
Town of York Steering Committee on High Volume Hydraulic Fracturing Conclusions and Recommendations to the Town Board



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Committee Mission Statement

“To protect the common interest of the Town of York as it pertains to natural gas development, specifically the practice of high-volume hydraulic fracturing, by studying the topic in great lengths and identifying appropriate actions to take to maintain the continued rural character of the community, community values, and ensure a safe environment for all.”



Committee Timeline

- Spring 2012 – Field Trip to Drilling Sites
- October 18, 2012 – First Committee Meeting
- November 2012 – Field Trip to Drilling Sites
- October thru April 2013 – Committee Meetings
- May 9, 2013 – Presentation of Committee Findings

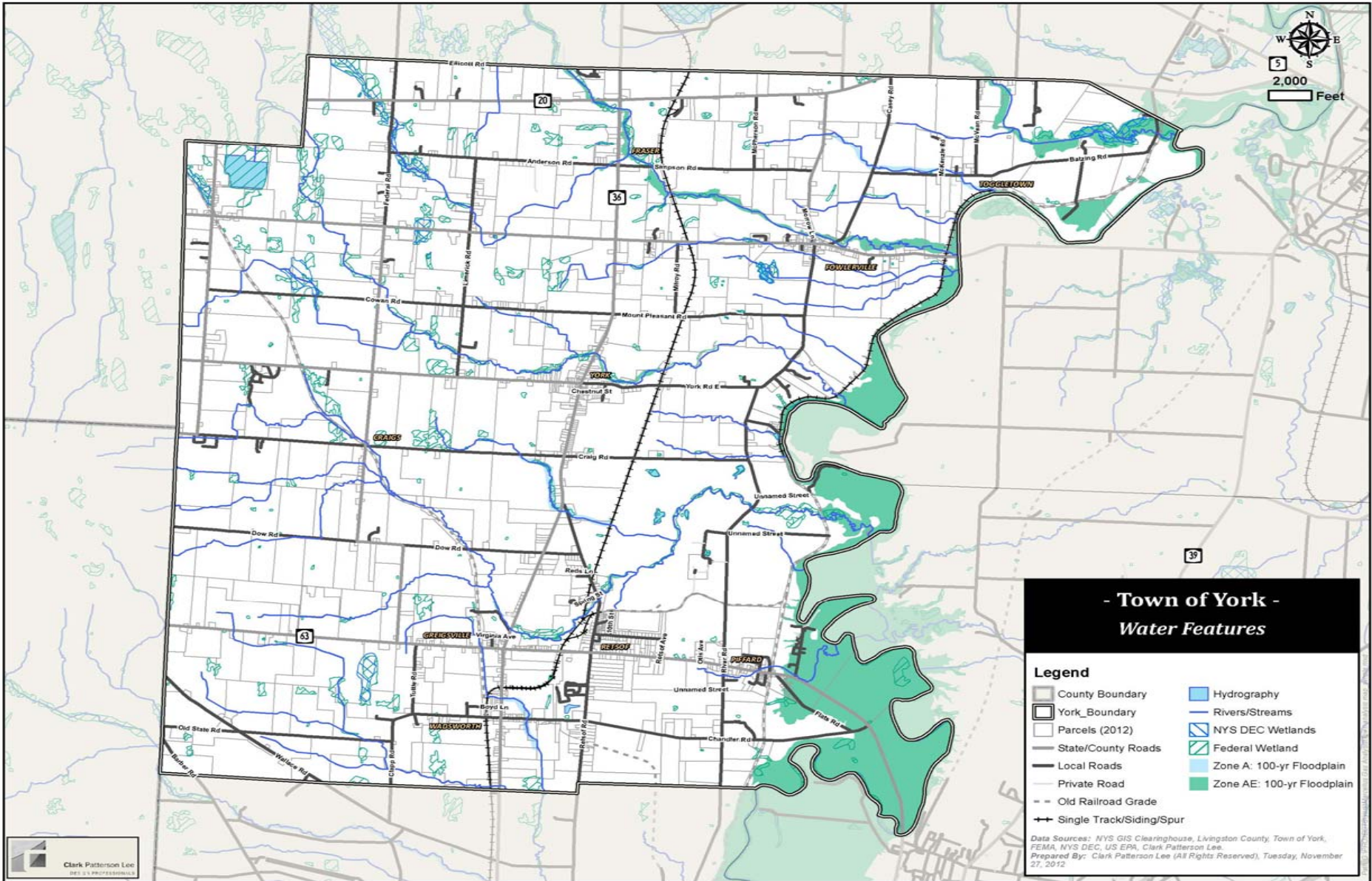


Committee Process

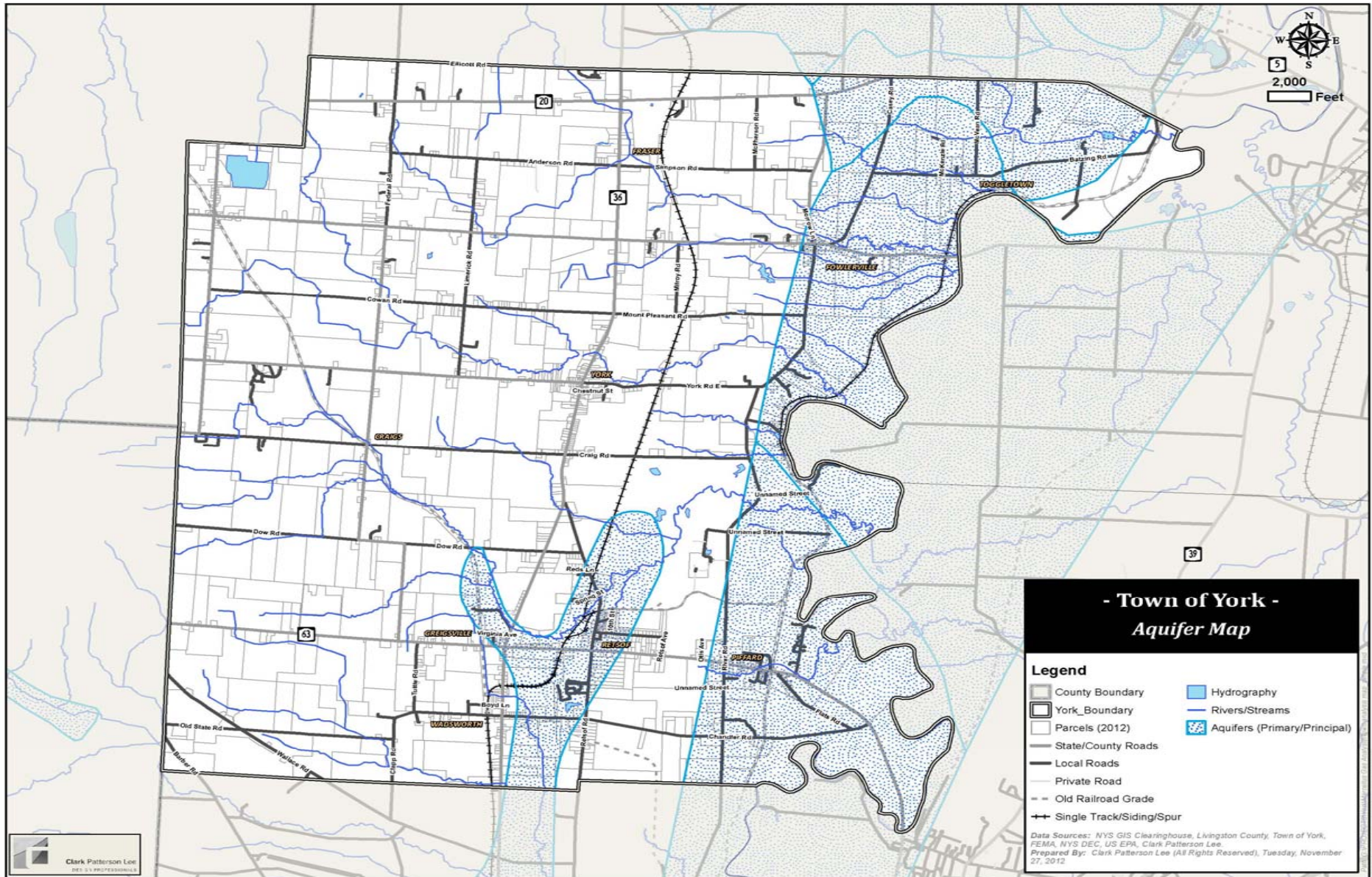
- Review of draft proposed regulations from NYSDEC
- Field trip to drilling site in Pennsylvania
- Input from representatives from neighboring communities
- Input from Town Staff
- Development of maps of existing Town resources
- Legal evaluation of process



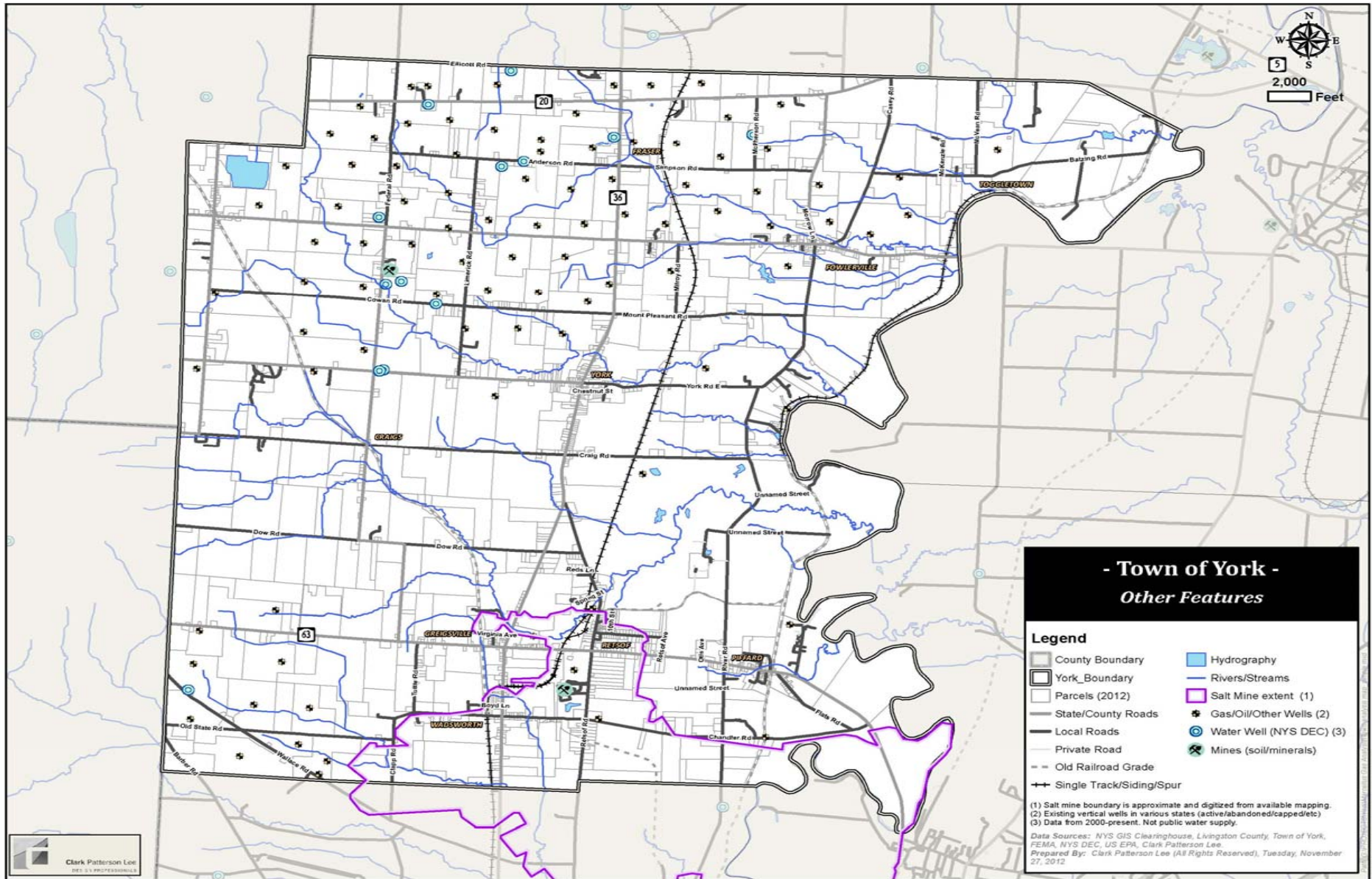
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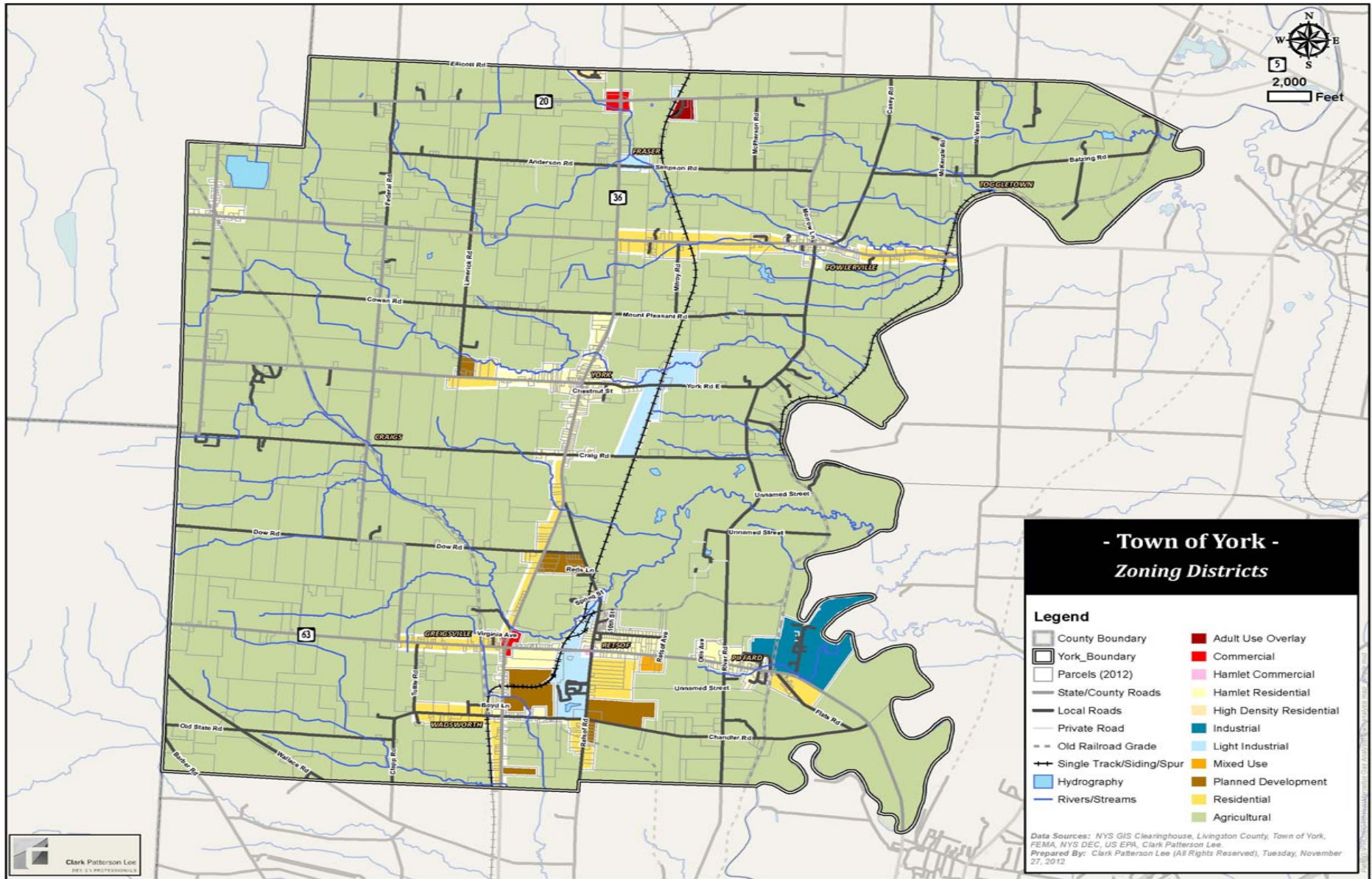
Aquifer Map



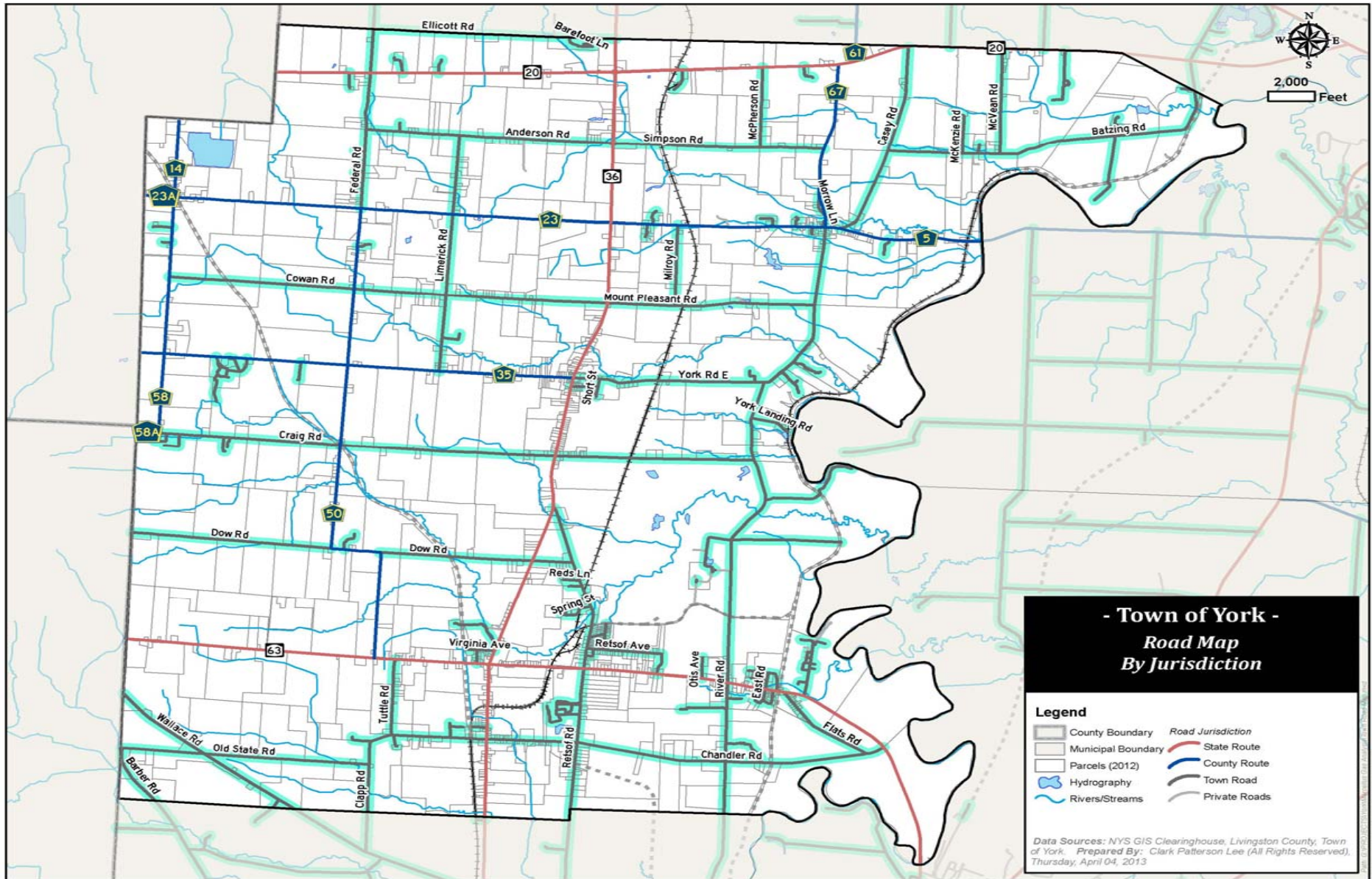
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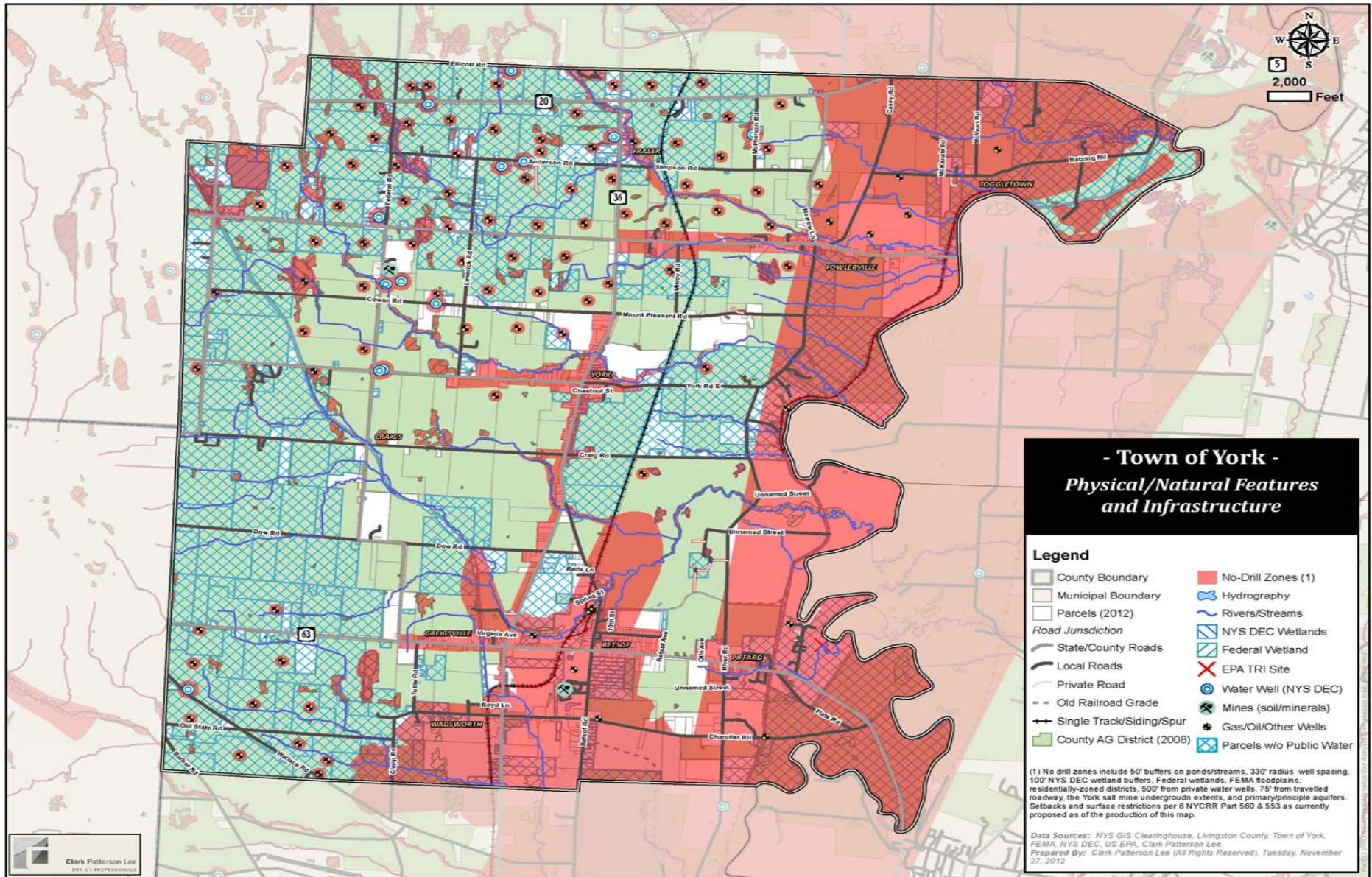
Zoning Districts



Town Road Map



Natural Features / Infrastructure



Committee Conclusions

It is the Committee's recommendation that Town of York allow HVHF drilling activities in the community, provided that the Town's primary industry, agriculture, and is maintained and protected to the greatest extent possible and certain identifiable local interests beyond those identified and regulated by the State and County are protected.



Recommendations for Implementation

- Town Road Use Agreement
- Zoning Amendments
- Aquifer Overlay District



Town Road Use Agreement

- Regulates Use of Town Roads
- Contract between Town and User
- Consistent with Livingston County Draft
- Designates Haul Routes
- Use Regulations
- Pre- and Post-Road Condition Surveys
- Bonding / Payment Requirements



Zoning Code Amendments

- Revised Definitions
- Revisions to Permitted Uses
- Minor Changes addressing Performance Standards
- **NEW SECTION 618 – Natural Gas & Petroleum Extraction**



Principal Aquifer Overlay District

- Based upon Published NYSDEC Map
- Identifies a Significant Town Environmental Resource
- Establishes 11 Prohibited Uses including:
 - Storage of hazardous / toxic materials
 - Underground Injection of wastes
 - Surface application of wastes not included in a Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan
 - Drilling Operations for Commercial Use or Re-sale



Next Steps

