

SECTION I - WATERFRONT REVITALIZATION AREA BOUNDARY

A. Regional and Local Setting

The Town of Clay is located in northern Onondaga County, approximately 2.5 miles north of the City of Syracuse, approximately 1 mile northwest of Onondaga Lake and approximately 1 mile west of Oneida Lake. The Town is approximately 48 square miles in size, and is bordered by the Town of Lysander to the west, the Town of Salina to the south and the Town of Cicero to the east. The Towns of Schroepfel and Hastings, located in Oswego County, border the Town of Clay to the north. The Town has approximately 26 miles of shoreline along the Seneca River, the Oneida River and the Erie Canal (17.8 miles along Oneida River, 5.7 miles along Seneca River, 1.9 miles along Anthony Cut portion of the Erie Canal, and 1 mile along Big Bend Cut portion of the Erie Canal). Refer to [Figure 1 – Regional Setting](#).

B. Boundary Criteria

The boundary of the Town’s waterfront area, referred to in this Program as the Waterfront Corridor, is intended to include all land and features within the Town of Clay that may have a “direct and significant impact” on the Town’s river shorelines and one or more of the following characteristics:

- Areas having direct contact with, dependent upon, or making use of the Town’s waterfront.
- Natural features that are affected by or have an effect on the Town’s waterfront.
- Lands having a direct functional, cultural or historical relationship with the Town’s shoreline.
- Lands having a direct aesthetic relationship with the Town’s waterfront. This includes land that may be clearly visible from the waterfront or may have waterfront views from a portion of the land.

C. Description of Waterfront Corridor

Waterside Boundary

The waterside boundary of the Waterfront Corridor begins at the center of the Seneca River, at the Town of Clay/Town of Salina line and follows the Seneca River north, along the center of the river (Town of Clay/Town of Lysander line) until it reaches Three Rivers Point, where the Seneca and Oneida Rivers meet to form the Oswego River. The waterside boundary then continues to the northeast, along the center of the Oneida River (Town of Clay/Town of Schroepfel line), around Horseshoe Island and to the east. The boundary continues along the Oneida River north toward the northernmost portion of the Town of Clay, then follows the center of the river (Town of Clay/Town of Hastings line) to the southeast toward Oneida Lake until it reaches the northeast boundary of Town of Clay, where it meets with the Town of Cicero. This waterfront boundary area also includes the portion of the Erie Canal known as the Big Bend Cut, located south of Horseshoe Island, and a second portion of the Canal known as the Anthony Cut, just south of the Town of Clay/Town of Schroepfel/Town of Hastings line, which includes the New York State Canal System Lock 23.

Inland Boundary

The inland boundary of the waterfront redevelopment corridor begins at the center of the Seneca River, at the Town of Clay/Town of Salina line, and follows the town line to the southeast where it meets John Glenn Boulevard. The boundary then follows the centerline of John Glenn Boulevard east to County Route 57. The boundary line runs north along the centerline of County Route 57 until its intersection with Ver Plank Road, where it heads east along the centerline of Ver Plank Road to Bennett Road. The boundary follows Bennett Road north to Maider Road. The boundary continues along Maider Road to the east and continues across Interstate Route 481. The boundary continues east at the intersection of Maider Road and Bonstead Road. The boundary includes parcels of land on both the north and south sides of Maider Road, east through the intersection at Morgan Road. The boundary continues east along Oak Orchard Road, until its intersection with Henry Clay Boulevard. The boundary then continues east along the centerline of Oak Orchard Road (including parcels to the north only), until its intersection with Caughdenoy Road. The boundary continues north along Caughdenoy Road until it meets Guy Young Road. The boundary follows the centerline of Guy Young Road east to the Town of Clay/Town of Cicero line. The boundary follows the town line north, to the center of the Oneida River, where it meets the waterside boundary. The Waterfront Corridor contains approximately 8,200 acres of land. Refer to [Figure 2 – Waterfront Corridor](#) and [Figure 2A – Waterfront Corridor](#) for the limits of the Waterfront Corridor.