

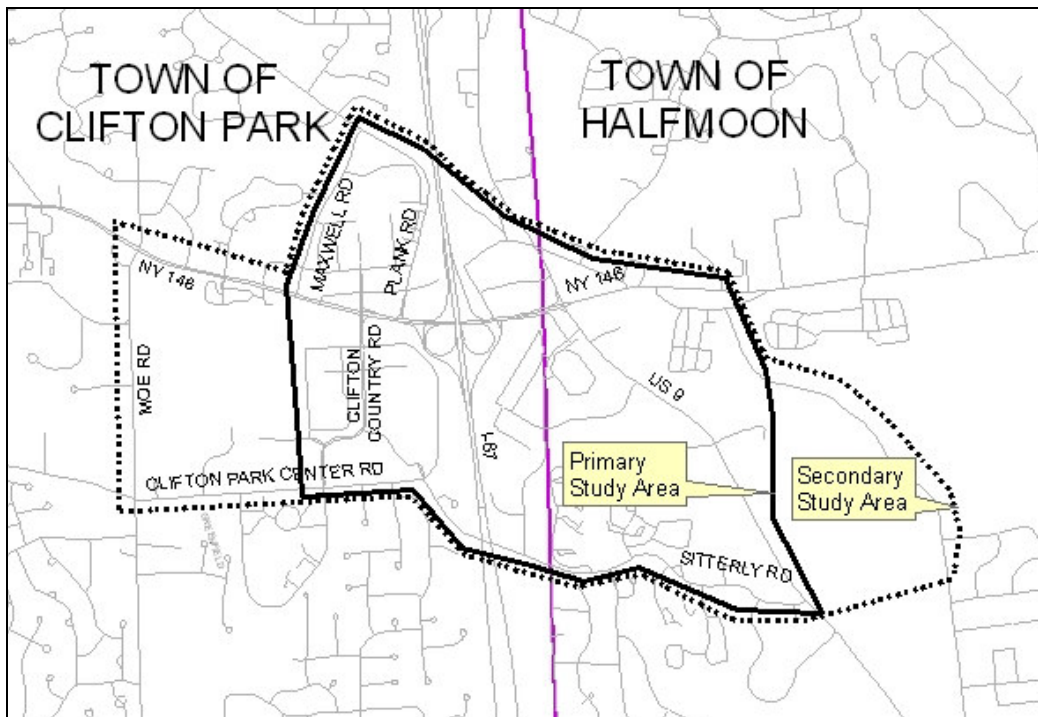
## Exit 9 Study

Clifton Park and Halfmoon are collaborating in a study of the Exit 9 area that will include a long range vision for the area, and land use and transportation recommendations that can be implemented in short to longer-term time frames. The Capital District Transportation Committee (CDTC) awarded a grant that allows this study to take place through its' Community and Transportation Linkage Planning Program. The study is anticipated to take 6-9 months to complete.

### Study Area

The primary study area is represented as a solid black line on the following study area map and includes an area bounded on the west by Maxwell Road and an area just west of Clifton Country Road, on the south by Clifton Park Center Road and Sitterly Road, on the east by an area just east of US 9 to northern Plant Road, and on the north by Old Route 146 and Plank Road. The secondary study area for which there will be primarily transportation and connection recommendations made, is represented on the map as a dashed line and stretches the primary study area west to Moe Road and east to all of Plank Road.

### Study Area Map



### Study Background

This area is highly significant to the Towns of Clifton Park and Halfmoon. The study area is the main gateway for both towns, contains main thoroughfares of Route 9 and

Route 146, and is the primary center of public and private activity. It contains or is surrounded by the Shenendehowa School District campus, the YMCA, major shopping centers such as the Crossings and Clifton Park Center, the new Clifton Park-Halfmoon Library, and a Skateboard Park.

The Exit 9 area was one of the first developed in southern Saratoga County resulting from the construction of the Northway (I-87). Since that time, the Exit 9 area has evolved into an auto-oriented, largely commercial area.

The timing is especially opportune to look at the Exit 9 area due to significant and various (re)development activities. The projects range from the large-scale Clifton Park Center renovations to the quadrupling in size and the redevelopment of the shopping plaza formerly known as the “Star Plaza”, to smaller scaled development. In addition, the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) was recently awarded a State Planning and Research grant to review the US 9 corridor from the area near Exit 4 of the Northway (I-87) to Exit 15 and includes the section of US 9 through the Exit 9 study area.

### **Study Purpose**

The purpose of the study is to determine how best to integrate land use and transportation in a way that makes sense in the Exit 9 area. Goals for the study include:

- Access management and street connections
- Strategies to improve access and increase possibilities for pedestrian and bicycle traffic
- Streetscape and beautification improvements
- Future land use recommendations
- Implementation recommendations
- Design standards to serve as guidance for future development

The secondary study area will primarily be reviewed for transportation connections between the primary study area and remaining sections of the two towns. Street connectivity, bicycle and pedestrian connections are key issues to be addressed. Both Clifton Park and Halfmoon have active trail and sidewalk initiatives that will be important to connect to within study recommendations.

### **Meetings/Workshops**

A Study Advisory Committee is providing valuable stewardship of the process. The first Study Advisory Committee meeting took place in November. The committee is comprised of Town officials and staff from both towns, NYSDOT, Capital District Transportation Committee (CDTC), and various other stakeholders. The meeting was conducted to brainstorm ideas for what each member thought were notable issues and common goals for the study.

## **Public Workshop**

**The first Public Workshop will be held at the new Halfmoon Senior Center, (287 Lower Newton Rd) on January 23, 2008 at 7:00pm. Everyone is encouraged to come and participate!**

The workshop will provide for an open discussion related to existing conditions, opportunities and challenges of the area. Public input is important for this project- please consider attending and providing thoughts you may have related to the Exit 9 area.

Any questions or comments, please contact the Planning Departments at Clifton Park, 371-6054, or Halfmoon at 371-7410 x223.

We will keep this website updated with the latest information as possible.