

NATURAL RESOURCES INVENTORY

Areas of Known Importance

Areas of Known Importance for:

- Rare Animals
- Rare Plants
- Migratory Fish
- Birds (Audubon Important Bird Areas)

Hydrology

- ~ Streams
- Water Bodies

Roads

- Interstate
- Federal Highway
- State Route
- County Road

DATA SOURCES: New York State Dept. of Environmental Conservation, 2017; New York Natural Heritage Program, 2017; United States Geological Survey, 2017; New York State Dept. of Transportation, 2017; Orange County Dept. of Planning, 2017

This map depicts areas of known importance for plant and wildlife habitat in the Town of Cornwall and the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson in Orange County, NY, based on information from the New York Natural History Program's inventory of rare species.

Important Areas were mapped by the New York Natural Heritage Program and include lands and waters that support the continued presence and quality of known populations of rare animals and rare plants, or of documented examples of rare or high-quality ecological communities. Important Areas include the specific locations where the animals, plants, and/or ecological communities have been observed and also include areas that support the natural ecological processes critical to maintaining the habitats of these rare animal and plant populations, or critical to maintaining these significant communities.

"The Important Bird Area (IBA) Program of Audubon New York, in cooperation with a host of partners, has identified 136 critical bird breeding, migratory stop-over, feeding, and over-wintering areas in the state. Important Bird Areas have been identified throughout New York in all types of habitats, including forests, shrub/scrub, grasslands, freshwater and saltwater wetlands, and bodies of water."

- National Audubon Society, 2018

<https://www.audubon.org/important-bird-areas/state/new-york>

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