

= New York State Route 286 =

New York State Route 286 (NY 286) is an east ? west state highway in the vicinity of the city of Rochester , New York , in the United States . It links Rochester to its eastern suburbs and to western Wayne County . The western terminus of the route is at exit 7 on NY 590 just inside the Rochester city limits . Its eastern terminus is at NY 350 in Walworth . NY 286 is named Browncroft Boulevard from NY 590 to its junction with Qualtrough and Clark roads in Penfield . This portion of the highway passes through predominantly residential areas . East of this intersection , the route is known as Atlantic Avenue and traverses more rural areas .

The entirety of NY 286 east of Blossom Road was originally designated as part of NY 35 during the 1930 renumbering of state highways in New York . NY 35 exited Rochester on Blossom Road and followed it east to modern NY 286 . The remainder of Browncroft Boulevard was designated as New York State Route 35B , an alternate route of NY 35 , in the mid @-@ 1930s . The NY 35 and NY 35B designations were eliminated in the early 1940s and replaced with NY 383 and New York State Route 383B , respectively . NY 383 was truncated to downtown Rochester in 1949 , at which time its former routing from Rochester to Walworth became NY 286 . NY 383B was renumbered accordingly to New York State Route 286A .

In the 1960s , the portion of Browncroft Boulevard from the Sea Breeze Expressway to Blossom Road was upgraded into a divided highway . NY 286 was rerouted to follow the improved Browncroft Boulevard while NY 286A was shifted south onto NY 286 's former alignment along Blossom Road . The NY 286A designation was removed in the early 1970s , but Blossom Road remains state @-@ maintained as NY 941V , an unsigned reference route .

= = Route description = =

NY 286 begins at the ramp connecting NY 590 southbound to Browncroft Boulevard just inside the Rochester city limits . It heads east through residential surroundings as a four @-@ lane highway , proceeding through the remainder of NY 590 exit 7 as it enters the northernmost portion of the town of Brighton . East of NY 590 , NY 286 widens to become a divided highway . It passes into Penfield upon crossing Irondequoit Creek and curves southeast as it straddles the northern boundary of Ellison Park . During this stretch , it intersects with Old Browncroft Boulevard , the pre @-@ divided highway alignment of Browncroft Boulevard which is now discontinuous near its midpoint .

The two highways loosely parallel each other southeastward for 0 @.@ 75 miles (1 @.@ 21 km) to White Village Drive , a residential side street branching off Browncroft Boulevard . Here , Old Browncroft Boulevard ends and NY 286 narrows slightly to become a four @-@ lane undivided highway . NY 286 continues eastward , leaving the Ellison Park area and intersecting Blossom Road . East of this junction , NY 286 takes on a linear east ? west routing as it becomes Atlantic Avenue at a junction with Qualtrough and Clark Roads . The residential nature of the roadway largely ends at Five Mile Line Road , where the homes that have lined the roadway become more sporadic and give way to open , cultivated fields . NY 286 has a slight s @-@ curve between Five Mile Line and Baird Roads before reverting to its true eastward alignment prior to intersecting NY 250 .

Past NY 250 , the route continues to the east toward the Monroe ? Wayne county line . Just before crossing into Wayne County , NY 286 curves slightly to the northeast . On the other side of the county line in Walworth , NY 286 turns back to the east at a junction with County Line Road , which is actually located 0 @.@ 3 miles (0 @.@ 5 km) east of the official border . Farther east , NY 286 intersects several local major arterials , including West Walworth Road and Canandaigua Road , as it heads over several small hills and passes through a mixture of open fields and forested areas . NY 286 and Atlantic Avenue both come to an end at an intersection with NY 350 . The portion of NY 286 in Wayne County is maintained by the county as County Route 203 .

= = History = =

In the 1930 renumbering of state highways in New York , NY 35 was extended northeast from

Canawaugus (west of the village of Avon) to Ontario by way of Scottsville , Rochester , and Walworth . NY 35 entered Rochester on Scottsville Road and followed Genesee and Main streets through the city . At the east end of Main Street , NY 35 turned south and followed Winton Road to Blossom Road . It curved eastward here to follow Blossom Road east to Browncroft Boulevard in Penfield . At some point between 1934 and 1938 , an alternate route of NY 35 along the portion of Browncroft Boulevard between Winton and Blossom Roads was designated NY 35B .

The NY 35 designation remained in place until the early 1940s when it was split into two designations : NY 383 west of Walworth and NY 350 from Walworth to Ontario . As part of the change , NY 35B was renumbered to NY 383B . NY 383 itself was altered on January 1 , 1949 , to end in downtown Rochester . The former routing of NY 383 between East Avenue (NY 96) in Rochester and NY 350 in Walworth became NY 286 while NY 383B was redesignated as NY 286A .

The portion of the Sea Breeze Expressway between Empire Boulevard (at the time U.S. Route 104 and now NY 404) and Interstate 490 opened to traffic c . 1961 . Both NY 286 and NY 286A were truncated to begin at their interchanges with the expressway . In Wayne County , the routing of NY 286 was altered slightly in the vicinity of the county line . It originally veered onto what is now Knollwood Drive and followed Knollwood Drive and County Line Road to where the latter met Atlantic Avenue . A new roadway was constructed during the mid @-@ 1960s that directly connected the two portions of Atlantic Avenue and bypassed County Line Road entirely and became part of a realigned NY 286 by 1968 .

Browncroft Boulevard was upgraded into a four @-@ lane divided highway between the Sea Breeze Expressway (NY 47) and Blossom Road during the mid @-@ 1960s . Some parts of the highway were upgraded on the spot ; others were bypassed and are now known today as Old Browncroft Boulevard . As a result of the upgrade , the alignments of NY 286 and NY 286A west of Blossom Road were flipped , placing NY 286 on Browncroft Boulevard and NY 286A on Blossom Road . The NY 286A designation was removed in the early 1970s and replaced with NY 941V , an unsigned reference route 2 @.@ 20 miles (3 @.@ 54 km) in length . Reference markers along Blossom Road still read " 286A " .

= = Major intersections = =