

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places DRAFT Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in National Register Bulletin, *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form*. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional certification comments, entries, and narrative items on continuation sheets if needed (NPS Form 10-900a).

1. Name of Property

historic name Webutuck Agricultural Valley Historic District

other names/site number _____

name of related multiple property listing N/A

Location

street & number	Leedsville, Amenia Union, South Amenia and Kent roads in New York and Amenia Union and Knibloe Hill roads in Connecticut				<input type="checkbox"/>	not for publication
city or town	<u>Amenia (NY) and Sharon (CT)</u>				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	vicinity
state	New York Connecticut	NY code CT	county	Dutchess Litchfield	027 code 005	12501 zip code 06069

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended,

I hereby certify that this X nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60.

In my opinion, the property X meets does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant at the following level(s) of significance:

 national statewide X local

Signature of certifying official/Title

Date

State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria.

Signature of commenting official

Date

Title

State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that this property is:

 entered in the National Register

 determined eligible for the National Register

 determined not eligible for the National Register

 removed from the National Register

 other (explain): _____

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

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5. Classification**Ownership of Property**
(Check as many boxes as apply.)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	private
<input type="checkbox"/>	public - Local
<input type="checkbox"/>	public - State
<input type="checkbox"/>	public - Federal

Category of Property
(Check only one box.)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	building(s)
<input type="checkbox"/>	district
<input type="checkbox"/>	site
<input type="checkbox"/>	structure
<input type="checkbox"/>	object

Number of Resources within Property
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
195	95	buildings
49	0	sites
1	1	structures
		objects
245	96	Total

Name of related multiple property listing

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing)

N/A

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

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6. Function or Use**Historic Functions**

(Enter categories from instructions.)

DOMESTIC, single dwelling

COMMERCE/TRADE, department store

EDUCATION, school

RELIGION, religious facility

FUNERARY, cemetery

AGRICULTURAL, processing, storage, outbuilding, agricultural field

INDUSTRY. Manufacturing facility

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions.)

DOMESTIC, single dwelling

RELIGION, religious facility

FUNERARY, cemetery

AGRICULTURAL, processing, storage, outbuilding, agricultural field

7. Description**Architectural Classification**

(Enter categories from instructions.)

COLONIAL

EARLY REPUBLIC, Early Classical Revival

MID-19TH CENTURY, Gothic Revival**Materials**

(Enter categories from instructions.)

foundation: STONE

walls: WOOD

CONCRETE

roof: ASPHALT, METAL

other: BRICK

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Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current physical appearance of the property. Explain contributing and noncontributing resources if necessary. Begin with a **summary paragraph** that briefly describes the general characteristics of the property, such as its location, setting, size, and significant features.)

Summary Paragraph

The proposed Webutuck Agricultural Valley Historic District is located in the Town of Amenia at the far eastern edge of Dutchess County, New York, with a small section in the Town of Sharon, Litchfield County, Connecticut, where the hamlet of Amenia Union overlaps the state border. The six-mile-long valley contains the Webutuck Creek, which originates in the hills northeast of Amenia and flows in a southerly direction until it empties into the Housatonic River a mile south of the district. The valley is flanked by Oblong Mountain (also known as Snake Hill) on the west and the Litchfield Hills on the east, and the district extends to the visual limits of the ridgelines. The New York – Connecticut state line follows the eastern ridgeline except where it is broken in the center by the Mill Creek entering from Connecticut. The state line divides the hamlet of Amenia Union.

The district contains approximately 3800 acres of land and encompasses a rural community comprised of about twenty farmsteads and three small hamlets in an agricultural landscape cultivated since the early 1700s.¹ A road running along the east side of the Webutuck Creek has linked the farms and hamlets since the Oblong Patent was partitioned in 1731, if not before. It is known now as County Route 2 in its entirety and with local names in sections: Leedsville Road, Amenia Union Road, and South Amenia Road, in proximity to the hamlets. The landscape retains its overall agricultural character with cropland in the floodplain of the creek, meadows, and pastures on the hillsides and woodland at the ridgeline. Some of the farmland along the creek and on the hillside has reforested and some has been compromised by surface mining of soil and gravel. Spaced along the road and between the hamlets are farmsteads containing houses and farm buildings, many of which were established in the eighteenth century, and which reflect the evolution of farm architecture and agricultural practices over the ensuing 200 years. Three hamlets—Leedsville, Amenia Union, and South Amenia—developed at the intersections of roads leading east and west in the regional transportation network and at mill sites established on the Webutuck and one of its tributaries. The central hamlet, Amenia Union, straddles the state line. The district extends into Connecticut to include the entirety of the historic hamlet within the district. Each of these hamlets contains commercial, educational, and religious buildings, as well as dwellings.

The majority of the resources within the Webutuck Agricultural Valley Historic District are located in New York State. New York and Connecticut claim 158 and 37 contributing buildings, respectively; 85 and 10 non-contributing buildings; 6 and 2 contributing sites (cemeteries, house sites, etc), and 40 and 2 contributing landscapes. The contributing landscapes are formally counted as sites but are split out in this discussion to distinguish them; please see the methodology for a discussion of how contributing landscapes were identified and counted. In addition, there is 1 contributing and 1 non-contributing structure in New York. Four previously listed resources, all in New York, are not included in this count; these are St. Thomas' Episcopal Church (NR listed 2005), the Hendrik Winegar House Site (NR listed, 1975), and the Louis Mumford House (NR listed, 1999).

¹ Evidence of Native American cultivation in the Webatuck Valley is clear and documented in local historical literature and amateur findings of artifacts. New York State authorities are well-aware of the archeological sensitivity of the district. A Town of Amenia Historian, Ken Hoadley, collected and catalogued artifacts over a forty-year period, which were given to the New York State Museum in 2011; later transferred to the Institute for American Indian Studies in Washington, Connecticut. Additional studies have been made by professional archeologists and cultural resource management firms related to compliance measures associated with surface mining in the town.

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The following description of existing conditions in the historic district is organized north to south along the valley with sections for the hamlets and the farms between them.

Leedsville

The hamlet of Leedsville is situated at the north end of the district where Leedsville Road meets the state highway at the northern boundary of the district. The hamlet occupies a narrow section between the embracing hills at the head of the valley. The Webutuck Creek enters the district from the northeast, crosses the road, and enters the Troutbeck property on the west before turning on its winding course south. Leedsville developed as an industrial village, which distinguishes it from the agricultural lands farther south.

The hamlet is dominated by Troutbeck, a compound of historic houses, industrial sites, and farmland developed by the Benton family in the nineteenth century, now preserved amid an elite hotel and conference center. Some of the valley's earliest and most distinctive buildings are located in this enclave at the end of a lane leading west from Leedsville Road, which had been part of the original east-west highway before the current alignment bypassed it in 1805. Included is John and Mary Delamater's Dutch house in 1761, which is distinguished by a Dutch bent frame and a brick end with the Delamaters' initials and the date inscribed in burnt headers (PHOTO 1, FIG.2). A second house built in the Dutch manner for William Young in 1765 has been absorbed in the current Troutbeck estate house first built by Myron B. Benton in ca. 1865 and enlarged by Joel Spingarn in the early 1900s (FIGS.1 & 4, PHOTO 3). A third house, a story-and-a-half center-chimney dwelling built in the New England manner, was built by the Benton family soon after moving from Guilford, Connecticut, in 1794 (PHOTO 2).

Myron B. Benton inherited half of his father's farm and inspired by the Romantic Movement redesigned the family's (Young's) farmhouse into a Gothic villa in ca. 1865 and transformed the grounds around the houses into an ornamental landscape with southern vistas across the estate's farmland (He raised sheep as much for their picturesque addition to the farm landscape as much as for their wool). He named the property Troutbeck after an estate in northwest England (FIG.4). When Myron Benton's heirs sold the farm to Joel Spingarn in the early 1900s, the new owner enlarged and elaborated the house and expanded the pleasure grounds creating a country estate (PHOTO 3).

When Caleb Benton, Jr. acquired the property it already had industrial sites along the Webutuck and a small tributary coming in from the northwest, particularly a grist mill apparently established by John Delamater. This later evolved into a wool factory in the 1800s. Although the factory no longer exists, it left its imprint on the hamlet. A map drawn by Myron B. Benton in ca. 1855 shows hamlet buildings arrayed along both sides of the road (FIG.3). Some are labeled, while others are numbered to a list since lost. In characteristic New England fashion, an industrial village took shape with a bank, store, market, and a telegraph building, plus housing—both single and multiple occupancies—for factory workers and related tradesmen, such as a blacksmith and shoemaker. The factory and commercial buildings no longer survive, but an extant building once associated with the mill at 501 Leedsville Road now functions as a residence (PHOTO 4). Another two-story building at 491 Leedsville Road served as a dormitory for factory workers and a smaller house at #477 once housed working families, although it has since been raised to two stories (PHOTOS 5 & 6). A stylish two-story Greek Revival-style residence with a side-passage plan and one-story wing at 496 Leedsville Road appears to be the

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bank and store building pictured on the map (FIG.3, PHOTO 7). A barn from the Troutbeck property was moved to 486 Leedsville Road, just south of the bank, at some undisclosed date; it was enlarged and renovated into a large house in recent years. Some late-twentieth-century single-family homes have been infilled. These houses continued in the service of Troutbeck through the twentieth century. The hamlets were the first areas in the historic district to attract new residential construction because they provided existing community structures favorable to the new families moving in. However, no commercial or trade buildings exist in Leedsville today.

Two small dwellings oppose each other at the southern end of the hamlet, both with two stories and side-passage plans; they are distinctive examples of Federal Period architecture (PHOTOS 8 & 9). Both were associated with the Hollister family farm with its mid-1800s two-story farmhouse that is the northernmost farm of the intervalle south of Leedsville (PHOTOS 10 & 11). The house at #442 is exceptional in design and decoration with a fine porch distinguishing the entrance and surmounted by a Palladian window in the second story. Windows have pronounced cornices characteristic of the high-style rural taste in the 1810s and 1820s and a thin cornice along the roof edge. The house at #441 is more restrained.

Intervalle between Leedsville and Amenia Union

South of Leedsville, the Webutuck Creek bends eastward and comes very close to the road. A grist mill was built here, where a road leading over the mountain to Connecticut made its intersection. Neither the mill nor the road is extant. It also was here that the Hollister and Morehouse farms abutted; historic maps associate one or the other family with the mill at various times. Maps also show an ore bed in the southwestern part of the Hollister farm. Later, this ore bed developed into a gravel and soil mine, now closed but has yet to be reclaimed. This is the most compromised section of the valley. In addition to the open mine, both sides of the road were subdivided into residential lots in the 1970s on which houses have been built (PHOTO 12). Most of the new construction is located along the mountain slope on the east side of the road, which had been undeveloped and forested up to this point. Approximately fifteen of these houses are sited on narrow lots that extend from the east side of the road to the state line; many are set back a distance up the hill side to provide views of the valley. A lesser number of recent houses have been built on the west side of the road.

The scenic quality of the landscape recovers south of this mining area, with a large farm spanning the width of the valley from the state line to Oblong Mountain associated with Henry Morehouse in the early nineteenth century. Morehouse built the two-story brick house, designed in the Greek Revival style in 1843, on the west side of the road at 257 Leedsville Road (PHOTO 13). It is believed that the brick, a unique wall material in the valley came from around Sharon, Connecticut, where it is said Morehouse's brother erected a similar building. There is evidence that the brick building was conceived to contain a tavern. Farm outbuildings are located on a 54-acre parcel on the east side of the road (#252) where one of two barns has been converted into a dwelling. A long machinery shed, perhaps functioning as a wagon house for the tavern, is located behind the house. The portion of the farm west of the house has been taken over by the surface mine.

Between the Morehouse place and the hamlet of Amenia Union are two historic farms with intact agricultural settings. The northernmost one at 176 Leedsville Road was owned by the Sherman family for much of the nineteenth century; it was first settled by Isaac Delamater who came from Ulster County in the early eighteenth century. (His son John built the house bearing his name at Troutbeck in 1761.) The Sherman house appears to have a second story added to an earlier five-bay house, which supports local historians' claims that portions of the Delamater house have been preserved in this building (PHOTO 14). The 128 acres still associated with the

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farm contain an early barn and concrete silo no longer in use and some small outbuildings, one with a sign identifying it as a Farm Store.

The next farm south, known as Dutchfield Farms, obtained its name from its association with Hendrick Winegar, a descendant of the Palatine family that first settled here in 1724 (FIG.5). Hendrick's large two-story stone house, built in 1761, was demolished in 1996 after years of standing vacant. This 465-acre property contains a large cattle facility built in 1996 surrounded by open fields and pastures (PHOTO 15). A complex of smaller pole barn buildings is located across the road along with a tenant house built in ca. 1993. There is no farmhouse on the property; it is part of a larger multi-farm holding centered on an adjoining farm farther south. A one-room schoolhouse, built ca. 1889, in characteristic one-story front-gable design, is located just north of the Amenia Union hamlet at 91-95 Leedsville Road; it has been repurposed as a dwelling (PHOTO 16).

Amenia Union

Leedsville Road loops southeastwardly towards the state line where it ends at Amenia Union Road coming southwest out of Sharon, Connecticut, and continues in New York following the course of the Webutuck Creek. As many did in the eighteenth century, this hamlet developed around a grist mill and an intersection of roads. The mill was located in Connecticut on a tributary of the Webutuck Creek (Mill Brook) that cut through a gap in the mountain on the east side of the valley. Like Leedsville, Amenia Union evolved into an industrial village with a wool factory, farm implement manufacturer, and other shops, all of which were located on the Connecticut side of the border. However, it developed in a less insular and more conventional way with a wide range of buildings and functions organized around two intersections that reflect class differences, with prominent figures (and prominent buildings) at the north intersection of Leedsville and Amenia Union Road and working-class shops and dwellings around the southern intersection with Knibloe Hill Road.

The northern intersection is distinguished by St. Thomas Episcopal Church, built at 40 Leedsville Road in 1849 following a rural church design by the New York church architect Richard Upjohn (PHOTO 17). This small Gothic Revival edifice, built with stucco on brick rather than stone in a cost-saving measure, was an important status symbol for the elite merchants, professionals, and farmers residing in this remote hamlet. The church is a neighbor to a two-story five-bay house at 36 Leedsville Road built in 1783 in a New England style (PHOTO 20). Reputedly built for James Reed, an early settler, it was later acquired by Stephen Hitchcock who operated a tavern there with a store in a separate building. For a time, the intersection was known as Hitchcock Corners. Dr. William Y. Chamberlain, whose family homestead is located south of the hamlet, built a two-story three-bay house opposite the intersection where the Mill Stream crossed at 339 Amenia Union Road in ca. 1830 (PHOTO 23). Later, his widow, Helena Chamberlain, moved into a dwelling of similar design west of Hitchcock's across the state line at 299 Amenia Union Road (PHOTO 43). Milo Winchester's hotel (not extant) on the north side of the Mill Stream was another landmark at the intersection (PHOTO 24).

A two-story five-bay house with Italianate details at 321 Amenia Union Road appears to have originated as a two-story three-bay house in the early nineteenth century like its neighbor at #309 (PHOTOS 21-22). Both were identified on the 1850 map with the Swift family and likely were associated with the Chamberlain-Swift farm abutting the hamlet on the south and west. The house at #309 has a center chimney that suggests a construction date in the late eighteenth century. It also is located at the lower intersection with Knibloe Hill Road amid a concentration of small worker dwellings on both Amenia Union and Knibloe Hill roads as documented on the 1850 map of the hamlet. A distinctive store building from ca. 1830 distinguishes the intersection. The story-and-a-half front-gable store has its first story with a central entry flanked by large windows recessed under the upper story which contains a loading door in the center (PHOTO 19). The focal

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point of the intersection is an imposing Greek Revival-style Methodist church at 292 Amenia Union Road in 1859 (PHOTO 18). Characteristic of the type, the church has a tall main story with three tall, multi-paned windows on each side. Its pedimented front façade has wide paneled corner pilasters supporting a tall frieze that wraps around on the sides. The central entrance is recessed within a pedimented architrave in a smaller replica of the overall façade. The Methodist church was a populist alternative to the elite Episcopal church at the north end of the hamlet and was appropriately located amid the workers it served.

The attrition of blacksmith and wagon shops, shoe shops, stores, and other occupational buildings was complete once their functions became obsolete. So, too, with numerous dwellings of lesser value. What remains are the houses of better design and more substantial construction, that is, those deemed worthy of reinvestment and historic preservation in the mid-1900s. Very few properties are non-contributing; yet as in all three hamlets in the valley, late-twentieth-century single-family homes have been added to the mix.

Intervale between Amenia Union and South Amenia

A large expanse of farmland opens up south of Amenia Union centered on a large two-story house built in the early 1800s as part of the Winchester farm, which descendant George H. Swift owned in the mid-nineteenth century, now known as Tenmile River Farm at 189 Amenia Union Road (PHOTO 25). The main house was built for the Chamberlains and the two-story five-bay house is decorated in the high rural style with a Neoclassical portico fronted by pairs of columns covering the Neoclassical doorway. The proportions of the doorway with its sidelights are repeated in the second story above it. Windows are surmounted by entablatures of exaggerated design typical of these high-style farmhouses. More recent owners have added numerous wings to the rear of the house, and it is believed that portions of the settler's dwelling are contained in one of them, although it may be represented in one of the other tenant dwellings on the property. A nineteenth-century barn with an attached cow house may have been the early center of the farm's dairy operation. Later, Swift erected a distinctive model barn with a patterned slate roof south of the house, which contained a carriage house and stables in the front, quarters for cows in the rear, and copious amounts of hay storage in the ventilated roof (PHOTO 26). With over 200 acres of active agricultural land, the farm covers the entire valley from the state line on the east to Oblong Mountain on the west; the Mill Stream enters this property from the north and joins the Webutuck west of the house.

The valley begins to narrow from this point south. The next farm at 103 Amenia Union Road was where Isaac Delamater, Jr. established his homestead in the mid-1700s. The Dutch bent frame of his house has survived in the rear wing of the existing New England-type dwelling, which was built by the Reed family about 100 years later (PHOTO 27). A group of nineteen-century farm buildings is located on an adjoining parcel at 111 Amenia Union Road from which an organic farm now operates (PHOTO 28). The farm also incorporates a house at 121 Amenia Rd. built by Henry Reed in 1873. The design of the small story-and-a-half dwelling, with a traditional New England form not unlike its neighbor, incorporated a central, front-gabled entry pavilion in a rare nod to the Gothic Revival. The Webutuck Creek flows close to the houses and barns with farmland once associated with the Reeds stretching out to the west, as well as on the east side of the road. The land is still cultivated, although in separate ownership.

Rillside Farm, said to have been settled in the 1770s, occupies a rectangular 100-plus-acre tract on the east side of the highway at 80 Amenia Union Road; it extends east to the state line and possibly farther (PHOTO 29). The two-story five-bay farmhouse has exterior features that relate to late-nineteenth century style, although like many others, portions of an earlier dwelling may have been captured within. An early-twentieth-

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century dairy barn with an arched patent-truss roof and a concrete block silo relate to an earlier period of the farm; today the property supports a tree farm, nursery, and vineyard.

The next farm to the south spanned the width of the narrowed valley. It was improved by Thomas W. Swift in 1815 with the construction of a fashionable two-story five-bay farmhouse embellished with the Neoclassical details popular among the successful farmers of the period (PHOTO 30). Local histories state that it was built on or near the site of William Chamberlain's tavern, which functioned in the Revolutionary War era. The exterior is distinguished by a Palladian window in an ornate surround above the center entrance and stylized window cornices. A nicely finished mid-nineteenth-century barn sited south of the house is similar in appearance to the one on the George H. Swift farm up the road, suggesting that it was erected prior to Swift's conveyance of the property to the Cline family around 1850. A large twentieth-century dairy barn is located north of the house (PHOTO 31). The long one-story concrete block building with regular fenestration and an arched patent-truss roof is remarkable for its size. It dwarfs the pre-existing English barn visible on the left in PHOTO 31; a machinery shed is pictured on the right. Built ca. 1945, the barn epitomizes the transition to large-scale industrialized farming in the twentieth century.

Another large Swift family house was the focal point of a rectangular farm tract spanning the valley south of Clark Hill Road. The farm appears to have been the first place where the Reed family settled in the mid-1700s. The farm was acquired around 1800 by James H. Swift who built another of the imposing two-story houses being erected on modernizing farms up and down the valley. In recent years, the house was moved east from its site on South Amenia Road to the hilltop overlooking the 200-acre property with vistas across the valley (40-78 Oblong Ridge Ln.). The land is maintained as meadows, but no farming takes place there other than harvesting hay. Historic farm buildings are gone, although new horse stables have been added to the site on the hill. The hilltop along Clark Hill Road has been developed with large single-family homes on large lots.

Three duplex tenant dwellings have been notched out of the farm and are in private hands. They have been altered into single-family dwellings with their second entrances removed such as was done at 310 South Amenia Road (PHOTO 39). These buildings are relative novelties in the broader regional context where small, single-family farm laborer dwellings are common. Perhaps they were designed as part of the nearby South Amenia hamlet. The hamlet schoolhouse is located in this area at 298 South Amenia Road (PHOTO 41). The Clark Hill Road intersection was formerly the location of the South Amenia Presbyterian Church, but it was destroyed by fire in the 1880s and replaced with the current church at the Kent Road intersection. A burial ground that developed near the church has expanded as a community cemetery with a stone fence along the highway with a gateway (PHOTO 40). The hamlet of Amenia also has a cemetery on its northern outskirts near its schoolhouse. There is a small burial ground in Leedsville, but there never was a church. It was started by the early settlers and expanded with the neighborhood.

South of this farm are three others owned at various times by the Swift, Barlow, and Cline families. They ran east to the state line along the Webutuck Creek, which had turned east and crossed the main road. They are accessed by Kent Road coming out of an intersection with South Amenia Road in the hamlet of South Amenia (At this point, the historic district terminates on South Amenia and Kent roads where the landscape has been compromised by extensive soil and gravel mining.) The oldest farm contains a mid-eighteenth-century, two-story, center-chimney dwelling fashioned in the iconic New England manner built for the Barlow family at 67 Kent Road (PHOTO 32). By the 1870s, the Clines had taken over the farm, building a new house and barns on the north side of the road (PHOTO 33). The two barns are intact and significant examples of agricultural architecture of the period. One has an English barn plan with a central vehicle bay opening on a threshing floor

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with a door above for loading hay from the exterior. The other appears to be a somewhat later and larger basement dairy barn. Both have large wood frame ventilators centered on their roofs. The farm has accrued a number of secondary buildings over the years; the farm is no longer active.

The third farm at 87-101 Kent Road is fronted by the story-and-a-half five-bay house built for Thomas F. Swift and his wife Maria Barlow in ca. 1810 (PHOTO 34). The house is intact with its entrance portico and fancy ornament reflective of the period. It is the only example in the district of this level of decoration being applied to a less than two-story house. A nineteenth-century basement dairy barn with two ventilators and a later concrete silo is present on the property along with a machinery shed and other smaller outbuildings of recent but indeterminate date (PHOTO 34). A new house was built on the hillside east of the old buildings in 2013. The homestead farm belonging to Judah Swift, the first of the family that settled in South Amenia in the 1750s, had been located farther south on Kent Road, but it was lost to the spread of mining in this area.

South Amenia

As with the other two hamlets in the valley, South Amenia formed where an intersection of roads, a crossing of the creek, and the proximity of a mill site combined to foster a commercial and community center. The Cline family, Palatine refugees from Rhinebeck, were the first to settle in the vicinity and develop a gristmill site on the Webutuck. A later stone mill survived into the age of photography, but all that remains on the site are portions of a stone dam and evidence of some foundations (FIG.6, PHOTO 35). In the 1930s a log dwelling was built on the site (194 & 204 S. Amenia Rd.).

Historic maps depict a hotel, post office, and stores at the crossroads, which are no longer extant. The homes of tradesmen and laborers, surviving in altered states, are lined up on the easterly side of Kent Road with their barns and shops replaced with garages (PHOTO 36). The hamlet contains approximately seventeen buildings of which five were added in the late twentieth century. Notable among them are the South Amenia Presbyterian Church, which was erected near the crossroads in 1880 after the earlier church burned (229 S. Amenia Rd., PHOTO 38). Its country Gothic or Stick style is a modern novelty in the hamlet, as well as the entire historic district. Artfully-designed with board-and-batten and inverted picket sidings and a prominent bell tower and tall steeple, the design was a forgotten architect or a skilled builder following plans published in a catalog. A pre-existing story-and-a-half, front-gable dwelling next door to the church, identified on earlier maps as a store, was acquired at the time and repurposed as a parsonage (223 S. Amenia Rd., PHOTO 37).

South of the parsonage at 217 South Amenia Road is a two-story three-bay house built for the Cline family (PHOTO 37). It displays exterior decoration consistent with the local Neoclassical style, but it also has its basement exposed at grade on one end indicating that it was built with a kitchen there. A later story-and-a-half wing was added to the other end to modernize and improve access to the kitchen. A mixed series of small working-class dwellings are aligned along the northerly side of Kent Road in the hamlet. These story-and-a-half three- and five-bay houses were inhabited by various mechanics, with their shops, mill workers, and farm laborers (PHOTO 36).

As South Amenia Road heads south and crosses Webutuck Creek, the landscape opens up once more in what had been more fertile farmland. However, during the late twentieth century, this area was the focus of extensive mining of soil and gravel altering the function and appearance of the landscape. It also is in this section that the Webutuck merges with the Wassaic Creek at the southern end of Oblong Mountain to form what is known as the Ten Mile River. Although some of the surface mines have closed and been reclaimed, the

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area has been excluded from the historic district as historic architectural and landscape features have been removed.

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PROPERTY LIST**Methodology**

The historic district comprises 192 properties containing 341 components, which are described below. All buildings which were constructed and/or expanded before the end of the period of significance (1973) are considered contributing unless substantially altered in appearance after that date. Dates of construction have been obtained from assessor records, which are considered accurate after 1950; earlier dates in the record are unsubstantiated and have been verified by field observation. Outbuildings, notably barns and garages, constructed within the period of significance are counted as contributing buildings. Key industrial and house sites/ruins and cemeteries are recorded as contributing sites. Parcels with landscapes associated with the district's agricultural development and history are counted as contributing sites; to be counted as contributing, a landscape parcel must be in cultivation, a fallow field, wooded, or a combination of all three. Thirty-four properties are noted as contributing rural landscape parcels. These landscapes are a key feature of the district's feeling, setting, and association, and their formal identification is critical to their preservation. There are fourteen vacant non-agricultural parcels associated with residential subdivisions that are not counted.

The historic district has properties in both New York and Connecticut, they are listed alphabetically by street address with New York properties listed first followed by those in Connecticut. A tabulation of components is at the end of the list with the addresses of non-contributing and vacant properties.

NEW YORK**8 Amenia Union Rd****Parcel # 7265-00-010920****Property Name: REV. McFRISSEL HOUSE****Construction Date: ca. 1858****3 contributing buildings**

2-story, 3-bay-wide, wood frame house with wings on one end and the rear and a later 1-story, 3-bay garage wing attached via a contained breezeway. House is located on the northeast corner of Amenia Union and Clark Hill Roads. Wood-shingled gable roof with an interior brick end chimney, wood clapboard siding, stone foundation. Entry in the one-bay wing under a shed roof porch. Three replacement sash windows on both lower and upper stories with paired replacement sash windows on the south end. Breezeway has metal roof, wood clapboard siding, a segmental arch entry and small fixed multi-pane windows. Attached garage with a wood shingled gable roof with 3 gable dormers, vertical wood siding; two vehicle bays on gable end with swing doors and single sash window in gable.

1.5-story, ca. 1858 wood frame barn with an asphalt shingle gable roof, vented cupola, vertical wood siding, and a mow door on the east end. (1 contributing building)

1.5-story, ca. 1858 wood frame barn with an asphalt shingle gable roof, vented cupola, and vertical wood siding. 1-story addition on the south elevation. Vehicle bay with hanging track door on west end, vehicle, and mow doors on the east end. (1 contributing building)

17 Amenia Union Rd**Parcel # 7125-00-001999****Property Name: SWIFT-CLINE HOUSE****Construction Date: ca.1815, ca.1890****5 contributing buildings, 1 contributing site (landscape)**

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2-story, 5-bay-wide, wood frame Federal style house with 2-story rear ell located along the west side of Amenia Union Road. Asphalt shingle gable roof with interior brick chimneys on the gable ends and an exterior brick chimney on the ell's rear, wood clapboard siding, stone foundation. Center entry with fanlight and sidelights fronted by later porch with pillars at the corners and wood balustrade on roof. Upper-story, center bay doorway above porch with sidelights, fanlight, molded pilasters, and sunburst paneled entablature. Flanking two bays contain single wood sash windows with cornices on both stories; fanlights in the upper gable ends. 1-story wing on the north end with asphalt shingle hipped roof, wood clapboard siding, casement and sash windows, gable dormers. Porch on south elevation with hipped roof, square posts, and balustrades connects via a breezeway to a 1.5-story, 3-bay wing, reputed to be an earlier dwelling/tavern moved from another location. The wing has a gable roof, wood clapboard siding and a stone foundation; fenestration includes a center entry with replacement door under a gabled overhang and single replacement sash windows.

2-story, 3-bay-wide, ca. 1890 wood frame wagon house with asphalt shingle front-gable roof with a vented cupola and wood novelty siding. Center vehicle bay altered with recessed wall with small door added; single replacement sash windows on the lower and upper stories, oculus in the gable. Remaining visible fenestration includes sliding glass doors, single replacement sash windows, and a mow door toward the rear on the south elevation. (1 contributing building)

1-story, multi-bay, ca. 1945 masonry dairy barn with a metal gambrel roof with wood novelty siding on the upper story of ends, concrete block lower story. Visible fenestration includes string of approximately 15 glass-block windows along the east elevation; large bay opening on the south elevation with single multi-pane windows in the upper gable end. 2 concrete block silos attached to rear elevation (1 contributing building)

2-story, 3-bay-wide, ca. 1890 wood frame barn. Asphalt shingle gable roof with central metal ventilator, vertical wood board siding. Visible fenestration includes a center vehicle bay with swing doors, a mow door above and small single 2-pane windows. (1 contributing building)

1-story, 7-bay-wide, ca. 1950 wood frame machinery shed with asphalt shingle gable roof, three-sided with vertical wood siding and open bays on long side. (1 contributing building)

Agricultural fields northwest of buildings terminating at Webutuck Creek, approx. 33 acres. (Contributing site – landscape)

40 Amenia Union Rd

Parcel # 7265-00-055968

Property Name: SOUTH AMENIA CEMETERY

Construction Date: ca.1786

1 contributing site

Community cemetery located along the east side Amenia Union Road. near the site of the New Church of South Amenia established in 1786. Approximately 500 markers with the first known interment in 1787. The cemetery features a stone wall with pillared entry and carriage steps, several well-defined family plots, and markers of various materials including bluestone, sandstone, marble, and granite.

51 Amenia Union Rd

Parcel # 7266-00-098032

Property Name: J.S. CHAFFEE HOUSE

Construction Date: ca.1880

1 contributing building, 1 contributing site (landscape)

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1.5-story, 3-bay-wide wood frame house, asphalt shingle gable roof, wood clapboard siding, stone foundation. Center entry with shed-roof porch fronted by pillar posts flanked by replacement sash windows. Exterior concrete chimney on the south end.

Agricultural fields northwest of house and southeast of Webutuck Creek, approx. 17 acres. (Contributing site – landscape)

80 Amenia Union Rd

Parcel # 7266-00-301015

Property Name: RILLSIDE FARM/BURDICK FARM/CHAFFEE FARM

Construction Date: ca.1850

2 contributing buildings, 4 non-contributing buildings (due to age), 1 contributing site (landscape)

Access to property restricted.

2-story, 5-bay-wide, wood frame house located along the east side of Amenia Union Road. Asphalt shingle gable roof with an interior brick chimney on the north end, asbestos shingle siding, stone foundation. Center entry with paneled door with two arched windows tucked under gabled porch flanked by two-over-two wood sash windows with cornices and wood blinds. 2-story rear ell and 1-story shed-roof addition. May include an earlier dwelling.

1-story early twentieth-century dairy barn with arched patent truss roof and wings. (1 contributing building)

1-story late twentieth-century wood frame animal shed with wood board-and-batten siding and shed roof (1 non-contributing building; due to age).

1-story late twentieth-century wood frame machinery shed with metal siding and shed roof (1 non-contributing building; due to age).

1-story late twentieth-century wood frame shed with gable roof (1 non-contributing building; due to age).

1-story late twentieth-century wood frame shed with gable roof (1 non-contributing building; due to age).

Agricultural fields, tree farm, nursery, solar panels east of buildings terminating at Connecticut border, approx. 112 acres. (Contributing site – landscape)

100 Amenia Union Rd

Parcel # 7266-00-191081

Construction Date: ca. 1964

1 non-contributing building (due to alterations)

1-story, 4-bay-wide, wood frame Ranch style house located on the east side of Amenia Union Road. Asphalt shingle gable roof with an interior brick chimney and exterior concrete chimney on the south end, wood shingle siding, concrete foundation. Fenestration includes an entry with stoop in third bay flanked by a 3-part picture window and two single sash windows. Large metal-frame garage with a corrugated roof and metal siding added to north end.

103 Amenia Union Rd

Parcel # 7266-00-120110

Property Name: NEWTON REED HOUSE

Construction Date: ca. 1740, ca. 1850

2 contributing buildings, 1 contributing site - landscape

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1.5-story, 3-bay-wide, wood frame house located along the west side of Amenia Union Road. Asphalt shingle gable roof, wood clapboard siding, stone foundation. Portions of an eighteenth-century house in 1-story rear ell with later shed wall dormers. Center entry with sidelights, porch with a hipped roof fronted by pillar posts. Remaining façade fenestration includes paired 4-over-4 wood sash windows in the first and third bays, small eyebrow window over the porch. Replacement windows on the south elevation.

1-story, 3-bay, ca. 1950 masonry garage with a corrugated metal front-gable roof and concrete block walls. Two vehicle bays with overhead doors and a fixed metal-pane window. (1 contributing building)

Agricultural fields west of house and bordering on Webutuck Creek, approx. 15 acres. (Contributing site – landscape)

103 Amenia Union Rd

Parcel # 7266-00-020149

Property Name: NEWTON REED FARM

Construction Date: n/a

1 contributing site (landscape)

Agricultural fields south and west of house lot. Agricultural field comprised of meadow land with a small, wooded area in the north end; the meandering Webutuck Creek bisects the parcel from east to west. approx. 50 acres.

111 Amenia Union Rd

Parcel # 7266-00-170130

Property Name: NEWTON REED FARM BUILDINGS

Construction Date: ca. 1900

2 contributing buildings

Barn containing two sections linked by a silo on the west side of Amenia Union Road. (1) 1-story 1-bay wide, masonry and wood frame barn with a metal front-gable roof, metal ventilator, and vertical wood siding on the upper gable end. The barn is laid-up with concrete blocks with a large bay opening on the south end. Visible fenestration includes three small, fixed-pane windows on the east elevation. (2) 1-story, wood frame barn with a metal front gable roof with wood novelty siding and sash windows on the south elevation. Concrete block silo with metal dome roof and exterior chute covering unloading doors.

1-story, ca. 1900 wood frame barn with a metal front-gable roof and vertical wood siding. (1 contributing building)

121 Amenia Union Rd

Parcel # 7266-00-195165

Property Name: NEWTON REED HOUSE II

Construction Date: ca. 1870

2 contributing buildings, 1 contributing site (landscape)

2-story, 3-bay-wide, wood frame house located along west side Amenia Union Road. Asphalt shingle gable roof with an interior brick chimney, asbestos-cement shingle siding, stone foundation. Center entry tucked under a projecting upper-story gabled bay with single window. Remaining visible fenestration 2-over-2 wood sash windows on the lower and upper stories.

1-story, ca. 1900 machinery shed. Not visible from roadway (1 contributing building).

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Agricultural land northwest of house and bordering on Webutuck Creek, approx. 5 acres. (Contributing site – landscape)

135 Amenia Union Rd**Parcel # 7266-00-221165****Construction Date: ca. 1954****3 contributing buildings**

1-story, 4-bay-wide, wood frame Ranch style house located on the west side of Amenia Union Road. Asphalt shingle gable roof with exterior brick chimneys on the north and south ends, interior brick chimney and exterior concrete chimney on the south end, wood clapboard siding, concrete foundation. Fenestration includes an entry off a deck in the second bay, 3-part picture windows in the first and fourth bays and paired windows in the third bay. Basement one-car garage with overhead door on the south end with paired casement windows above. Sash windows on gable ends, shed dormer on rear.

1-story, 2-bay-wide, ca. 1955 masonry outbuilding with asphalt shingle front-gable roof and concrete block walls; large central vehicle bay with overhead door offset by side door entry. (1 contributing building)

1-story, 1-bay-wide, ca. 1954 masonry shed with a metal front-gable roof and concrete block walls; single doorway centered on gable end. (1 contributing building)

143 Amenia Union Rd**Parcel # 7266-00-130265****Construction Date: ca. 2015****5 non-contributing buildings (due to age), 1 contributing site (landscape)**

Limited visibility from public right of way.

2-story, multiple-bay wood frame house located at end of long lane west of Amenia Union Road. Asphalt shingle gable roof with cupola, dormers and large central wall dormer; wood clapboard siding, concrete foundation. Wide front central window mass with double glass doors flanked by three windows on each side, eight windows across second floor surmounted by gabled wall dormer with shingle siding and large oculus in center. Central section flanked by wings with single window bays. Open veranda wraps around all four sides.

Two barns, greenhouse, Quonset hut not accessible for description, all ca. 2015 (4 non-contributing buildings; due to age)

Agricultural land south of house and including Webutuck Creek, approx. 106 acres (Contributing site – landscape)

161 Amenia Union Rd**Parcel # 7266-00-281219****Property Name: MRS. BIRD HOUSE****Construction Date: ca. 1871****2 contributing buildings**

1.5-story, 3-bay-wide, wood frame house located on the west side of Amenia Union Road. Asphalt shingle gable roof with an exterior brick chimney on the north end, vinyl clapboards siding, stone foundation. Fenestration includes a center entry with gable roof porch flanked by single windows with replacement sash; Single windows with replacement sash and transoms in upper gable ends. 1.5-story rear ell off the northwest corner, 1-story wing on south end.

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1-story, 2-bay-wide, ca. 1950 wood frame garage with an asphalt shingle gable roof and vertical wood siding. 2 vehicle bays with swing doors. (1 contributing building)

162 Amenia Union Rd**Parcel # 7266-00-400130****Construction Date: 2006****2 non-contributing buildings (due to age), 1 contributing site (landscape)**

2-story, multi-bay, wood frame house located east of Amenia Union Road. Standing-seam metal cross-gable roof with interior and exterior stone chimneys, wood clapboard siding, concrete foundation. Cross-gable pavilion centered on façade containing series of five french doors with transoms under a porch on first story and two pairs of sash windows on the second story. Pavilion flanked by bay with paired French doors and transoms on north side and bay with three French doors with transoms surmounted by a gabled oriel with paired sash windows on the south side.

1-story, ca. 2006 wood frame barn with a standing-seam metal side-gable roof and square hip-roof cupola. (1 non-contributing building, due to age)

Agricultural land extending from Amenia Union Road to Connecticut state line, approx. 104 acres. (Contributing site – landscape)

173-279 Amenia Union Rd**Parcel # 7266-00-340380****Property Name: MRS. WHITFORD RESIDENCE/G.H. SWIFT RESIDENCE****Construction Date: ca.1800, ca.1890****8 contributing buildings, 1 contributing site (landscape)**

The property is comprised of three houses, outbuildings, and an agricultural landscape. The house at 189 Amenia Union Road is the principal residence; others at 173 and 279 are secondary.

Houses:

189 Amenia Union Road, ca. 1800: 2-story, 5-bay-wide, wood frame Federal Style house located along the west side of Amenia Union Road. Asphalt shingle gable roof with interior stone chimney on the north end and exterior stone chimney on the south end, wood clapboard siding, stone foundation. Center entry with a paneled wood door surrounded by sidelights, fanlight, entablature, and slender pilasters fronted by a porch with low-pitched gable roof and paired columns; entrance flanked by 12-over-12 wood sash windows with cornices on the lower and upper stories; single 12-over-12 wood sash window with sidelights and stepped entablature in the center bay on second story. Small windows with cornices flanking the chimneys in the upper gable ends. 2-story rear ell with added wings off the south end. Veranda on the south elevation with a secondary entry and a pair of French doors. Two 1-story wings on south end with interior and exterior brick chimneys and sash windows. (1 contributing building)

173 Amenia Union Road, ca. 1850: 1.5 story, 4-bay-wide, wood frame house located along the west side of Amenia Union Road. Asphalt shingle gable roof with an interior brick chimney, wood clapboard siding, stone foundation. Fenestration includes an entry in the first bay, 6-over-6 wood sash windows on lower story and east and west elevations. Remaining fenestration includes eyebrow windows with awning sash and a secondary entry in the center bay on the west elevation. Later veranda with a shed roof fronted by square posts. (1 contributing building)

279 Amenia Union Road, ca. 1890: 2-story, 3-bay-wide, wood frame house located along the west side of Amenia Union Road. Asphalt shingle gable roof with gabled dormers and exterior brick chimney, wood

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clapboard siding, stone foundation. Fenestration includes 1-over-1 replacement windows on the lower and upper stories, and dormers. (1 contributing building)

Outbuildings

2-story, 3-bay-wide, wood frame barn, ca. 1890, with a multi-color, patterned slate shingled roof with metal ventilators on the ridge and gable dormers on the north and south elevations, vertical wood siding, stone foundation. Center bay on gable end has vehicle bay with hanging track doors with a mow door above and 6-over-6 wood sash windows in the first and third bays on the lower and upper stories. Remaining visible fenestration varies and includes a large mow door with swing doors, random windows and two secondary entries on the north elevation; large barn bay with swing doors in addition on west end. Added 2-story, 6-bay wide, ell off south side with wood sash windows on the lower and upper stories and an entry with a replacement door in the fourth bay. (1 contributing building)

1-story, 2-bay-wide, ca. 1900 wood frame garage with asphalt shingle front-gable roof, wood novelty siding, and two vehicle bays with hanging track doors. (1 contributing building)

1-story, 4-bay-wide, ca. 1950 wood frame machinery shed with an asphalt shingle gable roof and vertical wood siding, Four large bays, three open and the fourth closed by an overhead door. (1 contributing building)

1-story, 1-bay-wide, ca. 1900 wood frame shed with asphalt shingle gable roof. wood novelty siding; single open vehicle bay, three fixed wood barn sash windows on the south elevation. (1 contributing building)

2-story, multi-bay, ca. 1850 wood frame barn with 2-story wood frame ell, cross-gable asphalt shingle roof, wood novelty siding, concrete foundation. Varied fenestration including several hanging track doors, mow doors, fixed wood barn sash windows: divided Dutch stall door, and other entries at the east end of the barn and south end of the ell. (1 contributing building)

Agricultural land extending west from Amenia Union Road and containing Webutuck Creek to Connecticut state line, approx. 150 acres. (Contributing site – landscape)

230 Amenia Union Rd**Parcel # 7266-00-483310****1 contributing site (landscape), 3 contributing buildings**

Large parcel on east side Amenia Union Road associated with 173-279 Amenia Union Road with pastureland, some tree lines, and small wooded areas. (Contributing site – landscape)

1-story, 3-bay-wide, ca. 1900, wood frame poultry house, asphalt shingle gable roof with exposed rafter ends, wood novelty siding. Visible fenestration includes sash windows, fixed multi-pane windows, and a chicken door. Attached fenced-in poultry yard on the north elevation. (1 contributing building)

1-story, 1-bay-wide, ca. 1900, wood frame poultry house, asphalt shingle gable roof with low gabled ventilator, wood novelty siding. Visible fenestration includes fixed wood barn sash window. Attached fenced-in poultry yard on the north elevation. (1 contributing building)

1-story, 2-bay-wide, ca. 1900, wood frame poultry house with an asphalt shingle gable roof and wood novelty siding. Visible fenestration includes wood sash windows on the south elevation and an entry with simple wood frame door on the east elevation. (1 contributing building)

289 Amenia Union Rd**Parcel # 7266-00-458468****Property Name: S. HITCHCOCK HOUSE**

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Construction Date: ca. 1876, ca. 1967

2 contributing buildings

2-story, multi-bay, ca. 1876, wood frame house located on the west side of Amenia Union Road. Asphalt shingle gable roof with interior brick chimney, wood shingle siding, stone foundation. Entry within an enclosed porch with vertical wood siding, concrete block footings, and casement windows. Remaining fenestration includes varied wood sash windows, small awning windows, and picture window.

1-story, multi-bay ca. 1967, wood frame Ranch style house located on the west side of Amenia Road. Asphalt shingle gable roof with an exterior stone chimney on north end, with wood shingle siding on the south half and cobblestone veneer on the north half. Fenestration includes a central entry, single wood sash windows, and a 3-part picture window immediately adjacent to the entry. (1 contributing building)

292 Amenia Union Rd

Parcel # 7266-00-501444

Property Name: AMENIA UNION METHODIST CHURCH

Construction Date: ca. 1859

1 contributing building

1-story, 3-bay-wide, wood frame Greek Revival style church building located along the east side of Amenia Union Road. Asphalt shingle front gable roof with an interior brick chimney toward the rear, wood clapboard siding, stone foundation. The façade is framed by paneled pilasters and pediment above tall frieze that wraps around on sides. Double-door entry recessed within a pedimented architrave flanked by paneled pilasters. Single tall wood triple-sash windows on side elevations. Added 1-story, multi-bay wing on south side with asphalt shingle gable roof, wood clapboard siding, stuccoed foundation.

293 Amenia Union Rd

Parcel # 7266-00-496462

Construction Date: ca. 1959

1 non-contributing building (due to alterations)

1-story, 2-bay, wood frame manufactured home located along the west side of Amenia Union Road. Asphalt shingle shed roof with two concrete chimneys on rear, wood shingle siding, no visible foundation. Fenestration includes wood sash windows and added oriel; entrance on south end.

295 Amenia Union Rd

Parcel # 7266-00-503467

Construction Date: ca. 1969

1 contributing building

1-story, 4-bay mobile home located along the west side of Amenia Union Road. Metal replacement roof, metal clapboard siding. Façade with central entrance and wood sash windows of varied sizes. Added 1-story wood frame wing, asphalt shingle gable roof, vinyl clapboard siding. Concrete block foundation under both sections.

296 Amenia Union Rd

Parcel # 7266-00-512451

Construction Date: ca. 1960

1 contributing building

1-story, multi-bay mobile home located along the east side of Amenia Union Road. Low-pitched, metal gable roof with stone chimney on the rear, wood board-and-batten siding, concrete foundation. 4-bay wide addition

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on front with pairs of casement windows. The roof extends over the porch on the southwest corner with steps on the south end.

298 Amenia Union Rd**Parcel # 7266-00-531433****Property Name: W. INGERSOL RESIDENCE****Construction Date: ca. 1858, ca. 1890****2 contributing buildings**

2-story, 3-bay wood frame house located along the east side of Amenia Union Road. Asphalt shingle gable roof with later exterior stone chimney; cornice, and eave returns on the north end, wood shingle siding, stone foundation. Entry in the first bay with paneled door and multi-pane transom fronted by a hipped roof porch with pillars in the corners. Single 6-over-6 wood sash windows on lower and upper stories. Arts and Craft style addition on south end with a shed roof over a sunporch with large multi-pane casement windows on cobblestone kneewalls; hipped roof sleeping porch in upper-story dormer.

2-story wood frame, ca. 1890, barn with attached 1-story wood frame machinery shed on north end. Asphalt shingle gable roof with large multi-pane cupola, wood novelty siding, foundation not visible. The façade features paired wood barn sash windows on lower floor and single 6-pane wood sash on upper story. Fenestration on the south end includes a hanging track animal door and large altered windows in gable. Wing has two vehicle bays with hanging track doors (1 contributing building)

303-305 Amenia Union Rd**Parcel # 7266-00-514478****Property Name: J. RYANS HOUSE/SHOP****Construction Date: ca. 1850, ca. 1900****2 contributing buildings**

303 Amenia Union Road: 1.5-story, 2-bay-wide, ca. 1900, wood frame house along the west side of Amenia Union Road. Asphalt shingle gable roof with eave returns and added 2-bay wide shed dormer, wood clapboard siding, stone foundation. 1-story shed-roof wing off the southwest corner with screened porch wrapping around onto the south gable end. Fenestration includes an entry with fixed aluminum awning on the north elevation and various sized single replacement sash windows.

305 Amenia Union Road: 1.5-story, 5-bay-wide, ca. 1850, wood frame house located along the west side of Amenia Union Road. Asphalt shingle gable roof, wood clapboard siding, stone foundation. Center entry within an exterior vestibule with a shed roof flanked by single replacement sash windows; 4 windows with replacement sliders in upper half-story. (1 contributing building)

309 Amenia Union Rd**Parcel # 7266-00-512493****Property Name: T. SWIFT HOUSE****Construction Date: ca. 1800, ca. 1920****2 contributing buildings**

2-story, 3-bay-wide, wood frame Federal style house located along the west side of Amenia Union Road. Asphalt shingle gable roof with interior stucco-sided chimney, wood clapboard siding, stuccoed stone foundation. Entry in the third bay with 6-panel door off a concrete stoop. Single 6-over-6 wood sash windows on lower and upper stories. Façade and elevations framed by a simple cornice and corner boards. 1-story shed roof additions on the south and on the rear.

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1-story, 1-bay-wide, ca. 1920, wood frame two-car garage, asphalt shingle front-gable roof, wood novelty siding. Double-wide garage vehicle with overhead door. Secondary entry with paired casement windows on the north elevation. (1 contributing building)

312 Amenia Union Rd**Parcel # 7266-00-543480****Property Name: AMENIA UNION STORE****Construction Date: ca. 1832****1 contributing building**

1.5-story, 3-bay-wide, wood frame Greek Revival style house and former store located on the southeast corner of the intersection of Amenia Union Road and Knibloe Hill Road. Asphalt shingle front-gable roof with a brick chimney toward the rear, wood clapboard siding, stone foundation. Center entry with a paneled wood door surrounded by a transom, sidelights and an architrave with slender pilasters flanked by single 6-over-6 wood sash windows. Upper story projects over wide porch fronted by chamfered posts and has a central freight door and hoist flanked by wood sash windows. Gable carries cornice with tall frieze and eave returns and paneled corner pilasters; frieze wraps around on side elevations. 1-story, 1-bay-wide, wing on the east side with hipped roof, wood clapboard siding, concrete foundation, and wood sash windows. A later added 1.5-story wing off the rear of the west elevation has a cross-gable roof, wood clapboard siding, concrete foundation, wood sash windows; one-car garage with overhead door in gable end basement.

319 Amenia Union Rd**Parcel # 7266-00-459537****Construction Date: ca. 1946****1 contributing building, 1 contributing site (landscape)**

2-story, 3-bay-wide, wood frame house with later added 2-story rear addition located back from the west side of Amenia Union Road. Asphalt shingle gable roof, vinyl clapboard siding, and a concrete foundation. Later added brick vestibule with ornate replacement door, sidelights, and portico. Remaining fenestration includes sash windows on the lower and upper stories, paired sash windows on the south elevation, and 3-part windows on the north elevation. Single sash windows and a secondary entry with sliding glass doors off a deck on the addition's west elevation.

Agricultural land extending west from Amenia Union Road containing a portion of creek entering from Connecticut on its way to join the Webutuck Creek, approx. 20 acres (Contributing site – landscape)

321 Amenia Union Rd**Parcel # 7266-00-526517****Property Name: T. SWIFT HOUSE****Construction Date: ca. 1800, ca. 1873****1 contributing building**

2-story, 5-bay-wide, wood frame house located along the west side of Amenia Union Road. Asphalt shingle gable roof with an interior brick chimney on the north end, wood clapboard siding, stone foundation. Center entry with panel door flanked by sidelights off a porch with a hipped roof supported by chamfered posts and large ornate brackets. Lower story contains single 1-over-1 arched wood sash windows with label molds and underlying wood panels; 2-over-2 wood sash in upper story and north elevation. 2-story Italianate style bay window on the south elevation. 2-story rear ell with interior brick chimney and wood sash windows. Eaves carry pairs of scrolled brackets.

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329 Amenia Union Rd
Parcel # 7266-00-520530
Construction Date: ca. 1958
1 contributing building

Direct access not permitted. 1-story, multiple-bay wood frame Ranch style house with asphalt shingle gable roof; 1-story cross-gable rear wing. Central entrance and varied fenestration.

339 Amenia Union Rd
Parcel # 7266-00-531549
Property Name: DR. CHAMBERLAIN HOUSE
Construction Date: ca. 1830
1 contributing building

2-story, 3-bay-wide, wood frame house located along the west side of Amenia Union Road. Asphalt shingle saltbox gable roof with interior brick chimney on the south end, composite shingle siding, stone foundation. Recessed entry in the third bay with panel door, sidelights, and pilasters. Single 6-over-6 wood sash windows with wood blinds on lower and upper stories. 1-story bay window and tripartite attic window on the south elevation. 2-story shed-roof wing off the northwest corner with composite shingle siding and single 6-over-6 wood sash windows. Secondary entrance on north elevation within shed-roof porch in corner with wing supported by single fluted column.

Amenia Union Rd
Parcel # 7266-00-554508
1 vacant parcel, not counted

Vacant land located between the east side of Amenia Union Rd. and state line, part of 314 Amenia Union Road in Connecticut. This parcel includes part of the building footprint, but the building is counted and described under the entry for 314 Amenia Union Road.

Amenia Union Rd
Parcel # 7266-00-558522
1 vacant parcel, not counted

Vacant land located between the east side of Amenia Union Rd. and state line, part of 312 Amenia Union Road in Connecticut. This parcel includes part of the building footprint, but the building is counted and described under the entry for 312 Amenia Union Road.

Amenia Union Rd
Parcel # 7266-00-557532
1 vacant parcel, not counted

Vacant land located between the east side of Amenia Union Rd. and state line, part of 310 Amenia Union Road in Connecticut. This parcel includes part of the building footprint, but the building is counted and described under the entry for 310 Amenia Union Road.

Amenia Union Rd
Parcel # 7266-00-559540
1 vacant parcel, not counted

Vacant land located between the east side of Amenia Union Rd. and state line, part of 306 Amenia Union Road in Connecticut

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S. Amenia Rd
Parcel # 7266-00-545435
1 vacant parcel, not counted

Vacant land located between the east side of Amenia Union Rd. and state line, part of 5 Knibloe Rd in Connecticut.

2 Clark Hill Rd
Parcel # 7165-00-948908
Construction Date: ca. 2001
1 non-contributing building (due to age)

2-story, 5-bay-wide, wood frame house located along the south side of Clark Hill Road. Asphalt shingle gable roof, vinyl clapboard siding, concrete foundation. Fenestration includes a center entry with sidelights and 6-over-6 sash windows on the lower and upper stories. Wrap-around porch with hipped roof, square posts and balustrades. 1-story, 2-bay wide, attached garage wing on the north with two bays containing overhead doors.

18 Clark Hill Rd
Parcel # 7165-00-978877
Construction Date: ca. 1981
2 non-contributing buildings (due to age)

1-story, 4-bay-wide, wood frame Ranch style house along the south side of Clark Hill Road. Asphalt shingle gable roof, vinyl clapboard siding, concrete foundation. Entry in the third bay off a wood deck flanked by single and paired sash windows.

1-story, 3-bay-wide, ca. 1981 wood-frame garage with an asphalt shingle gable roof, vertical wood siding; three vehicle bays with overhead doors. (1 non-contributing building; due to age)

37 Clark Hill Rd
Parcel # 7265-00-035890
Construction Date: ca. 1920, ca. 2000
1 contributing building, 1 non-contributing building (due to age)

1.5-story, 3-bay-wide, wood frame house with additions located along the north side of Clark Hill Road. Asphalt shingle front-gable roof with an interior brick chimney, wood clapboard siding, stone foundation. Center entry with paneled wood door. Remaining fenestration includes single 6-over-6 replacement sash windows on the lower and upper stories. Scallop pattern wood-shingles in upper gable; porch with a shed roof fronted by square posts. 1.5-story, 3-bay wide, front-gable wing added in the early twenty-first century with 3-bay center-entry façade and porch; single sash windows on the lower and upper stories, and a oculus in the upper gable. 1.5-story, 2-bay wide, wood frame attached garage added on the west end with an asphalt shingle gable roof and vertical wood siding. 2 vehicle bays on west side with overhead doors and multi-pane transoms; entrance and mow door on front elevation.

1.5-story, 1-bay-wide, wood frame barn built ca. 2000, asphalt shingle front-gable roof with a cupola, wood shingle siding. Fenestration includes a large vehicle bay with hanging track doors and multi-pane transom with a mow door under overhang extension of the gable peak. (1 non-contributing building; due to age)

63 Clark Hill Rd
Parcel # 7265-00-104853
Construction Date: ca. 1997

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1 non-contributing building (due to age)

1-story, 7-bay-wide wood frame Ranch style house located along the north side of Clark Hill Road. Asphalt shingle gable roof with an interior brick chimney, vinyl clapboard siding, concrete foundation. Entry with sidelights in the third bay off a gable roof porch. The remaining fenestration includes single sash windows and a casement group. East end gable contains secondary entry flanked by sash windows and one-car garage bay with overhead door.

102 Clark Hill Rd
Parcel # 7265-00-188792
Construction Date: ca. 1991

2 non-contributing buildings (due to age), 1 contributing site (landscape)

Wood frame Modernist house located along the south side of Clark Hill Road. Multiple one-story, hipped roof sections around a 2-story central block with cross-hipped-roof bays, asphalt shingle roof, wood clapboard siding, concrete foundation. Fenestration includes single, paired, and grouped casement windows; entrance tucked in front of 2-story central block.

1-story hipped roof detached garage, ca. 1991 (1 non-contributing building; due to age).

Agricultural land comprising meadow of approx. 17 acres. (Contributing site – landscape)

140 Clark Hill Rd
Parcel # 7265-00-265787
Construction Date: ca. 2000

1 non-contributing building (due to age), 1 contributing site (landscape)

2-story, 3-bay, wood frame house set back away from the south side of Clark Hill Road. Asphalt shingle gable roof with skylights and interior brick chimney, vertical wood siding, concrete foundation. Fenestration on the principal west elevation includes central entrance, various sized 1-over-1 sash windows with a cluster of small windows on a shallow bay above the entrance porch on the north elevation. Open wood deck on the west elevation.

Agricultural land comprising meadow of approx. 10.5 acres. (Contributing site – landscape)

146 Clark Hill Rd
Parcel # 7265-00-235635
1 contributing site (landscape)

Agricultural meadow land with wooded section on southern end, approx. 10 acres. (Contributing site – landscape)

160 Clark Hill Rd
Parcel # 7265-00-260698
Construction Date: ca. 1996

1 non-contributing building (due to age), 1 contributing site (landscape)

1.5-story 3-bay wood frame house with asphalt shingle front gable roof, vertical wood siding, concrete foundation. Central entrance flanked by single sash windows, group of 4 sash windows in upper story. 1-story screened porch wing on side.

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Agricultural meadow land with wooded section on southern end, approx. 10 acres. (Contributing site – landscape)

Clark Hill Rd**Parcel # 7265-00-088900****1 contributing site (landscape)**

Land comprised primarily of open agricultural pastureland with several wood lines and a pond, approx. 18.7 acres. Associated with buildings at 8 Amenia Union Road.

Clark Hill Rd**Parcel # 7165-00-999844****1 contributing site (landscape)**

Parcel comprised primarily of open agricultural pastureland with small, wooded area in north end, approx. 6.5 acres.

Clark Hill Rd**Parcel # 7265-00-264879****1 contributing site (landscape)**

Parcel comprised primarily of open agricultural pastureland with wooded areas at the east end, approx. 63.8 acres.

Clark Hill Rd**Parcel # 7265-00-340904****Construction Date: ca. 1875****1 contributing building, 1 non-contributing building (due to age), 1 contributing site (landscape)**

2-story, 3-bay-wide, ca. 1875 wood frame barn moved from an unidentified location with an asphalt shingle front-gable with ventilator and vertical wood siding. Visible fenestration includes a center bay with hanging track doors flanked by small 6-pane barn sash in the first and third bays, a mow door and small 6-pane sash in the upper gable end. (1 contributing building)

Stone remains of a 5-bay-wide unfinished house with a stone chimney on the rear. Remains indicate that the building was constructed ca.1990 – ca. 2010. (1 non-contributing building; due to age)

Parcel comprised primarily of agricultural meadow land on hilltop flag lot within parcel # 7265-00-340904 with a small, wooded area in the southeast corner, approx. 10 acres. (Contributing site – landscape)

Clark Hill Rd**Parcel # 7265-00-311709****1 contributing site (landscape)**

Parcel comprised primarily of open agricultural fields and a wooded area in the parcel's south end, approx. 24 acres.

6 Kent Rd**Parcel # 7165-00-714620****Construction Date: ca.1927****1 contributing building**

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2-story, 3-bay-wide, wood frame Dutch Colonial Revival house situated on the southeast corner of Amenia Union and Kent Roads. Asphalt shingle faux gambrel-roof with a 3-bay wide shed-dormer, wood clapboard siding, stone foundation. Center entry with gable-roof vestibule flanked by paired 6-over-1 wood sash in the first and third bays. Single 6-over-1 wood sash in dormer and west and east elevations. 1-story sunporch with hipped roof and casement windows on north end, secondary entry within hipped roof screened porch on south end.

Kent Rd**Parcel # 7165-00-733569****Contributing site (landscape)**

Parcel located between Kent Rd. and the Webutuck Creek comprised of both open agricultural fields and a wooded area along the creek. Associated with house at 6 Kent Rd., approx. 15.5 acres.

11 Kent Rd**Parcel # 7165-00-756642****Property Name: J.P. RAYNOLDS HOUSE****Construction Date: ca. 1830****2 contributing buildings**

2-story, 5-bay-wide, wood frame house located on the north side of Kent Road. Asphalt shingle gable roof with an interior brick chimney on the rear, asbestos shingle siding, stone foundation. Center entry with sidelights off a portico with a hipped roof fronted by columns. Remaining fenestration includes single 2-over-2 wood sash windows with cornices on lower and upper stories including a tripartite window with stepped cornices centered above the entry; small sash in the upper gable ends. Added 1-story wood frame ell on rear with metal roof and casement windows.

1.5-story, 3-bay-wide, ca. 1850, wood frame barn with a metal gable roof and vertical flush board siding. Fenestration includes single wood sash windows on lower story with eyebrow windows above offset by a vehicle door with a multi-pane transom and replacement overhead door. (1 contributing building)

12 Kent Rd**Parcel # 7165-00-735622****Construction Date: ca. 1939****1 contributing building**

1-story, 2-bay-wide, wood frame Cape Cod style house located along the south side of Kent Road. Asphalt shingle gable roof with 2 gable dormers and an exterior brick chimney on the east end, wood clapboard siding, stone foundation. Entry in the second bay off a portico with gable-roof fronted by a blind arch and pillars. The remaining fenestration includes a grouping of three 6-over-1 wood sash windows; added 2-story, 2-bay wide wing on west end with wood sash windows, enclosed porch on the rear of the addition.

17 Kent Rd**Parcel # 7165-00-768632****Property Name: J. BASSETT HOUSE****Construction Date: ca. 1830****2 contributing buildings**

2-story, 3-bay-wide, wood frame house located along the north side of Kent Road Metal gable roof with an interior brick chimney; metal clapboard siding, stone foundation. Entry in the first bay off a porch with a hipped roof and fronted by square columns. Remaining fenestration includes single 1-over-1 replacement sash

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windows on the lower and upper stories; 1.5-story wing on west end with added tripartite picture window surmounted by shed-roof wall dormer. 1-story flat-roof addition on further west end.

1-story, 2-bay-wide, ca. 1950 wood frame two-car garage with asphalt shingle front-gable roof, wood novelty siding, and two vehicle bays with overhead doors. (1 Contributing building)

21 Kent Rd**Parcel # 7165-00-775628****Property Name:****Construction Date: ca. 1850****1 contributing building**

1.5-story, 4-bay-wide, wood frame house located along the north side of Kent Road. Asphalt shingle gable roof, vinyl clapboard siding, stuccoed stone foundation. Fenestration includes an entry in the second bay flanked by a later added fixed multi-pane window in the first bay and single replacement sash windows in the third and fourth bays. Full veranda with hipped roof fronted by pillars. Remaining fenestration includes half-story windows, single replacement sash windows on the east elevation. 1-story cross-gable rear ell with secondary entrance and gabled dormer; added one-car garage attached to ell with 1 vehicle bay and overhead door.

25 Kent Rd**Parcel # 7165-00-780625****Property Name:****Construction Date: ca. 1871****2 contributing buildings**

1.5-story, 4-bay-wide, wood frame house located along the north side of Kent Road. Asphalt shingle gable roof with later raised roof dormers, exterior brick chimney on the west end; vinyl clapboards, stone foundation. Wrap-around veranda with a hipped roof fronted by turned posts with scrolled braces. Fenestration includes an entry in the second bay flanked by a 9-over-12 wood sash window in the first bay, a 6-over-6 wood sash window in the third, and a pair of windows in the fourth.

1-story, 1-bay-wide, ca. 1940 wood frame one-car garage with an asphalt shingle front-gable roof, eave returns, and wood novelty siding; vehicle bay with wood swing doors. (1 contributing building)

27 Kent Rd**Parcel # 7165-00-789619****Property Name:****Construction Date: ca. 1850****2 contributing buildings**

1.5-story, 5-bay-wide, wood frame house located along the north side of Kent Road. Asphalt shingle gable roof with later shed wall dormer, exterior brick chimney on front, aluminum clapboard siding, stone foundation; hipped roof veranda fronted by turned posts with scrolled brackets. Fenestration includes entry with a wood paneled door, single and paired windows with 1-over-1 wood sash, one original eyebrow at the east end of the façade. 1-story gable roof wing on east end.

1-story, 1-bay-wide, ca. 1920 wood frame one-car garage with an asphalt shingle front-gable roof, wood clapboard siding; single vehicle bay with swing doors. (1 contributing building)

31 Kent Rd**Parcel # 7165-00-820616**

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Construction Date: ca.1960

1 contributing building

1-story, 5-bay-wide, wood frame Ranch style house set back from the north side of Kent Road. Asphalt shingle gable roof with an interior concrete chimney, vinyl clapboard siding, concrete foundation. Fenestration includes an entry in the fourth bay flanked by a paired 6-over-6 wood sash in the fifth bay and a 3-part picture window in the third bay. Garage bays in first and second bays with overhead doors.

38 Kent Rd

Parcel # 7165-00-776565

Construction Date: ca. 1966

1 contributing building

2-story, 3-bay-wide, wood frame house located along the south side of Kent Road. Asphalt shingle gable roof, exterior brick chimney on east end, vinyl clapboard siding, concrete foundation. Fenestration includes a center entry off gable roof porch and flanked by paired 1-over-1 replacement sash windows on the lower story and single 6-over-6 wood sash windows in the upper story and on east and west elevations.

65-67 Kent Rd

Parcel # 7265-00-078565

Property Name: A. CLINE FARM

Construction Date: ca. 1850

7 contributing buildings, 1 contributing site (landscape)

65 Kent Rd: 1-story, ca. 1960 wood frame mobile home located along a farm road along the north side of Kent Road. Synthetic flat-roof and aluminum panel siding with a fenestration that includes an entry off an added wood porch, sliding glass doors on the south end and single and paired sash windows. (1 contributing building)

67 Kent Rd: 2-story, 5-bay-wide, ca. 1850 wood frame house located along the north side of Kent Road. Metal gable roof with interior brick chimneys on opposing gable ends, wood clapboard siding, stone foundation. Center entry with pediment and wood double-doors, flanked by tall 2-over-2 wood sash windows on the lower story, smaller 2-over-2 wood sash windows on upper story and the east and west elevations, 2-story rear ell with secondary entrance on shed-roof porch fronted by square posts and balustrade on east elevation, wood sash windows, gabled dormers and an interior brick chimney; two garage bays with overhead doors on west elevation. (1 contributing building)

2-story, 3-bay-wide, ca. 1850 wood frame barn with a metal and underlying slate-shingle side-gable roof and center ventilator, wood novelty siding, stone foundation. Large central vehicle bay with hanging track wood doors surmounted by a mow door with wood hanging track door. (1 contributing building)

2-story, ca. 1870 wood frame dairy barn with metal gable roof and central ventilator, vertical wood siding. Opening on lower level's east end constructed with concrete blocks. Remaining fenestration includes a series of windows with 9-pane wood barn sash on lower level and a wood sash window with sliding mow door above. (1 contributing building)

1-story, multi-bay, ca. 1900 wood frame dairy barn with a metal gable roof, vertical wood siding, concrete block basement. Fenestration includes a short and broad mow door with swing doors and fixed 6-pane wood barn sash across the foundation. Concrete block and wood frame wing. (1 contributing building)

1-story, 2-bay-wide, ca. 1900 wood frame shed with an asphalt shingle front-gable roof and wood novelty siding. Vehicle bay with swing doors offset by 6-over-6 wood sash window on west elevation; wood sash windows on the south elevation. (1 contributing building)

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1-story, 1-bay-wide, ca. 1900 wood frame shed with asphalt shingle front-gable roof, vertical wood siding, vehicle bay with hanging track doors; small 1-bay addition on the south. (1 contributing building)

Agricultural land on both sides of Kent Road with pattern of pasture and meadow lots divided by windrows; parcel extends east to state line where it is wooded, approx. 204 acres. (Contributing site – landscape)

81 Kent Rd
Parcel # 7165-00-859481
Construction Date: ca. 1975
2 non-contributing buildings (due to age)

1-story, 5-bay-wide, wood frame Ranch style house located along the north side of Kent Road. Asphalt shingle gable roof with an exterior brick chimney on the east end, aluminum clapboard siding, concrete foundation. Fenestration includes an entry in the fourth bay off a wood deck and paired and grouped 6-over-6 and 1-over-1 sash windows; grouped sash windows on the east elevation.

1-story, 2-bay-wide, ca. 1975 wood frame two-car garage with an asphalt shingle front-gable roof and aluminum clapboard siding. 2 vehicle bays with overhead doors, secondary entry with single sash windows on the west elevation. (1 non-contributing building; due to age)

82 Kent Rd
Parcel # 7265-00-078565
Property Name: DEACON BARLOW HOUSE
Construction Date: ca. 1775
1 contributing building

2-story, 5-bay-wide, wood frame Center Chimney style house with 2-story, 2-bay wide addition located along the south side of Kent Road. Asphalt shingle saltbox gable roof with central interior brick chimney, wood shingle siding, stone foundation. Fenestration includes a center entry with paneled wood door off added shed roof porch flanked by 6-over-6 wood sash windows on lower and upper stories and on east addition. East and west elevations are sided with vertical flush board siding and contain 6-over-6 sash wood windows.

87-101 Kent Rd
Parcel # 7265-00-182419
Property Name: T.F. BARLOW HOUSE
Construction Date: ca. 1793, ca. 2013
4 contributing buildings, 2 non-contributing buildings (due to age), 1 contributing site (landscape)

87 Kent Rd: 1.5-story, 5-bay-wide, wood frame house with rear gabled ell and attached garage located along the north side of Kent Road. Asphalt shingle gable roof with an interior brick chimney, wood clapboard siding, stone foundation. Center entry with paneled door in a surround that includes sidelights, transom, ornate entablature and fluted pilasters off a gabled porch fronted by columns, arched pediment and side benches. Remaining fenestration includes single 12-over-12 wood sash windows with cornices on the lower story and east and west elevations, half-story wood windows beneath the frieze across the top of the façade. (1 contributing building)

101 Kent Rd: 2-story, multi-bay, ca. 2013 wood frame house located away from the north side of Kent Road. A series of metal gable roofs with an exterior stone chimney, vertical wood siding, and a varied fenestration that includes large casement windows and double-door entry with transoms, paired and grouped sash windows, and small fixed 4-pane windows. (1 non-contributing building; due to age)

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2-story, multi-bay, ca. 1875, wood frame, banked dairy barn with metal gable roof and vertical wood siding; concrete block silo and milk house attached to north end. Large central vehicle bay with hanging track doors off an earthen ramp. Additional fenestration includes a side door and fixed 6-pane window on the north elevation's west end. (1 contributing building)

1-story, multi-bay, ca. 1900, wood frame barn with a metal front gable roof, vertical wood siding, and concrete footing. (1 contributing building)

1-story, multi-bay, ca. 1900, wood frame machinery shed with a metal gable roof, vertical wood siding, and concrete footing. Fenestration includes four open bays on the west elevation. (1 contributing building)

1-story, 3-bay-wide, ca. 2000, wood frame machinery shed with a metal gable roof, paneled wood siding, and a concrete footing. Fenestration includes three bay openings with sectional doors on the north elevation and single sash windows on the east and south elevations. (1 non-contributing building; due to age)

Agricultural land with meadow and wooded areas, approx. 122 acres. (Contributing site – landscape)

1 Knibloe Hill Rd

Parcel # 7266-00-547481

Property Name: C. BATTLES HOUSE

Construction Date: ca. 1858

1 contributing building

2-story, 4-bay-wide, wood frame house located at the junction of Knibloe Hill and Amenia Union roads. Asphalt shingle front -gable roof with an interior brick chimney, wood shingle siding, stone foundation. Façade finished in Greek Revival mode with paneled corner pilasters and frieze and cornice along roof edge. Fenestration includes an entry with paneled wood door off a hipped roof porch fronted by paneled posts and cornice, single 6-over-6 wood sash windows on the lower and upper stories, and a small fixed 3-pane window in the upper gable end. 1-story addition toward rear on the south elevation with a hipped roof, a secondary entry, and paired and grouped casement replacement windows. Screened porch wraps around the rear northwest corner featuring a hipped roof, turned posts, balustrades, and screened double-door entry.

Knibloe Hill Rd

Parcel # 7266-00-553496

Vacant Land, not counted

A small vacant parcel located between the east side of Knibloe Hill Rd. and the New York/Connecticut state line. This parcel includes part of the building footprint, but the building is counted and described under the entry for 316 Amenia Union Road.

36 Leedsville Rd

Parcel # 7266-00-554602

Property Name: DANIEL REED HOUSE

Construction Date: ca. 1783

2 contributing buildings

2-story, 5-bay-wide, wood frame house located along the north side of Leedsville Road. Asphalt shingle gable roof with interior brick chimneys at the ends, wood clapboard siding, stone foundation. Center entry with arched transom and sidelights off a pedimented portico fronted by fluted pillars. Remaining fenestration includes single 12-over-12 wood sash windows on lower and upper stories, and single 6-over-6 wood sash windows in upper gable ends. 1-story rear enclosed porch with shed roof.

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2-story, ca. 1875, wood frame barn with asphalt shingle front-gable roof and vertical wood siding. Central vehicle bay with hanging track wood doors surmounted by mow door flanked by multi-pane windows. (1 contributing building)

40 Leedsville Rd**Parcel # 7266-00-540598****Property Name: ST. THOMAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH****Architect: Richard Upjohn****Construction Date: ca. 1849****Not Counted; NR Listed, 2005**

1-story, masonry church designed by architect Richard Upjohn located on the north side of Leedsville Road. High-pitched asphalt shingle front-gable roof, stucco finish added to original brick walls, stone foundation. Double-door entry in base of narrow bell tower under a pointed gable hood. Side elevations contain single lancet windows spaced between buttresses; side entrance in gabled vestibule on south elevation. A lower gable-roof chancel at the east end with a tall round arch stained-glass window flanked with smaller round arch stain-glass windows.

1-story, multi-bay, ca. 1952 concrete block masonry parish house with an asphalt shingle front gable roof: 3-bay façade with center entrance under shed roof hood mounted on brackets flanked by six-over-six sash windows. Window pairs and double doors on one side and shed roof wing on other.

50 Leedsville Rd**Parcel # 7266-00-520630****Construction Date: ca. 2010****1 non-contributing building**

Open parcel associated with 40 Leedsville Road containing community garden, 1-story service building and playground. (1 non-contributing building; due to age)

64 Leedsville Rd**Parcel # 7266-00-485640****Property Name: W. SHERMAN HOUSEE****Construction Date: ca. 1890****2 contributing buildings, 2 non-contributing buildings (due to age)**

2-story, 3-bay-wide, wood frame house, located along the north side of Leedsville Road. (It may incorporate portions of an earlier dwelling.) Asphalt shingle cross-gable roof with an interior brick chimney, wood clapboard siding on the lower story, wood shingle siding on upper story and gable ends, brick foundation. Veranda with hipped roof and turned posts wraps around onto east elevation and terminates at cross bay; entry in the first bay with paneled wood doors, secondary entry with paneled wood door in cross bay off north end of veranda. Replacement 1-over-1 sash windows on the lower story, 1-over-1 wood Queen Anne sash windows with glazed borders in upper stories, window pairs with paneled divider on west elevation, square stained-glass windows in SW stair corner, timberwork in gable of east cross bay. Added shed-roof wing on rear.

1.5-story, 3-bay-wide, ca. 1900, wood frame barn with a metal gable roof, replacement vertical wood board siding, central vehicle bay with wood hanging track doors flanked by wood sash windows, wood sash windows on ends. (1 contributing building)

1-story, 3-bay-wide, ca. 2000, wood frame barn with a metal gable roof, and vertical wood board siding. 2 vehicle bays with wood swing doors. (1 non-contributing building; due to age)

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1-story, multi-bay, ca. 2000, wood frame loafing shed with a metal gable roof and vertical wood board siding. (1 non-contributing building; due to age)

Leedsville Rd
Parcel # 7266-00-494592
1 contributing site

Parcel of land located along the south side of Leedsville Road comprised of wooded and former agricultural land. Contains historic locations / sites of Round Top Meeting House (west) and B. Humeston Hotel (east). Mill Creek flowing west from Connecticut to Webutuck Creek forms a portion of southern boundary. (Contributing site – landscape)

79 Leedsville Rd
Parcel # 7266-00-433610
Property Name: AMENIA UNION CEMETERY
Construction Date: ca. 1735
1 contributing site

Community cemetery once associated with a Presbyterian church, also known as the Round Top Meeting House, built in 1755 just east of the cemetery and torn down 1786. Approximately 200 eighteenth- and nineteenth-century markers and as many more added in twentieth; first known interment being in 1735. Most early stones are sandstone and marble with scrolled and arched tops and limited carvings; small number of obelisks and columnar monuments with statuary. Most recent markers are small tablets and slabs at ground level. Family names include Buckley, Burdick, Chamberlain, Clark, Cline, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Hunter, Ingraham, Knibloe, Reed, Row, Sherman, and Winegar.

89 Leedsville Rd
Parcel # 7266-00-382630
Construction Date: ca. 1959
1 non-contributing building (due to alterations)

1-story, multi-bay, wood frame Ranch style house set back away from the west side of Leedsville Road. Asphalt shingle gable roof with large interior brick chimney, gable wall dormer on south side, aluminum board-and-batten siding, concrete foundation. Entry with gable hood and concrete stoop. Large double vehicle bay with overhead door.

91-95 Leedsville Rd
Parcel # 7266-00-409642
Property Name: AMENIA UNION SCHOOLHOUSE
Construction Date: ca. 1889, ca. 1965
3 contributing buildings

1-story, 3-bay-wide, ca. 1889, wood frame schoolhouse (now a dwelling) located along the west side of Leedsville Road. Asphalt shingle front-gable roof, wood shingle and wood clapboard siding, lower portion of walls sided with a faux brick asphalt sheeting, stone foundation. Central entrance contained in exterior gabled vestibule and flanked and surmounted by multi-paned Queen Anne wood sash windows; grouped wood sash windows on side elevations.

1-style, 3-bay-wide, ca. 1965, wood frame Ranch style house with a 2-bay wing on the south end. Asphalt shingle gable roof with an interior brick chimney, wood novelty siding, concrete foundation. Entry in the second bay off a porch with shed roof. The remaining fenestration includes shingle and paired replacement sash windows, and a large 3-part picture window. (1 contributing building)

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1-story, 1-bay-wide, ca. 1965, wood frame two-car garage with asphalt shingle gable roof and wood novelty siding. Double vehicle bay with overhead door. (1 contributing building)

103 Leedsville Rd

Parcel # 7266-00-165686 / 7166-00-914323 / 7166-00-725387 / 7166-00-942880

Property name: DUTCHFIELD FARMS / HENDRICK WINEGAR HOUSE SITE

Construction Date: ca. 1724, ca. 1966

2 contributing buildings, 1 contributing site (landscape), and Winegar House site (NR 1975)

Large 1-story, multi-bay, ca. 1966, metal and wood frame pole dairy barn and milk house located west of Leedsville Road. Metal cross-gable roof and vertical plywood panel siding. An upper story clerestory with an asphalt shingle hipped roof and sash windows. 1-story, cross-gable wing on the east elevation includes several entries and sash windows. Two metal Harvestore silos. (1 contributing building)

Large 1-story, multi-bay, wood frame pole barn with a metal gable roof. (1 contributing building)

Agricultural land comprised of fields, meadows, pastures and forest on hillside on west; includes an inactive gravel mine, approx. 465 acres. (Contributing site – landscape; three parcels, counted as one contributing site)

Site of Hendrick Winegar house (ca. 1724), listed on the National Register in 1975. In ruins and demolished in 1990s. Location indicated by historic marker. (Previously NR listed; not counted)

Leedsville Rd

Parcel # 7266-00-505695

Property Name: DUTCHFIELD FARMS (see 103 Leedsville Rd)

Construction Date: ca. 1950, ca. 1962, ca. 1980

3 contributing buildings, 1 non-contributing building (due to age), 1 contributing site (landscape)

1-story, multi-bay, ca. 1950, wood frame pole barn with an asphalt shingle gable roof and board-and-batten siding. Fenestration includes a large bay with hanging track door on the south end, a large bay on the east elevation with a pair of hanging track doors, and two large bays on the west elevation, each with their own pair of hanging track doors. (1 contributing building)

1-story, multi-bay, ca. 1962, wood frame pole barn with a metal gable roof and board-and-batten siding. Multiple entries under deep overhang on south side. (1 contributing building)

1-story, 5-bay-wide, ca. 1950, masonry machine shed with an asphalt shingle gable roof. Three sides constructed of concrete blocks, south elevation open with four metal posts on concrete footings supporting roof. (1 contributing building)

1-story, multi-bay, ca. 1980, wood frame pole barn with a metal cross-gable roof and board-and-batten siding. Fenestration includes a string of 8 six-pane windows along the south and east elevations and a small vehicle bay with hanging track door on the west elevation. (1 non-contributing building; due to age)

Agricultural land with paddocks and pasture extending from Leedsville Road to state line, approx. 25 acres. (Contributing site – landscape)

128 Leedsville Rd

Parcel # 7266-00-450740

Construction Date: ca. 1993

2 non-contributing buildings (due to age)

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1-story, 4-bay-wide, wood frame Cape Cod house located east of Leedsville Road. (Possibly a mid-twentieth century dwelling moved to site.) Asphalt shingle gable roof with gable dormers and an exterior brick chimney on the east end, wood clapboard siding, concrete foundation. Entry in the third bay off a single-bay porch with a front gable roof, square posts and side balustrades. Fenestration includes single and paired sash windows, and a bay window in the second bay.

1-story, 1-bay-wide, ca. 1993 wood frame garage with an asphalt shingled front-gable roof, wood clapboard siding, wood swing doors, narrow fixed window, and shed roof rear addition. (1 non-contributing building; due to age)

131 Leedsville Rd**Parcel # 7266-00-405750****Construction Date: ca. 1977****1 non-contributing building (due to age)**

1-story, 4-bay-wide wood frame Raised Ranch style wood-frame house located along the west side of Leedsville Road. Asphalt shingle gable roof, vinyl clapboard siding, concrete foundation faced with brick on front and single and paired sash windows. Recessed mid-level entry in the second bay with door and partial sidelights. A 3-part picture window in the first bay and single sash windows in the third and fourth bays. Two garage bays with overhead doors in north end lower level.

145 Leedsville Rd**Parcel # 7266-00-411780****Construction Date: ca. 1985****2 non-contributing buildings (due to age)**

1.5-story, multi-bay, contemporary style house located along the west side of Leedsville Road. Metal roof with exterior stone chimney on the south, milled log exterior, concrete foundation. Complex, multi-stage façade with first level entrance under a shed roof surmounted by a clerestory wall with four fixed windows; other fenestration varies with sash and casement windows and glass patio doors.

1-story, 1-bay-wide, ca. 1985 wood frame garage with asphalt shingle gambrel roof and vertical wood siding. Wide double bay with two hanging track doors, single sash windows on the south elevation. (1 non-contributing outbuilding; due to age)

176 Leedsville Rd**Parcel # 7266-00-393868****Property Name: DELAMATER-SHERMAN FARM****Construction Date: ca. 1876****4 contributing buildings**

2-story, 5-bay-wide, wood frame house located along the east side of Leedsville Road. Asphalt shingle gable roof with exterior brick chimneys at opposing ends, wood clapboard siding, brick foundation. Center entry with a paneled door with two arched windows off a brick stoop. Replacement sash windows on the lower and upper stories. Porch with hipped roof, square posts and balustrade on south end. Large 2-story rear addition with asphalt shingle cross-gable roof, wood clapboard siding, and a 1-story wing on the south elevation. Rear addition fenestration includes a tripartite oriel window, small replacement sash windows across the upper story, and large replacement sash windows on the south wing.

1-story, wood frame, ca. 1900, basement barn with a metal gable roof, vertical wood siding, and stone basement, adjoining concrete silo. (1 contributing building)

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1-story, 1-bay-wide, ca. 1950 small wood frame farm store building with asphalt shingled front-gable roof, wood novelty siding, and a concrete foundation. Fenestration includes and wood door and small fixed multi-pane window. (1 contributing building)

1-story, 1-bay-wide, ca. 1950, masonry one-car garage with an asphalt shingle front-gable roof, concrete block walls and wood novelty siding on the upper gable end. Single vehicle bay with overhead door (1 contributing building)

Leedsville Rd**Parcel # 7266-00-428890****Property Name: DELAMATER-SHERMAN FARM****1 Contributing site (landscape)**

Agricultural land located on both sides of Leedsville Road and encompassing parcel containing Delamater-Sherman House (176 Leedsville Rd). Agricultural fields with woodland occupying NE corner at state line, approx. 128 acres. (Contributing site – landscape)

Leedsville Rd**Parcel # 7267-00-131000****1 Contributing site (landscape)**

Large parcel located west of Leedsville Road encompassing Webutuck Creek and extending west to ridgeline. Plots with trees remaining from inactive tree farm, some active agricultural fields and many fallow areas in process of reforesting; wooded area on western hillside and along creek; automobile junk yard in northern portion, approx. 465 acres. (Contributing site – landscape)

208 Leedsville Rd**Parcel # 7266-00-394934****Property Name: DELAMATER-SHERMAN FARM****Construction Date: ca. 1972****1 contributing building**

1-story, 6-bay-wide, wood frame Ranch style house located along the east side of Leedsville Road. Asphalt shingle gable roof with concrete chimney on rear, wood clapboard siding, concrete basement. Entry in the third bay off a 2-bay wide porch with front-gable roof. Single wood sash windows in the first and second bays and paired sash windows in the fifth and sixth bays. One-car garage with overhead door in basement with adjacent secondary entry.

223 Leedsville Rd**Parcel # 7266-00-380986****Construction Date: ca. 1974****2 non-contributing buildings (due to age)**

1-story, 4-bay-wide, wood frame Raised Ranch style house located along the west side of Leedsville Road. Asphalt shingle gable roof, vinyl clapboard siding, concrete foundation. Recessed mid-level entry in the third bay flanked by single sash windows and a bowed oriel window with 4 casement windows. Two garage bays with overhead doors on the north end with single sash windows above.

1-story, 1-bay-wide, wood frame one-car garage with asphalt shingle front-gable roof and plywood panel siding. One vehicle bay with overhead door (1 non-contributing building; due to age)

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235 Leedsville Rd

Parcel # 7267-00-396005

Construction Date: ca. 1974

2 non-contributing buildings (due to age)

1-story, 4-bay-wide, wood frame Raised Ranch style house located along the west side of Leedsville Road. Asphalt shingle gable roof with interior brick chimney on the north end, vinyl clapboard siding, concrete foundation faced with brick on front. Recessed mid-level entry in the third bay flanked by single sash windows and a large 3-part picture window. 1-story, gable roof garage addition on south end with double vehicle bay and overhead door on end and 2 single sash windows on front.

1-story, 1-bay-wide, ca. 1980, wood frame one-car garage with asphalt shingle front-gable roof and vinyl clapboard siding. Single vehicle bay with overhead door. (1 non-contributing building; due to age)

240 Leedsville Rd

Parcel # 7267-00-424010

Construction Date: ca. 1998

1 non-contributing building (due to age)

2-story, 7-bay-wide, wood frame house located along the east side of Leedsville Road. Asphalt shingle hipped roof, composite clapboard siding, concrete foundation faced with stone. Fenestration includes center entrances off porches on both levels recessed behind flanking three-sided window bays; first story porch wraps around flanking bays; stone steps rise to entrance landing from both sides.

252 Leedsville Rd

Parcel # 7267-00-509038

Property Name: HARRY MOREHOUSE FARM

Construction Date: ca. 1875, ca. 1900, ca. 1988

1 non-contributing building (due to date and alterations), 3 contributing buildings

House: 2-story, multi-bay, ca. 1900 wood frame barn renovated ca. 1988, into a dwelling located east of Leedsville Road. Metal gambrel roof with an interior brick chimney toward the rear, vertical wood siding, stone foundation. Fenestration has been greatly changed with little remaining of the former barn. Entrance at ground level in corner of south gambrel end that also contains central vehicle door surviving from barn use and second flanking doorway; upper story gambrel space has four tiers of groups of three fixed vertical windows. Second entrance on upper story of east elevation within a gable wall dormer; glass sliding patio doors with triangular transom; opens on a deck with stairs leading down to ground level. (1 non-contributing building; due to alterations)

1.5-story, multi-bay, ca. 1875, wood frame barn with an asphalt shingle gable roof, metal ventilator, wood novelty siding, concrete foundation. Attached aisle along the full length of the east elevation. Visible fenestration includes paired sash windows in the original mow door opening on the south end above a large vehicle bay with swing doors; greenhouse addition. (1 contributing building)

1-story, 2-bay-wide, ca. 1900, small wood frame barn with asphalt shingle gable roof and wood novelty siding. Fenestration includes a vehicle entry with hanging track door and small multi-pane window on the north elevation and an entry with a swing door and a sash window on the west end. Vented opening in the lower and upper gable ends. (1 contributing building)

1-story, 2-bay-wide, ca. 1920, wood frame, two-car garage with an asphalt shingle hipped roof, wood shingle siding, concrete foundation; 2 vehicle bays with hanging track doors with vertical board panels and windows. (1 contributing building)

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257 Leedsville Rd**Parcel # 7267-00-406061****Property Name: HARRY MOREHOUSE HOUSE****Construction Date: ca. 1843****2 contributing buildings**

2-story, 5-bay-wide, brick masonry Greek Revival-style house with a 1.5-story, wood frame rear ell located along the west side of Leedsville Road. Principal elevations laid in Flemish bond, metal gable roof, stone foundation. Interior brick chimney on the north. Recessed center entry with a panelled wood door and sidelights off a hipped roof porch with entablature and fronted by fluted columns. Remaining fenestration includes single 6-over-2 wood sash windows with stone lintels and sills on lower and upper stories, small wood sash windows in the upper gable ends. 1.5-story brick rear wing raised with addition of wood frame second story, hipped-roof porch added to south side. Additional features include a stone stringer course between the lower and upper stories on the façade, an ornate entablature with narrow dentils, a date stone with the inscription "1843 Built By H. Morehouse".

1-story, ca. 1900, wood frame machinery shed with an attached workshop, metal gable roof and vertical wood siding. Several open bays and large doors and windows on workshop section on the south end. (1 contributing building)

275 Leedsville Rd**Parcel # 7267-00-419094****Property Name: H.H. REED HOUSE****Construction Date: ca. 1800****2 contributing buildings**

2-story, 5-bay-wide, wood frame house with 2-story rear ell located along the west side of Leedsville Road. Metal gable roof with an exterior brick chimney on the south end, wood clapboard siding, stone foundation. Façade with tall frieze, center entry flanked by single 12-over-8 wood sash windows; single 9-over-6 wood sash windows on the north and south elevations. Secondary entries off porch on the rear ell's north and south elevations.

1.5-story, ca. 1850 wood frame barn with metal gable roof and vertical wood siding. Vehicle door with hanging track door offset by single wood sash window, four small windows in upper half-story. (1 contributing building)

279 Leedsville Rd**Parcel # 7267-00-416117****Construction Date: ca. 1938****1 contributing building**

1-story, 3-bay-wide, wood frame Cottage style house located along the west side of Leedsville Road. Metal front-gable roof with an interior brick chimney, vinyl clapboard siding, concrete foundation. Full front porch with hip roof, enclosed with center and replacement casement window; replacement windows on the north and south elevations.

286 Leedsville Rd**Parcel # 7267-00-508134****Construction Date: ca. 2000****1 non-contributing building (due to age)**

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1.5 story 2-bay-wide, wood frame house set back from the east side of Leedsville Road. Asphalt shingle front-gable roof, wood novelty and plywood sheet sidings, concrete foundation. Façade contains entrance and one-car vehicle bay with overhead door. Central panel in gable in location of a mow door; building may contain an earlier barn.

288 Leedsville Rd**Parcel # 7267-00-447146****Construction Date: ca. 1979****1 non-contributing building (due to age)**

1 and 2-story, 4-bay-wide, wood frame Split-Level house located along the east side of Leedsville Road. Asphalt shingle gable roofs with concrete chimney on south end, vinyl clapboard siding, concrete foundation. Entry with sidelights in second bay of one-story section offset by bowed oriel with 4 casement windows; upper level of 2-story section overhangs lower level, 2 single sash windows on each level. 1-story, gable roof garage wing on the south end, one-car bay with overhead door and secondary entrance.

289 Leedsville Rd**Parcel # 7267-00-415135****Construction Date: ca. 1996****1 non-contributing building (due to age)**

1-story, 4-bay-wide, wood frame Log style house located along the west side of Leedsville Road. Asphalt shingle gable roof with exterior brick chimney on the south end and gable dormers, horizontal wood siding in imitation of logs, concrete foundation. Full shed-roof porch across façade with an entry in the second bay flanked by paired sash windows in the first bay and single sash windows in the third and fourth bays. The remaining fenestration includes single sash windows on the north and south elevations and on the dormers. Two garage bays with overhead doors in basement on the north end.

Leedsville Rd**Parcel # 7267-00-378145****1 Contributing Site – landscape**

Parcel associated with 289 Leedsville Road with an active agricultural field on east side and wooded area in west, approx. 8 acres. (Contributing site – landscape)

295 Leedsville Rd**Parcel # 7267-00-421155****Construction Date: ca. 1966****1 contributing building**

Large 1-story, 1-bay-wide, metal frame warehouse building with 1-story, 3-bay wide office wing located along the west side of Leedsville Road. Asphalt shingle front-gable and gable roofs, brick veneer on front of warehouse and vertical aluminum siding on sides and rear, north wing faced with brick on all sides, buttressed concrete foundation. Fenestration includes a large vehicle bay with overhead door centered on warehouse front and an entry with a single sash window and a 3-part picture window on the office front. Secondary entry and paired sash windows on the wing's north end.

298 Leedsville Rd**Parcel # 7267-00-447162****Property Name: L. GREEN HOUSE****Construction Date: ca. 1850****1 contributing building**

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2-story, 3-bay-wide, wood frame Greek Revival-style house located along the east side of Leedsville Road. Asphalt shingle front-gable roof with interior brick chimney toward the rear, wood clapboard siding, stone foundation. Front façade framed by paneled corner pilasters and gabled entablature with eave returns, frieze wraps around on to side elevations. Entry with sidelights in the first bay offset by two single replacement sash windows tucked under full porch fronted by paneled pillars and entablature. Second story contains single and paired replacement sash windows; fixed multi-pane window in upper gable end.

299 Leedsville Rd
Parcel # 7267-00-420172
Construction Date: ca. 1950
1 contributing building

1-story, 4-bay-wide, wood frame Cape Cod style house with a 1-story garage wing along the west side of Leedsville Road. Asphalt shingle gable roof with an exterior brick chimney, vinyl clapboard siding, concrete foundation. Entry in the third bay off a concrete stoop flanked by single replacement sash windows in the first and second bays and paired replacement sash windows in the fourth bay. 1-story, 2-car garage with a front-gable roof and two bays with overhead doors attached to house via a breezeway containing a secondary entry and paired sash windows.

Leedsville Rd
Parcel # 7267-00-411210
1 contributing site (landscape)

Agricultural land associated with 299 Leedsville Road containing approx. 3 acres. (Contributing site – landscape)

300 Leedsville Rd
Parcel # 7267-00-525171
Construction Date: ca. 1990
1 non-contributing building (due to age)

1-story, 3-bay-wide, wood frame Ranch house with a 2-story wing set back from the east side of Leedsville Road. Asphalt shingle roof, vinyl clapboard siding, concrete foundation. Entry with sidelight in first bay, offset by oriel with four casements and triple sash window group. Front gable wing with 2 garage bays with overhead doors in basement and 2 pairs of sash windows in upper story.

304 Leedsville Rd
Parcel # 7267-00-459185
Construction Date: ca. 2004
1 non-contributing building (due to age), 1 contributing structure

1-story, 5-bay-wide, wood frame house set back from east side of Leedsville Road. Asphalt shingled gable roof with gable dormers, vinyl clapboard siding, concrete foundation. Full porch across the façade. Center bay entry flanked by single sash windows.

Abandoned concrete silo with metal dome roof and exterior chute covering unloading doors, ca. 1950. (1 contributing structure)

307 Leedsville Rd
Parcel # 7267-00-335155
Property Name: AMENIA SAND & GRAVEL CO.

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Construction Date: ca. 1955

Vacant

Active sand and gravel mine, approx. 25 acres.

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Parcel # 7267-00-325320

Property Name: AMENIA SAND & GRAVEL CO.

Construction Date: ca. 1955

Vacant

Rear of 349 Leedsville Road. Active sand and gravel mine, approx. 56 acres.

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Parcel # 7267-00-264108

Property Name: AMENIA SAND & GRAVEL CO.

Construction Date: ca. 1955

Vacant

Active sand and gravel mine, approx. 4 acres.

318 Leedsville Rd

Parcel # 7267-00-512214

Property Name:

Construction Date: ca. 1977

1 non-contributing building (due to age)

1 story, multiple-bay wood frame house set back from east side of Leedsville Road. Asphalt shingle cross-gable roof, plywood panel siding, concrete foundation. Varied fenestration, greenhouse wing.

326 Leedsville Rd

Parcel # 7267-00-506243

Property Name:

Construction Date: ca. 1976

1 non-contributing building (due to age)

Building not visible from the public right of way. No public photos available. Age ascertained by historic aerial photography.

331 Leedsville Rd

Parcel # 7267-00-412256

Construction Date: ca. 1990

2 non-contributing buildings (due to age)

2-story, multi-bay, wood frame Split Level house located along the west side of Leedsville Road. Metal gable roof, vinyl clapboard siding, concrete foundation. Stone veneer on lower story of south elevation. Fenestration includes an entry with sidelight, single sash windows, and a two-car garage bay with overhead door.

1-story, ca. 1990, wood frame garage with a low-pitched, asphalt shingle cross-gable roof and vertical plywood panel siding. Tall garage bay with overhead door on the east elevation and two garage bays with swing doors on the north elevation. (1 non-contributing building; due to age)

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334 Leedsville Rd
Parcel # 7267-00-518260
1 vacant parcel, not counted

Vacant wooded parcel between the east side of Leedsville Rd. and the state line.

344 Leedsville Rd
Parcel # 7267-00-516294
Construction Date: ca. 1976
1 non-contributing building (due to age)

1 story, multiple-bay log dwelling, asphalt shingle gable roof. Building not visible from the public right of way. No public photos available. Age ascertained by historic aerial photography.

349 Leedsville Rd
Parcel # 7267-00-406310
Construction Date: ca. 1978
1 non-contributing building (due to age)

1 story, five-bay-wide wood frame manufactured home located on the west side of Leedsville Road. Asphalt shingle gable roof, metal clapboard siding, concrete block foundation. Central entrance under pediment in roof, flanked by single sash window and picture window on one side and two single sash windows on the other.

350 Leedsville Rd
Parcel # 7267-00-432304
Construction Date: ca. 1989
2 non-contributing buildings (due to age)

1 story, multiple-bay log dwelling, asphalt shingle gable roof. Building not visible from the public right of way, assessor photo.

Outbuilding not visible from the public right of way, ca. 1989. (1 non-contributing building; due to age)

362 Leedsville Rd
Parcel # 7267-00-518334
Construction Date: ca. 2000
1 non-contributing building (due to age)

1-story multi-bay wood frame manufactured home with rear wing located on the east side of Leedsville Road west of the state line. Asphalt shingle gable roof, metal clapboard siding, concrete foundation. Central entrance under pediment in roof, flanked by single sash windows and a three-window group with arched transom surmounted by broken eave pediment. Wing of similar size attached by hyphen. Not visible from roadway, no access, assessor photo.

382 Leedsville Rd
Parcel # 7267-00-520374
Construction Date: ca. 1995
1 non-contributing building (due to age)

1-story, multi-bay wood frame house located on east side of Leedsville Road west of state line. Asphalt shingle hipped roof, vinyl clapboard siding, concrete foundation. Central section with entrance and bowed oriel with 4

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casements flanked by two identical, 2-bay wide hipped-roof wings. Not visible from roadway, no access, assessor photo.

394 Leedsville Rd**Parcel # 7267-00-535421****Construction Date: ca. 1974****1 non-contributing building (due to age)**

1-story, 3-bay-wide wood frame Cape Cod style house located on east side of Leedsville Road west of state line. Asphalt shingle gable roof, center chimney, vinyl clapboard siding, concrete foundation; center entrance flanked by windows. Two-story shed-roof addition with secondary entrance off open deck that connects with main entrance, varied fenestration, one-car garage with overhead door in basement. Not visible from roadway, no access, assessor photo.

396 Leedsville Rd**Parcel # 7267-00-547468****Construction Date: ca. 1971****1 contributing building**

1-story, multi-bay wood frame Modern-style house set back off east side of Leedsville Road. Asphalt shingle gable roof, chimney on end, vertical wood board siding, concrete foundation. Not visible from roadway, no access, assessor photo.

404 Leedsville Rd**Parcel # 7267-00-461444****Construction Date: ca. 1992****1 non-contributing building (due to age)**

Building not visible from the public right of way, no assessor photo. Age ascertained by historic aerial photography.

413 Leedsville Rd**Parcel # 7267-00-420455****Property Name: HOLLISTER FARM****Construction Date: ca. 1835****2 contributing buildings**

2-story, 5-bay-wide, wood frame house located along the west side of Leedsville Road. Wood shingle gable roof with interior brick chimneys at the ends, wood clapboard siding, stone foundation. Façade framed by cornice and corner pilasters. Center entry with paneled door and sidelights framed by fluted pilasters with a hipped-roof porch fronted by fluted columns carrying an entablature. Original 12-over-8 wood sash windows with cornices on lower and upper stories, fixed multi-pane windows in upper gables. 1-story gabled rear ell, 1-story, hipped roof wings on south and north elevations, the north wing with a side porch and secondary entry.

1.5-story, ca. 1850, wood frame barn with asphalt shingle front-gable roof and wood novelty siding, mow door; one-story cross-gable wing. (1 contributing building)

419 Leedsville Rd**Parcel #7267-00-345416****Construction Date: ca. 1970****2 non-contributing buildings (due to age) 1 contributing site (landscape)**

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1-story wood frame house, not visible from roadway. (1 non-contributing building; due to age)

1-story, ca. 2000, pole barn equestrian facility, plywood sheet siding, with attached stables and associated buildings. (1 non-contributing building; due to age)

Agricultural landscape with paddocks and rings, approx. 43 acres. (Contributing site – landscape)

425 Leedsville Rd**Parcel # 7267-00-407485****Construction Date: ca. 1960****1 contributing building**

1-story, multi-bay, wood frame Ranch style house with front wing located along the west side of Leedsville Road. Asphalt shingle cross-gable roof with interior brick chimney, wood clapboard and plywood panel siding, concrete foundation. Varied fenestration includes single, paired, and grouped sash windows, a 3-part picture window; entry on porch under an extension of wing roof. Two garage bays with overhead doors.

432 Leedsville Rd**Parcel # 7267-00-438503****Construction Date: ca. 1985****2 non-contributing buildings (due to age)**

Buildings not visible from the public right of way, no assessor photo. Age ascertained by historic aerial photography.

441 Leedsville Rd**Parcel # 7267-00-330520****Property Name: LEWIS MUMFORD HOUSE****Construction Date: ca. 1830****Listed on National Register, 1999 (not counted), 1 contributing site (landscape)**

2-story, 3-bay-wide, wood frame house with a 2-story rear wing located along the west side of Leedsville Road. Asphalt shingle gable roof with an exterior brick chimney on the north end, wood clapboard siding, stone foundation. Fenestration includes an entry in the third bay with a replacement door with flanking panels and trabeated architrave, 12-over-12 wood sash windows on the lower story, and 12-over-8 wood sash windows on the upper story; original wing enlarged to two stories.

Agricultural land with active meadow bordered by windrows. (Contributing site – landscape)

442 Leedsville Rd**Parcel # 7267-00-485505****Property Name: A.H. TAYLOR HOUSE****Construction Date: ca. 1830****1 contributing building**

2-story, 3-bay-wide, wood frame house located along the east side of Leedsville Road. Asphalt shingle gable roof with an interior brick chimney on the south end and a concrete chimney on the north end, wood clapboard siding and stone foundation. Entry with fanlight and shuttered sidelights in the first bay off a front-gable portico with arched ceiling, turned posts (replaced) and balustrades and benches on the sides. Single 12-over-12 wood sash windows with cornices on lower and upper stories, Palladian window above the entry. 1-story, 3-bay wide rear ell with an exterior brick chimney on rear; secondary entry flanked by 6-over-6 wood sash windows on south elevation.

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453 Leedsville Rd**Parcel # 7267-00-363540****Construction Date: ca. 1956****1 contributing building**

1-story, 3-bay-wide, wood frame Cape Cod style house located along the west side of Leedsville Road. Asphalt shingle gable roof with two exterior concrete chimneys on the north end, vinyl clapboard siding, concrete foundation. Fenestration includes a center entry flanked by paired 1-over-1 replacement sash windows in first bay and a 3-part picture window in the third bay, single replacement sash windows on the north and south elevations. Enclosed porch on north end.

Leedsville Rd**Parcel # 7267-00-505537****Vacant Land, Not Counted.**

Vacant land: wooded parcel between the east side of Leedsville Rd. and state line, approx. 11 acres.

Leedsville Rd**Parcel # 7267-00-460575****Vacant Land, Not Counted.**

Vacant land: wooded parcel between the east side of Leedsville Rd. and state line, approx. 20 acres.

459 Leedsville Rd**Parcel # 7267-00-355550****Construction Date: ca. 1962****1 contributing building**

1-story, 4-bay-wide, wood frame Ranch style house with attached garage located along the west side of Leedsville Road. Asphalt shingle gable roof with exterior brick chimney on north end, vinyl clapboard siding, concrete foundation. Fenestration includes an entry in the third bay, single sash windows in the first and second bays, and a series of 3 sash windows in the fourth bay. One-car garage with overhead door and 2 sash windows on the north end connected to house by a contained breezeway with a secondary entry.

461 Leedsville Rd**Parcel # 7267-00-350565****Construction Date: ca. 1900****2 contributing buildings**

2-story, 3-bay-wide, wood frame house with 1-story rear ell located along the west side of Leedsville Road. Asphalt shingle gable roof with an exterior stone chimney on the east end, wood clapboard siding, stone foundation. Center entry on north elevation contained in a hipped-roof porch (now enclosed) and flanked by single 2-over-2 wood sash windows on lower story and 3 single 6-over-one wood sash windows on upper story. Wood sash windows flanking stone chimney on east end and on south side. Added 1-story rear wing with exterior chimney.

1-story, 2-bay, ca. 1900 wood frame barn with asphalt shingle gable roof and wood clapboard siding. Swing doors with window fill one bay and overhead door fills the other; secondary entry on the south elevation. (1 contributing building)

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Parcel # 7267-00-390575

Construction Date: ca. 1971

1 contributing building

1-story, multi-bay, wood frame Ranch style house located along the east side of Leedsville Road. Asphalt shingle cross-gable roof, vinyl clapboard siding, concrete foundation. Fenestration includes a recessed entry in inside angle where cross wings intersect; tripartite picture window and two-car garage with overhead door north of entrance, cross wing with 2 sash windows on façade south of entrance.

Leedsville Rd

Parcel # 7267-00-337563

Property name: LEEDSVILLE CEMETERY

Construction Date: ca. 1775

1 contributing site

A small community cemetery located west of Leedsville Road and overlooking Webutuck Creek. Approximately 150 markers with the first known interment, Capt. Isaac Delamater, dating to 1775. Other family names include Bennet, Conklin, Hollister, Ives, and Middlebrooks.

Leedsville Rd

Parcel # 7267-00-346575

Vacant Land, Not Counted.

Vacant lot, approx. 0.16 acre

468 Leedsville Rd

Parcel # 7267-00-385590

Construction Date: ca. 1969

1 contributing building

1-story, 5-bay-wide, wood frame Ranch style house located along the east side of Leedsville Road. Asphalt shingle gable roof, aluminum clapboard siding, concrete foundation. Fenestration includes entry in the third bay off concrete stoop, grouped casement windows in fourth bay and single sash windows in fifth bay and on the south elevation. Attached one-car garage with overhead door at façade's north end.

471 Leedsville Rd

Parcel # 7267-00-342582

Construction Date: ca. 1970

1 contributing building

2-story, 5-bay-wide, wood frame house located along the west side of Leedsville Road. Asphalt shingle gable roof, vinyl clapboard siding, concrete foundation. Second story jetty and off-center pediment dormer. Fenestration includes an entry in the third bay, single sash in fourth and fifth bays, oriel in second bay and one-car garage with overhead door in first bay. Single sash windows on the north and south elevations.

472 Leedsville Rd

Parcel # 7267-00-363595

Construction Date: ca. 1984

2 non-contributing buildings (due to age)

1-story, 4-bay-wide, wood frame Ranch style house located along the east side of Leedsville Road. Asphalt shingle gable roof, vinyl clapboard siding, concrete foundation. Fenestration includes an entry in the third bay off a wood stoop and single and paired sash windows.

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1-story, 1-bay-wide, wood frame one-car garage with asphalt shingle front-gable roof, vinyl clapboard siding, and overhead door. (1 non-contributing building; due to age)

Leedsville Rd
Parcel # 7267-00-400610

1 contributing site (landscape)

Agricultural land, meadow lot, approx. 5 acres.

477 Leedsville Rd
Parcel # 7267-00-327590

Construction Date: ca. 1880

1 contributing building, 1 non-contributing building (due to age)

2-story, 5-bay-wide, wood frame house with 1-story rear ell located along the west side of Leedsville Road. Asphalt shingle gable roof, vinyl clapboard siding, stone foundation. Fenestration includes a center entry with wood paneled door, flanked by two single 6-over-6 replacement sash windows on each side, upper story contains 3 smaller windows (suggesting lower section was built first and later raised by the addition of the uppers stories), similar windows on gable ends. Rear ell has cross-gable roof, north side altered with enclosure of porch with multi-pane picture window, entry now on rear.

1-story, 2-bay-wide, ca. 1980, wood frame garage with asphalt shingled front-gable roof, vinyl clapboard siding, and two garage bays with large swing doors. (1 non-contributing building; due to age)

483 Leedsville Rd
Parcel # 7267-00-310588

Property Name: G. MIDDLEBROOK HOUSE

Construction Date: ca. 1850

2 contributing buildings

2-story, 5-bay-wide, wood frame house located along the west side of Leedsville Road. Asphalt shingle gable roof, aluminum clapboard siding, stuccoed stone foundation. Center entry in added vestibule with sidelights flanked by single 6-over-6 wood sash windows; 4 smaller but similar windows in second story. 1-story, hipped roof wing on the south; 1-story, front-gable addition with an exterior brick chimney attached to wing's southwest corner.

1-story, 1-bay-wide, ca. 1850 wood frame barn with an asphalt shingle front-gable roof and wood shingle siding; double-wide bay with overhead door. (1 contributing building)

486 Leedsville Rd
Parcel # 7267-00-353636

Property Name:

Construction Date: ca. 1875, ca. 1978

1 non-contributing building (heavily altered)

Historic barn renovated into a residence. 2-story, multi-bay, wood frame house located along the east side of Leedsville Road. 2-story front-gable core section with 2-story cross wings on both sides Asphalt shingle cross-gable roof, wood clapboard siding, wood shingles on the west elevation's upper gable end, stone foundation visible under the original barn section. Entry on the south elevation off porch with a shed roof fronted by fluted columns. Remaining visible fenestration includes casement windows on the lower and upper stories.

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491 Leedsville Rd**Parcel # 7267-00-314628****Property Name: DORMITORY BUILDING/CA.L. NORTH HOUSE****Construction Date: ca. 1900****2 contributing buildings**

2-story, 5-bay-wide, wood frame house with a 2-story rear ell located along the west side of Leedsville Road. Asphalt shingle gable roof with an interior brick chimney, wood clapboard siding, stone foundation. Central entry off shed-roof porch fronted by fluted columns flanked by windows with 9-over-6 replacement sash on lower and upper stories and gable ends. 2-story ell on south side with large sash window with round-arch transom on south end.

1.5-story, 4-bay, wood frame barn with a 1-story addition on south end. Asphalt shingle gable roof, wood novelty siding, stone foundation. Three vehicle bays with hanging track doors with panels and windows, entry in 4th bay; 3 windows with wood barn sash in upper story. Additional bay in shed-roof wing on south end, vertical wood board siding, metal roof, vehicle bay without door. (1 contributing building)

496 Leedsville Rd**Parcel # 7267-00-343654****Property Name: L.N. MEAD HOUSE****Construction Date: ca. 1830****1 contributing building**

2-story, 3-bay-wide, wood frame house with a 2-story wing located along the east side of Leedsville Road. Asphalt shingle gable roofs with interior brick chimneys on the south end of the house and on the north end of the wing, wood clapboard siding, stone foundation. Recessed entry in the first bay with a paneled wood door, narrow multi-pane sidelights and transom, and an interior entablature fronted by pilasters with an outer trabeated entablature with fluted pilasters. Single 6-over-6 wood sash windows with cornices on lower and upper stories. Flush board siding on the south gable with a tripartite window in a trabeated surround. Wing façade has center entrance flanked by 6-over-6 wood sash windows under a full porch fronted by fluted columns, upper story windows contain 12-over-8 sash. Added 1-story wing with an attached garage extends off front wing's rear northeast corner. Both have asphalt shingle gable roofs, wood clapboard siding, concrete foundations, and fenestration that includes single wood sash windows and a garage bay with an overhead door.

501 Leedsville Rd**Parcel # 7267-00-294624****Property Name: D.A. BENTON HOUSE****Construction Date: ca. 1810****2 contributing buildings**

1.5-story, 5-bay-wide, wood frame house set back from the west side of Leedsville Road. Asphalt shingle gable roof with an interior brick chimney and added Arts and Craft style wall dormer, wood shingle siding, stone foundation. Center entry with paneled wood door and a transom, off a gabled porch fronted by turned columns with spindle frieze. Remaining fenestration includes a mix of windows with 1-over-1 replacement sash and multi-paned wood Queen Anne sash, multi-pane sliding windows in the dormer, and casement windows on the upper north and south gable ends. Veranda on north end with a hipped roof fronted by shingled pillars. 1-story hipped-roof addition on the south end with secondary entry on front and pair of sash windows on end; shed dormer added on rear.

1-story, ca. 1920, wood frame one-car garage with an asphalt shingle hipped roof with exposed rafter ends, wood novelty siding, garage bay with swing doors and an entry with a Dutch door. (1 contributing building)

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35 Oblong Ridge Ln
Parcel # 7265-00-040792
Construction Date: ca. 1920
1 contributing building, 1 non-contributing building (due to age), 1 contributing site (landscape)

1.5-story, 3-bay-wide, wood frame house set back on east side of Oblong Ridge Road. Asphalt shingle front-gable roof, wood clapboard and wood shingle siding, foundation not visible. Central entry flanked by 6-over-6 wood sash windows, all under a shed-roof porch, two sash windows in upper story and wood shingles in gable; added shed-roof bay on north side with one window. One-story wing on south side with paired windows on façade; rear elevation matches front.

1-story wood frame, ca. 2000, front gable one-car garage, wood clapboard and wood shingle siding designed in manner of a barn with hanging track doors, mow door and hoist jetty, ventilator in roof. (1 non-contributing building; due to age)

Agricultural land with meadow lots divided by windrows, approx. 21 acres. (Contributing site - landscape)

40-78 Oblong Ridge Ln
Parcel # 7165-00-865746
Construction Date: ca. 1900
1 contributing building, 3 non-contributing buildings (due to age), 1 contributing site (landscape)

Primary house not visible from the public right of way, no assessor photo. Age ascertained by historic aerial photography. (1 contributing building)

Property includes second house, horse barn, and garage, all built ca. 2000 (3 non-contributing buildings; due to age).

Agricultural land with meadow lots divided by windrows, approx. 114 acres. (Contributing site - landscape)

67 Oblong Ridge Ln
Parcel # 7265-00-141708
Construction Date: ca. 2000
2 non-contributing buildings (due to age), 1 contributing site (landscape)

Large horse barn and machinery shed. Not visible from the public right of way, no assessor photo. Associated with adjoining farm property at 40-78 Oblong Ridge Rd.

Agricultural land with paddocks, pasture, and meadow lots divided by windrows; wooded hill at east end of parcel crisscrossed with trails, approx. 66 acres. (Contributing site – landscape)

20 Randalls Rd
Parcel # 7267-00-335715
Construction Date: 1985
2 non-contributing buildings (due to age)

1-story, 3-bay-wide, wood frame Log style house located along the south side of Randalls Road. Asphalt shingle gable roof, log wall construction, concrete foundation. Roof extends over a 2-bay wide enclosed porch. Fenestration includes an entry in the second bay and paired sash windows in the first and third bays. Later added open wood deck off the west elevation.

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Large 2-story, wood frame annex/garage with asphalt shingle gable roof, vertical wood siding, and 1-story hipped roof wing with wood slab siding, exterior brick chimney. Fenestration includes one-car garage bays with overhead doors in both sections, entry on front of wing, single and paired double -hung windows. (1 non-contributing building; due to age)

Route 343**Parcel # 7267-00-340790****1 contributing site (landscape)**

Wooded parcel containing Webutuck Creek. (Contributing site – landscape)

173 S. Amenia Rd**Parcel # 7165-00-639623****Property Name: P. CLINE HOUSE****Construction Date: ca. 1850****1 contributing building**

2-story, 5-bay-wide, wood frame house and rear wing located along the west side of South Amenia Road. A renovation or replacement of a mid-nineteenth century farmhouse. Asphalt shingle gable roof with lower rear cross-gable roof and interior brick chimney toward the rear, vinyl clapboard siding, concrete foundation. Center entry off a portico with gable-roof fronted by square posts. Remaining fenestration includes single replacement sash windows. Secondary entries with porticos toward the rear on the south elevation and on the north elevation. Multiple family dwelling with paved parking areas on both sides.

194 S. Amenia Rd**Parcel # 7165-00-656595****Property Name: A. CLINE HOUSE****Construction Date: ca. 1852****2 contributing buildings**

1.5-story, 3-bay-wide, wood frame house located along the east side of South Amenia Road. Asphalt shingle gable roof with an interior brick chimney, wood shingle siding, stone foundation. Center entry off gabled porch with arched ceiling and latticework sides flanked by paired 12-over-8 wood sash windows in the first and third bays. Remaining fenestration includes single 12-over-8 wood sash windows on the east and west elevations; gable wall dormers with 8-over-8 wood sash windows. Enclosed porch with hip roof and casement windows on south end.

1-story, 1-bay-wide, ca. 1950, wood frame garage with asphalt shingle front-gable roof and wood shingle siding. Single garage bay with swing doors. (1 contributing building)

204 S. Amenia Rd**Parcel # 7165-00-685542****Construction Date: ca. 1933****2 contributing buildings, 1 contributing site**

1-story, 4-bay-wide, log house and wing set back east from South Amenia Road and overlooking the Webutuck Creek to the north. Wood shingle gable roof with an exterior stone chimney on the west end, log wall exterior with chinking, stuccoed foundation. Main section contains various sized casement windows with a Dutch door entry in the second bay; east wing has secondary entrance under porch tucked under front eave, casement windows and large picture window on the east end. Shed dormers in both sections with metal roofs and casement windows.

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1-story, 2-bay-wide, ca. 1933, two-car garage of log construction with wood-shingle front-gable roof. Two vehicle bays with swing doors, pair of casement window in upper gable. (1 contributing building)

Creekside landscape including a remnants of a mill site and impoundment. (1 contributing site)

209 S. Amenia Rd**Parcel # 7165-00-547150****Property Name: Cline Farm****Construction Date: N/A****1 contributing site (landscape), 1 non-contributing building (due to age)**

Agricultural land with meadows and reforested sections, Webutuck Creek forms eastern boundary, portion of larger parcel. (Contributing site – landscape)

House, built ca. 1974. Not visible from the public right of way, no assessor photo. (1 non-contributing building; due to age)

217 S. Amenia Rd**Parcel # 7165-00-694657****Property Name: D. BELDEN HOUSE****Construction Date: ca. 1830****2 contributing buildings**

2-story, 3-bay-wide, wood frame Federal style house with 1.5-story, 3-bay wide wing on the north along the west side of South Amenia Road. Asphalt shingle gable roof with interior brick chimney on the south end, composite shingle siding, stone foundation. Entry in the third bay with sidelights, fluted pilasters. Remaining fenestration includes single 2-over-2 wood sash windows on lower story, single 6-over-6 wood sash windows on the upper story, and 2-over-2 wood sash windows on gable ends and north wing; windows have tall cornices. Eyebrow windows across upper half-story of wing façade. Full porches with hipped roofs and square posts across both façades.

1-story, 2-bay-wide, ca. 1920 wood frame garage with asphalt shingle hipped roof, wood shingle siding; two vehicle bays with overhead doors. (1 contributing building)

223 S. Amenia Rd**Parcel # 7165-00-709657****Property Name: STORE, E. WHITNER HOUSE****Construction Date: ca. 1812****1 contributing building**

1.5-story, 3-bay-wide, wood frame house located along the west side of South Amenia Road. Metal front-gable roof with an interior brick chimney, asbestos shingle siding, stone foundation. Center entry flanked by single 6-over-1 wood sash windows in the first and third bays. Remaining fenestration includes single 6-over-1 wood sash windows. Full porch with metal hip roof and entablature fronted by turned posts and balustrade.

229 S. Amenia Rd**Parcel # 7165-00-717664****Property Name: UNION SOCIETY OF SOUTH AMENIA CHURCH****Construction Date: ca. 1880****2 contributing buildings**

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1-story, four-bay-wide, wood frame Stick style church located along the west side of the intersection of South Amenia and Kent roads. Asphalt shingle front-gable roof, wood clapboard siding with inverted picket embellishments, board-and-batten siding along the bottom of the elevations, brick foundation. Paired-door entry with round-arch transom at base of tower with belfry and spire on the southeast corner. Additional fenestration includes tall round-arch stained-glass windows and a grouping of three pointed-arch wood sash windows in the upper gable end. Round-arch 2-over-2 stained-glass windows on sides. Porte cochere and entry on south side of tower

1-story, 3-bay-wide, wood frame Stick style parish hall located south of church. Asphalt shingle front-gable roof with an exterior concrete chimney on the north side, wood clapboard, inverted picket and board-and-batten siding matching the church, stone foundation. Fenestration includes center entrance under gabled hood flanked by single 1-over-1 replacement sash windows. Secondary entrance on north elevation in center of three sections comprising building. Added 1-story cross-gable wing in SW corner with asphalt shingle gable roof, wood clapboard and board-and-batten siding to match, concrete foundation; replacement windows on the north and south elevations, and on the south wing. (1 contributing building)

230 S. Amenia Rd**Parcel # 7165-00-736654-0000****Property Name: REED HOUSE****Construction Date: ca. 1860****2 contributing buildings, 1 non-contributing building (due to age)**

2-story, 5-bay-wide, wood frame house currently being renovated located on the northeast corner of the intersection of Kent and Amenia Union roads. Asphalt shingle cross-gable roof, wood clapboard siding, stone foundation; deep eaves with brackets. Center entry currently boarded up with large 6-over-9 sash windows on lower story and smaller 9-over-6 sash windows on the upper story and gable ends, all replacements. 2-story rear wing with altered windows, porch and entry on north side; 1-story sunroom added to south side of wing.

1-story, 2-bay-wide, ca. 2020, wood frame garage designed as barn. Metal gable roof with a cupola and shed dormer on rear, vertical wood siding, concrete foundation. 2 garage bays on north elevation with overhead doors, false mow door and broad multi-pane windows on the west elevation. (1 non-contributing building; due to age)

1.5-story, 2-bay-wide, ca. 1860, wood frame building with asphalt shingle front-gable roof, wood clapboard siding, roof-edge eave returns; 2 entries with wood frame doors suggesting prior use as a privy. (1 contributing building)

233 S. Amenia Rd**Parcel # 7165-00-725673****Property Name: STORE and POST OFFICE****Construction Date: ca. 1850****1 contributing building**

1.5-story, 3-bay-wide, wood frame building with 1-bay wide addition along the west side of South Armenia Road. Asphalt shingle gable roof with deep eaves and interior brick chimney, composite shingle siding, stone foundation. Enclosed front porch with entry flanked by paired casement windows; 9-over-6 wood sash windows on lower and upper stories on front and side elevations.

234 S. Amenia Rd**Parcel # 7165-00-759663****Construction Date: ca. 1951****1 contributing building**

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1-story, multi-bay, wood frame cross-wing Ranch style house located along the east side of South Amenia Road. Asphalt shingle cross-gable roof with interior brick chimney on the rear, vinyl clapboard siding, concrete foundation. Brick veneer with paired windows on west gable end; entry on south elevation tucked in inside corner of intersection of wings and under porch of garage wing; north elevation contains paired windows flanking smaller single window; cross-gable sunporch wing at rear of north elevation, cross-gable wing with one-car garage and secondary entrance under porch on south side.

237 S. Amenia Rd
Parcel # 7165-00-730682
Construction Date: ca.1962
2 contributing buildings

1-story, 3-bay-wide, wood frame Ranch style house located along the west side of Amenia Union Road. Asphalt shingle gable roof with wide gable dormer on front, vinyl clapboard siding, concrete foundation; upper gable ends sided with vertical vinyl siding. Entry in the first bay off wood stoop with handicap ramp. Remaining fenestration includes single and paired 1-over-1 replacement sash windows and a tripartite oriel window in the second bay.

1-story, 1-bay-wide, ca. 1962, wood frame garage with asphalt shingled front-gable roof and a vinyl clapboard siding. Double-wide vehicle bay with overhead door (1 contributing building)

247 S. Amenia Rd
Parcel # 7165-00-745777
1 contributing site (landscape)

Agricultural parcel associated large farm across the road (48-70 Oblong Ridge Lane) comprised of meadow land with tree lines along the Webutuck Creek, which forms the western boundary, approx. 44 acres.

280 S. Amenia Rd
Parcel # 7165-00-784770
Construction Date: ca.1950
1 contributing building

1-story, 4-bay-wide, wood frame Cape Cod style house with attached 1-bay wide garage along the east side of South Amenia Road. Asphalt shingle gable roof with an exterior brick chimney, wood clapboard siding, concrete foundation. Fenestration includes an entry in the second bay and 6-over-1 wood sash windows; 1-car garage with front-gable roof and overhead door linked to house by a cross-gable hyphen with a secondary entry and single 1-over-1 wood sash window.

298 S. Amenia Rd
Parcel # 7165-00-821811
Property Name: SCHOOLHOUSE
Construction Date: ca. 1876
1 contributing building, 1 non-contributing building (due to age)

1.5-story, 3-bay-wide, wood frame schoolhouse (now a dwelling) located along the east side of South Amenia Road. Asphalt shingle front gable roof, wood clapboard siding, stone foundation. Center entry with wood and glass paneled door flanked by single 2-over-2 wood sash windows with two of same windows in upper story and on north and south elevations; exterior vestibule on south elevation contains current entry.

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1-story, 2-bay-wide, wood frame outbuilding with asphalt shingle gable roof with skylights, wood clapboard siding, and a concrete foundation. Fenestration includes narrow multi-pane windows and a round-arch 2-over-2 sash window in the upper gable end of the west elevation; entry on north side. (1 non-contributing building; due to age)

308 S. Amenia Rd**Parcel # 7165-00-840827****Property Name: J.H. SWIFT TENANT HOUSE I****Construction Date: ca. 1876****2 contributing buildings**

2-story, 4-bay-wide, wood frame double house located along the east side of South Amenia Road. Asphalt shingle gable roof, wood clapboard siding, stone foundation. Two separate entries in center under a concave shed-roof overhang mounted on scrolled brackets and flanked and surmounted by single 1-over-1 replacement windows on the lower and upper stories, 2 single replacement windows on each story on gable ends, vented openings in the upper gable ends.

1-story, 1-bay-wide, ca. 1950, wood frame garage with an asphalt shingle front-gable roof and wood novelty siding; one vehicle bay with overhead door. (1 contributing building)

310 S. Amenia Rd**Parcel # 7165-00-840827****Property Name: J.H. SWIFT TENANT HOUSE II****Construction Date: ca. 1876****2 contributing buildings**

1.5-story, 3-bay-wide, wood frame house located along the east side of South Amenia Road. Asphalt shingle gable roof with rear shed dormer and exterior brick chimney on the south end, wood shingle siding, stone foundation. Entry in the second bay with a replacement door (space north of entry probably contained a second one). Single 6-over-6 replacement sash windows on lower story and on gable ends. Remaining fenestration includes casement windows in the upper gable end on south and single and paired replacement windows on rear 1-story lean-to addition.

2-story, 3-bay-wide, ca. 1876, wood frame barn with an asphalt shingle front-gable roof with shed extension on south side, wood clapboard siding. Façade contains 3 vehicle bays with overhead doors, mow door, fixed 6-pane barn sash in the upper gable end; large fixed multi-pane window on the south elevation. (1 contributing building)

320 S. Amenia Rd**Parcel # 7165-00-857842****Property Name: H. BUMP HOUSE****Construction Date: ca. 1876****2 contributing buildings**

2-story, 5-bay-wide, wood frame house located along the east side of South Amenia Road. Asphalt shingle gable roof with exterior brick chimney on the north end, wood clapboard siding, stone foundation. Center entry with a wood and glass paneled door flanked and surmounted by single replacement windows on lower and upper stories; 2 single replacement windows on each story of gable ends, tripartite bay window on the south elevation.

1.5-story, 3-bay-wide, ca. 1876, wood frame barn with an asphalt shingle gable roof and vertical flush-board siding. Fenestration includes a central vehicle bay with swing doors, entry in the first bay, a fixed 6-pane wood

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window in the third bay and fixed 4-pane wood sash in front wall dormer and upper gable ends. (1 contributing building)

327 S. Amenia Rd
Parcel # 7165-00-855871
Construction Date: ca. 1972
1 contributing building

2-story, multi-bay, wood frame multiple dwelling located along the west side of South Amenia Road. Asphalt shingle gable and gambrel roofs, wood shingle siding, concrete foundation. Each two-story dwelling unit has an entry with single and paired 6-over-6 wood sash windows; 2-story units on ends have gambrel roofs, side entries, and single 6-over-6 wood sash windows. Garages in basements in rear.

330 S. Amenia Rd
Parcel # 7165-00-875862
Property Name: E.E. CLINE HOUSE
Construction Date: ca. 1876
1 contributing building

1.5-story, 3-bay-wide, wood frame house with rear ell located along the east side of South Amenia Road. Asphalt shingle gable roof, wood shingle siding, stone foundation. Fenestration includes an entry in the first bay with a small, shed roof porch and paired 1-over-1 replacement sash windows. (The wide space between the windows may have contained a second entry.) Single replacement windows on the north and south ends. Secondary entry off a porch and paired sash windows on ell's north elevation. Rear porch on south elevation with hipped roof fronted by square pots on a concrete knee wall.

341 S. Amenia Rd
Parcel # 7165-00-863977
1 contributing site (landscape)

Agricultural parcel comprised primarily of meadow land with tree line along the Webutuck, which forms the western boundary, approximately 82 acres with a section excavated for a sand and gravel mine.

346 S. Amenia Rd
Parcel # 7165-00-918870
Construction Date: ca. 1975
1 non-contributing building (due to age)

1-story, wood frame Ranch style house set back from the east side of South Amenia Road. Metal gable roof, flush-board siding, concrete foundation. Varied fenestration.

349 S. Amenia Rd
Parcel # 7165-00-893931
Property Name: E.E. CLINE HOUSE
Construction Date: ca. 1876
1 contributing building

2-story, 3-bay-wide, wood frame Colonial Revival style house located along the west side of South Amenia Road. Asphalt shingle gable roof, wood clapboard siding, stone foundation. Center entry with a fanlight and sidelights off a pedimented porch flanked by triple groups of 6-over-1 wood sash windows. Remaining fenestration includes single and paired 6-over-1 sash windows on upper story; single 6-over-1 wood sash

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windows on the north and south elevations. 1-story sunporch with hipped roof and casement windows on the south end.

12-26 Troutbeck Ln**Parcel # 7267-00-227675****Property Name: TROUTBECK HOTEL****Construction Date: ca. 1761, ca. 1795, ca. 1850, ca. 1985**

4 contributing buildings, 5 non-contributing buildings (due to age), 1 non-contributing structure (due to age), 1 contributing site

John Delamater House, ca. 1761

1.5-story, 3-bay-wide, wood frame and masonry eighteenth-century house located along the south side of Troutbeck Lane. The house has an asphalt shingle gable roof with added gable dormers and an exterior brick chimney on the east end with a flared out stone base. North gable end wall constructed of brick laid-up with English bond; wood clapboard siding on façade and other sides, stone foundation. Center entry with a paneled wood door off added porch with a round-arched metal roof flanked by single 12-over-8 wood sash windows, small eyebrow window above porch, 6-over-6 wood sash in dormers. Remaining fenestration includes single multi-pane wood sash windows on other elevations. Added 1-story flat roof wing toward rear on the west elevation fronted by a screened-porch. (1 Contributing building)

Caleb Benton House, ca. 1795

1.5-story, 5-bay-wide, wood frame Cape Cod style house with a lower 1.5-story wing on the east end and a large 2-story, multi-bay addition on the west. The original house has an asphalt shingle gable roof with a center chimney and concave curved-roof dormers, wood clapboard siding, stone foundation. Center entry with a replacement door and transom off a single-bay porch with a concave curved roof, fronted chamfered posts, and balustrades on the sides flanked by 6-over-6 wood sash windows, diamond-pane wood casements in dormers. Remaining fenestration includes single multi-paned wood sash windows, multi-pane wood casement windows on the east wing. Non-contributing, ca. 2000, 2-story addition on the west with an asphalt shingle gable roof and wood clapboard siding. (1 Contributing building)

Troutbeck Manor House (Young-Benton-Spingarn House), ca. 1850-ca. 2000

2-story, multi-bay, masonry English Revival style manor house located at the end of Troutbeck Lane and along the east side of Yellow City Road. The current building contains a portion of the Young-Benton House at the east end of the building where the main entry is located. It has walls constructed of random-coursed fieldstone masonry, slate shingle gable roofs with interior stone chimneys and shed dormers. Off-center entry has a heavy wood door fronted by a porch with half-conical slate shingle roof. Fenestration includes multi-pane original and replacement sash windows on lower level and diamond-pane casements in dormers; wood frame sleeping porch with 6-over-6 wood sash windows on upper story at east end. 2-story cross-gable addition (historic) on west with slate shingle roof, stucco walls, a variety of multi-pane wood sash windows, and full porch with stone piers enclosed with multi-pane wood casement windows, one of which functions as an entry. Another 1.5-story addition farther west and perpendicular to rear of the original house, slate shingle gable roof with shed-roof dormers, stone veneer walls, string of large openings with multi-pane casement windows and double-door entries on the east elevation. Other features include the stucco sided upper gable ends with half-timbering and an exterior stone chimney on the south end. Stone walled garden located between the Manor House and Garden House. The garden features an outer perimeter stone wall with niched bench seating, two different levels separated by a bisecting inner wall, and lower interior stone walls separating lawn space from pathway plantings. (1 Contributing building)

Garden House Annex, ca.1985

1-story, 2-bay-wide lodging house located north of the Manor House and east of Yellow City Road. Asphalt shingle mansard roof with interior stucco-sided chimney, stucco walls, concrete foundation. Entrance with sidelight recessed at top of exterior stairs, Additional entrances in basement on the north elevation. Remaining

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visible fenestration includes various sized casement windows. Roof extends over a full 2-story porch on the south elevation with entries and casement windows on the lower and upper stories. (1 Non-contributing building; due to age)

Spring House, ca. 1950

1-story, 1-bay-wide, masonry building located along the Webutuck Creek northwest of the pool and pool house. The building is laid-up with stone and has a high-pitched, wood shingled gable roof. Shed roof wall dormer on the south elevation and an embrasure style window on the east elevation. (1 Contributing building)

Swimming Pool & Pool House, ca. 2000

Irregular-sided in-ground swimming pool enveloped by a concrete apron and wood fencing, 1-story, multi-bay, wood frame pool house with a metal shed roof with a large metal vent and vertical wood siding. (1 Non-contributing structure and 1 non-contributing outbuilding; due to age)

Maintenance Building, ca. 1985

2-story, 3-bay-wide, masonry and wood frame building with a 1-story, 1-bay wide wing located just northeast of the manor house. Asphalt shingle gable roof, concrete block walls on lower story and vertical wood siding on the upper story. Visible fenestration includes three garage bays with overhead doors, an entry with double doors in the fourth bay, and a single and grouped sash replacement windows on the upper story. (1 Non-contributing building; due to age)

Pole Barn, ca. 2000

Long 1-story, multi-bay, wood frame building with a high-pitched metal gable roof with a lower-pitched, metal gable roof on the wing on north end. Vertical wood siding, concrete pad foundation, string of French doors on sides of tall section, tall casements and smaller windows in wing. (1 Non-contributing building; due to age)

Picnic Pavilion, ca. 2000

Long 1-story, multi-bay, wood frame building with a metal gable roof, vertical wood siding, and several bays with sliding barn doors along the east and west elevations. (1 Non-contributing building; due to age)

Webutuck Creek Mill Site, ca. 1800

Early mill site documented by maps and archival history and represented by a depression where impoundment was located; creek is channelized with stone retaining walls in this area. (1 Contributing site)

Yellow City Rd Rear**Parcel # 7267-00-005193****Property Name: TROUTBECK HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION****Vacant – Not Counted**

Road portion of this wooded parcel is included extending west from Webutuck Creek to hillside south of Troutbeck.

CONNECTICUT**287 Amenia Union Rd****Parcel # 4-11****Property Name****Construction Date: ca. 1850****2 contributing buildings**

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1.5-story, 5-bay-wide, wood frame house located along the west side of Amenia Union Road. Asphalt shingle gable roof with an exterior brick chimney on the north end, wood clapboard siding; stone foundation. Center entry with paneled wood door, sidelights, and hipped-roof porch fronted by slender square posts, flanked by 8-over-8 wood sash windows, short 3-pane windows in upper half story; Remaining fenestration includes 6-over-6 wood sash windows on north and south gable ends and rear. 1-story shed-roof wing with replacement windows on south end of rear elevation.

1-story, 1-bay-wide, ca. 1950, wood frame one-car garage with asphalt shingle front-gable roof, wood novelty siding, and overhead door. (1 contributing building)

289 Amenia Union Rd**Parcel # 4-10****Property Name:****Construction Date: ca. 1963****1 contributing building**

1-story, 4-bay-wide, wood frame Ranch style house with attached garage located along the west side of Amenia Union Road. Asphalt shingle cross-gable roof with an interior brick chimney, vinyl clapboard siding, concrete foundation. Central entry in third bay recessed at the intersection of the wings. Remaining fenestration on façade includes paired 6-over-6 replacement sash windows in first and second bays and in entry bay, added oriel window in fourth bay. 1-story, front-gable two-car garage with overhead doors connected to house via a contained breezeway with a secondary entry flanked by replacement sash windows.

290 Amenia Union Rd**Parcel # 4-21****Property Name:****Construction Date: ca. 1834****2 contributing buildings**

1.5-story, 5-bay-wide, wood frame house located along the east side of Amenia Union Road. Asphalt shingle gable roof with interior and exterior brick chimneys and central gable wall dormer, vinyl clapboard siding, stone foundation. Façade contains center entry with wood panel door fronted by porch with shed roof fronted by square posts with beaded corners flanked by single 9-over-6 wood sash windows and surmounted by 6-over-6 wood sash window in added dormer. Porch on south gable end with secondary entry, 2 single 6-over-6 wood sash windows in upper story. Front-gable garage addition on north end, asphalt shingle roof, vinyl clapboard siding adapted for living space with triple casement windows in place of vehicle door and exterior chimney on north side, connected to house by a hyphen with a central entry flanked by single sash windows. Large 2-story addition on rear.

1-story, 2-bay-wide, ca. 1970, wood frame two-car garage with an asphalt shingle front-gable roof and cupola, board-and-batten siding, overhead doors. (1 contributing building)

292 Amenia Union Rd**Parcel # 4-22****Property Name:****Construction Date: ca. 1876****1 contributing building, 2 non-contributing buildings (due to alteration and age)**

2-story, 4-bay-wide, wood frame cross-wing house located along the east side of Amenia Union Road. Asphalt shingle cross-gable roof with an exterior concrete chimney and gable wall dormers, wood shingle siding, stone foundation. 2-bay front gable contains replacement sash windows on lower and upper stories, entry with

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gabled hood in second bay appears added, 2 bays in cross wing contain replacement sash windows on lower story and 2 broken eave dormers with casement windows added at roof level.

1-story, 3-bay-wide, ca. 1920, wood frame shed with asphalt shingled front-gable roof, wood shingle siding, façade contains single entry and casement window where there appears two vehicle bays once existed. (1 non-contributing building; due to alterations)

1-story, 1-bay-wide, ca. 2000, wood frame shed with an asphalt shingle gable roof with an interior brick chimney, wood clapboard siding, and a double-door entry on the north elevation. (1 non-contributing outbuilding; due to age)

293 Amenia Union Rd**Parcel # 4-9****Construction Date: ca. 1963****2 contributing buildings**

1-story, 5-bay-wide, wood frame Ranch style house with 2-bay wide wing located along the west side of Amenia Union Road. Asphalt shingle gable roof with an interior brick chimney, wood shingle siding, concrete foundation. Center-bay entry with side lights recessed off a concrete stoop, flanked by 6-over-6 wood sash and 1-over-1 replacement sash windows; wing possibly is a one-car garage adapted to living space with a secondary entry and 8-over-8 replacement sash window.

1-story, 1-bay-wide, ca. 1963, wood frame shed, asphalt shingle front-gable roof with an exterior concrete chimney on rear, wood shingle siding; central entry on gable end, single windows on sides. (1 contributing building)

294-296 Amenia Union Rd**Parcel # 4-23****Construction Date: ca. 1858, ca. 1920****2 contributing buildings, 1 contributing site**

294 Amenia Union Rd, ca. 1858: 2-story, 3-bay-wide, wood frame Saltbox style house sited perpendicular to the east side of Amenia Union Road. Asphalt shingle gable roof with an interior brick chimney on the west end and a large shed wall dormer on the north side; wood clapboard siding, stone foundation. Visible fenestration includes an entry off shed-roof porch along the lower story of south elevation, casement windows on lower and upper stories of west elevation and on the rear elevation. Additional fenestration includes two basement garage bays with overhead doors.

296 Amenia Union Rd, ca. 1858: 1-story, 3-bay-wide, wood frame house containing portions of historic sawmill with an offset wing located along on the west side of Mill Brook off Amenia Union Road. Asphalt shingle gable roof with an interior brick chimney, wood board-and-batten siding, stone foundation. Visible fenestration includes an entry where two sections meet, wood sash windows of various types including single, paired and oriel. (1 contributing building)

Remains of historic mill site on Mill Brook including stone basement of house (296) and remains of creekside water powered structures. (1 contributing site)

295 Amenia Union Rd**Parcel # 4-8****Construction Date: ca. 1994****1 non-contributing building (due to age)**

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Building not visible from the public right of way, no assessor photo. Age ascertained by historic aerial photography.

297 Amenia Union Rd**Parcel # 4-7****Property Name: P. CLINE HOUSE****Construction Date: ca. 1800****2 contributing buildings**

1.5-story, 6-bay-wide, wood frame house with rear ell located along the north side of Amenia Union Road. Asphalt shingle gable roof with interior brick chimneys at ends and added gable dormers, asbestos-cement shingle siding, stone foundation. Off-center entry in third bay with paneled wood door flanked by 6-over-6 wood sash windows in first, second and fourth bays under an added shed roof porch with open sides. Additional fenestration includes a 6-over-6 wood sash windows in the fifth and sixth bays in an elevated section of the house. 3 gabled dormers contain 6-over-6 wood sash windows. Open porch with shed roof fronted by square posts added on east end.

1-story, 3-bay-wide, wood frame barn with an asphalt shingle gable roof and vertical wood siding. Two vehicle bays with hanging track doors and a 6-over-6 wood sash windows on south elevation; remaining fenestration includes two small fixed-pane windows and a sash window on the east gable end. Later carport added in front of first bay. (1 contributing building)

299 Amenia Union Rd**Parcel # 4-6****Property Name: H. CHAMBERLAIN HOUSE****Construction Date: ca. 1858****1 contributing building**

2-story, 3-bay-wide, wood frame house with a 1-story rear ell located along the north side of Amenia Union Road. Asphalt shingle gable roof with interior brick chimney on the east end, wood clapboard siding, stone foundation. Entry in the first bay with paneled wood door and sidelights framed by pilasters within a pedimented architrave with fluted pilasters. Remaining fenestration includes 6-over-six wood sash windows on lower and upper stories, all having tall cornices. Stone retaining wall along roadside with a gap with stone steps in a line with entry.

302 Amenia Union Rd**Parcel # 4-24****Property Name: F. REED HOUSE****Construction Date: 1840****3 contributing buildings, 2 non-contributing structures (due to age), 1 contributing site (landscape)**

1.5-story, 5-bay-wide, wood frame Federal style house with later 1.5-story rear ell located east of Amenia Union Road and along the east side of the Mill Brook. Asphalt shingle gable roof with exterior brick chimneys and added gable wall dormers, wood clapboard siding, stone foundation. Façade framed by a roof-edge entablature and paneled corner pilasters, recessed center entry with paneled wood door, sidelights and pilasters set within a trabeated architrave flanked by full-length french windows, single replacement windows in the dormers, gable ends and ell, bay window with arched sash on south end, large 2-story, cross-gable rear wing added, wrapped in 1-story sun porch

1-story, 3-bay-wide, ca. 1920, wood frame cottage with an asphalt shingle gable roof and gable dormer, wood clapboard siding, concrete foundation. Visible fenestration includes a center-bay entry and single 6-over-6 wood sash windows; 1-story two-bay wing with wood sash windows. (1 contributing building)

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1.5-story, 3-bay-wide, ca. 1850 wood frame barn with an asphalt shingle front-gable roof, wood novelty siding, repurposed as pool cabana. Fenestration includes a center vehicle bay altered with addition of domestic entry flanked by two large 4-pane windows, mow door in the upper gable end. (1 contributing building)

In-ground swimming pool, ca. 2000. (1 non-contributing structure; due to age)

Tennis court and pavilion, ca. 2000 (1 non-contributing structure; due to age)

Approx. 10-acre property with meadow and wooded sections; borders on Mill Stream on west (Contributing site - landscape)

306 Amenia Union Rd**Parcel # 4-25-2****Property Name: J. BUCKLEY HOUSE****Construction Date: 1850****1 contributing building**

1.5-story, 5-bay-wide, wood frame house located along the south side of Amenia Union Road. Asphalt shingle gable roof with interior brick chimney on the east end and added gable dormer, wood clapboard siding, stone foundation. Center entry enclosed in added 3-bay hipped-roof vestibule flanked by 6-over-6 wood sash windows; matching windows on gable ends, casement windows in dormer, wide screened porch added on west end, one-story wing and shed dormer on rear.

308 Amenia Union Rd**Parcel # 4-25-2****Property Name: SHARON MANUFACTURING CO. TENANT HOUSE****Construction Date: 1800****1 contributing building**

2-story, 2-bay-wide, wood frame house with one-story wings located along the east side of Amenia Union Road. Asphalt shingle gable roof, wood clapboard siding, stone foundation. Fenestration includes an entry with a paneled wood door and single 6-over-6 replacement sash window on the lower story under a full shed-roof porch with square posts, balustrade and inverted pickets on the ends; 6-over-6 wood sash windows on the upper story and ends. Wing on north end contains one-car garage with overhead door, addition across rear with screened porch at south end.

310 Amenia Union Rd**Parcel # 4-26****Property Name: J.D. BARNUM HOUSE****Construction Date: ca. 1870****1 contributing building**

2-story, 2-bay-wide, wood frame house with a 1-story wing located along the east side of Amenia Union Road. Asphalt shingle gable roof with an interior brick chimney, asbestos-cement shingle siding, stone foundation. Entry within enclosed porch on front of wing; front gable section has modest frieze along roof edge, added triple group of 6-over-1 wood sash windows centered on lower story and two pairs of casement windows in upper story; one-story hipped-roof wing with corner pilasters on north elevation.

312 Amenia Union Rd**Parcel # 4-27****Construction Date: ca. 1875, ca. 1938**

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1 contributing building

1.5-story, 4-bay-wide, wood frame house with 1-story wings located along the east side of Amenia Union Road. Asphalt shingle front-gable roof with an exterior brick chimney on rear, wood clapboard and wood shingle siding, stone foundation under original house and concrete foundation under wing. Entry with cornice and fluted pilasters in the third bay off a hipped-roof porch, single 1-over-1 replacement sash windows on the lower and upper stories and small fixed 4-pane window in a pedimented and eared frame at top of gable; oriel added to front of 1-story wing on south side; long 1-story wing on north side includes single and paired 1-over-1 replacement sash windows and two garage bays with overhead doors in basement on the north end.

314 Amenia Union Rd**Parcel # 4-28****Construction Date: ca. 1930****1 contributing building**

1-story, 3-bay-wide, wood frame house with a small wing located along the east side of Amenia Union Road. Asphalt shingle front-gable roof with exterior brick chimney, wood clapboard siding, concrete foundation. Fenestration includes a center-bay entry flanked by single 6-over-1 wood sash windows. Full porch across the façade with a hipped roof, slender square posts and balustrades. Rear basement-level one-car garage with overhead door.

316 Amenia Union Rd**Parcel # 4-27-1****Construction Date: ca. 1863****1 contributing building, 1 non-contributing building (due to alterations)**

2-story, 5-bay-wide wood frame house set back from the east side of Amenia Union Road, asphalt shingle gable roof, aluminum siding, stone foundation. Center entrance flanked by single 6-over-6 and 2-over-2 wood sash windows on lower and upper levels and on ends; porch with turned posts and added balustrade covers center 3 bays, picture window added to north end, 1-story wing added to south end, 2 sash windows on front, secondary entrance on south end off deck and sun room.

1-story, ca. 1950 garage with asphalt shingle front gable roof, composition clapboard siding; center bay with plywood swing doors flanked by side additions with individual doors. (1 non-contributing building; due to alterations)

1 Knibloe Hill Rd**Parcel # 4-5****Vacant parcel, not counted**

Vacant land

2-4 Knibloe Hill Rd**Parcel # 4-29****Property Name: S. KNIBLOE HOUSE****Construction Date: ca. 1850****2 contributing buildings**

1.5-story, 3-bay-wide, wood frame house with wings located along the east side of Knibloe Hill Road near intersection with Amenia Union Road. Asphalt shingle gable roof, wood shingle siding, stone foundation. Entry in the third bay with sidelights off a gabled porch offset by single 1-over-1 replacement sash windows in the

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first and second bays. 1-story wing added on north end with secondary entry with a fixed aluminum awning and triple group of 6-over-6 replacement sash windows. 1.5-story, rear wing with a rear shed roof porch.

1-story, 3-bay-wide, wood frame annex with asphalt shingle gable roof, wood novelty siding, stone foundation. Fenestration includes a central entry flanked by 6-over-6 sash wood windows of different sizes in the first and third bays. (1 contributing building)

5 Knibloe Hill Rd.**Parcel # 4-4****Property Name: R. FRENCH HOUSE****Construction Date: ca. 1858****1 contributing building, 1 non-contributing building (due to age)**

1.5-story, 3-bay-wide, wood frame Greek Revival style house located along the south side of Knibloe Hill Road. Asphalt shingle front-gable roof with an interior brick chimney, wood clapboard siding, stone foundation. Roof edge distinguished by Classical cornice and exceedingly tall frieze, hipped-roof veranda fronted by fluted columns wraps across front and on to east and west sides where they terminate at enclosed sections with entries; front façade contains three French doors on lower story and two 6-over-6 replacement sash windows in upper story. 1-story rear wing with entries off veranda.

1-story, 2-bay-wide, ca. 1980, wood frame garage with asphalt shingle front-gable roof, grooved plywood panel siding and two garage bays with swing doors. (1 non-contributing building; due to age)

6 Knibloe Hill Rd**Parcel # 4-29****Property Name:****Construction Date: ca. 1940****1 contributing buildings**

1-story, 3-bay-wide, wood frame Cape Cod style house with 1-story wing located along the north side of Knibloe Hill Road. Asphalt shingle gable roof with gable dormers and an interior brick chimney, wood shingle siding, concrete block foundation. Fenestration includes a central entry within a gabled vestibule flanked by paired 6-over-6 replacement sash windows in the first and third bays; additional fenestration includes 1-over-1 replacement sash windows in the dormers; wing contains a secondary entry and replacement slider windows, altered windows in south elevation. Basement one-car garage with overhead door tucked under added wood deck in west wing.

7 Knibloe Hill Rd**Parcel # 4-3-1****Construction Date: ca. 1900****1 non-contributing building (heavily altered)**

2-story, 3-bay-wide, wood frame house with 2-bay wing located along the south side of Knibloe Hill Road. Asphalt shingle gable roof, vinyl clapboard siding, foundation not visible. Fenestration includes an entry with casement sidelight offset by group of four awning windows in wing, two garage bays with overhead doors and secondary entry in main section; single 1-over-1 replacement sash windows in the upper story. Additional fenestration includes single replacement sash windows and a tripartite oriel window on the east elevation.

8 Knibloe Hill Rd.**Parcel # 4-29****Construction Date: ca. 1900****1 contributing building, 1 non-contributing building (due to age)**

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1.5-story, 4-bay-wide, wood frame house located along the north side of Knibloe Hill Road. Asphalt shingle gable roof, cement-asbestos shingle siding, concrete foundation. Fenestration includes an entry under a fixed aluminum awning in the first bay, a group of three of 6-over-6 replacement sash windows under a retractable aluminum awning in the second bay, a single replacement sash window and a pair of small slider windows in the third and fourth bays; a pair of replacement sash and a large fixed multi-pane basement window on the west end.

1-story, 1-bay-wide, ca. 1980, wood frame one-car garage with asphalt shingle front-gable roof, wood novelty siding, and an overhead garage door. (1 non-contributing building; due to age)

10 Knibloe Hill Rd**Parcel # 4-30****Construction Date: ca. 1900****2 contributing buildings**

2-story, 3-bay-wide, wood frame house with a 1.5-story wing located along the north side of Knibloe Road. Asphalt shingle gable roof, wood clapboard siding, stone foundation. Entry with a replacement door and blind sidelights within trabeated architrave under shed roof overhang; Remaining fenestration includes single 8-over-12 wood sash windows on the lower and upper stories; wing façade contains secondary entry off a gabled porch, short upper half-story windows.

1-story, ca. 1900, wood frame outbuilding, asphalt shingle gable roof, wood novelty siding, single entry in center of façade. (1 contributing building)

11 Knibloe Hill Rd.**Parcel # 4-3****Property Name: LOUNSBURY HOUSE/WORKSHOP****Construction Date: ca. 1870****3 contributing buildings**

1.5-story, 3-bay-wide, wood frame house with rear ell located along the south side of Knibloe Hill Road. Asphalt shingle gable roof with an exterior concrete chimney on west end, wood board-and-batten siding, stone foundation. Center entry with panel and glass door with trabeated architrave flanked by arched picture window in first bay and wood sash window in third bay, two small wood sash windows on upper story, tripartite oriel window on the east elevation; large 2-story cross-gable wing added on rear.

1-story, 2-bay-wide, ca. 1940, wood frame workshop with a metal gable roof and vertical wood siding. Fenestration includes hanging track wood doors, fixed multi-pane windows, and wood sash window in the upper gable end. (1 contributing building)

1-story, 3-bay-wide, ca. 1960, wood frame garage with an asphalt shingle gable roof, vertical paneled wood siding; two garage bays with hanging track wood doors, and a pair of 6-over-6 sash wood windows. (1 contributing building)

12 Knibloe Hill Rd**Parcel # 4-31****Property Name: J. FULLER HOUSE****Construction Date: ca. 1858****2 contributing buildings**

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1.5-story, 3-bay-wide, wood frame house located along the north side of Knibloe Hill Road. Asphalt shingle front-gable roof with an exterior brick chimney and gable dormer on the west side, cement asbestos shingles, stone foundation. Center entry with wood panel door off gabled porch with turned posts and side benches. Remaining fenestration includes two 6-over-6 replacement sash windows in the first and third bays, two 6-over-6 wood sash windows in the upper gable end. Shed-roof wing at rear of east elevation fronted by an enclosed shed-roof porch with a pair of 2-over-2 sash wood windows on façade.

1-story, 1-bay-wide, ca. 1960, wood frame garage, asphalt shingle gable roof, wood clapboard siding, and a garage bay with overhead door. (1 contributing building)

Knibloe Hill Rd**Parcel # 4-2****Property Name: AMENIA UNION CEMETERY****Construction Date: ca. 1812****1 contributing site**

Community cemetery located along the south side of Knibloe Hill Road, originally associated with the Oblong Church. Approximately 200 markers of various materials including granite, marble, sandstone, and bluestone with the first known interment dated 1812. Some of the family names that appear include Barnum, Burdick, Chamberlain, Clark, Dean, Juckett, Nodine, Soules, and Winegar. Stone wall with gate on road frontage.

21 Knibloe Hill Rd**Parcel # 4-1-1****Property Name: S. GORHAM HOUSE****Construction Date: ca. 1876****3 contributing buildings, 1 non-contributing building (due to age), 1 contributing site (landscape)**

2-story, 3-bay-wide, wood frame house with 2-story addition located on west side of Knibloe Hill Road. Wood shingle front-gable roof with an interior brick chimney, wood clapboard and wood shingle siding, stone foundation. Porch with a hip roof, turned columns, and balustrades wraps across front and on to north side where entry is located, two 6-over-1 wood sash windows on both lower and upper stories and on north and south sides; cross-gable bays on side elevations. Large 2-story addition with a wood shingle gable roof with a gable dormer and an exterior stone chimney, wood shingle siding, single wood sash windows, and small fixed multi-pane windows in Craftsman mode.

1-story, 2-bay-wide, ca. 1876, wood frame carriage house with wood shingle front-gable roof with a vented cupola, vertical wood siding, stone foundation. Visible fenestration includes two vehicle bays with swing doors on north end. (1 contributing building)

1-story, 2-bay-wide, ca. 2000, wood frame horse barn with wood shingle front-gable roof with a vented cupola and vertical wood siding. Fenestration includes 6-pane swing windows along the east elevations, and a vehicle bay with hanging track door surmounted by mow door on the north elevation. (1 non-contributing building, due to age)

1-story, ca. 1900, wood frame shed with a wood shingle gable roof, wood clapboard and wood shingle siding. Visible fenestration includes a recessed entry on the east elevation and a double sash window in the north end's upper gable. (1 contributing building)

Agricultural land comprised of meadows and pasture, approx. 20 acres. (Contributing site – landscape)

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8. Statement of Significance**Applicable National Register Criteria**

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.

B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.

C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.

D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions.)

EXPLORATION & SETTLEMENT**AGRICULTURE****ARCHITECTURE****LITERATURE****Period of Significance**

1724-1973

Significant Dates

N/A

Significant Person

(Complete only if Criterion B is marked above.)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder**Criteria Considerations**

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

A Owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.

B removed from its original location.

C a birthplace or grave.

D a cemetery.

E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.

F a commemorative property.

G less than 50 years old or achieving significance within the past 50 years.

Period of Significance (justification)

The period of significance extends from 1735, the date that the Amenia Union Cemetery was established, to 1973 to encapsulate the complete range of the valley's evolving agricultural and cultural history. This period includes the initial settlement of families from New York and New England into the "Equivalent Lands" ceded by Connecticut to New York in 1731; the gradual growth and prosperity of wheat farming during the rest of the eighteenth century; the shift to dairy farming and sheep raising after the Revolution with the transformation of the agricultural landscape and the addition of new houses and farm buildings; the maturity of farms at the end of the 1800s and the Romantic idealization of the rural landscape; the gradual decline of the agricultural economy and the traditional culture at the turn of the twentieth century.

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culminating in the Great Depression; the closure and deterioration of small farms and the threat of industrial and suburban development after WWII; and, finally, the revitalization of agriculture, the restoration of houses and farmsteads and the farmland conservation movement in the late twentieth century. 1973, the fifty-year-cutoff at the time of nomination, has been chosen to reflect the district's continuing agricultural relevance and significance within the region. These are all stages evident in the existing landscape in the Webutuck Valley, and they reflect the course of agricultural history in southeastern New York.

Criteria Considerations (explanation, if necessary)

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Statement of Significance Summary Paragraph (Provide a summary paragraph that includes level of significance and applicable criteria.)

The Webutuck Agricultural Valley Historic District is locally significant under National Register Criterion A in the areas of Exploration and Settlement, Agriculture, and Literature and under Criterion C in the area of Architecture for its embodiment of the history of an enduring rural community and the distinctive examples of architecture and landscapes that are landmarks to the continuity and change of the valley's agricultural development. The history of this rural district reflects the pattern of development of many small agricultural communities in southern New York that were settled before the Revolutionary War, as well as the physical changes to the agricultural landscape and farm architecture occurring in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. Unlike many of these communities, the Webutuck Valley's cultural landscape has been largely preserved whereas the others have been compromised by the loss of an agricultural setting or suburban development. The period of significance extends from 1735, when the Amenia Union Cemetery was established, to 1973 to encapsulate the complete range of the valley's evolving agricultural and cultural history. This period includes the settlement, agricultural and architectural development of the area, the late nineteenth and early twentieth-century romanticization of the rural landscape, and the decline and revitalization of agriculture during the twentieth century. The period of significance extends to 1973, the fifty-year-cutoff at the time of nomination, to reflect the district's continuing agricultural relevance and significance within the region.

In the area of Exploration and Settlement, the district reflects the regional pattern of colonists acquiring land from native tribes, securing patents from governmental authorities, subdividing large landholdings into lots suitable for settlement, organizing farmsteads, and creating market networks. Settlers first came to the Webutuck Valley from established Dutch cultural areas along the Hudson River, notably Palatine refugees moving out of camps where they were sequestered by the English government in search of independent farmsteads. Isaac Delamater (1694-1775), of Huguenot heritage, and Hendrick Winegar (1723-1797), the son of a Palatine refugee, are notable early settlers from the Hudson Valley. The mass of settlers flowed in from overpopulated areas in southern New York and New England where an entire generation sought open space and productive land in New York. Among them were the families from Connecticut and Cape Cod who arrived in the valley between 1755 and 1765, specifically those named Barlow, Swift, Chamberlain, Reed, Cline, and Hitchcock. They established farms spanning the width of the valley with a road on the east side of the Webutuck at an axis, using the valley's rich bottomland for wheat and other crops and the hillsides for pasture and wood lots. Each had a dwelling and barn located on the road frontage that reflected the architectural traditions of the Dutch or English communities from whence the settlers had come. These farms matured as the eighteenth century progressed with larger dwellings, more farm buildings, and greater production. Three hamlets (Leedsville, Amenia Union, and South Amenia) consolidated around mill sites and road intersections with stores, blacksmith shops, and other rural services; a church was formed in the late 1700s.²

In the area of Agriculture, the district embodies the patterns of agriculture in the region, ranging from subsistence to market farming to genteel stock farms. The colonial New York economy was based on the international wheat trade; settlement was a strategy to expand wheat production. New York merchants

² This context is informed by a number of books on Dutchess County history with chapters on the Town of Amenia, such as Philip Smith, *History of Dutchess County* (1877), James Smith, *History of Dutchess County* (1882), Frank Hasbrouck, *The History of Dutchess County, New York* (1909) and more focused, Newton Reed, *Early History of Amenia* (1875).

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established 1000-acre wheat plantations in prime areas throughout eastern New York. Most were managed by enslaved Africans, who were brought to the colony as part of the Triangle Trade of which wheat was a part. Fertile valley lands were of prime interest, even small valleys like that formed by the Webutuck Creek; the alluvial land along the creek likely had been prepared for cultivation by native tribes. Farms prospered until after the Revolutionary War when trade with England ended and blight from years of soil depletion greatly diminished production.³ As New York's fortunes recovered and the city's population increased rapidly at the turn of the nineteenth century, farms in the southeastern part of the state shifted to dairy production. In Webutuck, butter production led to settlers' dwellings and barns being replaced with more commodious houses in the prevailing Neoclassical style of the early 1800s. While a small wool factory in Leedsville briefly inspired sheep raising in the valley, the construction of the railroad to Wassaic in 1850 cemented dairy as the region's primary product. In the mid-century, improved standards for farming practices and animal husbandry led to renovations of the farmstead, with still-larger barns and specialized outbuildings. If any of the settlers' dwellings remained, they were replaced with larger, two-story houses, but without the exuberant decoration of the early republican era. Although dairy farming continued as the principal agricultural economy into the twentieth century, family farms' incomes steadily diminished due to a series of price wars with creameries and the marketplace. By the mid-1900s, thousands of farms had gone out of business, with only those supporting large herds of cows surviving. In many places, including the Webutuck Valley, corporate farms bought distressed farms and consolidated the land, removing windrows and enclosures to permit the use of modern farm machinery, and assembled large herds of milk cows or beef cattle. In most cases, the new properties were developed as the country estates of wealthy individuals living in the city. Other, smaller enterprises are engaged in organic and specialty truck farming, hay production, and tree nurseries. Even though the agricultural landscape has lost its earlier divisions, it still is open and active with picturesque vistas framed by reforested hills on either side.

In the area of Literature, the district's landscape and properties served as the inspiration and the gathering place for poets, writers, and literary critics at the height of the Romantic Movement. The focal point of this activity was Troutbeck in Leedsville, which epitomizes the Romantic picturesque aesthetic in its buildings and ornamental landscape. This property became a hive of prominent writers, poets, and naturalists who found camaraderie and inspiration in the Webutuck. Myron B. Benton (1834-1902) inherited Troutbeck and managed it in a gentlemanly fashion, which included building a Gothic cottage in front of his family's old farmhouse in 1871 and shaping a picturesque landscape around it. In his leisure time, Myron B. Benton devoted himself to writing poetry, some of which were published in literary journals of the day. His younger brother, Charles Edward Benton (1841-1928), who resided in Sharon, also was a published author, as was their cousin Joel Benton (1832-1911), a poet, essayist, and the publisher of the *Amenia Times*. The writings of the Bentons attracted the attention of the Transcendentalists and New York Bohemians, who made Troutbeck a center of intellectual activity. The remote and unspoiled setting of the region was an added inducement and inspired nature writing. Notably, Myron and Charles Benton took, and wrote about, a voyage down the Webutuck modeled after Thoreau's *Week on the Concord*. During the twentieth century, the Webutuck Valley was the home and inspiration for Joel Springarn, a Columbia University professor of Comparative Literature, literary critic, and civil rights activist, and social critic Louis Mumford.

³ There are no comprehensive sources for the history of agriculture in the Hudson Valley. This history has been compiled from inference in county and local histories, farm studies, census agricultural schedules, and historic resource

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In the area of Architecture, the district contains examples of architecture representing the full range of development from early settlement beginning in 1731 to the effects of suburbanization in the 1970s. Early houses in the district indicate the different cultural and regional groups that migrated into the valley once it was opened to settlement (FIG.2, PHOTO 1, 32). The transition from wheat to dairy during the nineteenth century resulted in grander homes in the Neoclassical and Greek Revival styles and more expansive farmsteads. The district's three hamlets, Leedsville, Amenia Union, and South Amenia, developed at an intersection of roads and around a mill site. Each contains mostly domestic architecture built in nineteenth-century styles. Churches and commercial buildings in the hamlets tend to date from the mid-nineteenth century or later. As the buildings and agricultural land matured over the course of the nineteenth century, the Webutuck Valley presented a picturesque representation of pre-industrial society, the loss of which was lamented by the followers of the Romantic Movement.

HISTORICAL OVERVIEW

The aboriginal territory of the Pequot tribe encompassed the Webutuck Valley and more broadly the entirety of Connecticut in the seventeenth century. The Pequot War (1636-1638), the first major conflict between colonists and an indigenous New England people, had a devastating effect on the tribe, with many people killed and many others enslaved.⁴ Tribal leaders apparently were willing to grant rights to land to colonists, which was a prerequisite to obtaining a colonial patent. One of the first to do this was Manhattan brewer John Sackett to whom the tribe sold the rights to 7,500 acres, which included the Webutuck Valley, before receiving a patent from the Province of New York in 1705. At the turn of the eighteenth century, the English authorities were rapidly dividing and disbursing large undeveloped tracts on the east side of the Hudson Valley to increase settlement. (The resident Dutch controlled most of the west side.) Productive land was conveyed to well-connected New York merchants, like Sackett, who established large wheat plantations to supply the colony's lucrative international grain trade or develop natural resources (Amenia was rich in iron). However, Sackett's enterprise faltered, and his patent was revoked when later land grants were made in its place. Also, early transactions were hard to defend because the valley was a contested area claimed by both New York and Connecticut until a settlement was reached in 1731.

Settlement of the Webutuck Valley

During this period, settlers moved onto lands in the contested borderlands, obtaining deeds from the Natives or squatting. Among them were several Palatine refugees who had been quartered in the East Camp (Germantown) on Robert Livingston's manor on the Hudson River as part of Queen Anne's efforts to move homeless Palatines out of London and into her colonies. In this instance, hundreds were brought to the Hudson Valley in 1710 where they were expected to produce naval stores and other goods in service to the Crown. The venture was a failure and within a few years most Palatine families left the camps in search of farmsteads in unsettled areas throughout the region.⁵ Best known among those migrating to the Webutuck Valley is Gerhard (Gerrit) Johannes Winegar (abt. 1702-1755) who grew up in East Camp after arriving there with his parents Ulrich and Susanna. He married Anna Catherine Schneider in East Camp around 1722, and

surveys.

⁴ Reed's *Early History of the Town of Amenia*, cites the Pequots as the resident tribe in the area as does the current Mashantucket (Western) Pequot Tribal Nation, <https://www.mptn-nsn.gov/tribalhistory.aspx>.

⁵ Walter Knittle, *Early Eighteenth Century Palatine Emigration* (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1982).

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after their first son, Hendrick, was born moved his family, including his father, to land deeded to him by the Pequots in 1724.⁶

After years of negotiation, a fixed boundary between the colonies of New York and Connecticut was established in 1731. The Webutuck Valley fell within a strip of land 580 rods (1.8 miles) wide along the full extent of Connecticut's western border ceded to New York as "equivalent lands" in exchange for land New York gave up on Long Island Sound. The New York governor conveyed the tract, known as the Oblong Patent, to a company of proprietors who divided it into two tiers of roughly 500-acre lots. The name Oblong has defined the territory ever since. In 1731 Garret Winegar obtained title to the land from Hawley & Co. In 1739 Garret Winegar purchased 300-400 acres across the border from Daniel Jackson of Sharon. The land included a mill site on a small tributary of the Webutuck at which Winegar erected the first grist mill in the area. The mill and the houses in which Gerrit and Anna Catherine Winegar lived and raised fourteen children no longer exist nor do any of those associated with other Palatine settlers in the valley. A massive stone and brick house on the Amenia side of the border built in 1761 for Hendrick Winegar (1723-1797) survived into the mid-twentieth century. Constructed in the Dutch stone house manner with massive beams spanning from front-to-back, it was abandoned and derelict when listed on the National Register in 1975; it was demolished after its roof collapsed in 1996 (FIG. 5).

Soon after, Palatine farmers were joined by others from the Dutch towns on the Hudson River. Isaac Delamater (1694-1775), of Huguenot heritage, relocated to Amenia from Marbletown, Ulster County, around 1740 with his wife, Catherine LeMaitre, and seven children. Attracted to the fertile valley land, he established a homestead, perhaps a wheat plantation, on the site of Samuel Sherman's house (176 Leedsville Rd.), which reputedly contains portions of the earlier dwelling. Known as Capt. Delamater, he saw action in the French and Indian War and assembled and trained a local militia; he also served as a local magistrate. Four of his sons made the valley their home, some on land owned by their father. Isaac Jr. (b.1725) had a farm south of the family homestead; portions of his Dutch bent frame house survive in Newton Reed's house (103 Amenia Union Rd.); Benjamin (1733-1800) built a stone house north of his brother's (not extant), and Martin (1730-1805) inherited their father's homestead; he owned three enslaved Africans in 1790. The fourth son, Johannes (1720-1793), built a grist mill in Leedsville on what is now the Troutbeck estate. The industrial site no longer exists but the Dutch-style house he built in 1761 has been preserved; its distinctive brick end with burnt headers creating initials and numerals has been publicized over the years. The rest of the wood frame house is built with Dutch bent construction (FIG.2, PHOTO 1).

Further evidence of the Palatine and Dutch presence in the Webutuck Valley, except for grave sites, has been obliterated by ensuing layers of settlement and modernization. This has obscured the history of enslaved Africans who provided labor for Dutch and Palatine farmers and millers. All levels of farmers owned enslaved people, usually with one or two to assist in farm work and domestic chores. In addition to planning for their annual subsistence, early farmers began growing wheat immediately to profit from the market.

This small cadre of New Yorkers was quickly overwhelmed by the onslaught of Yankee migrants who flooded into eastern New York from overpopulated towns in Connecticut and eastern Massachusetts. An entire generation left their families in search of their own farms, and they were rewarded with land far more

⁶ Reed, *Early History of Amenia*, 16-18.

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productive than stony New England. Proximate to Sharon, Connecticut, the Webutuck Valley became the entry point of one of the routes leading west from Hartford to the Hudson River, as well as south to New York and north to Albany on a well-traveled highway running one valley west along the Wassaic Creek. Among the Webutuck's permanent residents were families from Connecticut and Cape Cod who arrived in the valley between 1755 and 1765, specifically those named Barlow, Swift, Chamberlain, Reed, Cline, and Hitchcock.

Three generations of Barlows: Peleg (1692-1759), Moses (1728-1799), and Elisha (1749-1828) came together from the Cape in 1755 and settled in South Amenia. Their two-story, center-chimney, saltbox house, surviving at 82 Kent Road, is a landmark to the New England presence and the transplantation of traditional New England architecture into the New York colony (PHOTO 32). With the rest of southeastern New York abutting the New England border, the Webutuck Valley became a cultural area indistinguishable from the New England communities from whence the settlers came in architecture, agricultural practices, and cultural institutions. Moses Barlow was prominent in early local religious and civic affairs, as well as Revolutionary War action. After the war, Elisha Barlow was active in local and state government, serving as county judge, state senator, and representative at the state constitutional convention in 1808. The stylish story-and-a-half farmhouse at 87 Kent Road was built for his younger brother, Thomas Barlow (1764-1853) in ca. 1793.

Judah Swift (1716-1807) of Sandwich, Cape Cod, was living on Kent Road in South Amenia by the time his son Lot was born in 1755. He made a name for himself during the Revolutionary War by defying a blockade of wheat entering Connecticut and transporting two wagon loads from his farm across the border to Kent. In 1790 he possessed six enslaved Africans, suggesting he produced wheat in significant amounts. The original Swift homestead, if it survives, is located outside of the historic district; the farm was divided among his heirs. His grandson, Thomas Swift (1789-1872) married his neighbor, Maria Barlow in 1809, and they lived in a stylish house built around that time at 87 Kent Road (PHOTO 34).

The Chamberlain family had arrived in the Webutuck Valley from Tolland, Connecticut, by 1745, establishing themselves on a farm south of Amenia Union. Joseph Chamberlain (1696-1765) was born in Billerica, Massachusetts, where he married Mary Johnson in 1719. They produced a large family before settling late in life in Amenia Union in the household of their son, William Chamberlain (1745-1810). William married Abigail Hatch of Kent, Connecticut in 1767; their nine children were born in Amenia. As a member of the local militia, William distinguished himself during the Revolutionary War at the battles of Bennington and Saratoga, achieving the rank of captain. Two of his brothers served in the military as well. Located on the fertile flood plain of the Webutuck, the Chamberlains were initially involved in wheat farming; the land probably had already been in cultivation by the Delameters. In 1790 William Chamberlain was one of the few farmers in Amenia owning an enslaved African. Newton Reed describes another man who accompanied Chamberlain on his war exploits as "Mackey, a small colored man, who had been a slave and gained his freedom by his patriotic services. He lived near Amenia Union in a little home also given him for his service."⁷

It is likely that William Chamberlain built the existing house on the farm (173 Amenia Union Rd.) before he died in 1809 (PHOTO 25). The elegant, ornate residence would have fit the stature of the man. A rambling assemblage of wings on the rear may contain parts of the original homestead. His grandson, Dr. William Y. Chamberlain (1814-1863), who married Maria Swift (1823-1860) in 1849, appears to have conveyed the farm

⁷ Reed, *Early History of Amenia*, 53.

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to his brother-in-law George Henry Swift (1820-1908), great-grandson of the settler Judah Swift, by 1858. It looks as if the Chamberlains moved to a house at 339 Amenia Union Road in the Amenia Union hamlet (PHOTO 23). G.H. Swift was a lawyer and civic leader.

A native of Norwalk, Connecticut, James Reed (1739-1814) settled in the Webutuck Valley when he married Joanna Castle in Amenia in 1760. Reed's father, Daniel, purchased 53 acres of land for him, on which he built a dwelling and began farming. This farm was later owned by James H. Swift who built a fashionable two-story house in the early 1800s (17 Amenia Union Rd., PHOTO 30). Newton Reed wrote that the old house was relocated elsewhere on the property, and it appears to be now connected to the rear wings of the Swift house. At that point, it appears that he moved his large family and big ambitions into a stolid two-story house in the Amenia Union hamlet (36 Leedsville Rd.), which was later identified with his son Daniel Reed (PHOTO 20). The town's historian goes on to write that James Reed, "enlarged his landed estate, conducted a store, and a mill, and a manufactory of iron, and, in the time of the war, of steel."⁸ The Hitchcock family and store is associated with this property by 1850.

James's older brother, Eliakim Reed (1725-1810) arrived from Norwalk substantially later around 1790 in the company of his son Ezra Reed (1763-1852). Both brothers were enumerated as heads of household in the 1790 U.S. census, in which James Reed was recorded as possessing an enslaved African. Ezra Reed moved his family, and presumably his father, into the dwelling that Isaac Delamater Jr. built in South Amenia (103 South Amenia Rd.) and expanded it with the addition of a story-and-a-half dwelling on the front (PHOTO 27).

Peter Cline (1717-1795) immigrated from the Palatinate well after the 1710 emigration. In 1752, he married Feronica Bechtel Meyer in Rhinebeck, a community where hundreds of Palatines had settled after the breakup of East Camp. They moved to Amenia by the time their only son, John Cline (1757-1845) was born there. The homestead was likely located where the Webutuck intersects the road; the area was later cleared for mining and none of the buildings identified on the 1858 map survive. Three of John Cline's four sons established farms in the neighborhood: Ebenezer Hurd Cline (1798-1862) on the west side of South Amenia Road in the vicinity of #349 where a later house is located; Allen Cline (1788-1853) across the road in the southeast corner of the Clark Hill Road intersection where his son John H. Cline later lived (not extant); and Philo Cline (1790-1863) who lived by the creek where he and his sons, Albert and Franklin, operated a grist mill (204 S. Amenia Rd., PHOTO 12).

Another Norwalk native, Samuel Hitchcock (1726-1794), relocated to Sharon around the time he married Abigail Dunham (1727-1796) there in 1752. The family concentrated around Amenia Union on both sides of the New York-Connecticut line. Stephen Hitchcock (1765-1829) headed the next generation and opened one of the first stores in the neighborhood. His son, Amariah Hitchcock (1816-1886), took over the store and a tavern and operated them during his lifetime. For a brief time, the intersection of Amenia Union Road and Leedsville Road in Amenia Union was known as Hitchcock Corners. A late-eighteenth-century two-story house, possibly built for James Reed in 1783 (36 Leedsville Rd., PHOTO 20) was associated with the family on maps in 1850 and later.

⁸ Reed, *Early History of Amenia*, 107.

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Most, if not all, of the now-lost dwellings of these early settlers, as well as those New Englanders who followed, were not equal to the big Barlow New England saltbox, which would have been the exception rather than the rule in any place. Rather they were story-and-a-half center-chimney houses with three-bay facades with central entries. The house built for Caleb Benton on Troutbeck Lane is a surviving example of this type (PHOTO 2). Its dimensions correspond with the wings appended to the rear and ends of later, more commodious houses, which is why so many have been identified as such empirically.

Farm buildings from this initial period have not survived. Traditionally, a New England farm would have been focused on a small English barn designed for mixed-use and subsistence farming. These buildings would have been altered to accommodate the wheat production in which valley farms were engaged. The Dutch aisle barn with its characteristic tall gable roof was designed for wheat processing and would have been familiar to those coming from the Dutch region of the Hudson Valley. The New England newcomers also could have built such barns if they proved better. This pattern of farming continued through to the end of the 1700s, but agriculture was gradually evolving into animal husbandry and dairy products. Existing barns were adapted to accommodate more animals and their feed, which was mostly hay. Roofs were raised and cowhouse wings were added.

The Webutuck Valley After the Revolution.

The fertile farms along the Webutuck matured during the last half of the eighteenth century. The large plantations established during the early years of the century were subdivided into smaller, 100-200-acre farms inhabited by newcomers from New England. In addition to providing subsistence for the family, these farms generated income from the sale of winter wheat grown on the bottom land and livestock pastured on the hillsides. Landlocked, the valley's exports were transported overland to inland market centers in New York and Connecticut; some of this production was transported as far west as the Hudson River and east to Hartford with return trips carrying domestic and fancy goods.

Severing colonial ties to England effectively ended New York's international wheat economy and disrupted the importation of manufactured goods. It would take until the turn of the nineteenth century for local and regional economies to recover. A combination of necessity and republican enthusiasm drove the creation of a self-sufficient commercial and industrial economy in the new nation. The population grew during this period, mostly by generational increase, along with the demand for foodstuffs and manufactured goods. It also took some time for New York City, brutalized by the British occupation during the war, to revitalize its fortunes. The wheat market had collapsed in the Webutuck, as well as the Hudson Valley in general, as the United States was blocked from trade with England and its remaining colonies. After years of exploitation, the region's soils were depleted and blighted. Furthermore, the increasing availability of cheaper and better wheat from new settlements in central New York drove the final nail in the coffin. As the wheat trade declined, the ensuing rapid growth of the city created a market for farm commodities at a scale that transformed traditional rural communities. Dairy products (butter and cheese), orchard and garden produce, and hay were the principal exports. In addition, farmers in the various parts of the region, including Webutuck, began raising sheep to supply the rapidly growing number of new wool factories that opened in response to the Embargo Act of 1807, which blocked access to English manufactured goods. The valley's hillsides were full of animals and the wheat fields began to transition to more diverse crops, most of which fed families and creatures.

Every family farm had a small herd of cows producing milk to be preserved as butter or cheese before railroads were built in the 1850s to transport fluid milk to urban markets. Butter became gold for farmers, and their

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prosperity is reflected in a new generation of farmhouses designed with greater formality, symmetrical plans and facades, and elaborate decoration built by the post-war generation of Amenia's first settlers. Unlike their modest, traditional forebears, these houses represented the post-war enthusiasm and modernist philosophy of their builders. The architecture expressed the utopian republican rhetoric of the new national leaders, the Declaration of Independence, and the U.S. Constitution, which were no mere cliches in those days. This new generation was engrossed in the present and embraced the future. They had no qualms about jettisoning the traditions of the colonial past, which included replacing their families' aging settlement dwellings with grander, *avant-garde* houses. The conceptualization of rural architecture also reflected the clash of values and the struggle for political supremacy between city and country. This resulted in a fraught quality in rural design distorting common architectural elements in defiance of urban taste. Simultaneously elaborate and plain, these houses are landmarks to a preservation movement within New York's declining agrarian aristocracy.⁹

The historic district contains many distinguished houses in both story-and-a-half and two-story forms and five- and three-bay configurations that reflect this unique moment in rural architectural history both in eastern New York and western New England. Also noteworthy are a group of early duplexes in South Amenia, evidently built for farm laborers (PHOTO 38). The common farmhouse type built in this period was a story-and-a-half, gable-roof, wood frame dwelling with a symmetrical five-bay, center-entry façade fronting a room-and-a-half deep, center-hall plan. In the Hudson Valley, this form appears to have its origin in eighteenth-century Dutch farmhouse architecture, and it likely was an intentional act to preserve this traditional object. The centerpiece of the design is a porch at the entry in the manner of a Dutch stoop complete with benches on the sides. On the modern farmhouse, it has a gable roof with a pediment in the front, often hollowed out with an arch for a plastered compass ceiling, supported by slender Tuscan columns in front and engaged to the house wall. The pediment and friezes on the sides were decorated with woodwork such as dentils, swags, or fretwork. Fealty to Classical orders and hierarchies of finishes was unimportant; most of the elements were distorted and stretched vertically. The doorway was flanked by sidelights and pilasters supporting a tall entablature. Windows on the front and sides carried entablatures with unusually tall friezes with pilaster blocks on the sides and a thin, shelf-like cornice projecting unnaturally from the wall. These features—porch, and windows—were the country craftsmen's exaggeration of standard architectural principles in a conscious effort to distinguish a rural taste.

This stylish house type is exemplified by the house at 87 Kent Road probably built for Thomas & Maria Swift (PHOTO 34). A few more established and prosperous farmers applied this mannerist decoration to two-story houses, such as those associated with the Cline and Chamberlain families at 17 and 173 Amenia Union Road. These large houses are situated as landmarks for the major Pre-Revolutionary War farms spaced along the valley in this period. Less elaborate story-and-a-half, five-bay façade houses associated with more middling farmers are scattered throughout (PHOTO 30). Some were designed as duplex dwellings for tenant farmers and laborers, an unusual early indication of the commercial character of these so-called family farms (PHOTO 25). The forms of lesser houses were often compressed into hall-parlor plans with three-bay, center entrance facades evincing the last vestige of the colonial New England tradition (PHOTO 38).

⁹ See Dixon Ryan Fox, *The Decline of Aristocracy in the Politics of New York* (NY Columbia University, 1919); Staughton Lynd, *Anti-Federalism in Dutchess County, New York: A Study of Class Conflict in the Revolutionary Era* (Chicago: Loyola University Press, 1962); Clarence H. Danhof, *Change in Agriculture: The Northern United States, 1820-1870* (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1969); Christopher Clark, *The Roots of Rural Capitalism, Western, Massachusetts, 1780-1860* (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 1990).

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Another farmhouse type constructed in the valley was the two-story, three-bay house with an off-center entrance opening on a side-passage interior plan. This solidly British house form came into the valley from New England but is prevalent throughout British settlement areas in southern New York, New Jersey, and Long Island. Its visual relationship to the urban townhouse is suggestive but ambiguous; in the rural context, it was an alternative to arranging smaller plans (less than the ultimate two-story, center-passage plans), by stacking rooms vertically rather than connecting them horizontally. Many of these houses had kitchens located in basements or wings. An early example of this type at 217 South Amenia Road, apparently built ca. 1810 for the Cline family, is sited such that the south end of the basement kitchen is exposed at grade (PHOTO 37). Although the house form had a clear British association, the basement kitchen was favored by Palatine farmers in the Clines' native Rhinebeck. A story-and-a-half wing attached to the north end of the house is an addition made when the basement kitchen was determined inconvenient. In general, kitchens in basements or wings represent the presence of enslaved people and, later, indentured servants who were isolated in these areas from the family rooms of the house.

A two-story, three-bay dwelling built around the same time with stylish decoration at 442 Leedsville Road was associated with the small farm of Nathaniel Hollister (1774-1843) whose grandfather, Benjamin Hollister, settled in the valley in 1741 (PHOTO 9). A matching house, although without the same high level of decoration, is located opposite at 441 Leedsville Road (PHOTO 8). It was occupied by the widow Jeanette Waterhouse in 1840, but likely was part of the Hollister farm. Still, the two-story three-bay house was more prevalent in hamlets, such as the house built with a store and an office of the Bank of Amenia in Leedsville (496 Leedsville Rd., PHOTO 7). The bank occupied the front room of the house, and the store was located in a two-story wing. This building was constructed late enough in the period that it displays elements of the Greek Revival taste.

By the 1840s this rural aesthetic, also expressed in painting, decorative arts, and rhetoric, had run its course, and new farmhouses from that era are similar in scale and plan, but the decoration was greatly reduced and conformed to the universal Greek Revival taste. A large brick farmhouse built for the Morehead family stands out as the only example using that material in the valley; it has the added distinction of decoration in a Greek Revival mode (PHOTO 13). Perhaps having functioned as a tavern explains its substantial presence. The Gothic Revival appears to have had no real impact on the architecture of the district, an exception being the renovation of Troutbeck by Myron B. Benton in 1871 bringing his picturesque estate in line with the Romantic Movement through his literary associations (FIG. 4). Another writer (and Benton relative), the Amenia historian Newton Reed, added a modest cottage with a gabled pavilion at the entrance to his family enclave in South Amenia. The absence of a stronger Gothic or Italianate presence on the Webutuck, while uncharacteristic of rural architecture in the Hudson Valley, is consistent with the New England context where Colonial and Classical forms were predominant.

The Hamlets: Leedsville, South Amenia, and Amenia Union

Enough settlement and agricultural, industrial, and commercial development had occurred by the end of the eighteenth century (and the Revolutionary War) for three hamlets to be organized throughout the district. These hamlets developed at crossroads of the Webutuck road and roads leading east into Connecticut. Not accidentally, these also were the locations of mill sites on tributaries joining the Webutuck. Any site with a creek with enough flowing water to erect a dam and power a mill was determined prime real estate, no matter

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how remote. These hamlets became known as Leedsville, South Amenia, and Amenia Union, the last one straddling the state line. Each hamlet has distinctive features associated with its early development.

Leedsville

Leedsville, the northernmost hamlet where the Webutuck enters the valley, was comprised of the Delamater, Benton, and Young farms. The Young house was later incorporated into the Gothic Villa known as Troutbeck (FIG.1, PHOTO 4). Local histories refer to a mill established by Isaac Delamater, as well as an early tannery and forge in the neighborhood, but these were gone by the time the Bentons consolidated the properties into a 340-acre holding upon relocating to the Webutuck from Guilford, Connecticut in 1794. Caleb Benton, Jr. (1742-1831) was the son of Caleb Benton (1706-1782) and Sarah Stone (1717-1746); his ancestors were among the founders of the New Haven Colony of religious exiles from England in 1639. The Bentons set up their household in the old Young House. When their son Joel (1772-1850) married Delia Sears of Sharon in 1795, Caleb built a new story-and-a-half, center-chimney house on the farm. When the father died in 1831, the farm was divided between Joel and his younger brother (with five sisters in between) William Alfred Benton (1788-1865), who also inherited the Young house. William A. Benton had fifteen children (not all lived to adulthood) with two wives, sisters Cythera and Betsy Reed, and he built a larger house to accommodate them. It incorporated the Young house in one designed in the Gothic Revival style, which was unusual in the Webutuck and hinted at a broader world view and the influence of the Hudson Valley Romantic Movement. He also shaped the grounds around the houses into an ornamental landscape following the designs of the popular tastemaker Andrew Jackson Downing of Newburgh. William also was keen on his children's education and was involved in the creation of the Amenia Seminary in 1835, which he had hoped to be located in Leedsville. This emphasis on education and a Romantic Movement mentality fostered a great interest in contemporary arts and literature in the next generation.

Isaac Delamater built the first grist mill in Amenia in 1740. This site was redeveloped for a woolen factory in 1809 by Rufus Park of Amenia and Judson Canfield of Sharon. According to local history, Leedsville was given its name at this time by a millworker who came from Leeds, England. The factory closed in 1815; peace with England and the removal incentives associated with the embargo made small factories unprofitable. The property was sold to Selah North for a cloth dressing business.¹⁰ Myron Benton's ca. 1855 map of Leedsville in the 1830s shows the extent of development in Leedsville at its peak (FIG.3). It depicts the "Leeds Factory" just south of the confluence of a small creek running across Benton lands from the west with the Webutuck. A school and broom handle factory were located upstream west of the Benton family homes. Other noteworthy landmarks indicate the Bentons' efforts to make the hamlet a crossroads center; only a few survive. There was a "Telegraph Building" (not extant) on Benton property where the road leading south down the valley originated at its intersection with the road to Connecticut. There was a "Village Market" and "Bank and Store" (a branch of the Bank of Amenia), which occupied a two-story, three-bay, side-passage plan house with distinctive Greek Revival-style decoration that set it apart from its neighbors on the road (496 Leedsville Rd., PHOTO 7). Those mostly were occupied by factory workers or mechanics with their shops. A two-story building at 491 Leedsville Road is remembered to have been a dormitory for workers; two others are conventional story-and-a-half

¹⁰ Reed, *Early History of Amenia*, 124, 133.

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dwellings with five-bay, center entrance facades, although one has a second story added (491, 501 & 477 Leedsville Rd., PHOTOS 5-7).

The southern limit of the hamlet occurred at Nathaniel Hollister's farm, distinguished by a two-story three-bay farmhouse with stylish Neoclassical decoration (442 Leedsville Rd. PHOTO 9). A darkened area west of the creek on Benton's map is labeled "Hollister's Wood" (FIG. 3). Like other farms, it extended from the state line on the east-west an across the Greek to the "Oblong or West Mountains.

South Amenia

South Amenia developed in much the same way as Leedsville at the intersection of South Amenia and Kent roads and the Webutuck Creek. The Cline family represented the predominant number of its residents, although the Barlow and Swift farms were close to the east on Kent Road. Peter Cline (1717-1795) appears to have settled on a homestead covering the crossroads, the southern portion of which has been lost to surface mining activities. Cline built a grist and mill on the creek, which was replaced by a large, stone flour mill with a dam flooding a substantial impoundment by his only son, John Cline (1757-1845) who had inherited the farm (FIG.6). The mill building is no longer extant, but the dam and impoundment area are at 204 South Amenia Road (PHOTO 35).

Three of John Cline's four sons established farms in the neighborhood: Ebenezer Hurd Cline (1798-1862) on the west side of South Amenia Road in the vicinity of #349 where a later house is located; Allen Cline (1788-1853) across the road in the southeast corner of the Clark Hill Road intersection where his son John H. Cline later lived (not extant); and Philo Cline (1790-1863) who lived by the creek where he and his sons, Albert and Franklin, operated a grist mill (204 S. Amenia Rd., FIG 6). A collection of shops and dwellings, including two blacksmiths, a shoemaker, and farm laborers, had assembled around the intersection by 1850 aligned along one side of Kent Road. Another blacksmith shop and plow casting forge operated by Joseph Bassett were located on the westerly side of South Amenia Road among other small dwellings; most of these are no longer extant.

By 1850 Warren Parsons (1806-1872) was a major landowner and businessman in the hamlet. His home, store, and post office were located on the road frontage of his farm on the westerly side of South Amenia Road, with his hotel opposite on the northerly corner of Kent Road; by 1867 Parsons opened a new hotel on the opposite side of Kent Road. (The house at 223 S. Amenia Rd. and the first hotel at 230 S. Amenia Rd. are extant.) Parsons' grandparents David Parsons (1748-1812) and Lois Thompson had come to Amenia from Derby, in the New Haven Colony, Connecticut, with Warren's father, Joseph P. Parsons (1778-1812) during the last years of the Revolutionary War. Tragically, his grandparents and father died within the same week of March 1812. He married Caroline Rowe, a descendant of a Palatine settler, in 1831, and they produced two sons and a daughter who remained on the farm with their mother after Warren Parsons died in 1872.

A second node of the South Amenia hamlet formed a short distance north at the intersection of Clark Hill Road. Cline and Swift farms occupied the intervening space. A schoolhouse pictured on the 1850 map at the north end of the Swift farm is extant at 298 South Amenia Road (PHOTO 41). However, the focal point of this enclave was a Presbyterian Church with an adjoining cemetery and a parsonage at the corner of Clark Hill Road. The congregation originated as the Union Society in 1759 and met in a building known as the Round Top Meeting House in Amenia Union (not extant). The congregation affiliated with the Presbyterian

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denomination in 1803, at which time a new church was built on the Reed farm between Amenia Union and South Amenia opposite the South Amenia Cemetery. Neither the church, which was destroyed by fire nor the parsonage is extant. In 1880, a new church designed in an elaborate Stick Style was built at the Kent Road intersection for the Union Society of South Amenia on the site of Warren Parson's house and store; a pre-existing dwelling next door was acquired for a parsonage (223 & 229 S. Amenia Rd. PHOTO 39).

Amenia Union

Amenia Union was apparently so named because it is bisected by the state line. This shared space in a break in the Litchfield Hills has two intersecting roads, one leading northward to Sharon and the other leading southward to Kent, and a mill stream flowing into New York to where it joins the Webutuck. By 1850 it contained more than thirty tightly-packed buildings, a combination of shops, stores, a tavern, a hotel, and dwellings, as well as a woolen factory and two churches. The oldest house is located at the fork where Amenia Union Road heads into Connecticut and Leedsville Road continues north in New York. Reputedly built for James Reed in 1783, the two-story five-bay house was later acquired by Stephen Hitchcock (1765-1829) who opened the first store in the hamlet in a building next door (36 Leedsville Rd., PHOTO 20). For a while in the early 1800s, the crossroads was known as Hitchcock Corner. His son Amariah Hitchcock (1816-1886) is associated with the house and store well into the nineteenth century.

Milo Winchester of South Amenia had opened a hotel (not extant) opposite the store by 1850. Nearby, the fine two-story three-bay house built for Dr. William Y. Chamberlain (1814-1863), around the time he married Maria Swift (1823-1860) in 1849 remains. He had conveyed the title to his grandfather's farm south of the hamlet to his brother-in-law George Henry Swift (1820-1908), great-grandson of the settler Judah Swift. Just across the state line in Connecticut on Amenia Union Road are two early houses linked to Peter Cline, later Winegar, and what appears to be William Y. Chamberlain's mother, Helena (297 & 299 Amenia Union Rd. CT, PHOTOS 42 & 43, respectively). The mill stream runs along the south side of Amenia Union Road in Connecticut where it was impounded and powered grist and saw mills, a sash factory, a woolen mill, and a forge, with worker housing mixed in. Entering New York, the stream ran between Winchester's hotel and Dr. Chamberlains on the west side of Amenia Union Road.

Amenia Road south of the main intersection was lined with smaller dwellings of the type occupied by the hamlet's mechanics and tradesmen. The same for both sides of Knibloe Hill Road as it runs over the border where the hamlet's first Methodist church (not extant) and a cemetery anchored the south end of the hamlet. A domestic-scale store building with a front-gable roof survives essentially intact at the intersection of Knibloe Hill Road (312 Amenia Union Rd., PHOTO 19). Its function is distinguished by a gable projecting over a first-story porch with a loading door in the gable. Next door at 309 Amenia Union Road is a substantial two-story three-bay house built for Garrett H. Winegar (1802-1862), a descendant of the Palatine settler Ulrich Winegar and namesake and grandson of the builder of the landmark stone house just north of the Amenia Union hamlet (PHOTO 21). Winegar is listed as a farmer in the 1850 census and was one of many heads of extended farm families moving into the hamlets. Across the road, are two houses associated with the large Chamberlain farm on the south side of the hamlet and the Swift family which had inherited it. (Judah Swift (1818-1896) had married Alma Hitchcock (1814-1873), the storekeeper's daughter.) One house, two stories with a three-bay façade, appears to have been built as early as the late eighteenth century as indicated by its central chimney in the traditional Colonial New England fashion and imbalanced window spacing on the façade (309 Amenia Union Rd., PHOTO 21). Similar asymmetry suggests that the second Swift House at 321 Amenia Union Road

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originated as a two-story three-bay dwelling and was widened to a full five bays by farmer J.D. Barnham who is indicated as the owner on the 1867 map (PHOTO 22).

The northern Amenia Union Road – Leedsville Road intersection was the primary focal point for the hamlet. This status was confirmed with the construction of a new Episcopal church just north of Hitchcock's store (50 Leedsville Rd.). St. Thomas Episcopal Church was established in 1848 following the missionary work done in the area by the Rev. Homer Wheaton from Lithgow in the nearby Town of Washington. Wheaton was well-connected with the New York Episcopal Diocese through which he was introduced to church architect Richard Upjohn who had just completed designs for Trinity Church, which was under construction in Manhattan. He invited Upjohn to submit a more economical design for a parish church in Amenia Union. The church was completed in 1851 (NR Listed, 2005; PHOTO 17). The hamlet's second Methodist church was built in 1859 in the midst of a working-class community at the southern end of the hamlet. (The fate of the first Methodist church on Knibloe Hill Road is unknown.) The new church at 292 Amenia Union Road is a large, Greek Revival edifice fronted by an imposing pedimented façade framed by wide paneled pilasters and contains a central, trabeated doorway recessed into a pedimented opening in the building (PHOTO 18). The contrasting designs of the two churches reflect the theological differences between the high-minded rituals of the Episcopalians and the populist orientation of the Methodists, who had split off from the mother church for that reason.

Houses Outside the Hamlets

New dwellings were built on farms during the mid-nineteenth century as families grew and divided or shared their lands. The story of William A. Benton dividing his Leedsville farm between his sons Myron and Ezra above is one example. In 1873 Henry Reed moved into a modest Gothic cottage onto the family homestead, which was then occupied by his brother Newton Reed (103 & 121 Amenia Union Rd.); they apparently both owned the farm. Many of the farms in the Webutuck Valley support more than one dwelling to provide housing for different generations of a family or hired labor.

A late arrival in the valley, Stephen Morehouse (1762-1841) brought his wife Hulda Peet, and their four young children from New Milford, Connecticut by 1794, the year their fifth child, Garry, was born in Amenia. There was a rugged road, long since abandoned, that wound up and down through the Litchfield Hills to the valley road between Leedsville and Amenia Union. The state line and the creek are both close to the road in this section, and it was here that the Morehouse family laid down roots. Morehouse improved the creek and built a grist mill; a bed of iron ore was mined at the west end of the farm. The name of the eldest son, William Morehouse (1786-1848), is associated with the mill on the 1850 map. His brother Henry (b.1803) is recorded in the 1840 census as the head of a household with four persons engaged in agriculture and four engaged in manufacture and trade. (With a total of only ten persons enumerated, these tasks probably overlapped.) A plaque reading "1843 Built by H Morehouse" mounted above the center window on the second story of the massive brick house at 257 Leedsville Road a short distance south of the mill (PHOTO 13). Aside from St. Thomas' Church in Amenia Union, it is the only masonry building in the entire historic district. The house is the work of a master mason with principal walls laid in Flemish bond and stone trim. The center entry is sheltered by a hipped-roof porch with an entablature mounted on fluted columns; dentil bands embellish the base of friezes along the roofs of the house and porch. In 1850 Henry Morehouse's older brother Garry Morehouse (1794-1884) and his wife, Julia, were managing a tavern in the house, the plan of which indicates that it was built for that purpose.

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Just south of the Morehouse farm and north of the hamlet of Amenia Union is the Sherman farm at 176 Leedsville Road (PHOTO 14). Named Maple Lodge on the 1867 map of Amenia Union, it reputedly contains portions of the house built there by Isaac Delamater in ca. 1740; this is hinted at by the five bays with a center entrance on the first story of the façade. Walter Sherman (1806-1880) was born on Quaker Hill in the Town of Pawling in southeastern Dutchess County. As its name implies, that part of the town was inhabited by a community of Quakers; a historic Friends meetinghouse, known as the Oblong, survives there today (NR Listed, 1973). It is not known if Walter Sherman or his father Shadrack Sherman (1769-1812) were Quakers. The first census in which Walter Sherman is found in Amenia was taken in 1850. He was head of a household containing his wife, Cornelia, three children, and Sybil Cooper, probably an unidentified relation. Walter's brother Shadrack Sherman (b. 1813), a drover, lived in a dwelling next door (not extant).

A family history contains the following account of Cornelia Sherman. "When 80 years of age some children were brought from New York City to find homes among the farmer, and finding that they were slow in taking them, she volunteered to take six, which gave her so much worry that her son had to hire them kept afterwards at some other place."¹¹ Aside from showing the sympathy Cornelia Sherman had for these children, the passage reveals how many of the poor children in the city were removed from their families and sent to work on farms. Even with the best of intentions, this practice fostered a life of servitude for underprivileged groups.

Agriculture in the Webutuck Valley, 1850-1900

In the next century, agriculture in the region was driven by dairy products and, to a lesser degree, fruit growing, market gardening, sheep raising, and hay export, all of which were directed to fill the insatiable demand of New York City or, in the case of wool, sent to factories in New England. Showing its cultural and economic ties to New England, Webutuck farmers began raising sheep to supply wool to Yankee factories large and small. The Embargo Act of 1807 cut off the importation of English goods, which led to a surge in U.S. production and home manufacturing. In 1809, a small wool factory opened in Leedsville (named after the English factory town of Leeds) but was of short duration. According to Newton Reed, the production of wool became of general importance to farmers in 1825. This was a major development even after butter emerged as a profitable economy. With wool factories operating on what seemed to be every watercourse in New England, and with two in the Webutuck Valley, it is indicative of Amenia's cultural orientation to the east. Reed cites that there were 21,761 sheep in Amenia in 1835, which was one-tenth of the Dutchess County flock population.¹²

In 1850 the U.S. census began recording the animal population and field production of farms; New York State began to create agricultural schedules as well. These documents the evolving agricultural history. The 1850 census counted 163 farms in the town with values ranging from \$150 to a high of \$25,000. The average farm value was in the \$5,000-\$6000 range with one-third of farms (fifty-three) valued at \$10,000 or more. The increased barn capacity associated with sheep and dairy farming accommodated more animals and their bedding and feed.

William A. Benton's farm at the northern end of the valley contained 254 acres of improved land and seventy unimproved acres and was valued at \$17,200. His livestock was assessed for \$1200 and included two horses,

¹¹ Horace T. Currier, *History of the Allerton Family in the United States, 1585-1885* (1885).

¹² Reed, *Early History of Amenia*, 134.

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four oxen, five milch (milk) cows, fourteen other cattle, eighteen swine, and 285 sheep. Most of the crops his fields produced that year: 120 bushels wheat, 800 bushels Indian corn, 1250 bushels oats, 300 bushels potatoes, and sixty tons hay, went to feed the animals or his family. His principal market products were 670 pounds of wool, 300 pounds of butter and 360 pounds of cheese. While at the highest end of farm value in the town, the composition and production of the Benton farm were similar to most other farms in eastern New York and western New England. Evidently, in 1850, sheep-raising continued to be the main occupation, and wool was the most valuable product, which likely was supplying local factories. These small factories had water-powered machines that carded wool for spinning and weaving at home or by professionals; they also had machines for fulling finished cloth. In both cases, wool factories worked on a commission basis.

At the southern end of the valley, James H. Swift owned 198 improved and sixty-nine unimproved acres with a farm valued at \$11,250. His assemblage of animals included two horses, four oxen, five milch cows, twenty-two other cattle, twenty swine, and 200 sheep. The horses were for personal use; the oxen were the work animals. Swine were kept for their meat, smoked, or pickled for home consumption or sale. They were easy to maintain and were fattened with the dairy refuse from butter and cheese making. Both Swift and Benton had large numbers of "other cattle," that is grass-fed beef on the hoof raised for the market. Like Benton and just about every other farmer in the region, Swift planted rye, Indian corn, oats, and Irish potatoes; his meadows produced fifty tons of hay. Swift's dairy produced 400 pounds of butter, which was 100 pounds more than Benton's, but he made no cheese. Swift's sheep did not produce nearly the same amount of wool as Benton's flock (200 lbs. to 670 lbs.).

The farms in between, large and small, were scheduled in much the same way with butter, cheese, beef, and wool being the primary market products. Gaps in the agricultural schedule suggest that in 1850 Webutuck farmers did not have orchards or market gardens, grow hops or flax, or produce market quantities of maple syrup.

Farm production had changed significantly when the 1860 census was taken ten years later. The wool mania had dissipated, and very few Amenia farms reported having sheep. The numbers of milch cow and beef cattle increased, and large volumes of butter and cheese were exported. Dairy farming carried the day, and the local agricultural economy had been boosted when the New York Harlem Railroad was completed to nearby Wassaic in 1850. Not only butter and cheese but fluid milk could be transported to New York commission merchants before spoiling. Farmers could deliver their milk to nearby creameries at train depots with relative ease. Dairyman Gail Borden opened his first milk condensery in Wassaic in 1861; it became a very valuable business when it supplied canned milk rations to Union troops during the Civil War.

After the completion of the railroad in 1850, it would be predicted that liquid milk was a new farm product; however, the census schedule did not have an entry for that category. The sustained measurements for butter and cheese indicate that milk is not yet frequently handled in its fluid state. Perhaps because of its isolation, proximity to New England, and/or functioning wool factories, some large flocks of sheep were still present in the Webutuck Valley. Newton Reed had 350 sheep but also ten milch cows, about double the average. Ebenezer Cline was listed with 300 sheep and George H. Swift with twenty-nine. James H. Swift reported having only three sheep and twenty cows, which would be the trend in the future. Orchard products, essentially apples, were first recorded in 1860; very few farms had orchards in the previous decade.

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The sheep column in the agricultural schedule of the 1870 census was essentially empty, indicating the further decline of the local wool economy. Numbers for fluid milk were first recorded in this census, although entries for Amenia were scant. Butter production was the primary focus of local agriculture. Perhaps the Civil War delayed the shift to shipping milk on the railroad and the construction of creameries to collect and pasteurize it. The few farms reporting producing fluid milk may have been delivering it to Gail Borden's condensery in Wassaic. Another victim of the changes in milk processing was farm cheesemaking, which garnered no entries in the 1870 agricultural schedule. Orchard production was on the rise.

In 1880, the final year the census included farm data, documents the nearly-total shift to fluid milk as a product. In the Webutuck Valley, farmers were delivering both fluid milk and butter to local creameries for delivery to the city. Dairy herds increased in size while sheep disappeared completely from the records. Crops became less diverse and focused on animal feed: oats, Indian corn, and small amounts of wheat. An acre generally was planted in Irish potatoes for family consumption. Orchard products increased, and statistics on poultry raising (eggs and meat) were first measured; both benefited from quick transport to city markets.

Shadrach Sherman's farm was valued at \$23,000 and had 318 acres of active farmland and sixty acres of woods. Monetary values varied over the decades and the meaning of this amount in broader economic contexts is vague; however, in comparison with other area farms, \$23,000 appears to be close to the mean. Forest products played a very limited role in local farm production as recorded in the census. Domestic heating and cooking were less reliant on wood in 1880, and it may be that the hillsides already were reforesting. Sherman had fifty-six milch cows and sixty-seven beef cattle, consistent with his being a cattle dealer. His cows produced 29,200 gallons of milk, none of which was churned into butter. He also had an orchard with 300 trees.

Myron Benton farmed 200 acres and had an additional forty acres of woods valued at \$25,000. In addition to 33 milch cows, which produced 24,000 gallons of milk and 200 pounds of butter. In 1880 Benton sold seventy head of cattle at market, ranking him up with his neighbor Shadrach Sherman. On a lesser scale, John M. Swift, whose farm with 115 acres of improved land and 110 acres of woods was valued at \$9,155, milked three cows to make 350 pounds of butter but no fluid milk. Born in 1817, his advanced age probably had something to do with the low output and sustained habit of butter making. James H. Swift's twenty-five cows produced 13,294 gallons of milk and 150 pounds of butter. Sixty-year-old George H. Swift, a lawyer as well as a farmer, maintained only six milch cows that produced 500 pounds of butter and eight beef cattle. He had not changed his practices to include fluid milk. However, Newton Reed, who once had one of the valley's largest flock of sheep, followed the trend with forty cows, forty-two beef cattle, 27,000 gallons of milk, and 256 pounds of butter. Other Webutuck Valley farms followed the same pattern, which sustained the agricultural landscape into the twentieth century. The listing of the Leedsville Orebed Co. and the Amenia Mining Co. in the 1880 agricultural schedule were harbingers of things to come as farm prosperity declined in the next century.

By this time, a farm improvement movement was launched fostered by state and local agricultural associations, and bolstered by numerous publications for new barn designs and farm practices. Aging and adapted barns were replaced by progressive ones designed for dairy farming with basements where cows were stanchioned and milked, threshing floors and feed storage on the floor above, and voluminous hay mows under the roof with one or more ventilators on the roof to discourage spontaneous combustion. A number of these barns were added to the district during the last half of the nineteenth century. Barns were constructed on a slope so the stone

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basement was exposed at grade on the downhill side. A modified timber frame (using massive hewn primary members and sawn secondary members) with two cross beams forming three bays on the main floor. A central threshing floor had a door large enough to bring hay wagons into the building to be unloaded into stockpiles in the side bays. Later, mechanical hay moving equipment was installed which hoisted hay into the mow through doors in the gable ends. A number of these barns survive on farms in the district; their hay storage capacity made them valuable even after newer barns were introduced in the 1900s. They differ in size reflecting the variety of dairy operations; yet, size generally increased over time as successful farms increased their herds to sustain their market share.

Agriculture in the Webutuck Valley, 1900-1950

The dairy industry became more organized and industrialized in the twentieth century with the capitalization of creameries, processing plants, feed suppliers, crop development (seeds), and farm machinery. At the same time farm improvements, which had been promoted and incentivized by county and state agricultural societies and agricultural books and journals, were becoming mandated by the state government. As demands on and costs to farmers increased, they created cooperatives to collectively reduce the price of services and combat, much like unions, declining profits. Standards for sanitary conditions expected substantial investments in aging barn facilities. New field machinery and crop handling equipment brought additional costs, just to maintain a stake in a rapidly changing environment. These improvements did not slow the decline in income.

As the Webutuck reached its peak dairy production at the turn of the century, it was already stagnating from limited improvement. The number of old basement barns surviving today indicates the lack of progress on the farmstead (PHOTO 28). These barns accrued new wings to accommodate larger herds and increased amounts of feed. Milk houses, a clean space where cows were milked, addressed the need for sanitary facilities. Sheds were constructed to house machinery with spaces above to store hay. Silos were built for the storage and fermentation of chopped corn, which had been introduced as a feed to increase butter fat levels in milk. A large modern barn, built of concrete blocks with a gambrel patent-truss roof covering the hay mow, was built at 17 Amenia Road (PHOTO 31). The extent of the building, with a capacity to house dozens of cows, is a rare example of farm investment in the valley.

As more and more farm work was mechanized, acquiring these machines became an additional financial burden. As the role of machinery increased, fields once in a pattern of stone walls and windrows were cleared of these obstacles to make it easier for large tractors and towed plows, planters, harvesters, mowers, and balers to operate. All the while, suppliers requested more money and buyers kept driving down prices. A series of price wars, shutdowns, and the literal spilling of milk characterized the period. Overwhelmed by bank loans and mortgages and outstanding bills to pay, many farmers were bankrupted. The Hudson Valley farm economy was already experiencing a depression when the Great Depression occurred and ended a significant rural era in the region.

Romantic Literature in the Webutuck Valley

One singular moment occurred in the Webutuck Valley that has set it apart from the normal course of rural history. While the Harlem Railroad was part of the pipeline conducting milk into the city and conveying supplies of coal, building materials, and domestic goods back to Amenia, it also transported thousands of urban dwellers to the country for vacations. Farmers everywhere, as well as those along the Webutuck, enhanced their income by taking in boarders; some expanded their homes to create small resorts. Myron B. Benton

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entertained visitors at his Troutbeck estate, but they were not the common sort of tourists; rather, they were some of the most important Romantic Era and Transcendentalist figures in the country. Of it, the nature writer John Burroughs wrote, "The Benton Farm came nearer being the ideal farm and country home than any farm I had ever seen, and after all these fifty years and more I have seen no country place that makes the same impression upon me in this respect that [than] does the farm of my old friend."¹³

In his leisure time, Myron B. Benton devoted himself to writing poetry, some of which was published in literary journals of the day. His younger brother, Charles Edward Benton (1841-1928), who resided in Sharon, also was a published author, as was their cousin Joel Benton (1832-1911), a poet, essayist, and the publisher of the *Amenia Times*. The writings of the Bentons attracted the attention of the Transcendentalists, who made Troutbeck a center of intellectual activity. Joel Benton, superintendent of the local lyceum, invited the likes of Margaret Fuller, Wendell Phillips, and Horace Greeley to lecture there. He also published poetry and literary titles such as *Emerson as a Poet*, *Greeley on Lincoln*, and *In the Poe Circle*.

According to Myron B. Benton's obituary in the *New York Times* (written by his cousin Joel), he maintained correspondence with Henry Thoreau, Ralph Waldo Emerson, and Moncure Conway, founder and editor of the *Dial*, which was first issued in 1840 as a Transcendentalist publication but by 1880 had become a political review and literary criticism magazine. Benton also was a contributor to *Atlantic Monthly*, in which he wrote about Coleridge and the Lake District; the name for Troutbeck came from a place Coleridge mentioned in a poem. He also published work in *Putnam's Magazine* including an essay titled "Instinct Demoralized" that he described as "an entertaining ...[but] not particularly weighty lucubration upon a rather musty subject." It is also believed that Benton must have met up with these bohemian figures at Pfaff's Ale House their favorite watering hole in New York.¹⁴

Myron Benton was an ardent admirer of both Emerson and Thoreau, and their influence can be recognized in his essays and poetry. When Thoreau died, Benton wrote "A Poem on the Death of Thoreau." His verses were praised by his friend John Burroughs and by Emerson as well, who had committed a large portion of his poem "Orchis" to memory. Poet Charles Wells Moulton observed that his poems were "very subdued in tone, but they are characteristic and breathe the air of the sweet, placid scenes among which they are written." Like Emerson and Thoreau, Benton led a modest, withdrawn life in the embrace of the nature around him.¹⁵

The remote and unspoiled setting of Troutbeck was an added inducement, and it was a subject of nature writing. After reading Thoreau's *Week on the Concord*, Myron, and Charles Benton made their own voyage down the Webutuck, the account of which Myron published as one of the titles collected in a Troutbeck Series. (No other titles have been identified.) John Burroughs wrote an introduction for the pamphlet, having earlier found a kindred spirit in Myron Benton and to whom he presented a copy of Walt Whitman's *Leaves of Grass*. These activities shaped the image of the Webutuck Valley in the contexts of nature and the Romantic rural ideal.

¹³ Charles E. Benton, *Troutbeck, A Dutchess County Homestead*, Dutchess County Historical Society Historical Monographs No.1 (1916), 4.

¹⁴ From "The Vault at Pfaff's: An Archive of Arts and Literature by the Bohemians of Antebellum New York." <https://pfaffs.web.lehigh.edu/relationships?title=Benton,%20Myron>.

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After Myron Benton's death, Troutbeck was purchased by Joel Spingarn, (1875-1939) a Columbia University professor of Comparative Literature, literary critic, civil rights activist, and an early member and second president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). Spingarn hosted early formative conferences of the organization at Troutbeck. He enlarged and aggrandized the Benton house into a mansion (PHOTO 3). Spingarn also was enthralled with the natural world. He was an amateur horticulturalist who assembled, what was in 1920, the world's largest collection of clematis (250 species in all) at Troutbeck and wrote about the history of landscape gardening and horticulture in Dutchess County.¹⁶

The Benton brothers immortalized the Webutuck Valley not as a declining agricultural community but as an unspoiled, natural environment enhanced by a picturesque, preindustrial landscape. With this image firmly in mind, more affluent city people began to purchase distressed farmhouses, many subdivided from farmland consolidated into larger holdings, which reflected the beginning of antiquarian interest in historic architecture and material culture. A prominent figure at that moment was the social critic Lewis Mumford who purchased a small historic house at the south end of Leedsville (NR listed, 1999, PHOTO 8). Mumford's disdain for the "cult of machinery" resonated with moral themes espoused by Emerson, Thoreau, and Whitman. Concerned about improving the quality of life in cities, as well as preserving the rural countryside, he was co-founder of the Regional Planning Association of America. There is no record of a connection with Spingarn, but the coincidence is suggestive.

Landscape History after 1950

The pastoral environment belied a steadily declining rural economy that reached its lowest point in the mid-twentieth century when the most profitable use of the land was for soil and gravel mining along the Webutuck. Some farms were consolidated and corporatized to compete in the agricultural market; other farms fell into disuse and disrepair with road frontages subdivided for new residential construction to meet the demand for single-family homes in the Post-WWII Era. In this way, the Webutuck Valley followed the course of many rural communities in the region (and more broadly) attributable to the demise of the family farm. The eventual salvation for this and other rural communities in proximity to New York City was that the distressed and devalued farms in the Webutuck Valley were attractive to city dwellers looking for affordable country retreats of antiquarian interest.

The current conditions of the Webutuck Agricultural Valley Historic District represent the evolution of a remote rural community from its discovery and settlement through its periods of progress, decline, and revitalization. Its enduring and defining agricultural lands are still visibly and functionally intact, although the early pattern of small family farmsteads, which survived into the twentieth century, has been obscured by land consolidation. Some bottomland has gone fallow, and the hillsides generally reforested. Other portions have been compromised by soil and gravel mines opened after the Second World War. Early farmsteads are represented by their houses, barns, and outbuildings, all of which have evolved over time. All three hamlets have retained their essential nineteenth-century character, although all have experienced historic and nonhistoric infill construction. With its broad vistas across open fields, meadows, and pastures edged by partially reforested

¹⁶ J.E. Spingarn, "Henry Winthrop Sargent and the Early History of Landscape Gardening and Ornamental Horticulture in Dutchess County, New York," *Dutchess County Historical Society Yearbook*, Vol. 22, 1937. Spingarn's papers are now housed in the archives of the New York Botanical Garden Society

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hillsides, the Webutuck Valley envelopes a distinctive rural landscape apparent from vantage points up and down the road where historic buildings comprise the foreground.

The traditional farm has become obsolete and replaced with specialty farms, such as cattle, horses, trees, and organic produce, associated with newcomers to the region, all of whom have been committed to the preservation of the agricultural landscape. A good amount of this farmland has been protected by easements conveyed to the Dutchess County Land Trust. In other places, years of soil and gravel mining have taken a toll, although these sites are being gradually reclaimed. This activity has been zoned out in most of the valley. Typical of agricultural communities, small lots were subdivided along farm roadsides in the twentieth century to create housing for families and employees or generate cash for debts and taxes. A large proportion of these houses is concentrated around the surface mine between Leedsville and Amenia Union and likely were developed by the mining company during its heyday. However, with few exceptions, a high percentage of farmhouses and hamlet dwellings depicted on nineteenth-century maps have survived and retain the character of their date of construction. Likewise, churches, schools, and commercial buildings remain in place, although subject to changing functions.

Historic farm buildings have fared differently. From the early eighteenth century to the mid-twentieth century, barns and other agricultural buildings continually evolved in response to changing agricultural practices and innovations. Some farms were more progressive than others resulting in nineteenth-century barns having been preserved in a few instances while being replaced with twentieth-century buildings in others. Many barns have been lost altogether, the subjects of disuse or victims of fire. Obsolete historic outbuildings, such as granaries, cribs, animal sheds and pens, workshops, wagon and milk houses, privies, etc. have generally been lost to time. A significant amount of the district maintains an agricultural designation in the Town of Amenia's land use zoning. This process of rise and fall and revitalization has been a significant part of the pattern of agricultural and rural community history in the region. More recently, revitalization has culminated in a resurgence of the regional economy and small farms through sustainable agriculture and a renewed city market for farm products.

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10. Geographical Data**Acreage of Property** 3761.38(NY)/ 77.73(CT)

(Do not include previously listed resource acreage.)

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.)

The boundary for the historic district begins on the north at State Highway 343 where the Webutuck Creek enters the valley and ends on the south in South Amenia where the valley ends. In between, the boundaries follow the ridge lines of Oblong Mountain on the west and the Litchfield Hills on the east. The New York – Connecticut state line forms most of the eastern boundary except in Amenia Union where a portion of the hamlet on the Connecticut side has been included in the district.

The precise course of the district boundary is indicated on the enclosed map with scale.

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

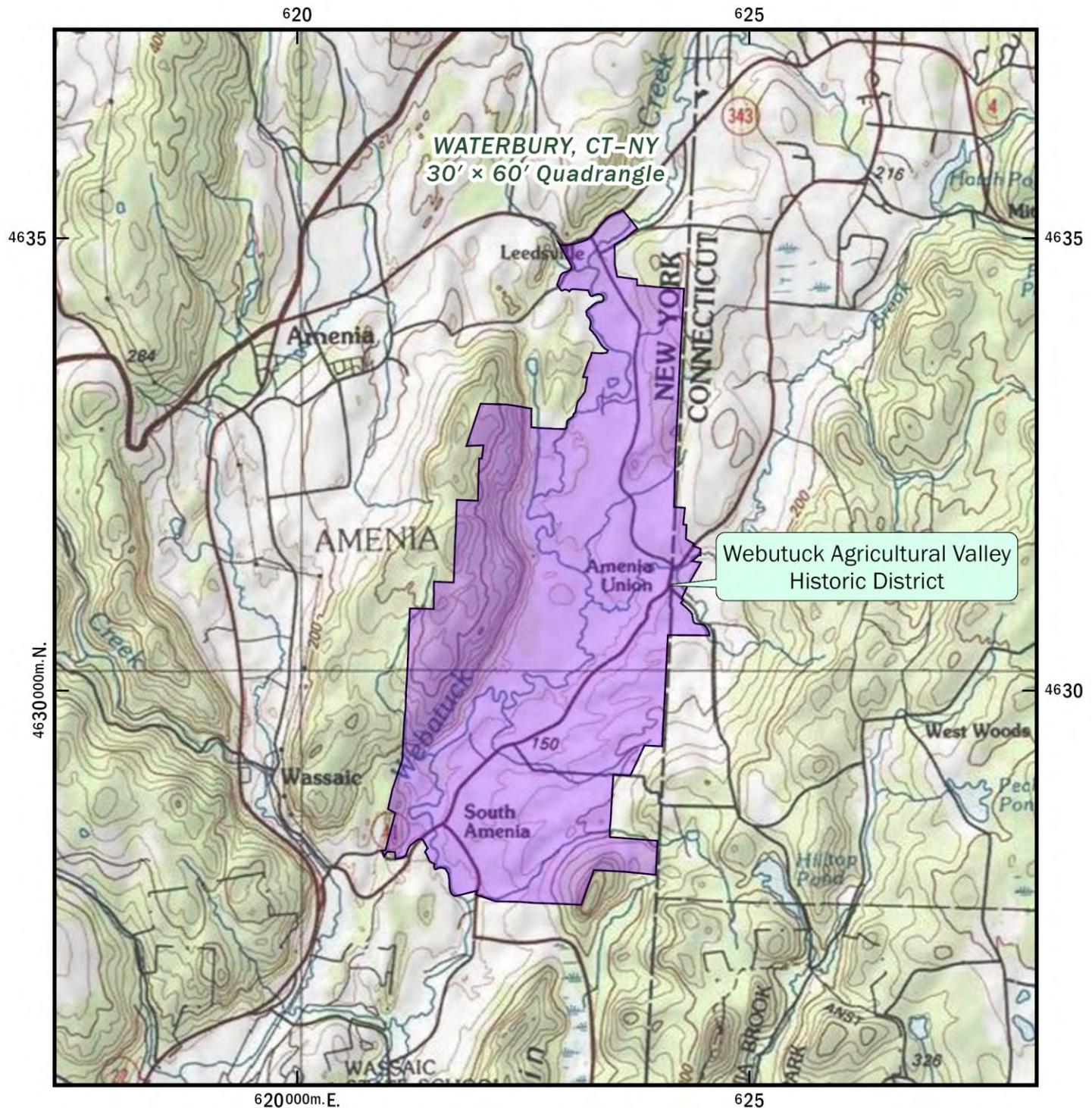
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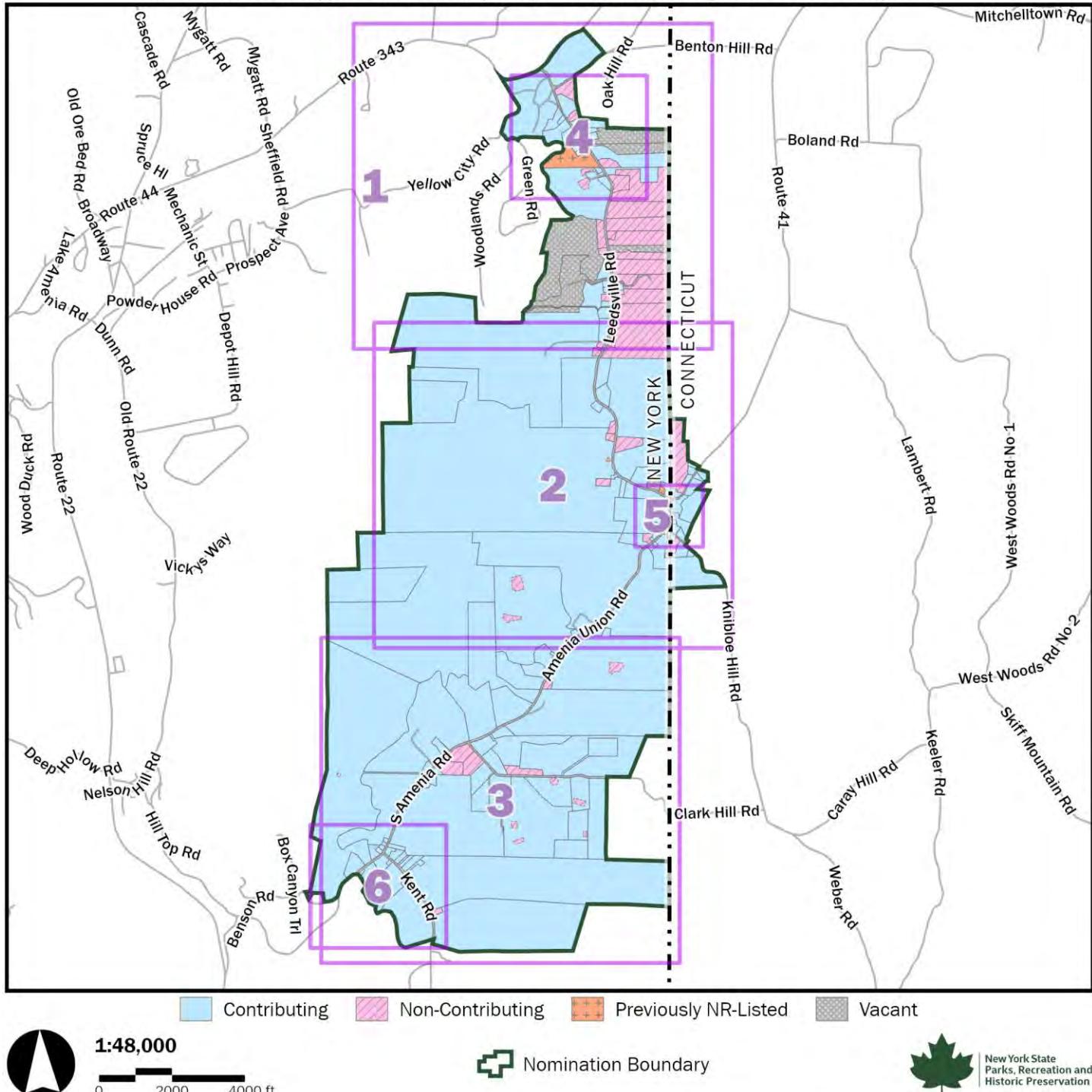
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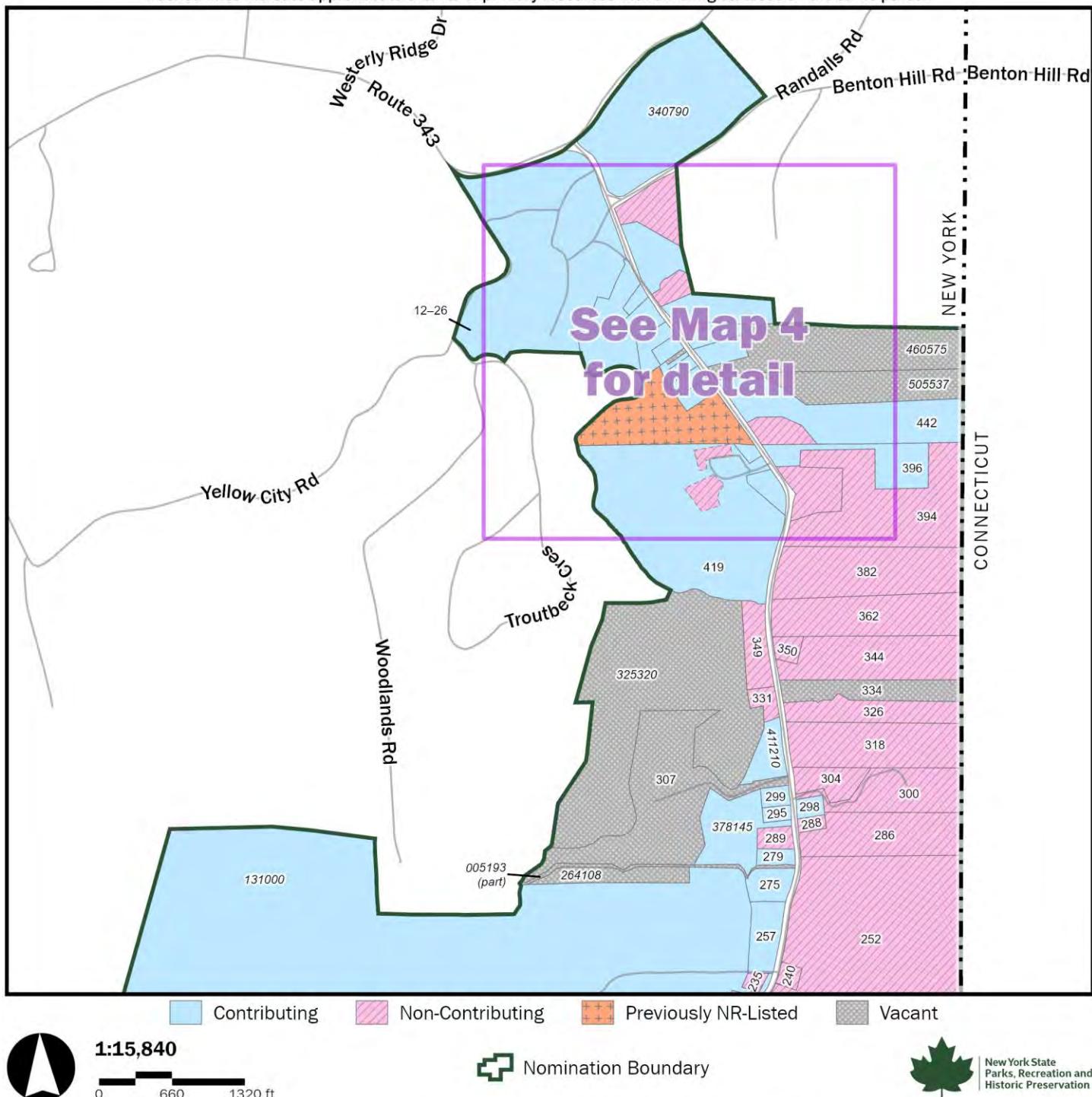
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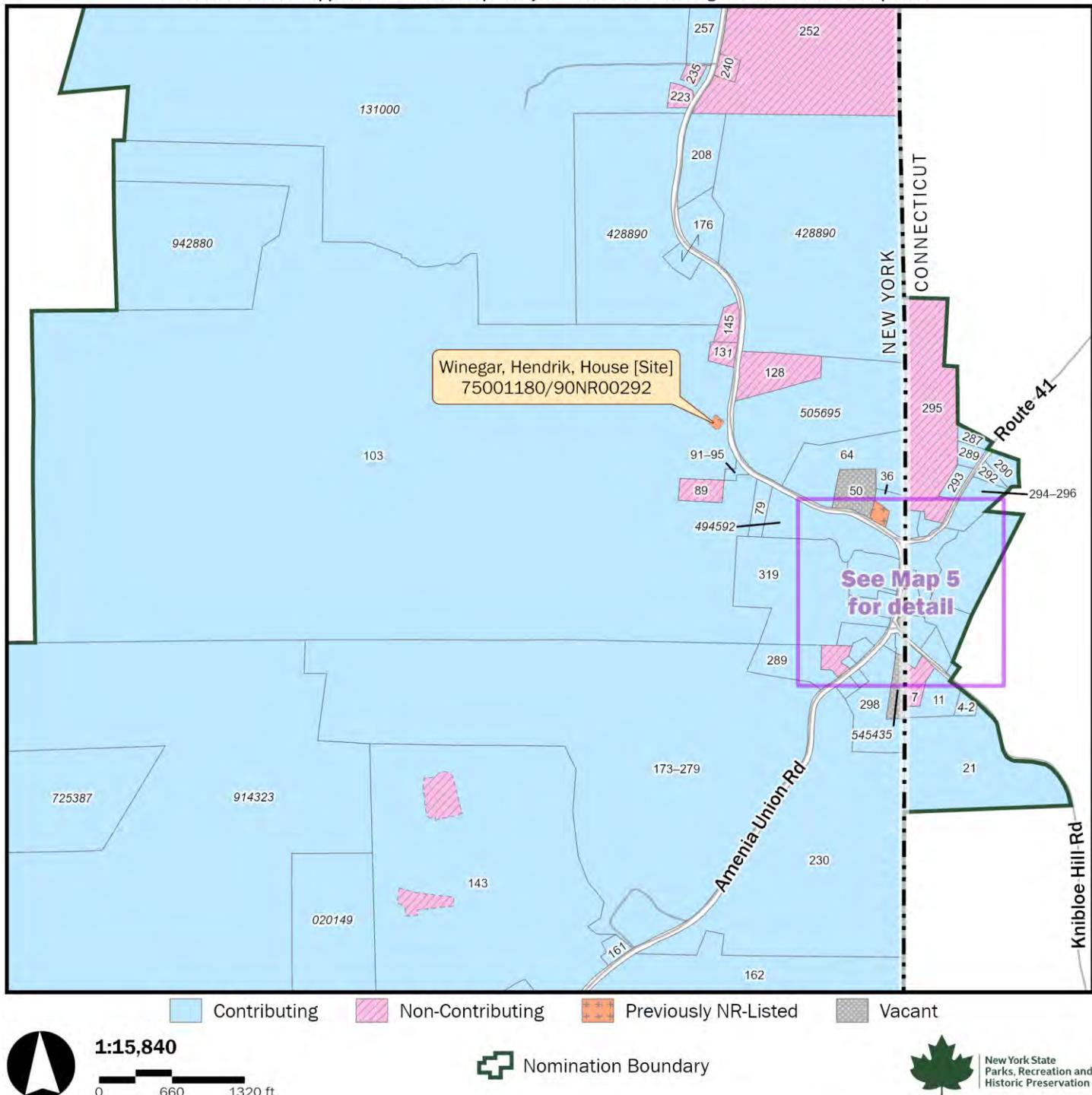
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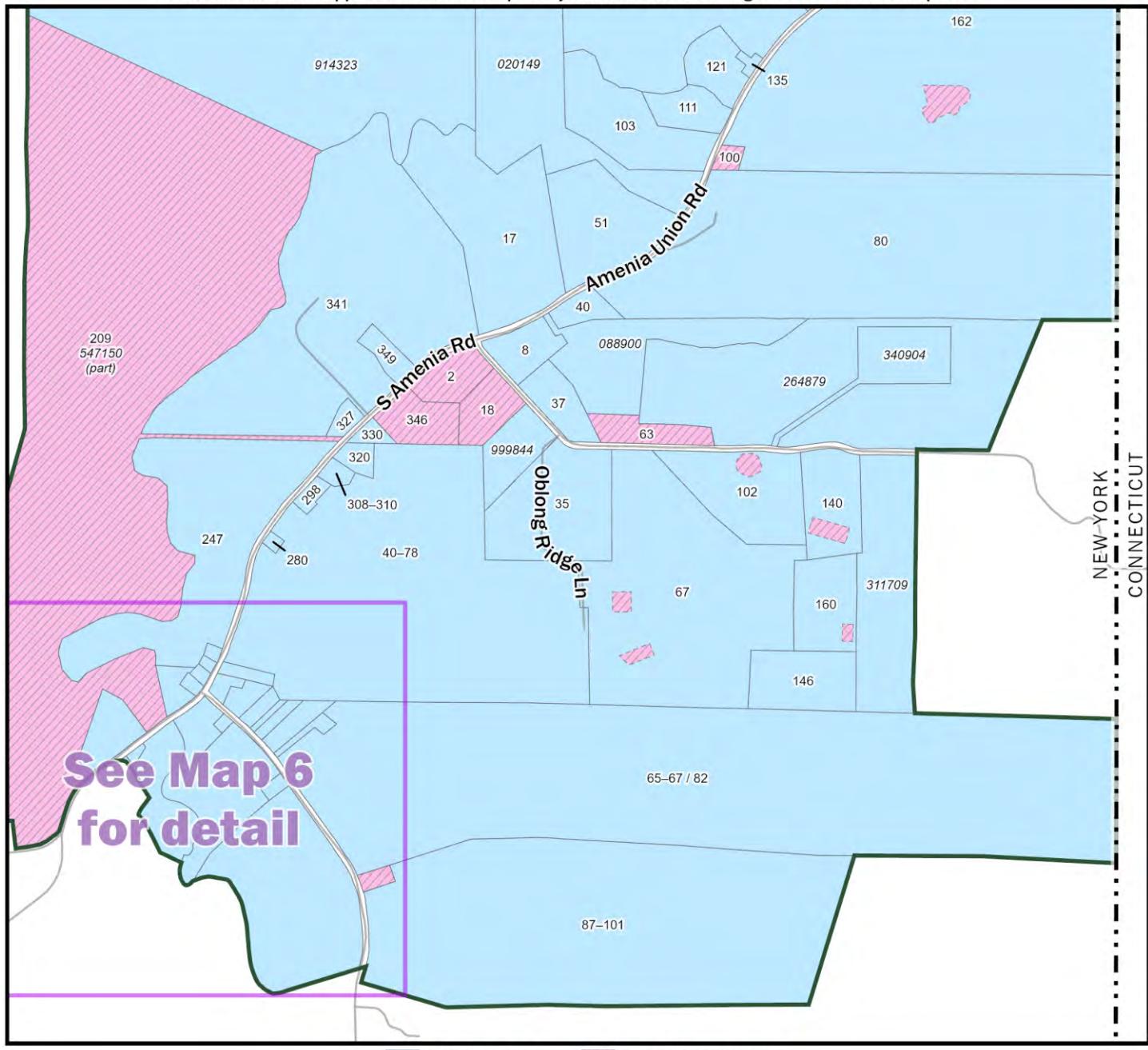
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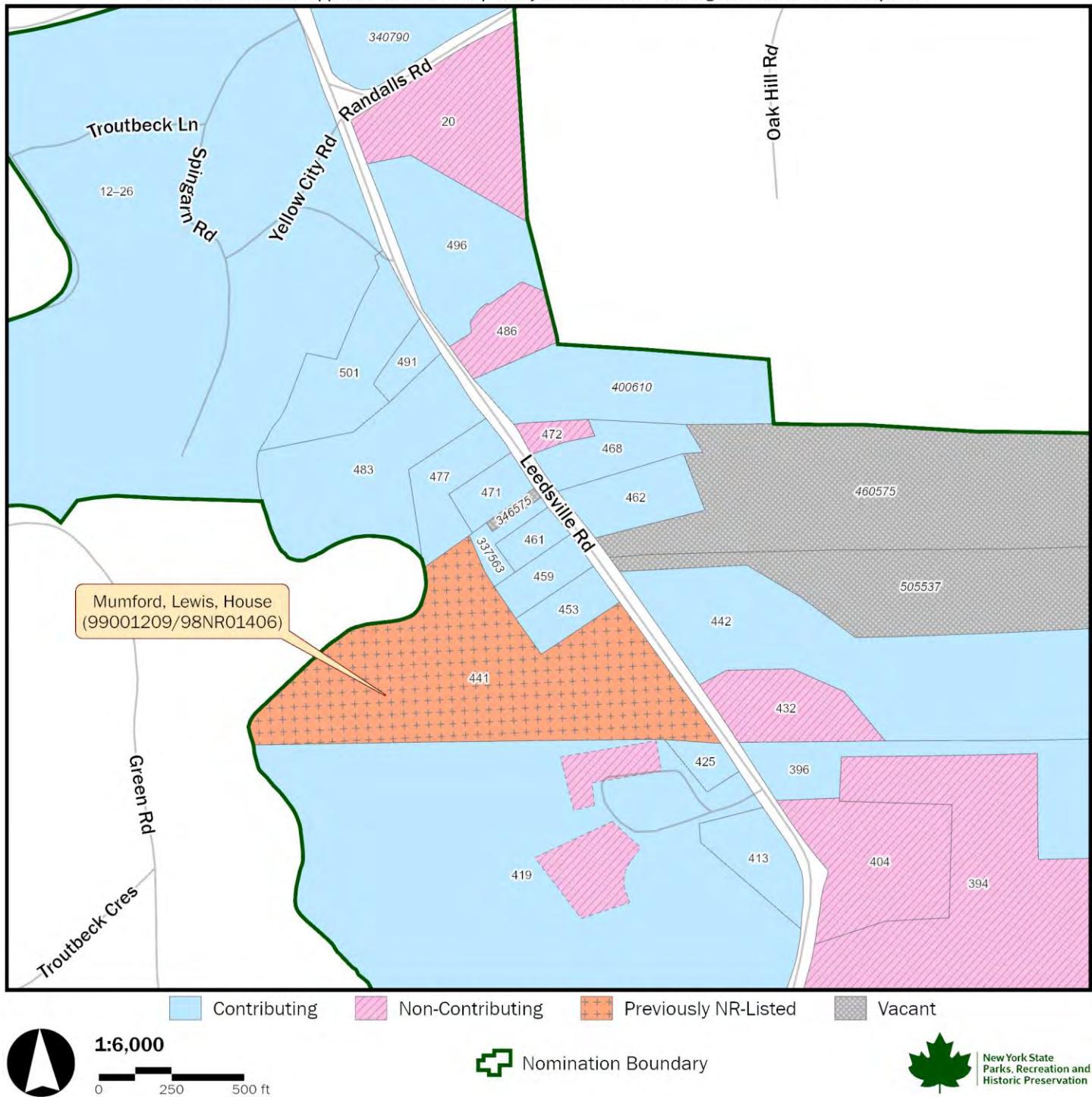
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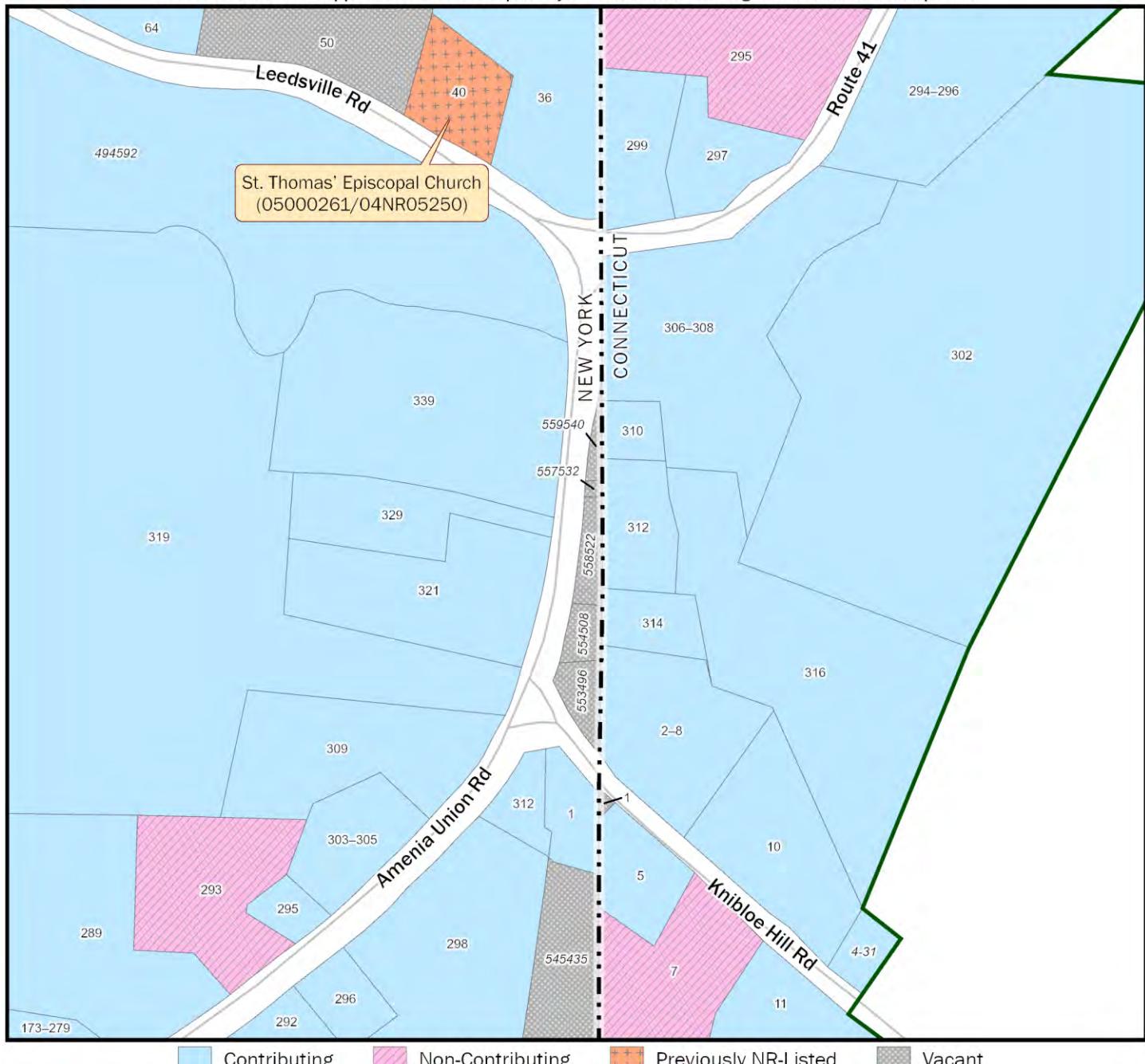
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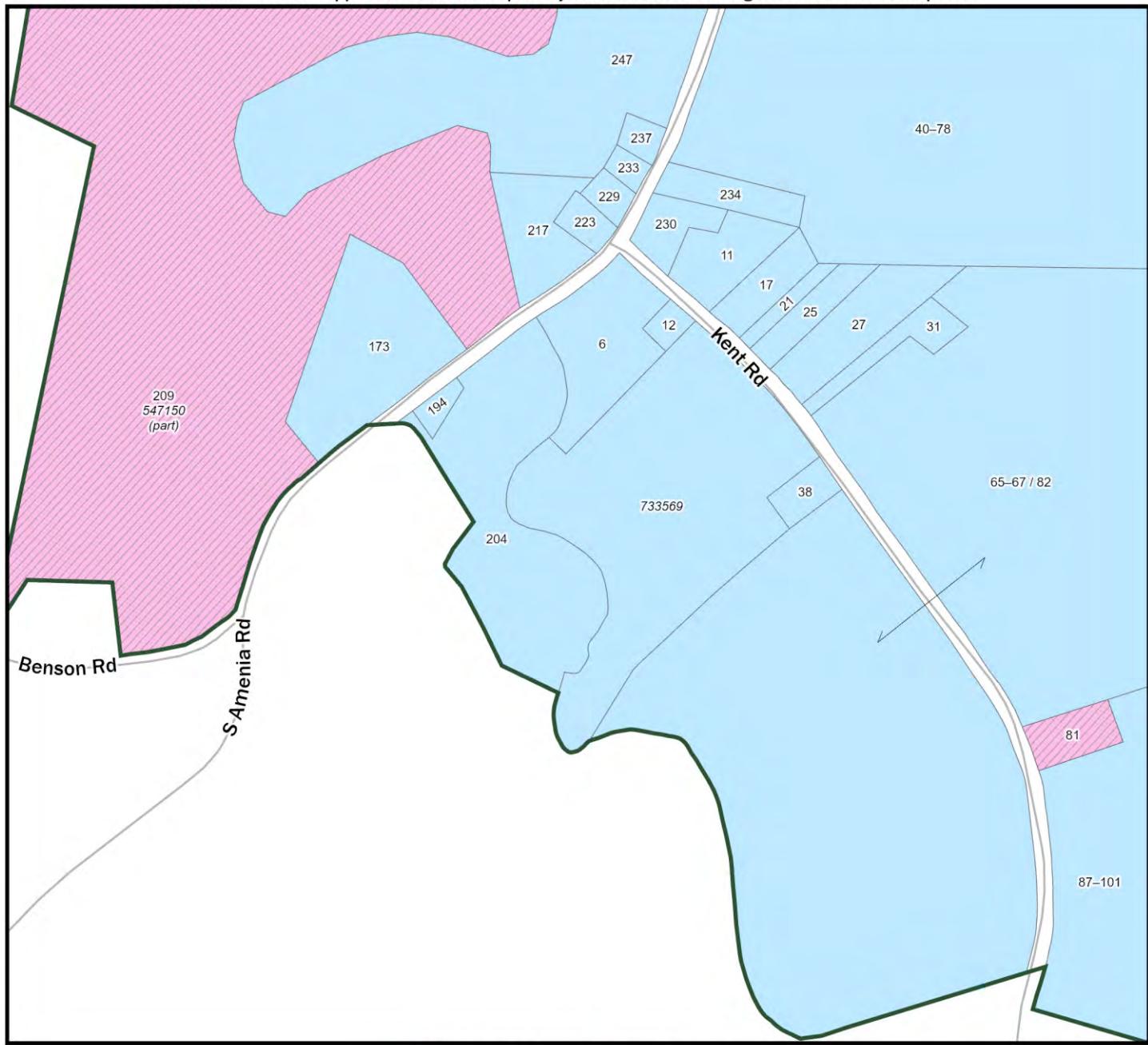
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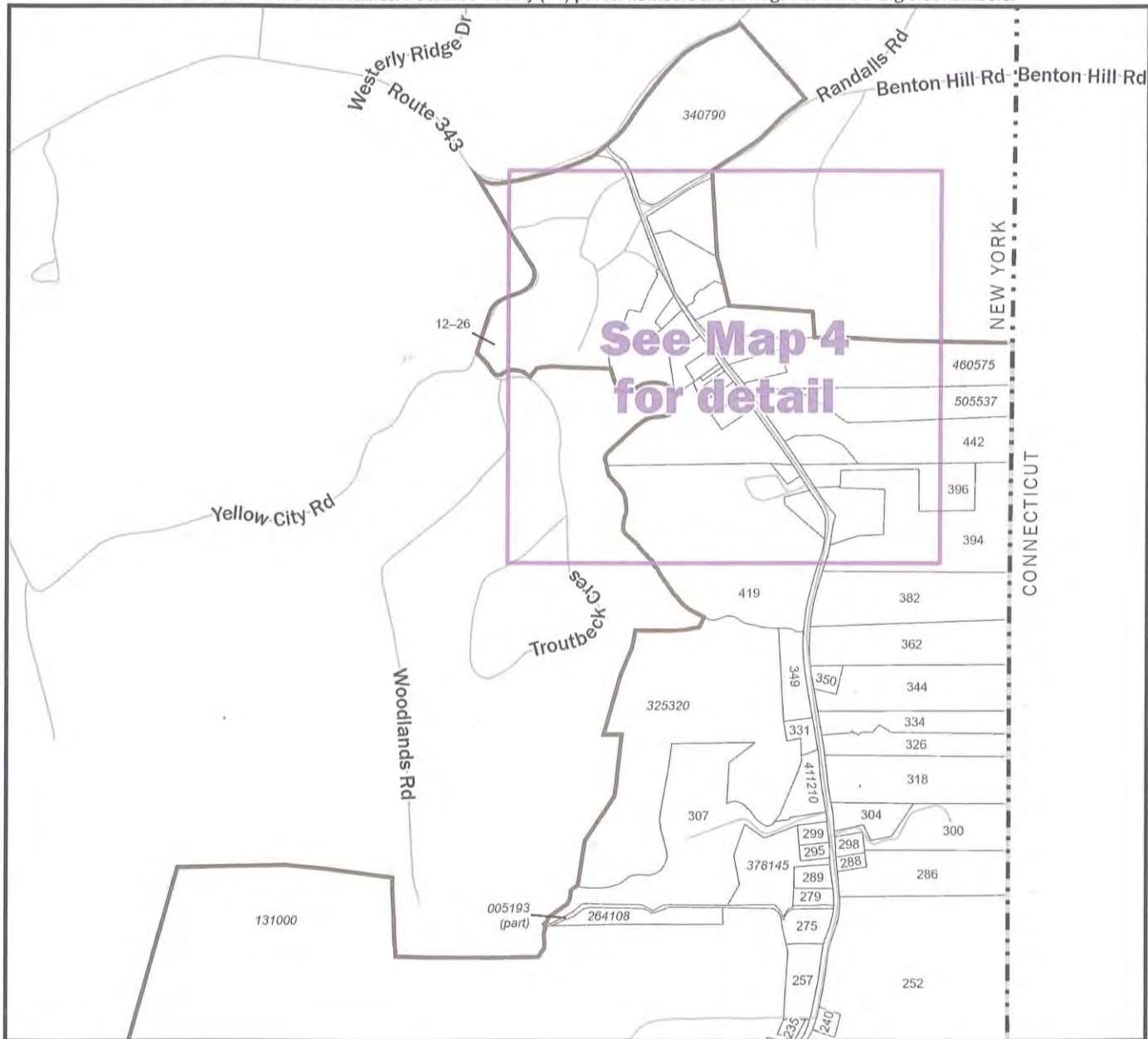
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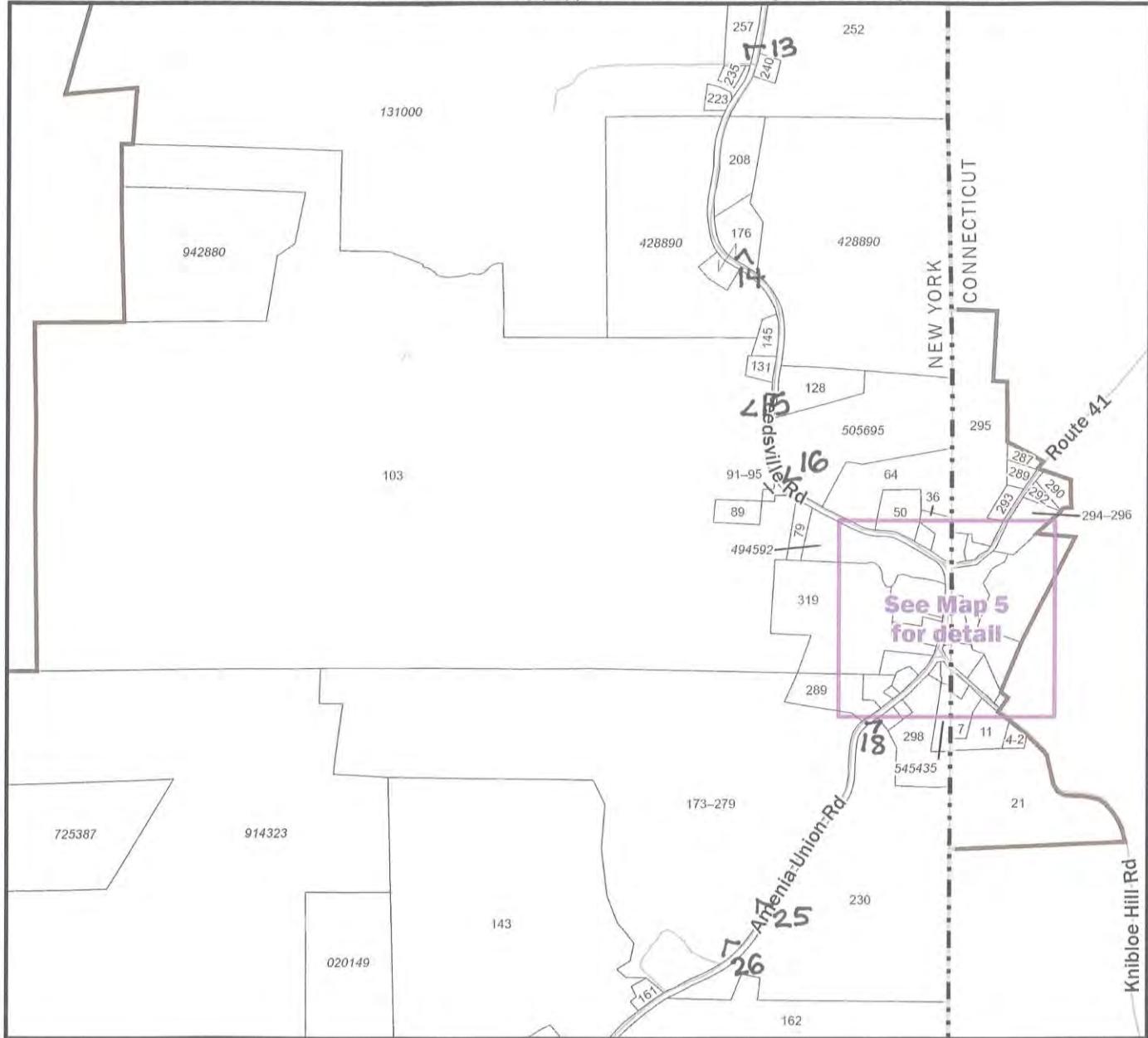
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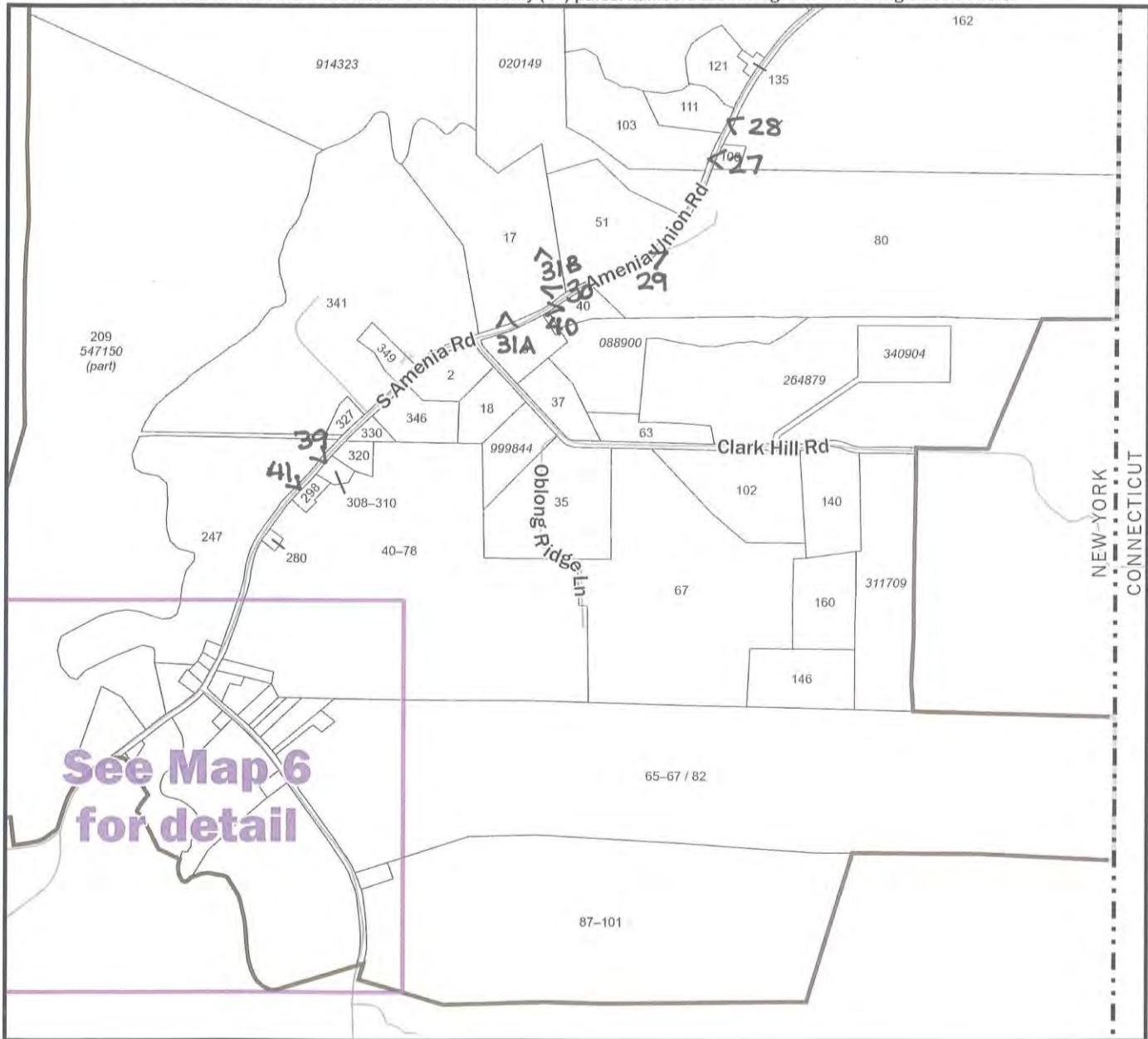
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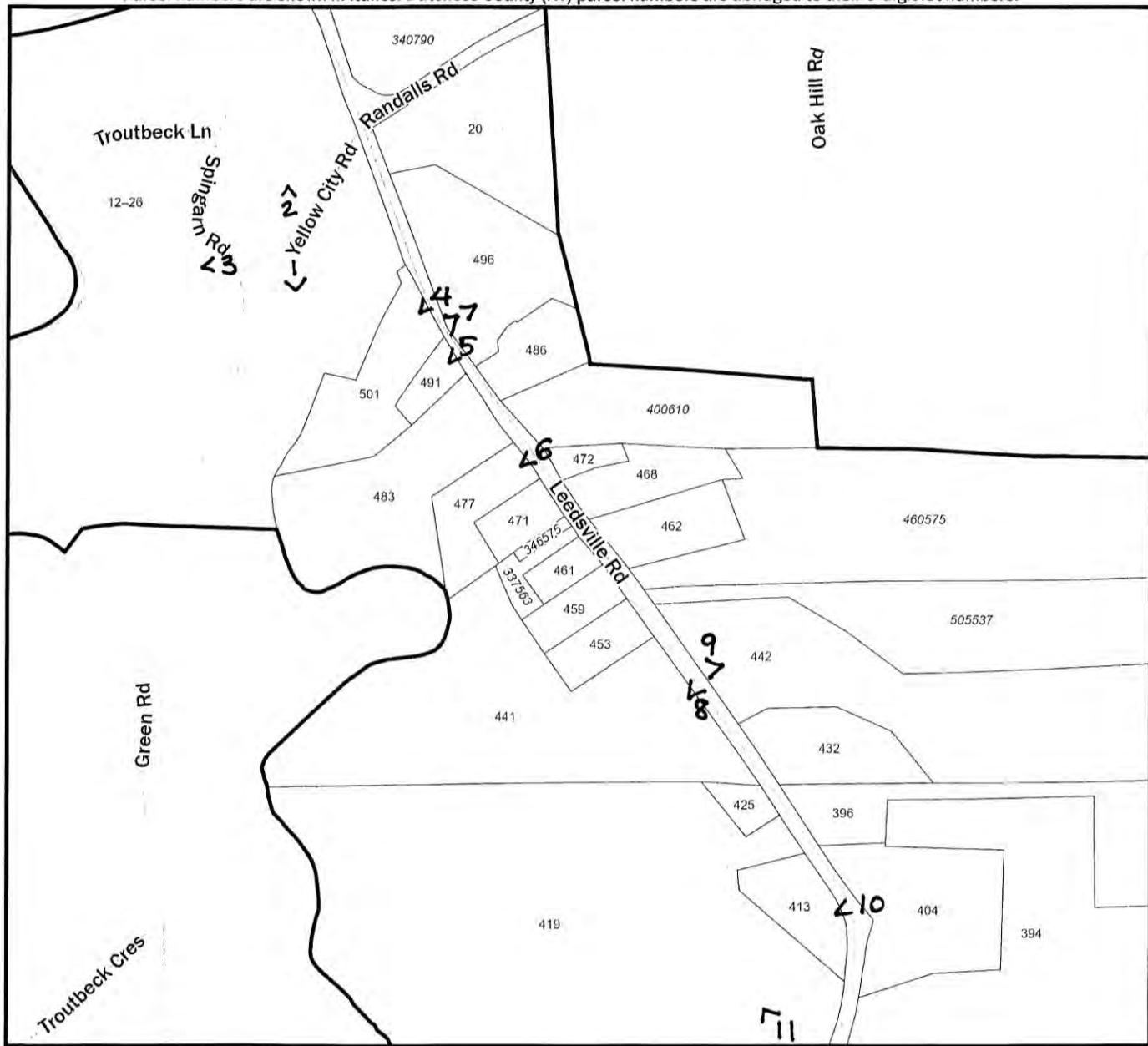
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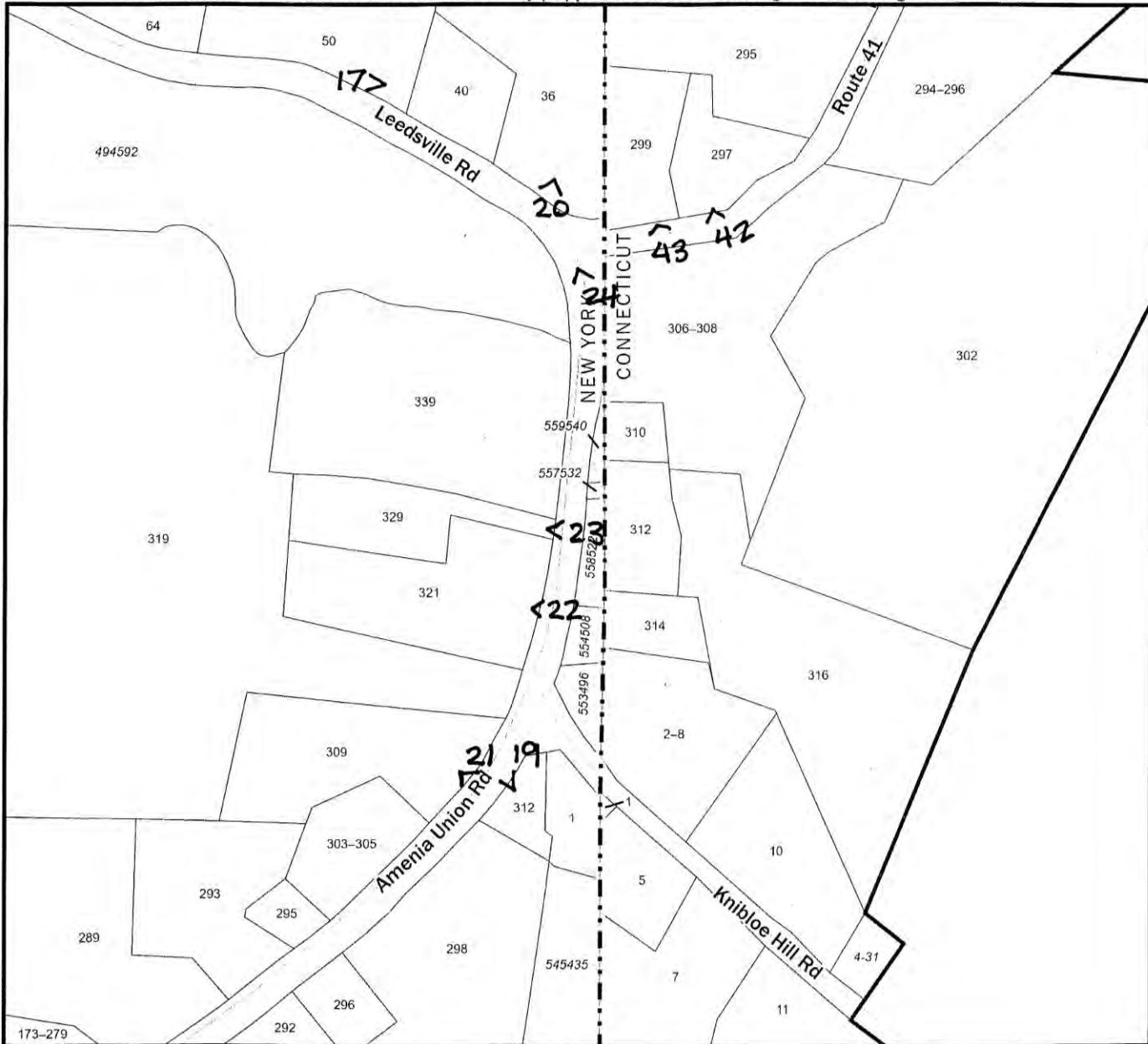
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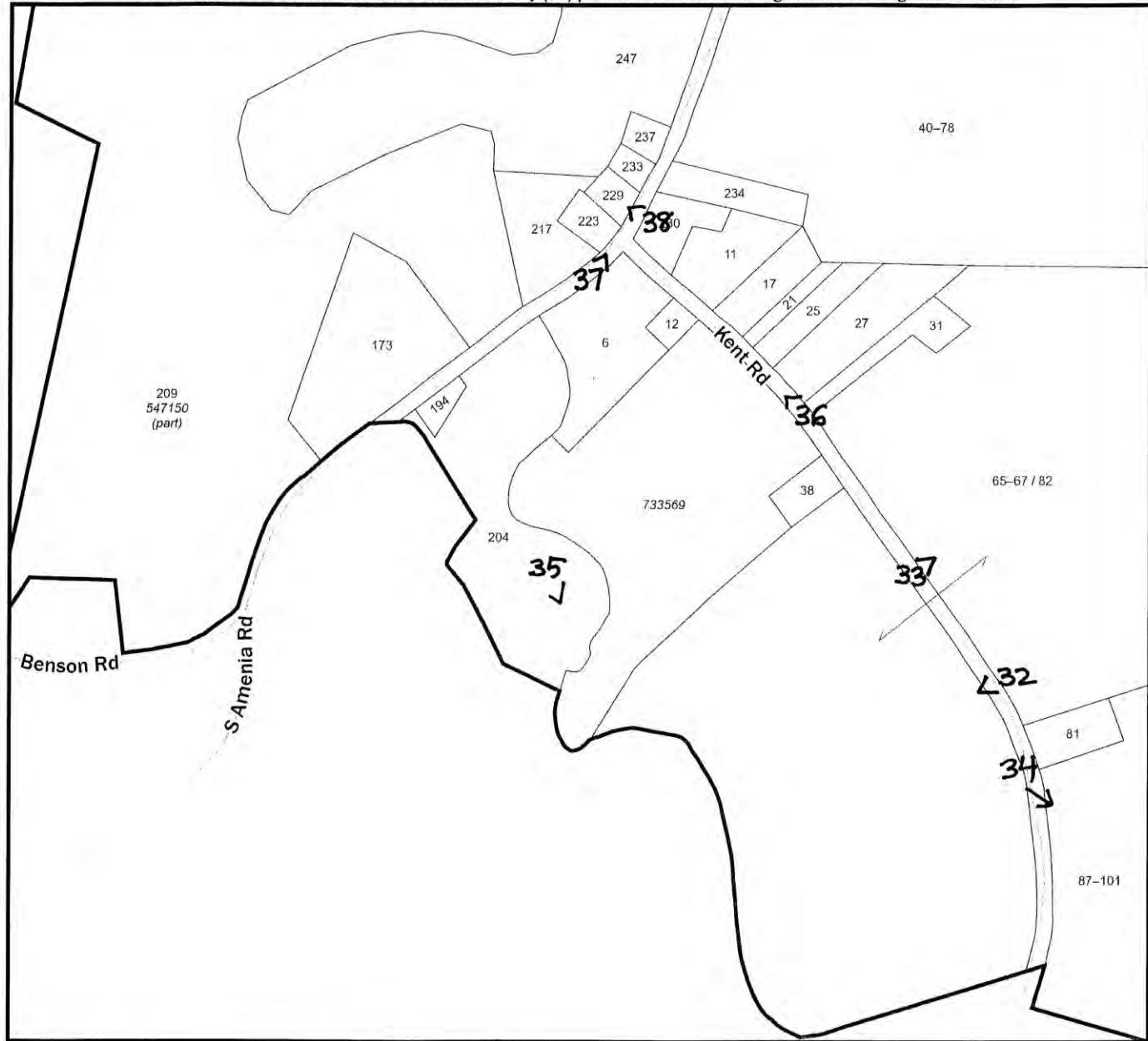
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Submit the following items with the completed form:

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A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources. Key all photographs to this map.

- **Continuation Sheets**
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Delamater House, 12-26 Troutbeck Ln.

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Joel Benton House, 12-26 Troutbeck Ln., ca. 1795.

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Troutbeck, 12-26 Troutbeck Ln, contains portions of William A. Benton House.

NY_Dutchess Co_Webutuck Agricultural Valley HD_0004

House at 501 Leedsville Rd, ca. 1810.

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NY_Dutchess Co_Webutuck Agricultural Valley HD_0005
Dormitory building at 491 Leedsville Rd., ca. 1810.

NY_Dutchess Co_Webutuck Agricultural Valley HD_0006
House at 477 Leedsville Rd., ca. 1810.

NY_Dutchess Co_Webutuck Agricultural Valley HD_0007
House at 496 Leedsville Rd.

NY_Dutchess Co_Webutuck Agricultural Valley HD_0008
House at 441 Leedsville Rd.

NY_Dutchess Co_Webutuck Agricultural Valley HD_0009
Hollister house at 442 Leedsville Rd.

NY_Dutchess Co_Webutuck Agricultural Valley HD_0010
Hollister farmhouse, 413 Leedsville Rd., ca. 1835.

NY_Dutchess Co_Webutuck Agricultural Valley HD_0011
View looking SW from Hollister farm.

NY_Dutchess Co_Webutuck Agricultural Valley HD_0012
Map of the Webutuck Valley south of Leedsville showing a surface mine on the left and lots subdivided for residential development on the right. Captured from Dutchess County Parcel Viewer.

NY_Dutchess Co_Webutuck Agricultural Valley HD_0013
Henry Morehouse House, 257 Leedsville Rd., 1843.

NY_Dutchess Co_Webutuck Agricultural Valley HD_0014
Delamater-Sherman House, 176 Leedsville Rd.

NY_Dutchess Co_Webutuck Agricultural Valley HD_0015
Farm buildings on historic Winegar Farm at 103 Leedsville Rd.

NY_Dutchess Co_Webutuck Agricultural Valley HD_0016
Amenia Union Schoolhouse, 91-95 Leedsville Rd.

NY_Dutchess Co_Webutuck Agricultural Valley HD_0017
St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 40 Leedsville Rd., 1849, Richard Upjohn, architect.

NY_Dutchess Co_Webutuck Agricultural Valley HD_0018
Amenia Union Methodist Church, 292 Amenia Union Rd., 1859.

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NY_Dutchess Co_Webutuck Agricultural Valley HD_0019

Store building at 312 Amenia Union Rd.; house at 298 Amenia Union Rd. behind.

NY_Dutchess Co_Webutuck Agricultural Valley HD_0020

Reed-Hitchcock House, 36 Leedsville Rd., 1783; St. Thomas Episcopal Church on left.

NY_Dutchess Co_Webutuck Agricultural Valley HD_0021

House at 309 Amenia Union Rd.

NY_Dutchess Co_Webutuck Agricultural Valley HD_0022

House at 321 Amenia Union Rd.

NY_Dutchess Co_Webutuck Agricultural Valley HD_0023

House at 329 Amenia Union Rd.

NY_Dutchess Co_Webutuck Agricultural Valley HD_0024

View looking south on Amenia Union Road from bridge where the Mill Brook crosses to wind its way west to the Webutuck Creek. Properties on the left side of the road are located in Connecticut.

NY_Dutchess Co_Webutuck Agricultural Valley HD_0025

Chamberlain-Swift House, 173 Amenia Union Rd.

NY_Dutchess Co_Webutuck Agricultural Valley HD_0026

Swift barn at 173 Amenia Union Rd.

NY_Dutchess Co_Webutuck Agricultural Valley HD_0027

Delamater-Reed House, 103 Amenia Union Rd., contains house dating from ca. 1740.

NY_Dutchess Co_Webutuck Agricultural Valley HD_0028

Farm buildings associated with the Reed farm, 111 Amenia Union Rd.

NY_Dutchess Co_Webutuck Agricultural Valley HD_0029

Rillside Farm (Burdick-Chaffee Farm), 80 Amenia Union Rd., settled 1773.

NY_Dutchess Co_Webutuck Agricultural Valley HD_0030

Swift-Cline House, 17 Amenia Union Rd., 1815.

NY_Dutchess Co_Webutuck Agricultural Valley HD_0031A

Barn at 17 Amenia Union Rd.

NY_Dutchess Co_Webutuck Agricultural Valley HD_0031B

Dairy Barn at 17 Amenia Union Rd.

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 Swift- Barlow House, 67 Kent Rd., mid-eighteenth century.

NY_Dutchess Co_Webutuck Agricultural Valley HD_0033
 Barlow-Cline Farm, 67 Kent Rd., mid-nineteenth century.

NY_Dutchess Co_Webutuck Agricultural Valley HD_0034
 Thomas & Maria Swift Farm, 87 Kent Rd., early-nineteenth century.

NY_Dutchess Co_Webutuck Agricultural Valley HD_0035
 Site of Cline grist mill

NY_Dutchess Co_Webutuck Agricultural Valley HD_0036
 View of north side of Kent Rd. east of S. Amenia Rd.

NY_Dutchess Co_Webutuck Agricultural Valley HD_0037
 View of west side of S. Amenia Rd. at intersection with Kent Rd.

NY_Dutchess Co_Webutuck Agricultural Valley HD_0038
 South Amenia Presbyterian Church, 229 S. Amenia Rd., 1880.

NY_Dutchess Co_Webutuck Agricultural Valley HD_0039
 Tenant house, 310 S. Amenia Rd.

NY_Dutchess Co_Webutuck Agricultural Valley HD_0040
 South Amenia Cemetery, 40 Amenia Union Rd.

NY_Dutchess Co_Webutuck Agricultural Valley HD_0041
 South Amenia Schoolhouse, 298 S Amenia Rd.

NY_Dutchess Co_Webutuck Agricultural Valley HD_0042
 Cline-Winegar House, 297 Amenia Union Rd. (Connecticut)

NY_Dutchess Co_Webutuck Agricultural Valley HD_0043
 Helena Chamberlain House, 299 Amenia Union Rd. (Connecticut)

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PHOTO 2: Joel Benton House, 12-26 Troutbeck Ln., ca. 1795.

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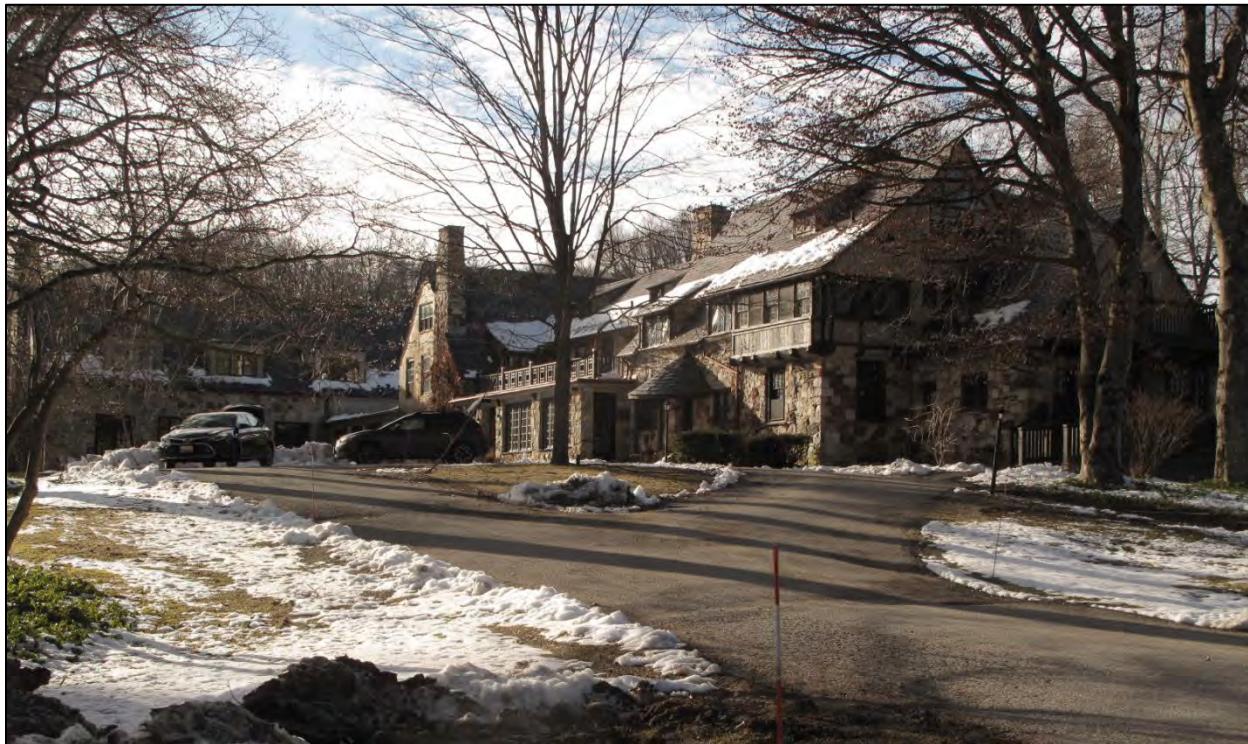


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PHOTO 4: House at 501 Leedsville Rd, ca. 1810.

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PHOTO 25: Chamberlain-Swift House, 173 Amenia Union Rd.



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PHOTO 33: Barlow-Cline Farm, 67 Kent Rd., mid-19th century.

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