

**FINAL GENERIC ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (FGEIS)
DOLSONTOWN CORRIDOR
Town of Wawayanda, Orange County, New York**

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HUDSON VALLEY

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Re: Archaeological Sensitivity Assessment
Dolsontown Road Right Of Way Improvements
Dolsontown Road
Middletown, Orange County, New York

Dear Mr. Neuman,

Hudson Valley Cultural Resource Consultants (HVCRC) completed a review of the archaeological sensitivity of the Right of Way (R.O.W) along the northern and southern sides of Dolsontown Road in Middletown New York. The area considered is one mile in length from Route 17M east-southeast to McVeigh Road.

Dolsontown Road is an improved road, with a very narrow road shoulder in areas from Route 17M to McVeigh Road. The road is bordered by overhead utilities, and subsurface water and sewer lines. Guardrails border the road in areas that cross over drainage culverts and Monhagen Brook. The road is currently bordered by a mix of residential and commercial properties. Agricultural fields, generally mown for hay also border, portions of the roadway.

The proposed undertaking consists of widening and improving the one mile course of the roadway from Route 17M to McVeigh Road. The improvements to the roadway will support new development along the roadway, particularly that in the general vicinity of 1080 Dolsontown Road. The improvements will consist of expanding the road shoulder to widen the travel lanes on one or both sides of the roadway. The expansion at the widest portion will add $\pm 10-12$ feet to the roadway.

HVCRC completed a review of the area of the proposed roadway expansion, examined historic (19th century) maps, and the site file information housed by the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) in their Cultural Resource Information System (CRIS). Only one National Register Eligible property is located along this portion of Dolsontown Road. The CRIS files indicate that 1197 Dolsontown Road has both Eligible and Undetermined status. This structure is located 40' from the edge of the pavement. Current concept plans indicate that only the existing road shoulder will be improved in the vicinity of this structure.

No archaeological sites have been identified adjacent to Dolsontown Road. Two archaeological sites have been identified in close proximity to Monhagen Brook on the southern side of the roadway, however, these sites are located more than 250' from the edge of the existing roadway and will not be impacted by the proposed undertaking.

More than twelve (12) cultural resource studies have been completed in the general vicinity. These surveys have not identified any significant cultural resources or archaeological sites.

It is the opinion of Hudson Valley Cultural Resource Consultants that the potential for intact archaeological deposits within the boundaries of the proposed undertaking is low to none. Therefore the work proposed will not have a significant or adverse impact on any above ground resources.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Beth Selig". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "B".

Beth Selig
President,
Hudson Valley Cultural Resource Consultants (HVCRC)

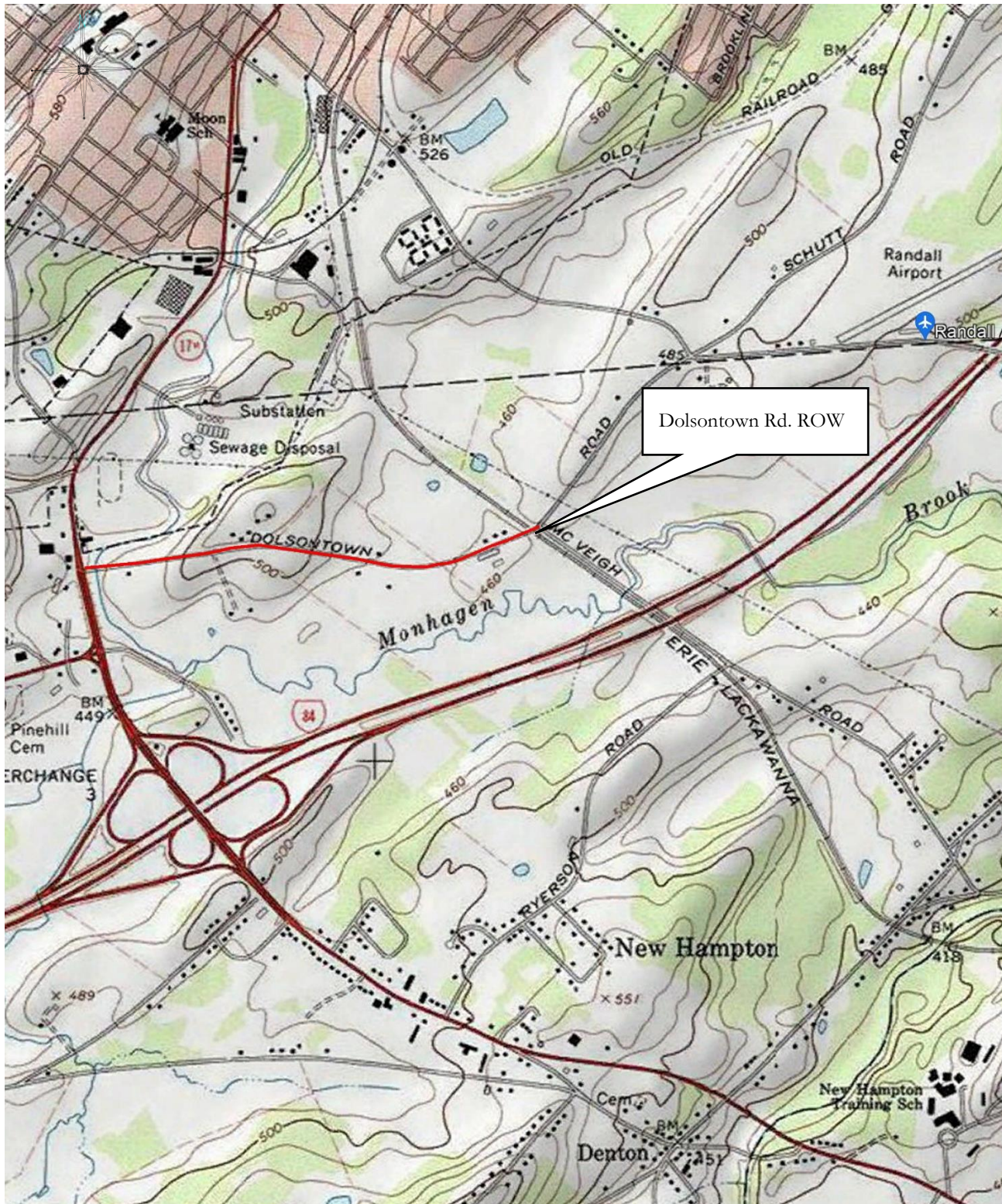


Figure 1: 1980 USGS Topographical Map. Middletown, NY Quadrangle. 7.5 Minute Series. (Source: Google.com.) Scale: 1" = 1700'.

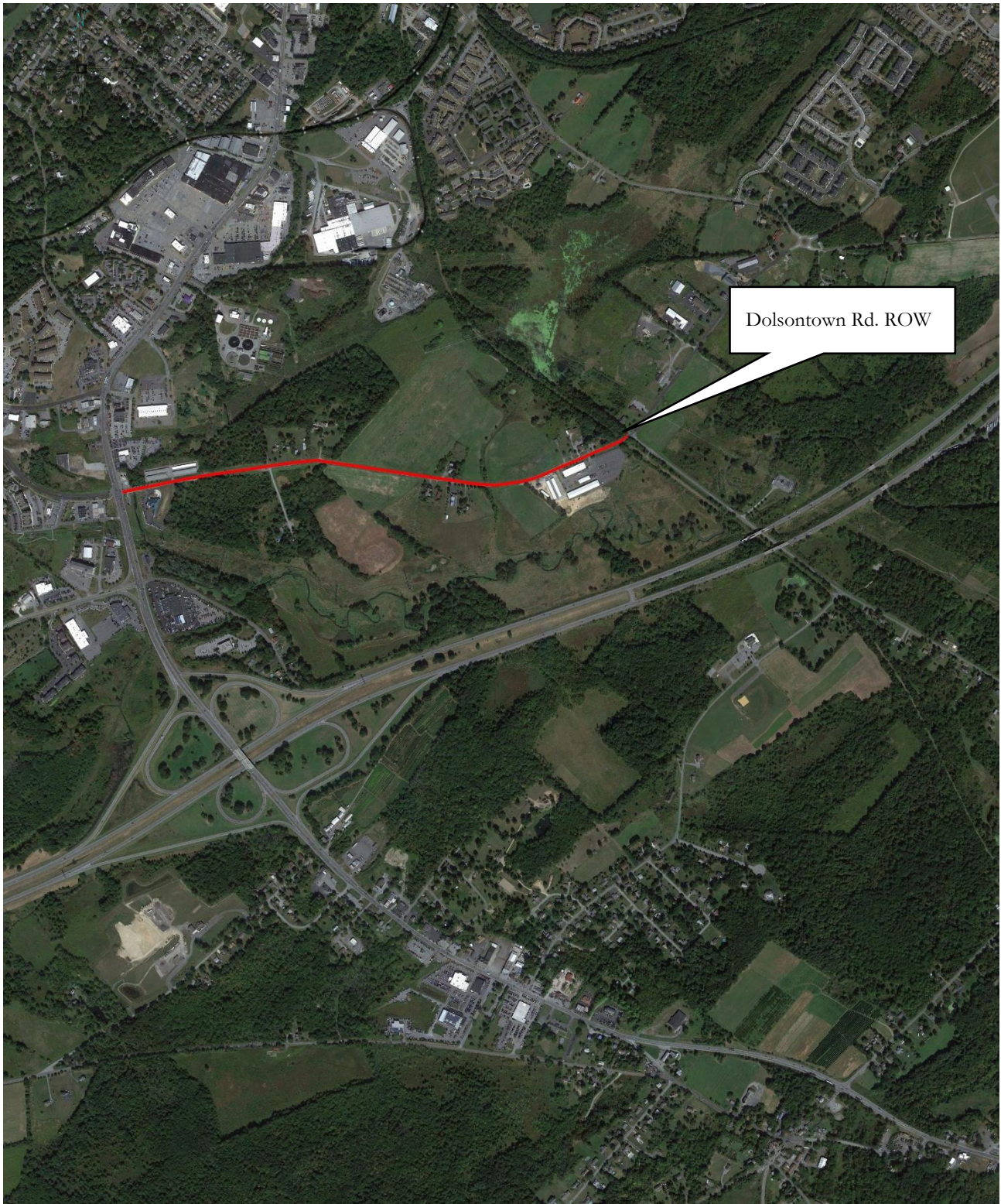


Figure 2: 2019 Aerial Image showing the Dolsontown Road ROW. (Source: Google.com.) Scale: 1" = 1510'.

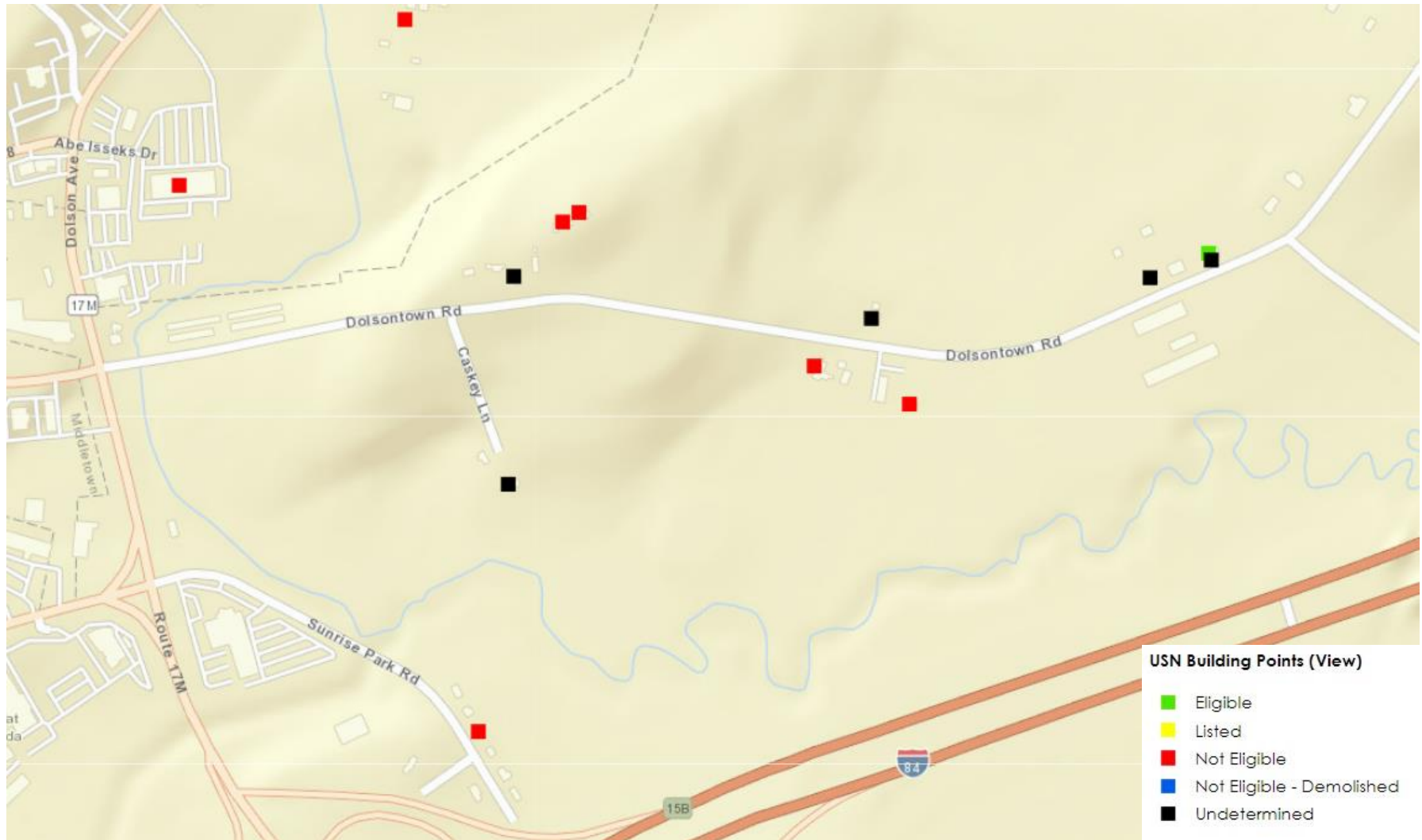


Figure 3: CRIS map showing the evaluated properties along Dolsontown Road in the vicinity of the proposed undertaking.

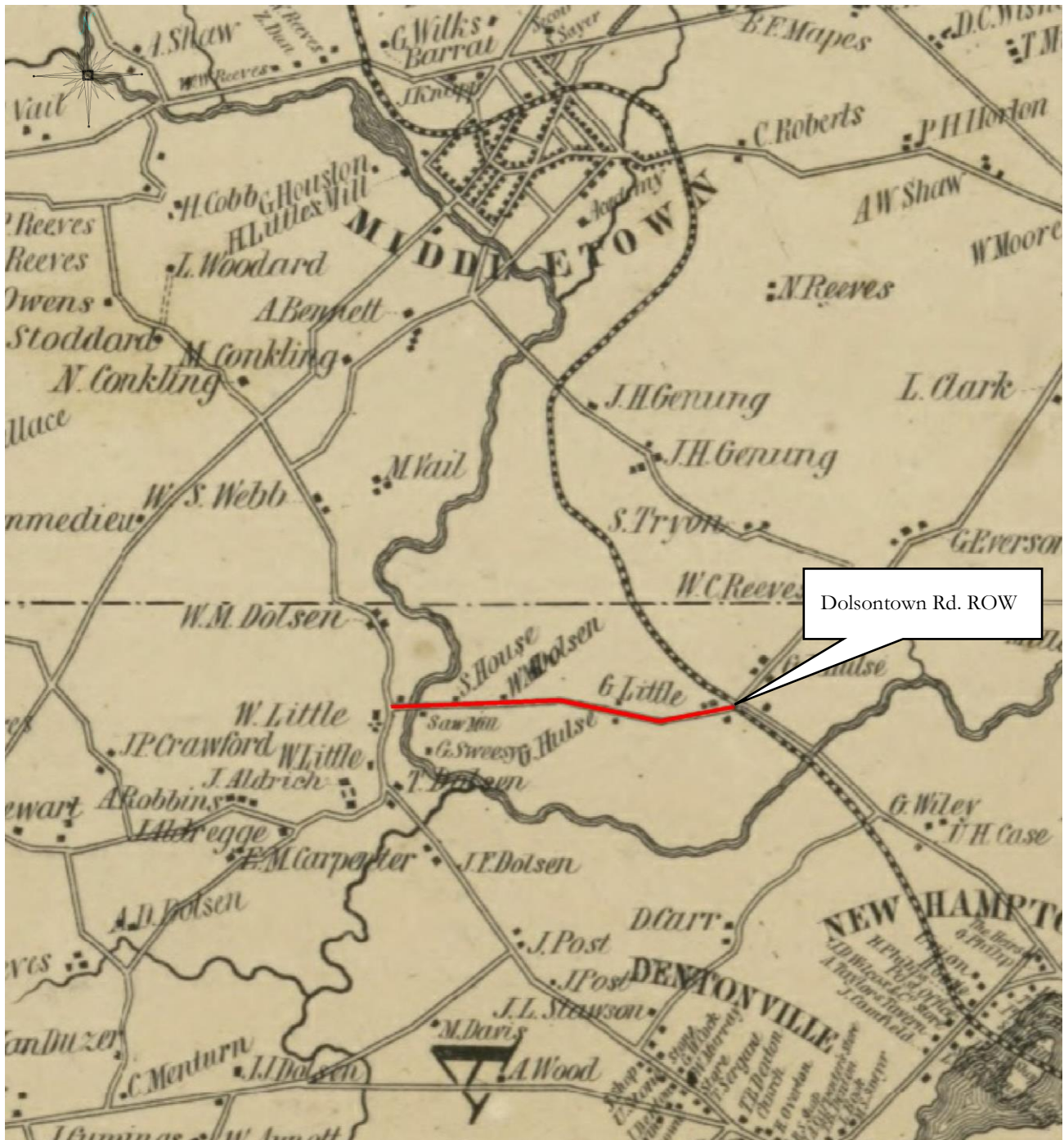


Figure 4: 1851 Sidney, J. C. *Map of Orange County, New York*. (Source: Library of Congress) Scale: 1" = 2400'.

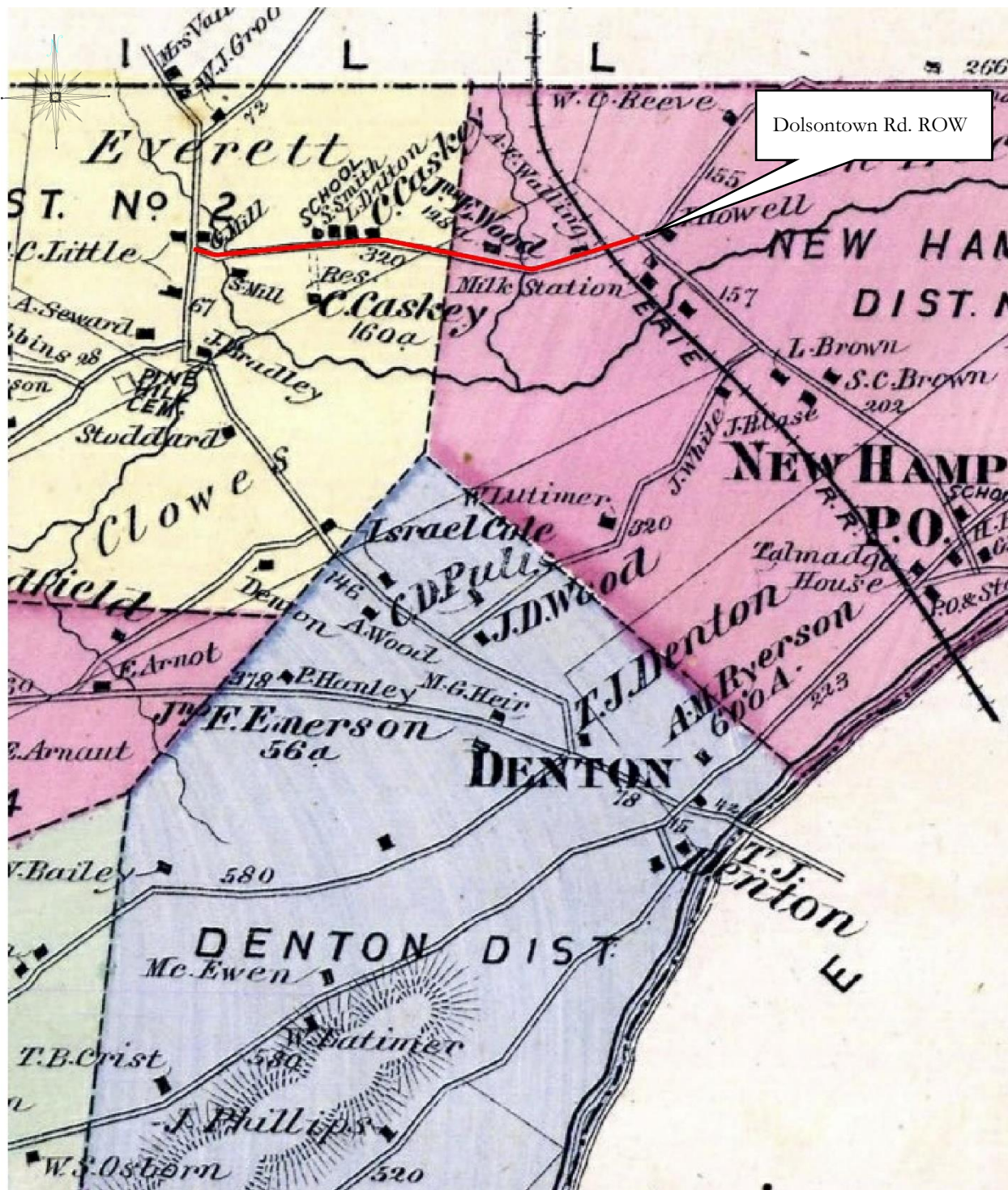


Figure 5: 1875 F.W. Beers *Atlas of the County of Orange*. (Source: Historic Map Works) Scale: 1" = 1795'.

The photographs included are those taken by HVCRC during the course of field projects completed in the vicinity and are dated accordingly. The additional photos have been taken from Google as they illustrate the existing conditions that are currently obscured by snow cover.

1. View to the west from 1062 Dolsontown Road.

Photo taken Nov 27, 2021.



2. View to the west from 1062 Dolsontown Road.

Photo taken Nov 27, 2021.



3. View to the southwest from 1080 Dolsontown Road.

Photo taken August 5, 2020.



4. View to the southeast-east from 1080 Dolsontown Road.

Photo taken August 5, 2020.



5. View to the east on the northern side of Dolsontown Road from # 1020.

Photo taken Nov. 27, 2021.



6. View west from Dolsontown Road and McVeigh Rd.

Google Photo August 2019.



7. View east
from 1187
Dolsontown
Road.

Google
Photo August
2019.



8. View west
from 1126
Dolsontown
Road.

Google
Photo August
2019



- 9. View west from 1118 Dolsontown Road.

Google Photo August 2019



- 10. View east from 1096 Dolsontown Road.

Google Photo August 2019



11. View west
from 1021
Dolsontown
Road.

Google
Photo August
2019



12. View east
from the
intersection
of
Dolsontown
Road and
Route 17M.

Google
Photo August
2019





Figure 6: 2019 Aerial Image showing photo locations and directions. Not to scale.

Section 2

