website for thirty (30) days after its adoption.

Section 3. The Clerk of the Legislature is hereby directed to file a certified copy of this Resolution together with all necessary forms and documentation with the Office of the State Comptroller within fifteen (15) days after the public posting period has ended.

Section 4. This resolution shall take effect in accordance with Section C2-7 of the Monroe County Charter.

Matter of Urgency
File No. 26-0201

ADOPTION: Date: _____ Vote: _____

ACTION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

APPROVED: _____ VETOED: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

EFFECTIVE DATE OF RESOLUTION: _____

Received Date

29.2
Standard Work Day and
Reporting Resolution for
Elected and Appointed Officials

Employer Location Code

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING FORM ON REVERSE SIDE

RS 2417-A

(Rev.12/23)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the County of Monroe / 10026 hereby established the following standard work days for these titles and will
(Name of Employer) (Location Code)
report the officials to the New York State and Local Retirement based on their record of activities:

Name	Social Security Number	NYSLRS ID	Title	Current Term Begin & End Dates	Standard Work Day	Record of Activities Result	Not Submitted	Pay Frequency	Tier 1
Elected Officials:									
Todd Baxter			Sheriff	1/1/2026 to 12/31/2029	8	N/A	☒	Bi-Weekly	☐
Marvin Stepherson			County Legislator, 3rd District	1/1/2026 to 12/31/2027	6	5.12	☐	Bi-Weekly	☐
							☐		☐
Appointed Officials:									
Brian Green			District Attorney (by appointment; normally elected)	9/25/2025 to 12/31/2026	8	25.56	☐	Bi-Weekly	☐
							☐		☐
							☐		☐

I, _____, secretary/clerk of the governing board of the _____, of the State of New York,
(Name of Secretary or Clerk) (Circle one) (Name of Employer)

do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing with the original resolution passed by such board at a legally convened meeting held on the _____ day of _____, 20____
on file as part of the minutes of such meeting, and that same is a true copy thereof and the whole of such original.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the _____ on this _____ day of _____, 20____,
(Name of Employer)

(Signature of Secretary or Clerk)

Affidavit of Posting: I, _____ being duly sworn, deposes and says that the posting of the Resolution began on
(Name of Secretary or Clerk)

_____ and continued for at least 30 days. That the Resolution was available to the public on the:
(Date)

☐ Employer's website at: _____

☐ Official sign board at: _____

☐ Main entrance Secretary or Clerk's office at: _____

(seal)

By Legislator Yudelson and Legislator McCabe

Intro. No. ____

RESOLUTION NO. ____ OF 2026
IN MEMORIAM

EXPRESSING REGRET OF THE MONROE COUNTY LEGISLATURE ON THE RECENT PASSING OF FORMER MONROE COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND SUPERINTENDENT OF NEW YORK STATE POLICE, DONALD O. CHESWORTH JR.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Monroe County Legislature hereby expresses its deepest sympathy upon the recent passing of former Monroe County District Attorney and Superintendent of the New York State Police Donald O. Chesworth Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Donald O. Chesworth Jr. was born on September 15, 1941, in Independence, Missouri, and passed away peacefully on June 23, 2026, at the age of 84; and

WHEREAS, committed to the pursuit of justice throughout his life, Donald graduated magna cum laude from Graceland College before earning his Juris Doctor from Yale Law School in 1966, beginning a distinguished legal and public-service career that would span more than five decades; and

WHEREAS, following law school, Donald joined the Federal Bureau of Investigation as a Special Agent, serving as a legal advisor, criminal investigator, and instructor to law enforcement agencies while directing federal organized-crime investigations in Monroe County, before joining the Monroe County District Attorney's Office, where he served as Second Assistant District Attorney, First Assistant District Attorney, and, in 1981, was appointed and subsequently elected Monroe County District Attorney; and

WHEREAS, Donald was appointed as the ninth Superintendent of the New York State Police in 1983 by Governor Mario Cuomo, where he modernized the agency by expanding the State Police force, initiating the "12 Most Wanted" Program, implementing sobriety road checks, establishing the Crime Analysis Unit, Forensic Sciences Unit, and HAZMAT Unit, and helping establish the New York State Trooper Foundation; and

WHEREAS, following his public service, Donald returned to private practice, co-founding Harris & Chesworth and later serving as Managing Partner of Tully Rinckey PLLC's Rochester office, while continuing to mentor attorneys and serve numerous civic, charitable, and professional organizations throughout Monroe County; and

WHEREAS, Donald is survived by his beloved wife, Marilyn Schantz-Chesworth; his children, Cynthia Grace (John) Thompson, Deborah Kathryn (Chris) Bardeen, and Donald O. Chesworth III (Brittney); his five cherished grandchildren, Haydon and Savannah Thompson, Grace Bardeen, Noemi and Jacob Chesworth; and many friends, colleagues, and members of the legal and law enforcement communities, while his extraordinary career, unwavering integrity, and lasting contributions to Monroe County and New York State will be remembered with deep gratitude by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Legislature is hereby requested to forward a copy of this resolution to the bereaved family.

This resolution was adopted unanimously with each legislator rising in his or her place for a moment of silence.