



# Department of Transportation

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Regional Director

March 28, 2018

Dear Local Official:

**RE: OTSEGO COUNTY LARGE CULVERT PROJECT  
PIN 980681, STATE ROUTES 7, 28, 51 & 80  
TOWNS OF UNADILLA, WORCESTER, OTSEGO, BUTTERNUTS,  
NEW LISBON, EXETER & EDMESTON;  
OTSEGO COUNTY**

The New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) is advancing a project to repair or replace various large culverts in Otsego County. ***The Department will hold a Public Information Meeting for the above-referenced project on Tuesday, April 17, 2018 at 6:30 p.m., at the Worcester High School cafeteria; 198 Main Street, Worcester, NY.*** The purpose of the meeting is to familiarize community stakeholders with the project and provide the public with an opportunity to comment and express any concerns related to the project or its potential impacts, including the temporary impacts which are expected to occur during construction.

The meeting will begin at 6:30 pm as an open house format where Department representatives will be available to discuss the project in an informal setting. A formal presentation will begin at 7:00 pm to provide information about the project. The presentation will begin with a short introduction, followed by a description of why the project is needed, what alternatives have been considered, cost, and current schedule. This will be followed by a question and answer period. Department representatives will be available after the meeting to answer any other questions you may have regarding the project. People are encouraged to ask questions and provide comments regarding the project to staff, either orally or in writing.

This meeting pertains to one site, Site B; the culvert carrying State Route 7 over West Hill Road Creek in Worcester (see attached project location map). This culvert is at the end of its service life. While it shows signs of major deterioration, it is safe to cross. The primary objective of this project is to repair or replace the existing structurally deficient culvert by eliminating the identified deficiencies using treatment strategies which will provide a General Recommendation Rating of at least a '5' and provide the lowest life cycle maintenance costs for a service life of 70 years. A secondary objective is to address roadside safety deficiencies in the immediate vicinity of the culvert.

The project proposes to replace the deficient culvert on its existing alignment. The proposed work zone traffic control is a signed off-site detour, utilizing Interstate 88 between Interchange 18 (Schenevus) and Interchange 19 (Worcester) to direct through traffic not familiar with the area. The proposed signed off-site detour is approximately 12 miles long, from one side of the closure to the other side and will take about 14 minutes to drive the full loop. Local traffic can find alternate routes.



Pedestrian access across the creek will be provided during construction. Construction is currently scheduled to begin in the spring of 2019 and be completed in two construction seasons. Work at this site, Site B, is expected to take 3 to 4 weeks with an off-site detour in place.

Public involvement is vital to ensure all issues are identified prior to completion of the design phase. The Department would appreciate your comments or concerns regarding this proposed project. Additionally, public comment is encouraged to identify any other transportation problems in the project area. NYSDOT seeks input on a continuous basis for planning improvements for all modes of transportation. Please forward comments and concerns to the regional project manager, Shah Zaman by mail at Region 9 Design, 44 Hawley Street, Binghamton, NY 13901; by telephone at (607)721-8562; or by email at [Shah.Zaman@dot.ny.gov](mailto:Shah.Zaman@dot.ny.gov).

Sincerely,



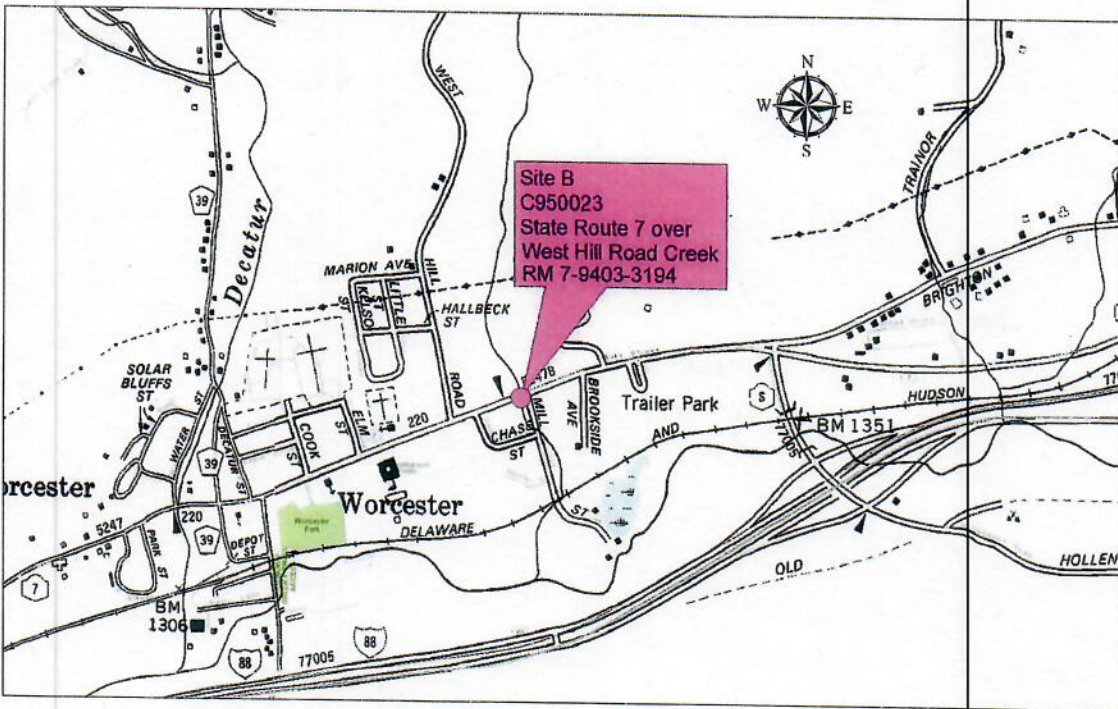
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## PROJECT LOCATION MAP



PIN 980681 State Route 7 over West Hill Road Creek  
Town of Worcester, Otsego County