

= County Route 115 (Tompkins County , New York) =

County Route 115 (CR 115) is a northwest ? southeast county highway located mostly within the town of Caroline in Tompkins County , New York , in the United States . It extends for 12 @. @ 8 miles (20 @. @ 6 km) from the Tioga County line south of the hamlet of Speedsville to an intersection with New York State Route 79 (NY 79) just north of the Caroline town line in the town of Dryden . The highway continues into Tioga County as CR 33 . The portion of CR 115 north of the hamlet of Guide Board Corners was originally designated as New York State Route 330 and maintained by the state of New York . NY 330 existed from the early 1930s to 1980 , when ownership and maintenance of the highway was transferred to Tompkins County .

= = Route description = =

CR 115 begins at the Tioga County line in the town of Caroline , where it connects to Tioga County 's CR 33 . The county highway passes a mountain to the west and the Owego River 's west branch to the east as it heads northward . It crosses Boyer Creek as 76 Road and enters the hamlet of Speedsville , a small community located on top of a mountain . Here , CR 115 turns to the northwest to run along the base of a valley surrounding Boyer Creek . The creek reaches its source at an intersection with Yapple Road ; however , CR 115 continues northwestward to serve the hamlet of Caroline Center .

Outside of Caroline Center , CR 115 heads northwestward through a small valley to the community of Guide Board Corners . In the center of the hamlet , CR 115 turns north off 76 Road to follow Central Chapel Road . The highway emerges from the valley 1 mile (1 @. @ 6 km) north of Guide Board Corners , at which point it meets CR 114 , a connector to NY 79 , and curves westward as Valley Road . CR 115 parallels the Sixmile Creek into the hamlet of Brooktondale , where it changes names once more to become Brooktondale Road . From Brooktondale , the route heads northwest alongside Sixmile Creek into the town of Dryden , where it ends at an intersection with NY 79 .

= = History = =

= = = Origins = = =

In the early 19th century , construction commenced on a highway connecting the Catskill Turnpike (modern NY 79) to the hamlet of Speedsville near the Tioga County line . It began at Boiceville (known today as West Slaterville) and passed through the communities of Guide Board Corners and Caroline Center on its way to Speedsville . The roadway was built by community labor during the summers of 1804 through 1808 and was named " 76 Road " . According to the Bicentennial history of the Town of Caroline , the name refers to the Revolutionary War :

The first bee for cutting the road through was held near Augustine Boyer 's on 4 July 1804 . It was opened and dedicated ... by the settlers on July 4 , 1808 . Mr. Boyer was requested to name the road . He replied that he would name it the " ' 76 Road " . Mr. Boyer explained that he had spent seven days obtaining the services of the commissioners and surveyors to lay out the road , and these days were representative of the seven years of the Revolutionary struggle , and since the day was 4 July , and the spirit of ' 76 was in the air , and other spirits in their bottles , he would give the name of " ' 76 Road " in honor of the spirit of cooperation and dedication that the people had in working together on the project , and to honor the memory of those who worked together in laying the foundations of our country in 1776 .

In the early 1910s , the state of New York upgraded a local highway connecting the Catskill Turnpike near the hamlet of Besemer to Brookton (now Brooktondale) . It was added to the state highway system on November 4 , 1914 . The state also intended on improving an extension of the roadway east to 76 Road and 76 Road itself from the modern junction of Boiceville , Valley , and Central Chapel Roads south to Speedsville ; however , construction advanced no farther

southeastward than Guide Board Corners . The Brookton ? Guide Board Corners highway was added to the state highway system on February 8 , 1921 .

= = = Designations and developments = = =

The Besemer ? Guide Board Corners state highway was designated as NY 330 c . 1931 . The NY 330 designation was removed on January 24 , 1980 , and ownership and maintenance of its former routing was transferred from the state of New York to Tompkins County on April 1 , 1980 , as part of a highway maintenance swap between the two levels of government . By 1994 , NY 330 's former routing was designated as part of CR 115 , which continued south from Guide Board Corners to Speedsville via 76 Road .

In late June 2006 , the Tompkins County Highway Division temporarily closed off 76 Road (CR 115) from Central Chapel Road to Caroline Center due to underground damage caused by heavy rains . Vehicular traffic weighing more than 5 short tons (4 @ , @ 500 kg) was detoured at Speedsville to follow West Creek Road to NY 79 while traffic weighing less than 5 tons was directed onto Buffalo Hill Road at Caroline Center .

= = CR 115M = =

CR 115M is a spur route of CR 115 in the vicinity of Speedsville . It is named Mill Road and connects CR 115 in Speedsville to the Tioga County line , where it becomes CR 33 and changes names to West Creek Road .

= = Major intersections = =

The entire route is in Tompkins County .