



# TASC CAG REVIEW

## HUDSON RIVER PCBs SUPERFUND SITE

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# WHAT IS TASC?

- Technical Assistance Services for Communities (TASC)
- A U.S. Environmental Protection Agency-funded program
- Provides independent, non-advocacy technical services, under contract with Skeo



# CAG REVIEW OBJECTIVES

- Evaluate the CAG's functioning and effectiveness
- Ensure appropriate representation
- Summarize perspectives
- Provide recommendations



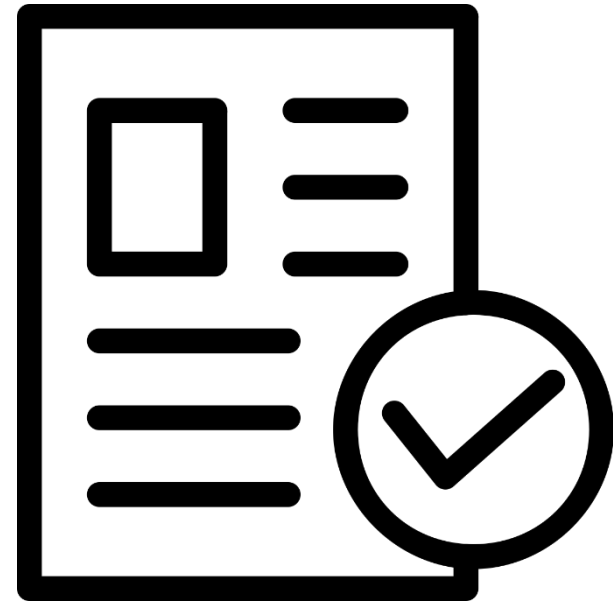
# PROCESS

- Conducted research
- Reached out via email or phone
- Asked questions, listened and took notes
- Prepared report
- Shared draft report with those who participated



# WHAT WAS LEARNED

- Widespread appreciation for the functions of the CAG
- Suggested areas of improvement centered on four main topics
  - Purpose
  - Membership
  - Meeting Organization and Content
  - Outreach and Communication Materials



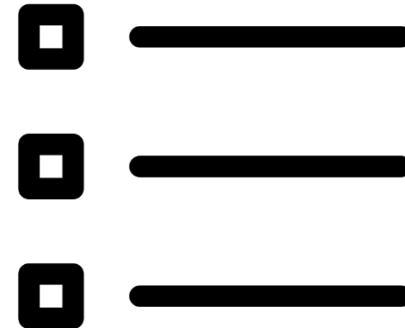
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## PURPOSE

- Revisit purpose and goals
- Identify opportunities for CAG input to cleanup decisions

## MEMBERSHIP

- Evaluate and reestablish CAG membership, requirements and responsibilities and CAG operating procedures



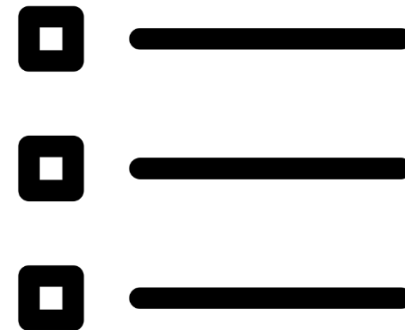
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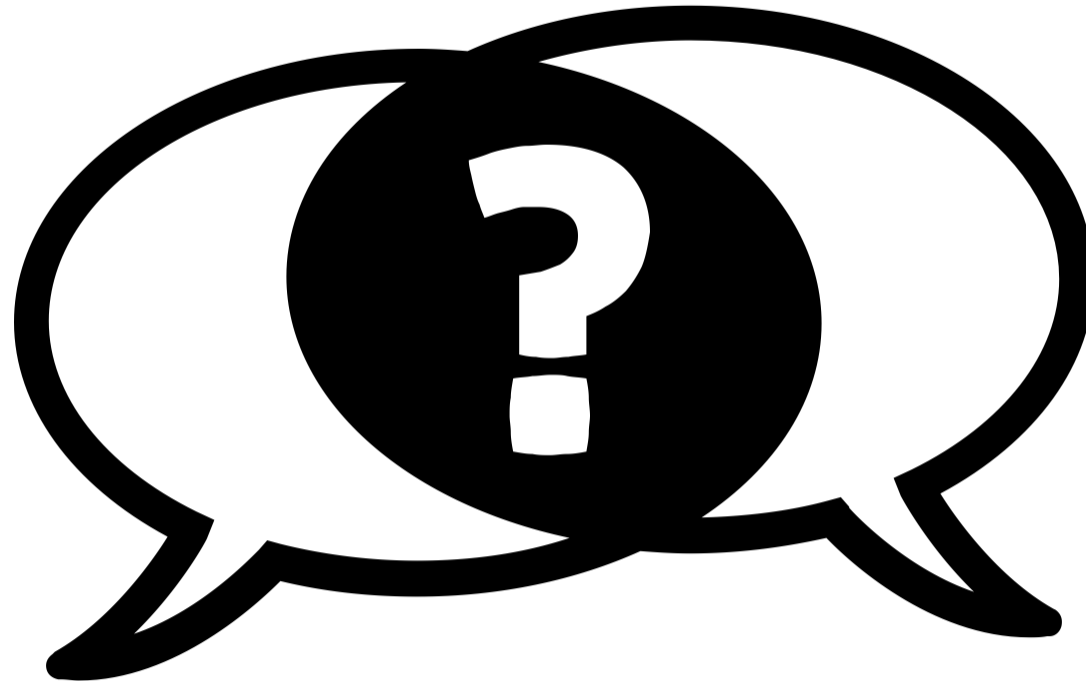
- Continue inviting people to join Administrative Team
- Split CAG meetings into two parts
- Consider focus groups
- Track CAG comments
- Include details in meeting summaries
- Produce brief overview of meeting
- Ensure meeting materials reach all

## OUTREACH AND COMMUNICATION MATERIALS

- Produce site infographic
- Produce site newsletter or fact sheet



# QUESTIONS





# CONTACT INFORMATION

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Better decision making.  
**Better results.**



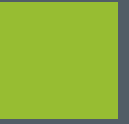
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## Hudson Community Advisory Group

July 21, 2016



# CAG Member and Alternate Expectations



- **Attend all regularly scheduled meetings**, and if the member is unable to attend, communicate views through another member or the facilitators.
- **Participate in educational briefings** on the past and present of the site, as needed, **to ensure a shared knowledge of key issues**, technologies, and the Superfund process.
- **Arrive at each meeting prepared to discuss the issues on the agenda.** Preparation includes reviewing meeting summaries and materials prior to each meeting.

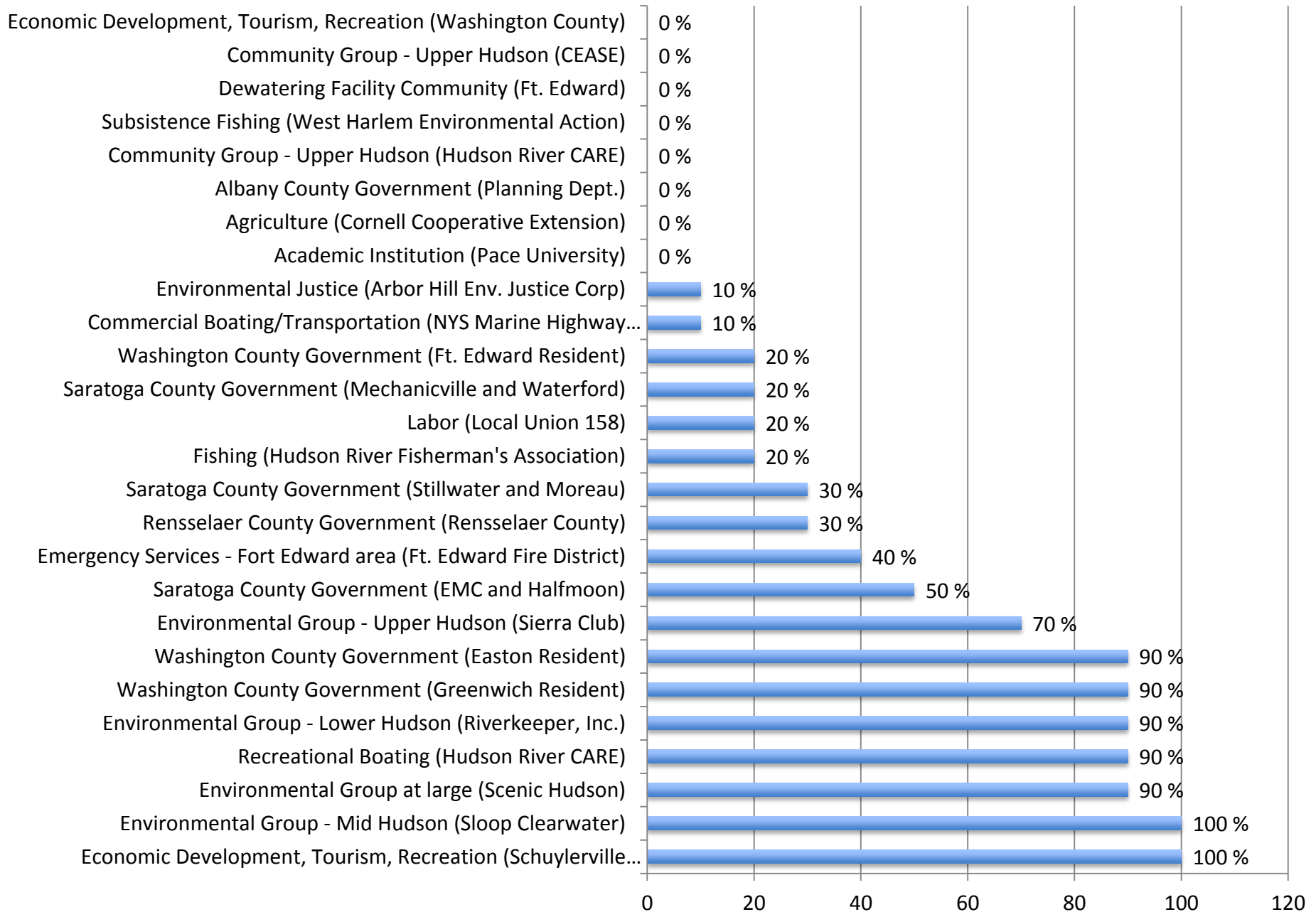


# CAG Member and Alternate Expectations



- **Help formulate the Group's meeting agendas and work plans.**
- **Represent the views of her/his constituents** (i.e. organizations, businesses, or neighborhoods) as well as his/her own individual views.
- **Provide information to the public and to constituents** to ensure that the larger public is kept informed of the CAG's efforts.
- Strive throughout the process to **engage in respectful, constructive dialogue with other members of the group, bridge gaps in understanding, and seek creative resolution of differences.**

## Percentage of Meetings in which the Interest Group was Represented March '14 to May '16 (10 total meetings)



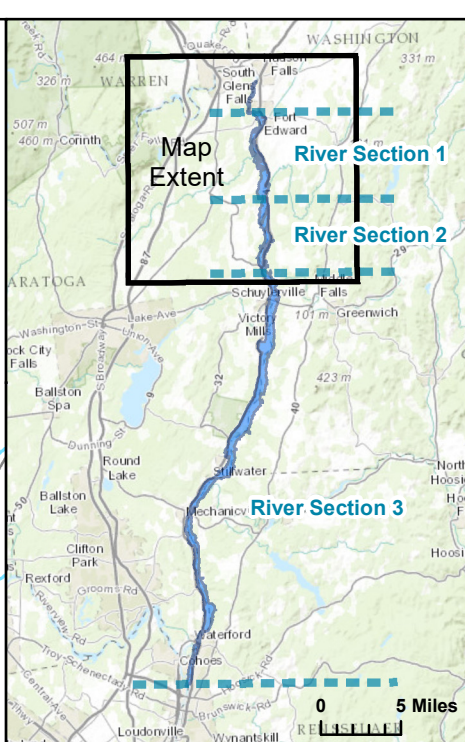
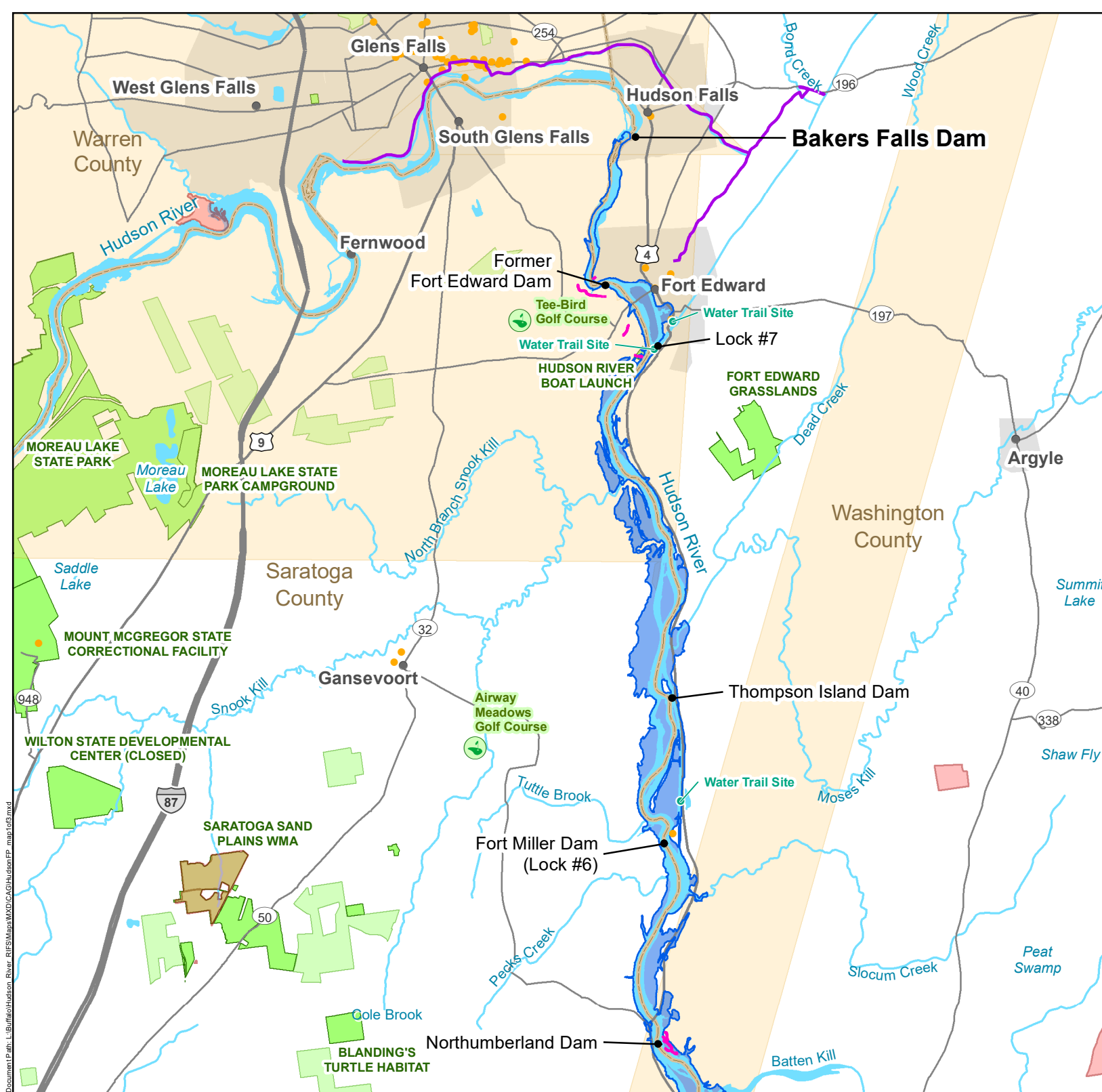


# Potential Categories of Groups Identified in the Assessment Report

(From page 6, not the complete list)



- Homeowners
- Businesses
- EJ communities
- Schools and environmental educators
- Tourism groups
- Planning and zoning boards
- Floodplain users
- Towns and counties
- Landowners
- Farming community and agriculture groups
- Land trusts, conservation and preservation groups
- State and Local Parks
- Chambers of Commerce
- Economic Development Committees
- Farm Bureaus
- Soil and water conservation districts
- Younger community members

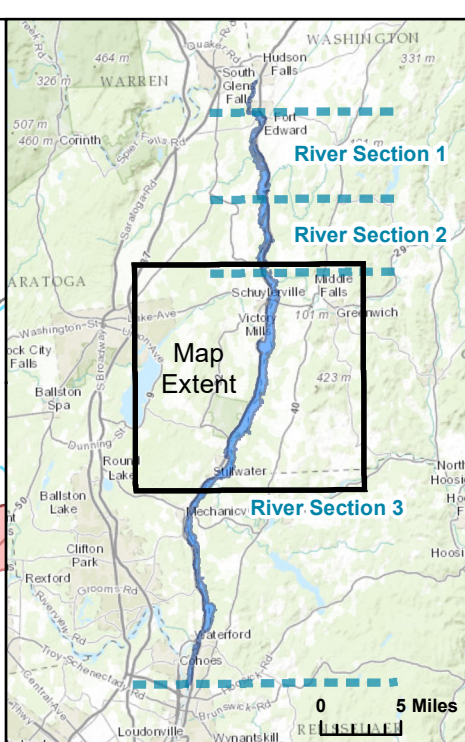
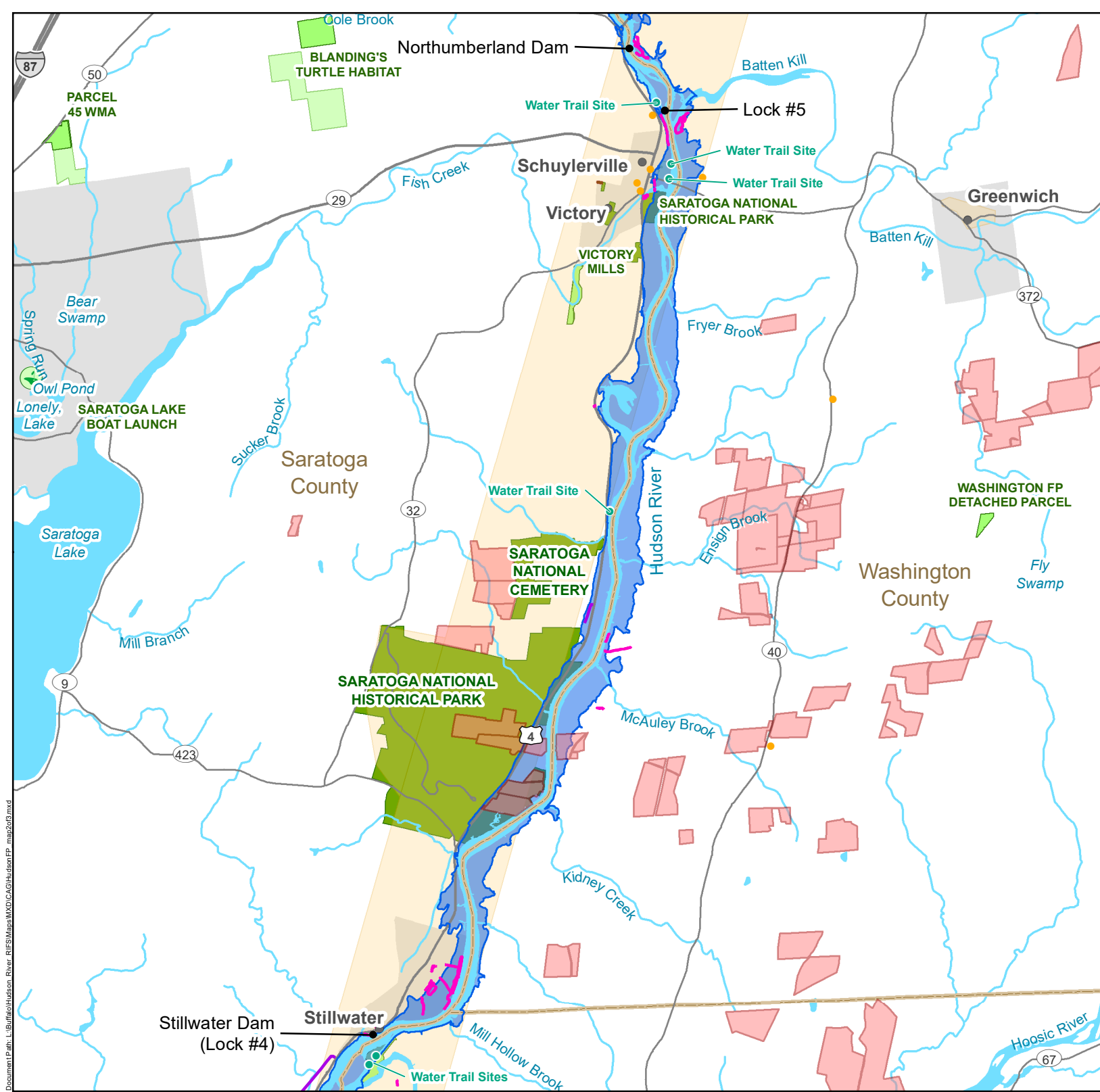


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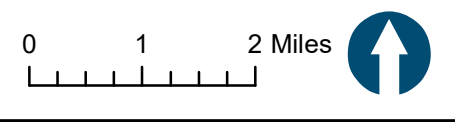




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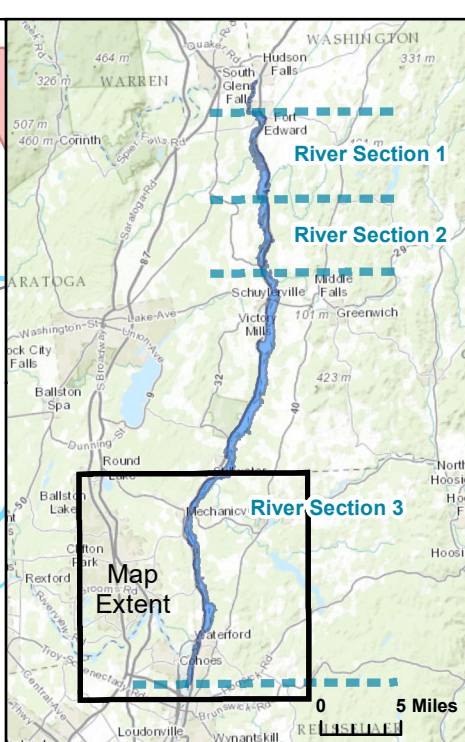
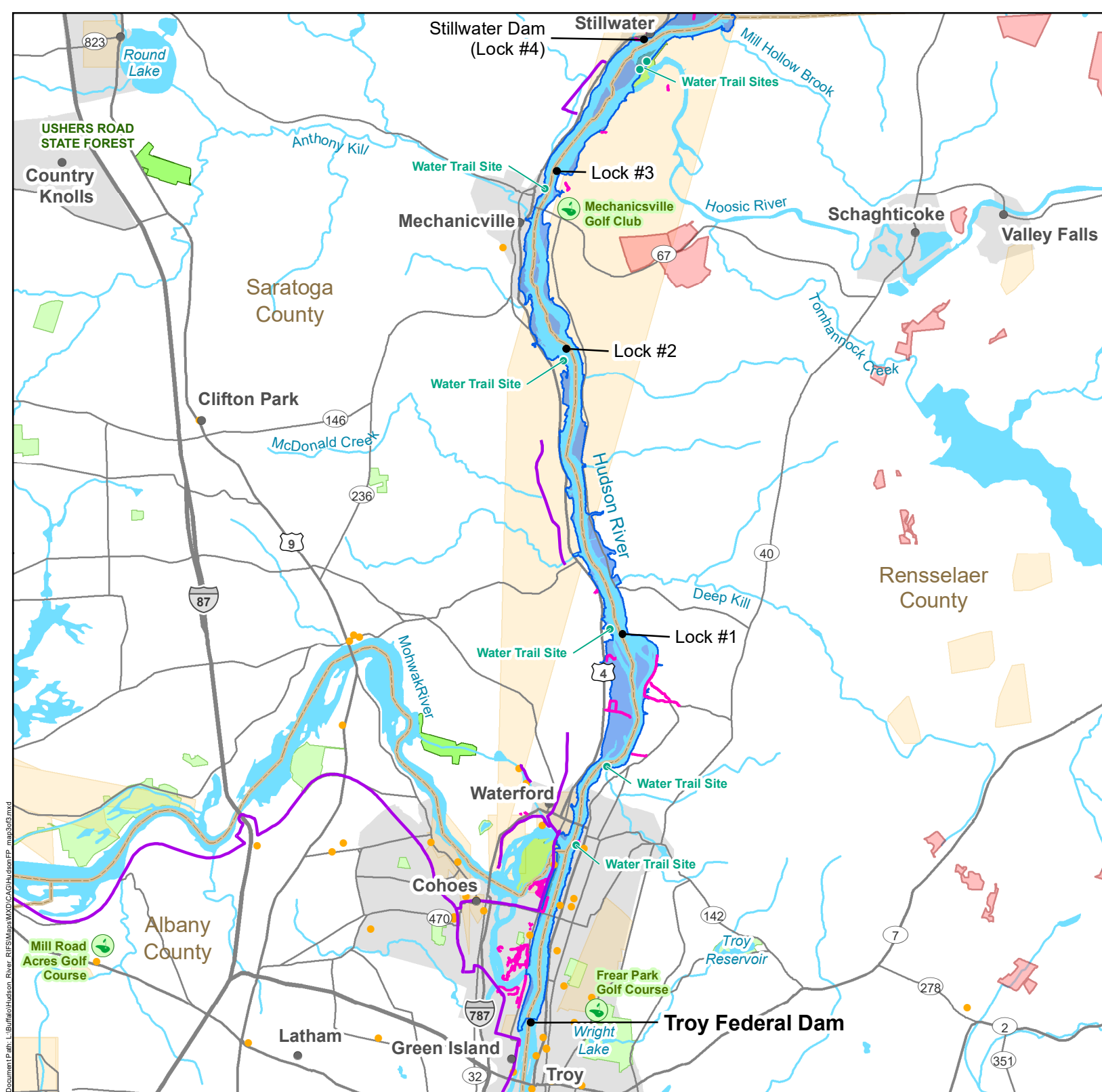
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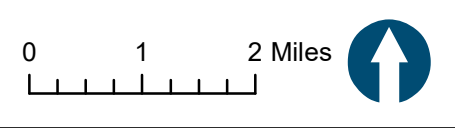


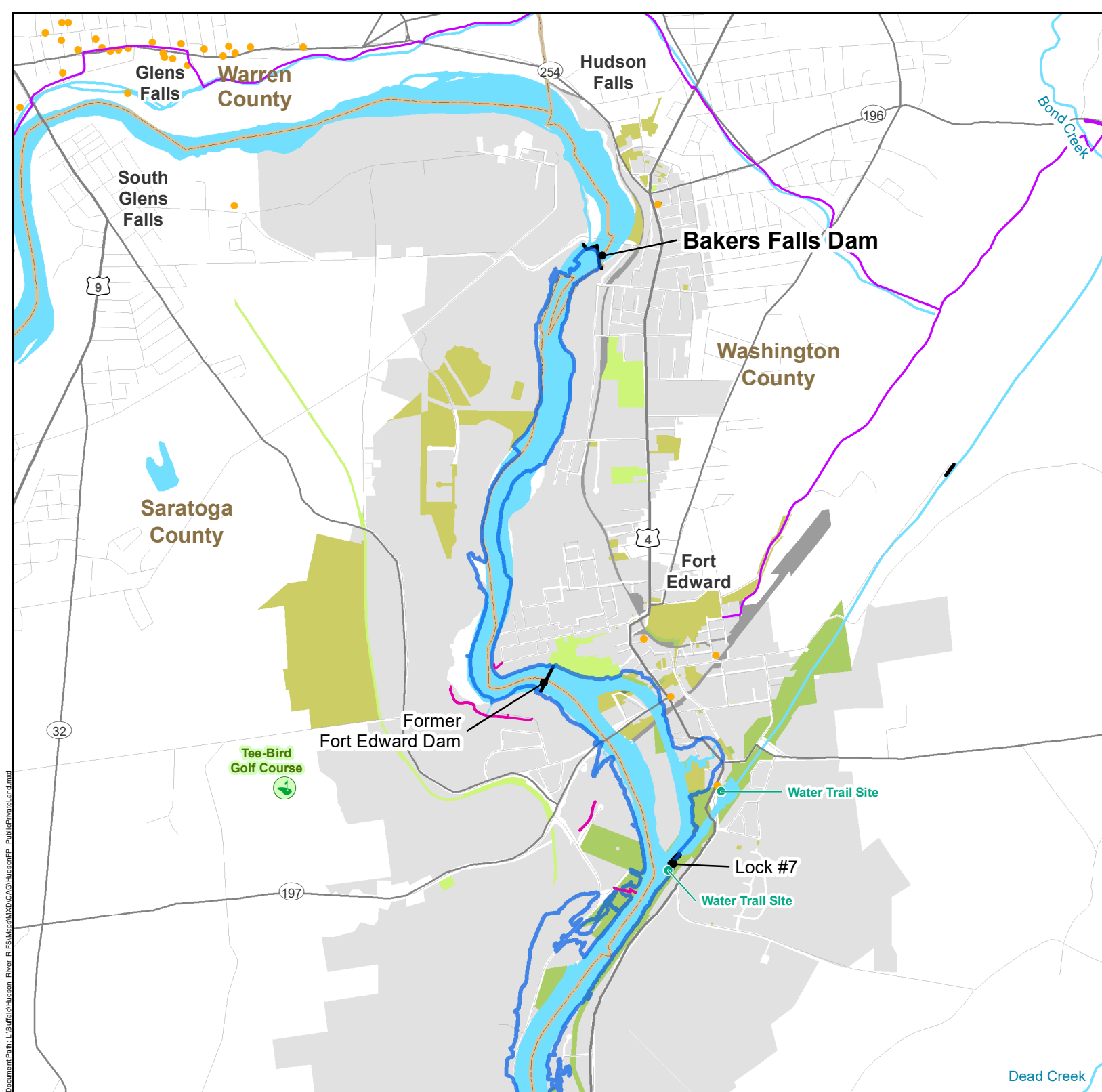


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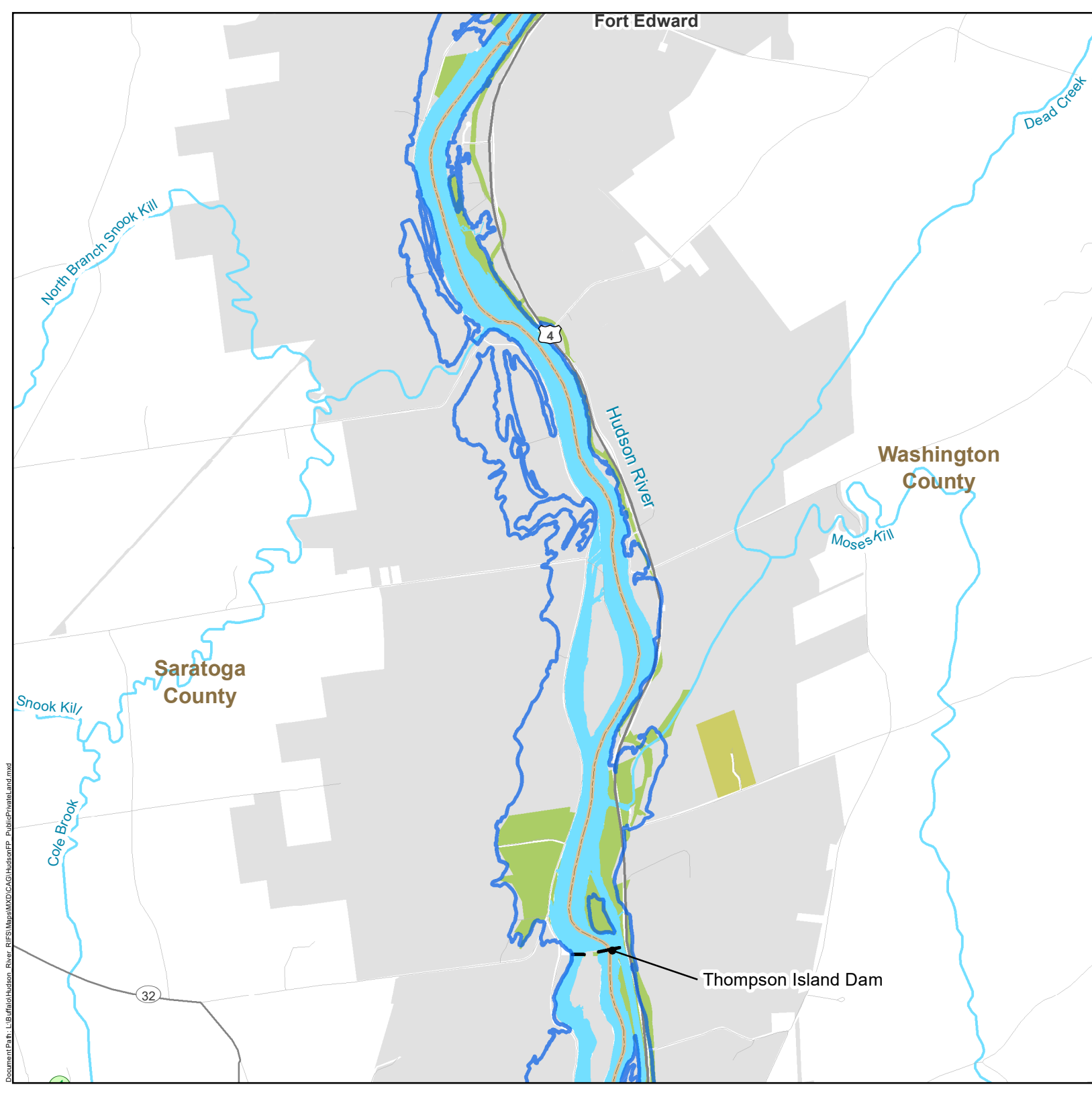
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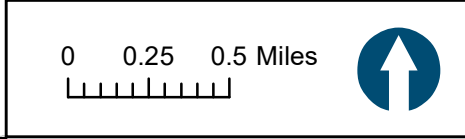
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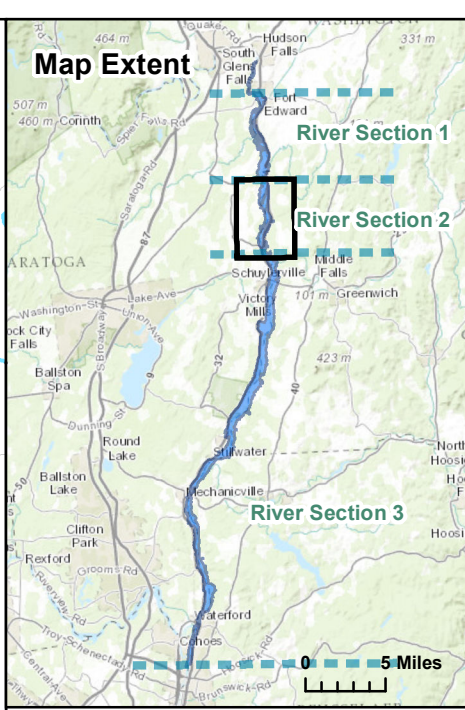
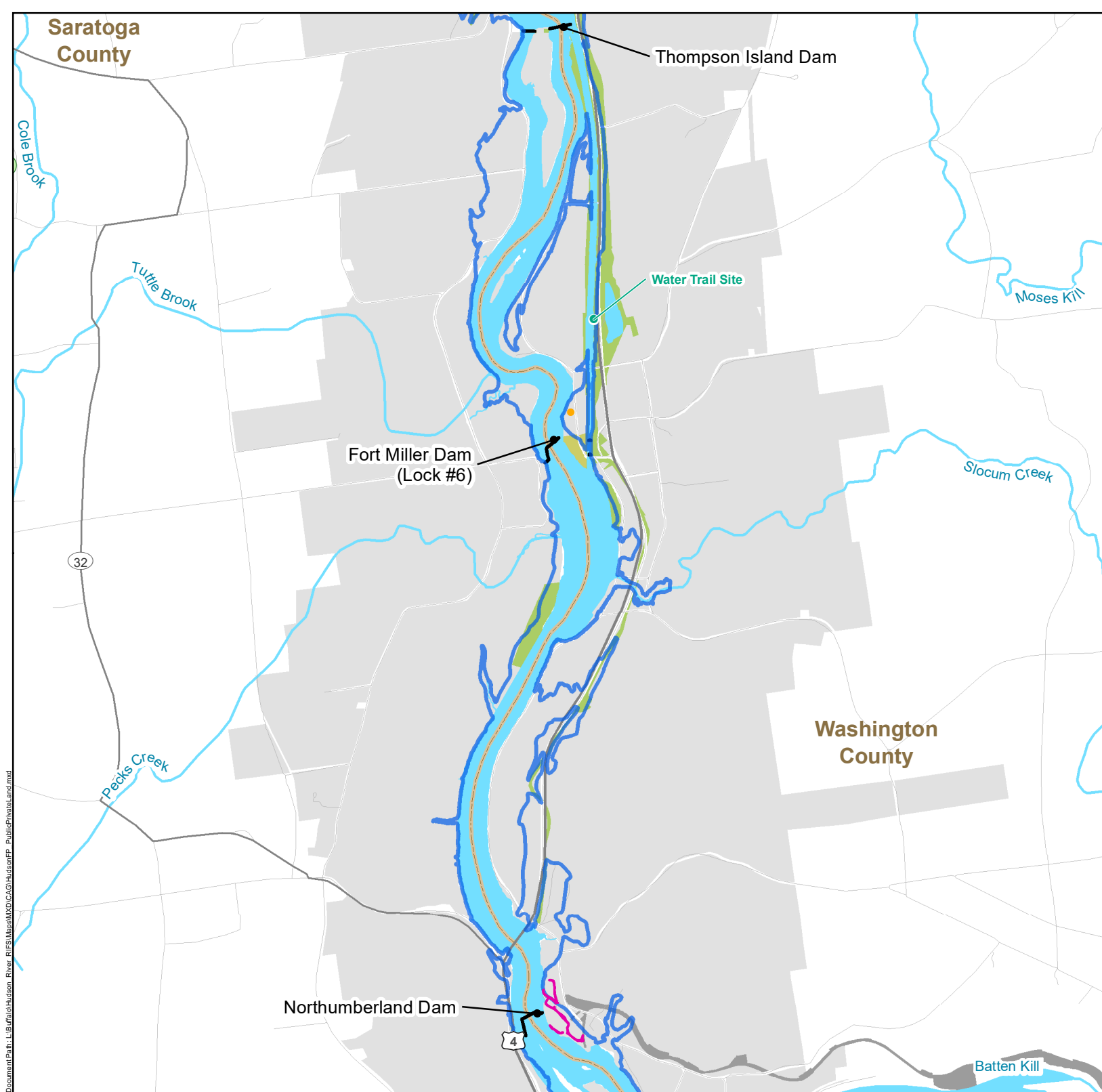
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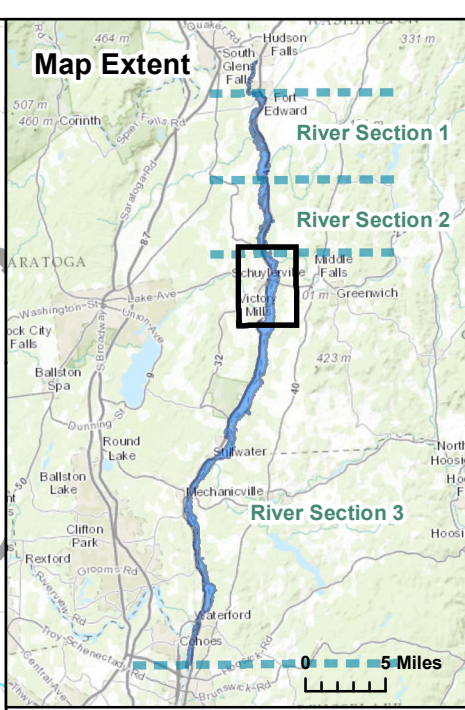
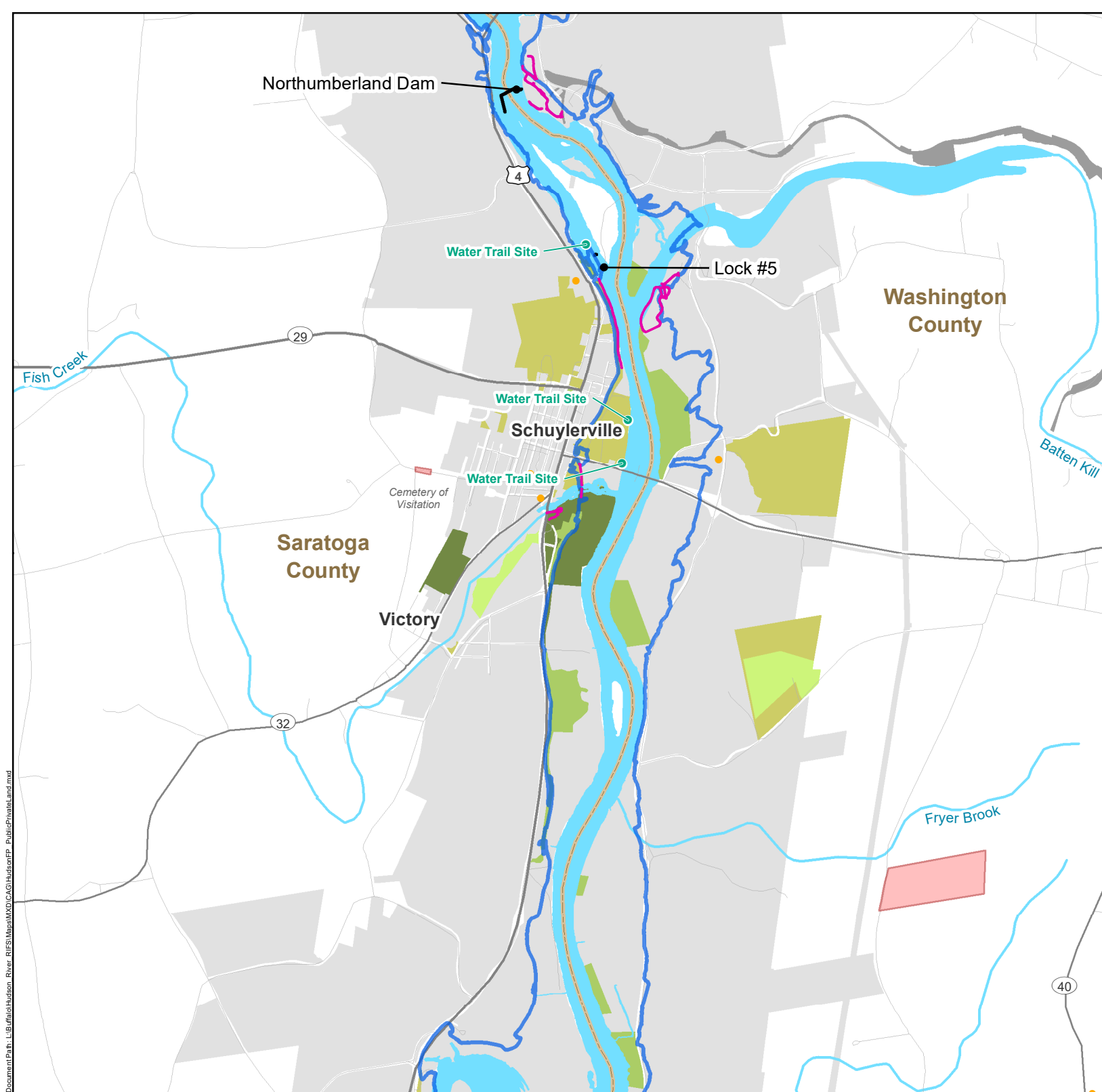
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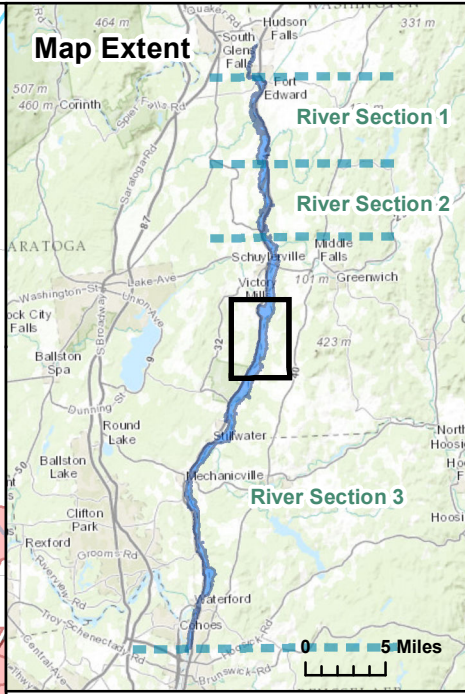
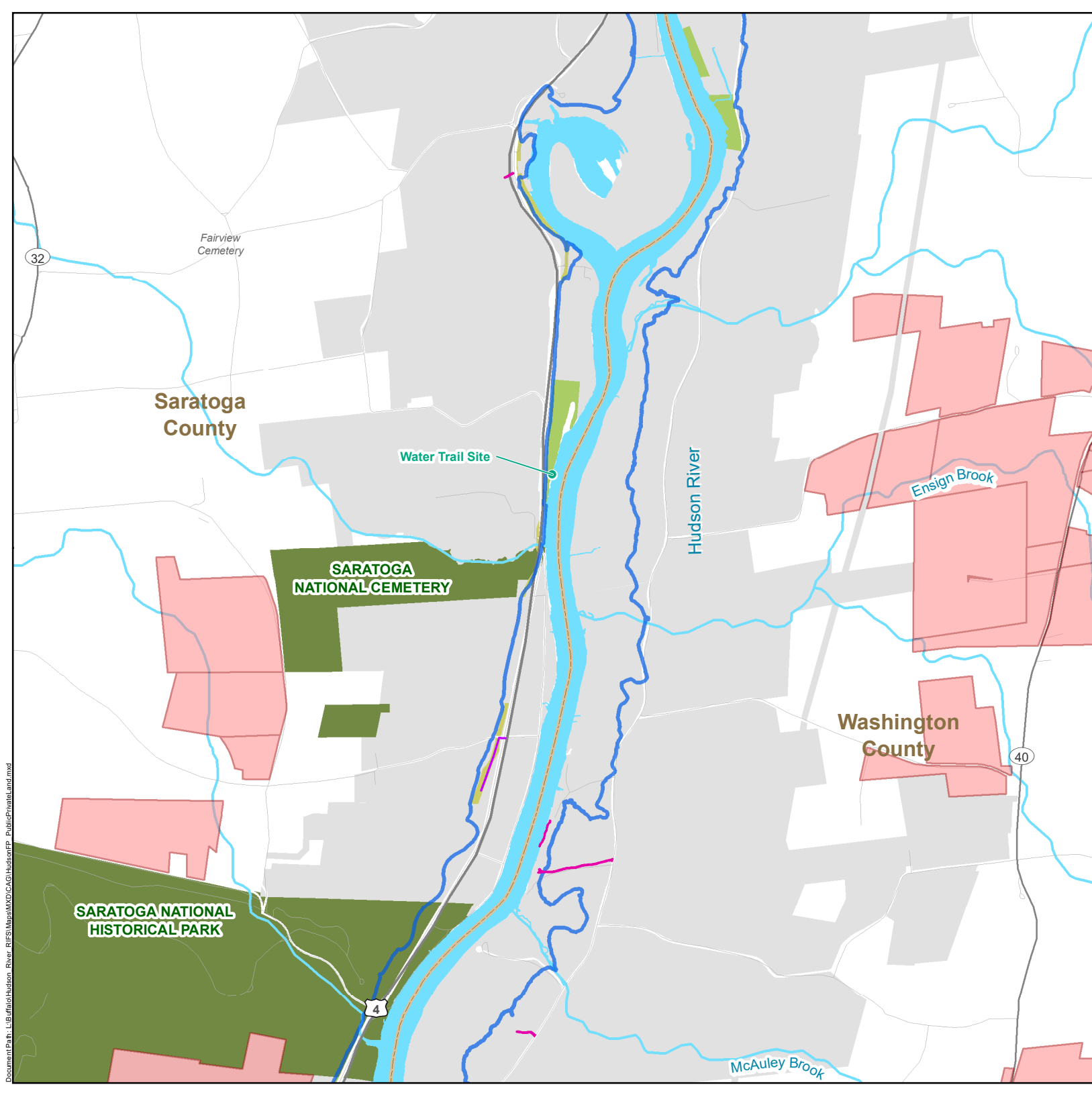
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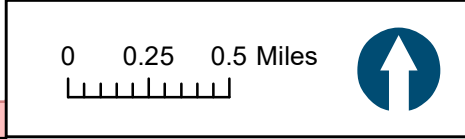
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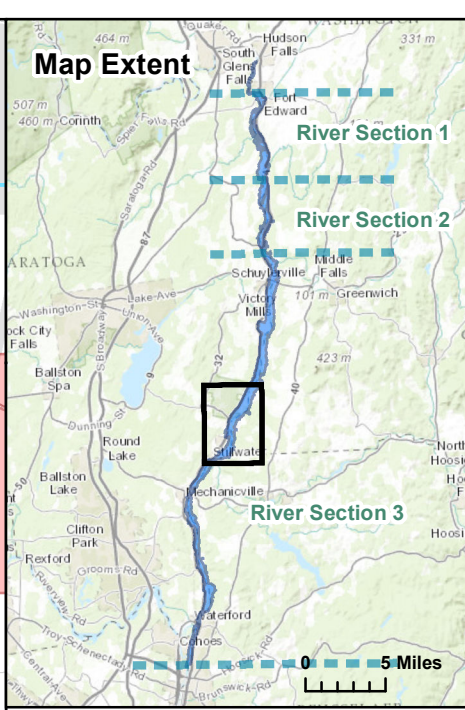
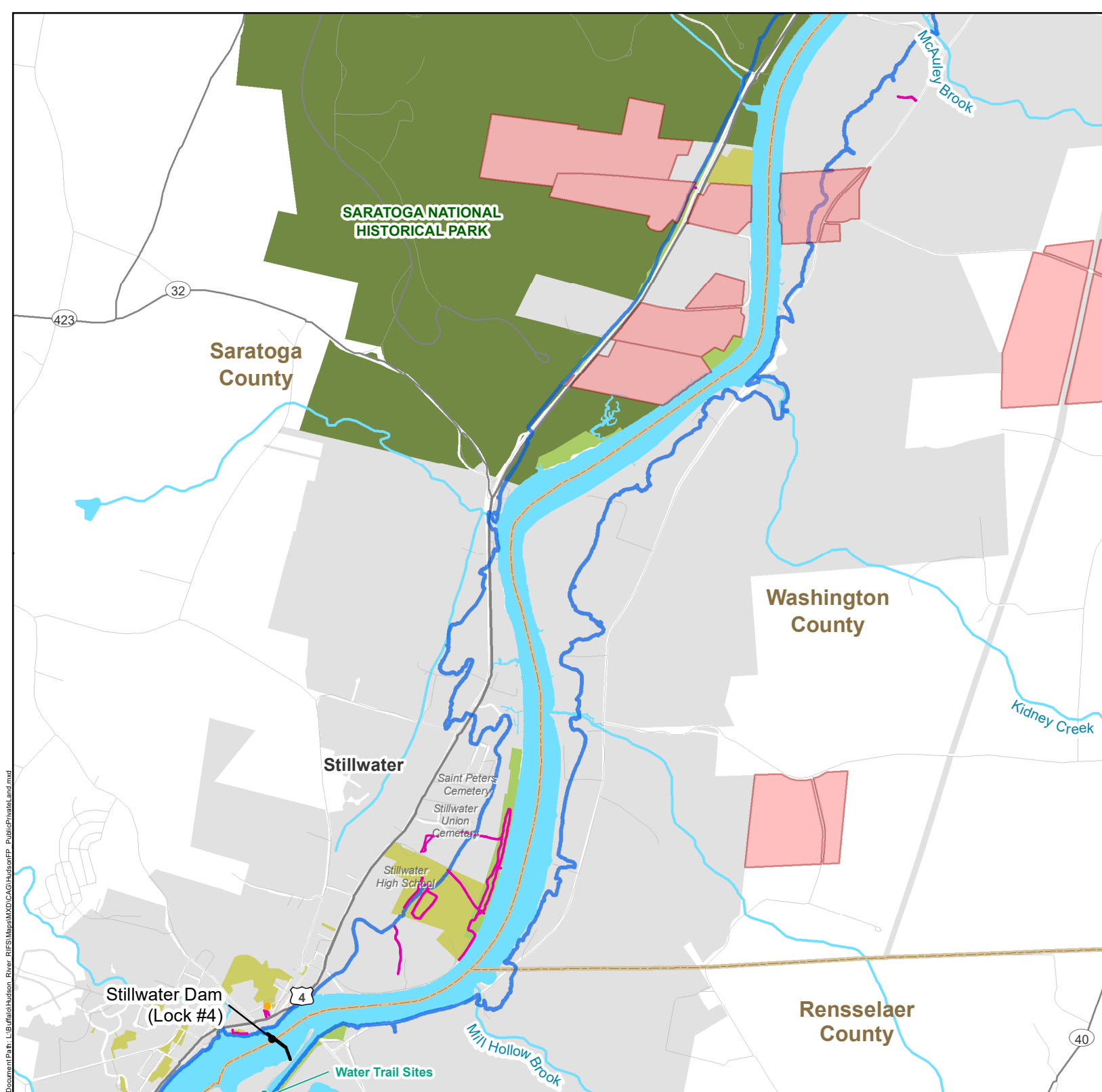
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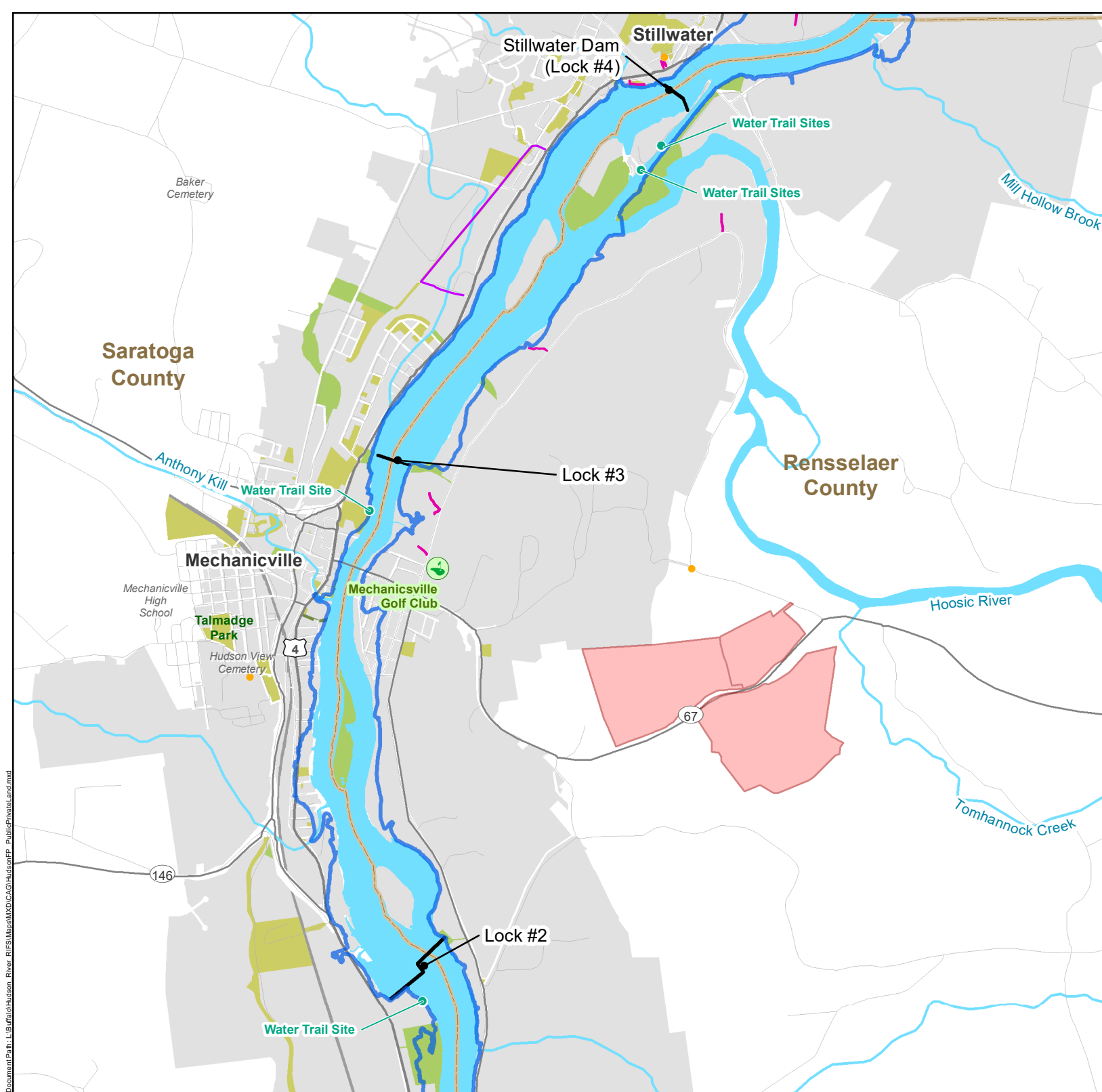
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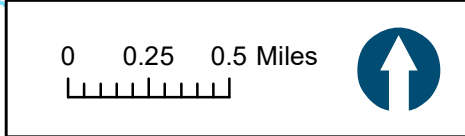
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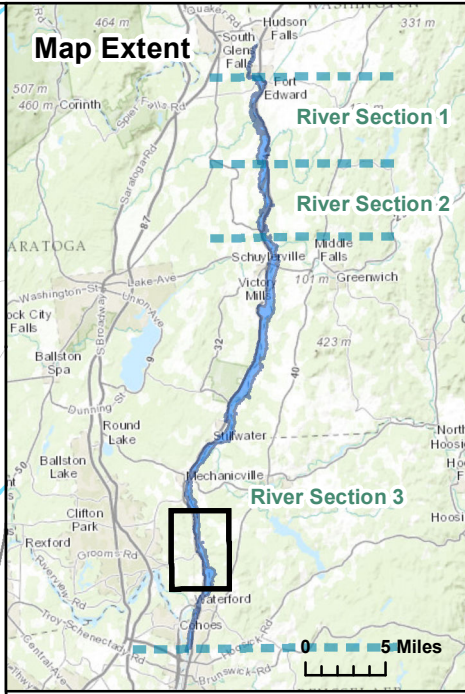
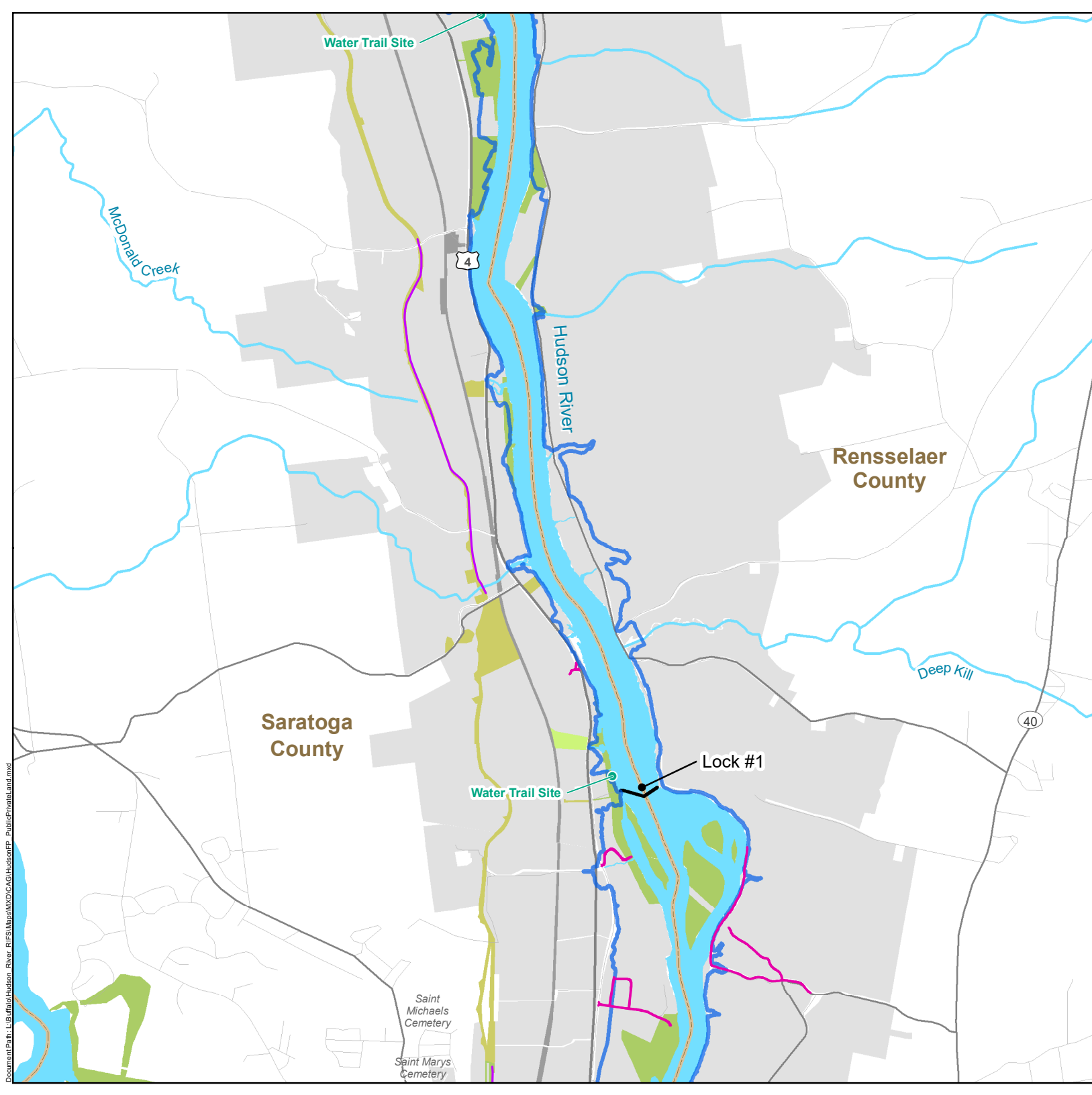
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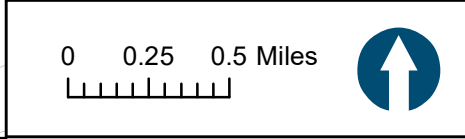
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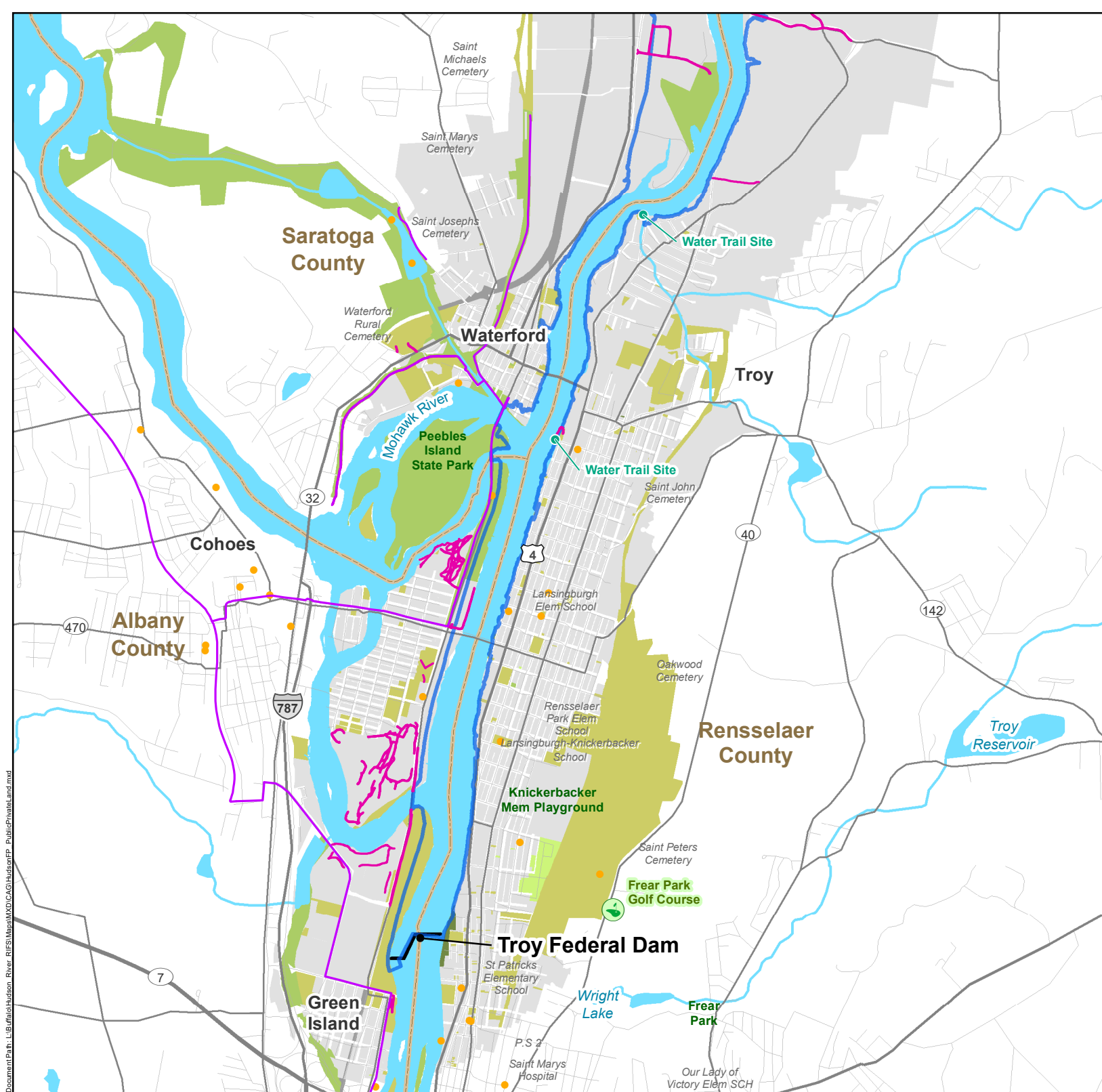
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