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Clinton Brown Company Architecture, pc has completed the Cultural Resources Survey of the Village of Sherman, under contract to the Chautauqua Home Rehabilitation and Improvement Corporation (CHRIC), which was funded by a Preserve New York grant from the Preservation League of New York State.

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Historic buildings, landscapes, structures, and other features are distinct components of communities that highlight history on the local, regional, and national levels. A survey of the village's historic resources is an important first step in identifying and recognizing the significance of these properties and keeping them a vital part of the community's built environment. Placing a resource in a larger context provides a sense of place. The information gained from documenting historic resources forms the foundation for integrating historic preservation into planning, community development, and economic revitalization efforts.

The Village of Sherman is a small, rural community located in the Town of Sherman in Chautauqua County, New York (figure 1). The region now known as Sherman was first settled in the early 1820s. The Village of Sherman was incorporated in 1890, and the Town of Sherman was formally established in 1924, formed from the neighboring town of Mina. The village became a center for local farmers and tradesmen to process and ship their goods, and Sherman became a local center for commerce based on the existence of the railroad.

The objective of this survey for the Village of Sherman is to complete a reconnaissance level survey of approximately 290 properties located within the village boundaries in order to locate and identify significant individual properties and neighborhoods. The survey boundaries include all streets within the Village limits (fig 2). This report begins with the project methodology (Section 2), which explains how the objectives of the cultural resource survey were carried out. The next section is a narrative historical overview, explaining the growth and development of Sherman (Section 3). Recommendations for further action and potential designation are featured in Section 4. A survey boundary map is included in Section 5 and a working bibliography is included in Section 6.

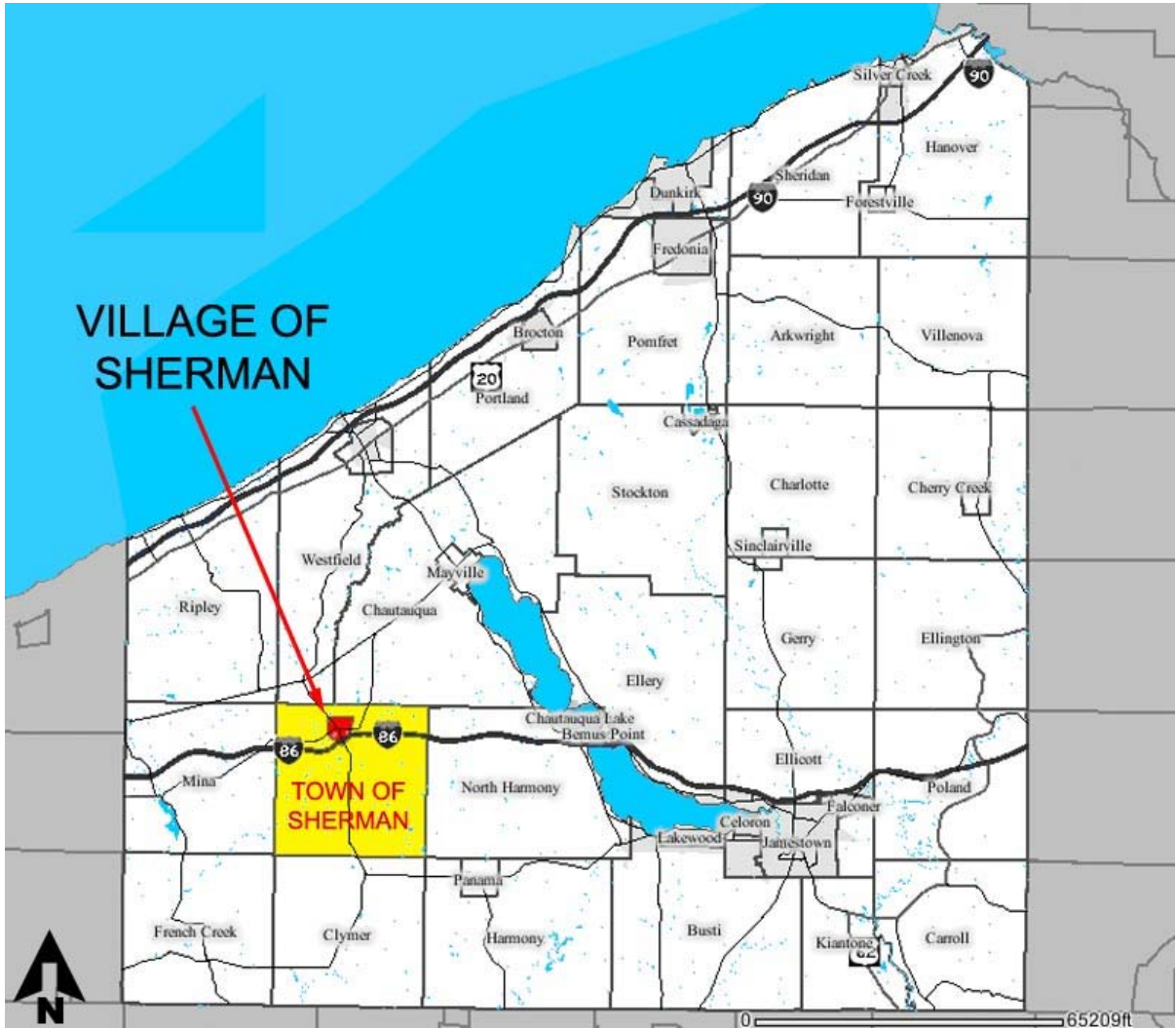


Figure 1
Chautauqua County, New York
Showing location of Town of Sherman and Village of Sherman

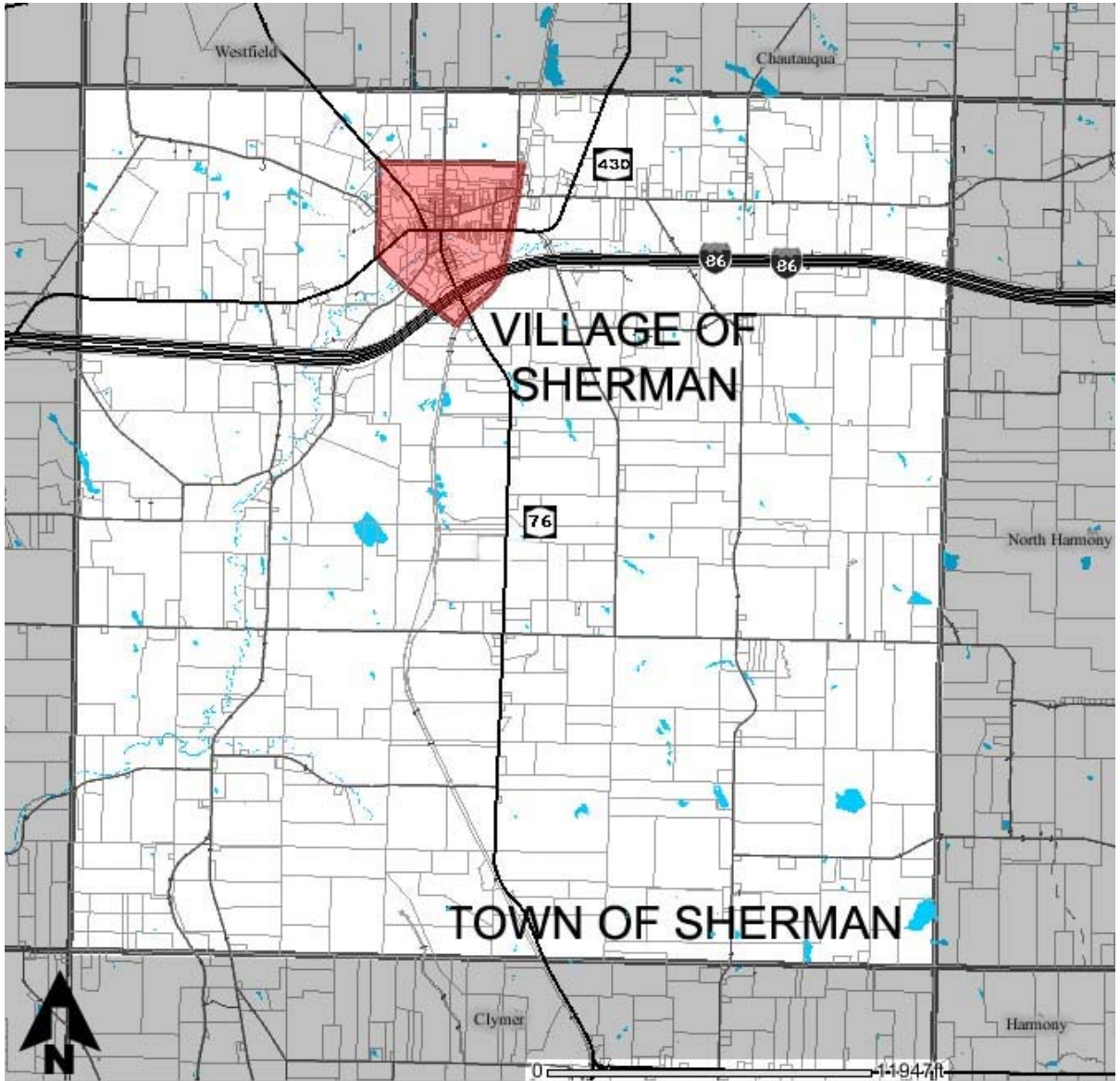


Figure 2
Town of Sherman
Showing location of Village of Sherman