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## Public Fishing Rights Maps

# Chautauqua Creek

Chautauqua Creek Steelhead Section



### Description of Fishery

Chautauqua Creek flows northerly for over 15 miles before entering Lake Erie near Westfield. Each October through April, the creek offers one of the top Lake Erie steelhead runs in western New York. The lower section has long been a steelhead hot spot. Completed in 2012, a fish passage project at the Westfield Water Works Dam now provides steelhead access to an additional 10 miles of stream, winding through a deep, forested gorge. The lowest section of creek also receives runs of Lake Erie brown trout in fall and smallmouth bass in spring. There are a total of 8.5 miles of public fishing rights easements on Chautauqua Creek. A 1.3 mile catch and release only, artificial lures only section is located directly below the Westfield Water Works Dam.

### Trout Fishing Regulations

All of Chautauqua Creek (except section below): **Trout and salmon; open all year, 12 inch minimum size, daily limit 3 per person.**

S. Gale Street Bridge upstream 1.3 miles to Westfield Water Works Dam: **Trout and salmon; open all year, catch and release, artificial lures only.**

Check fishing regulation guide for other Great Lakes tributary regulations that may apply.

### Primary Fish Species

Rainbow Trout



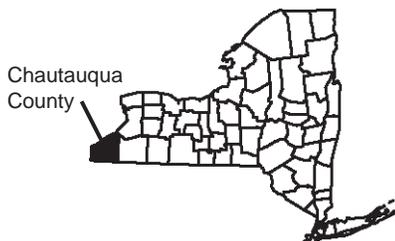
Brown Trout



Smallmouth Bass



### Location



### About Public Fishing Rights

Public Fishing Rights (PFR's) are permanent easements purchased by the NYSDEC from willing landowners, giving anglers the right to fish and walk along the bank (usually a 33' strip on one or both banks of the stream). This right is for the purpose of fishing only and no other purpose. Treat the land with respect to insure the continuation of this right and privilege. Fishing privileges may be available on some other private lands with permission of the land owner. Courtesy toward the land-owner and respect for their property will insure their continued use.

These generalized location maps are intended to aid anglers in finding PFR segments and are not survey quality. Width of displayed PFR may be wider than reality to make it more visible on the maps. Please look for this PFR sign to ensure that you are in the right location and have legal access to the stream bank.

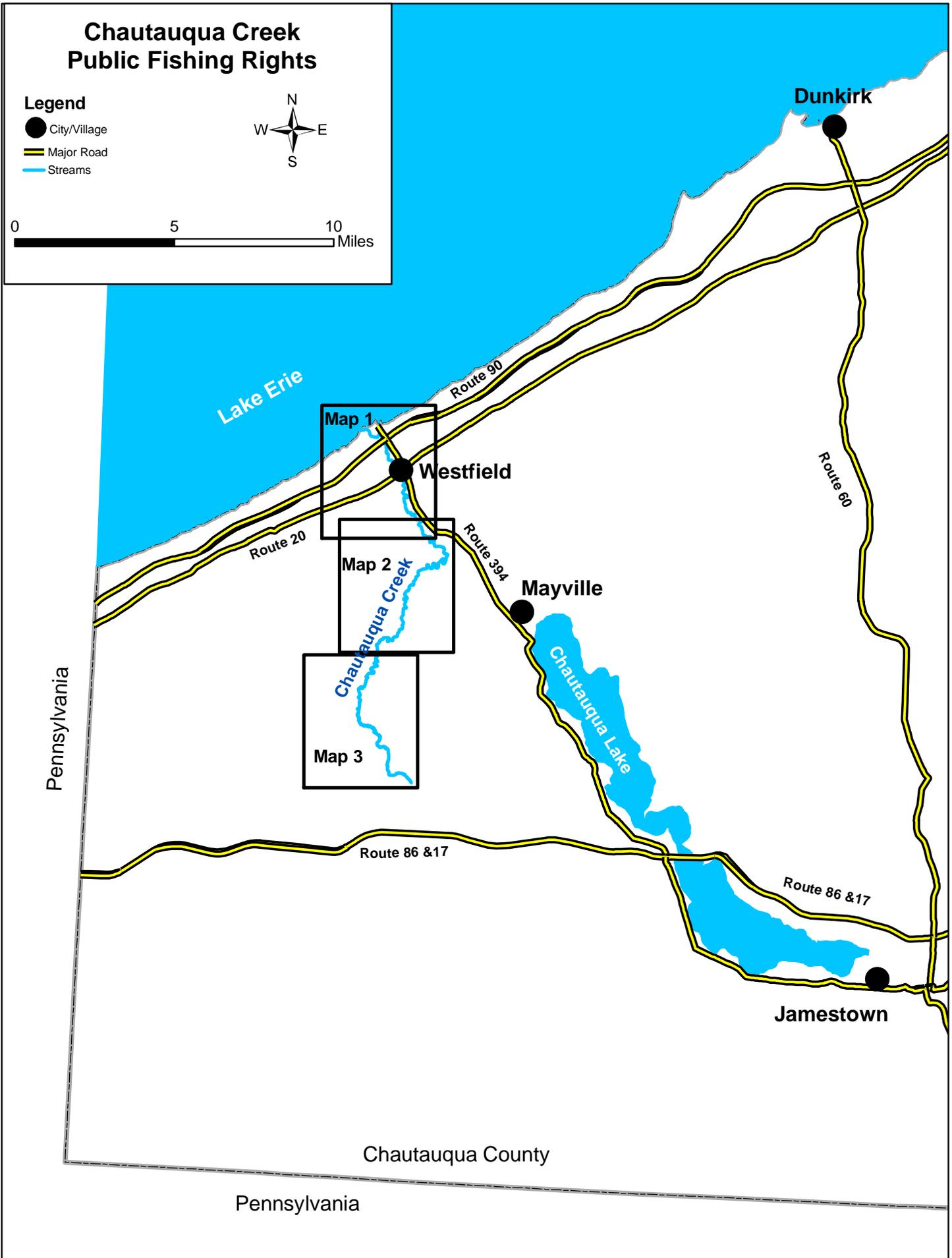
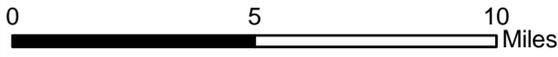


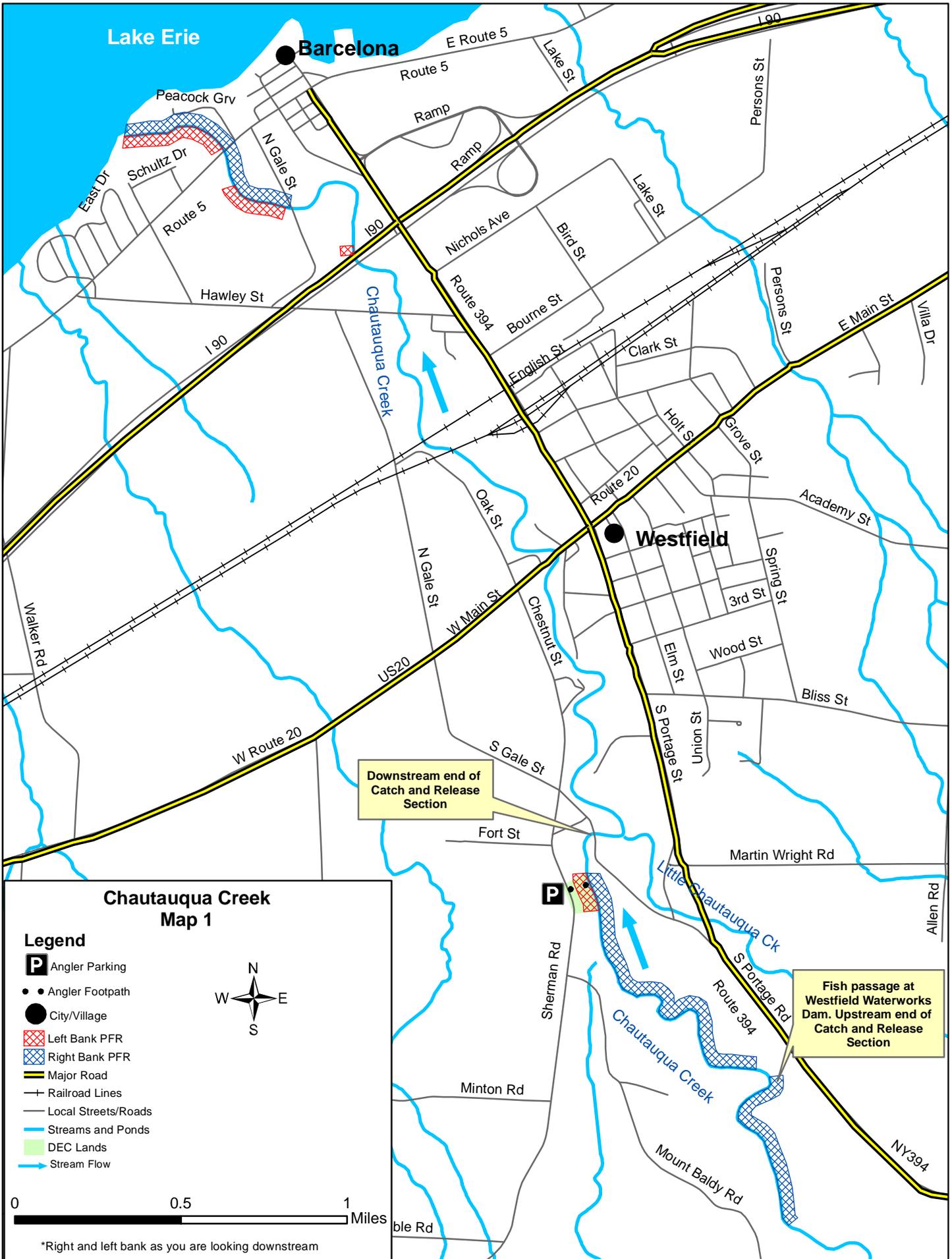
For more information on this creek or if you believe PFR marked areas on these maps are incorrect or missing PFR signs, please call the Region 9 Fisheries office: (716) 372-0645.

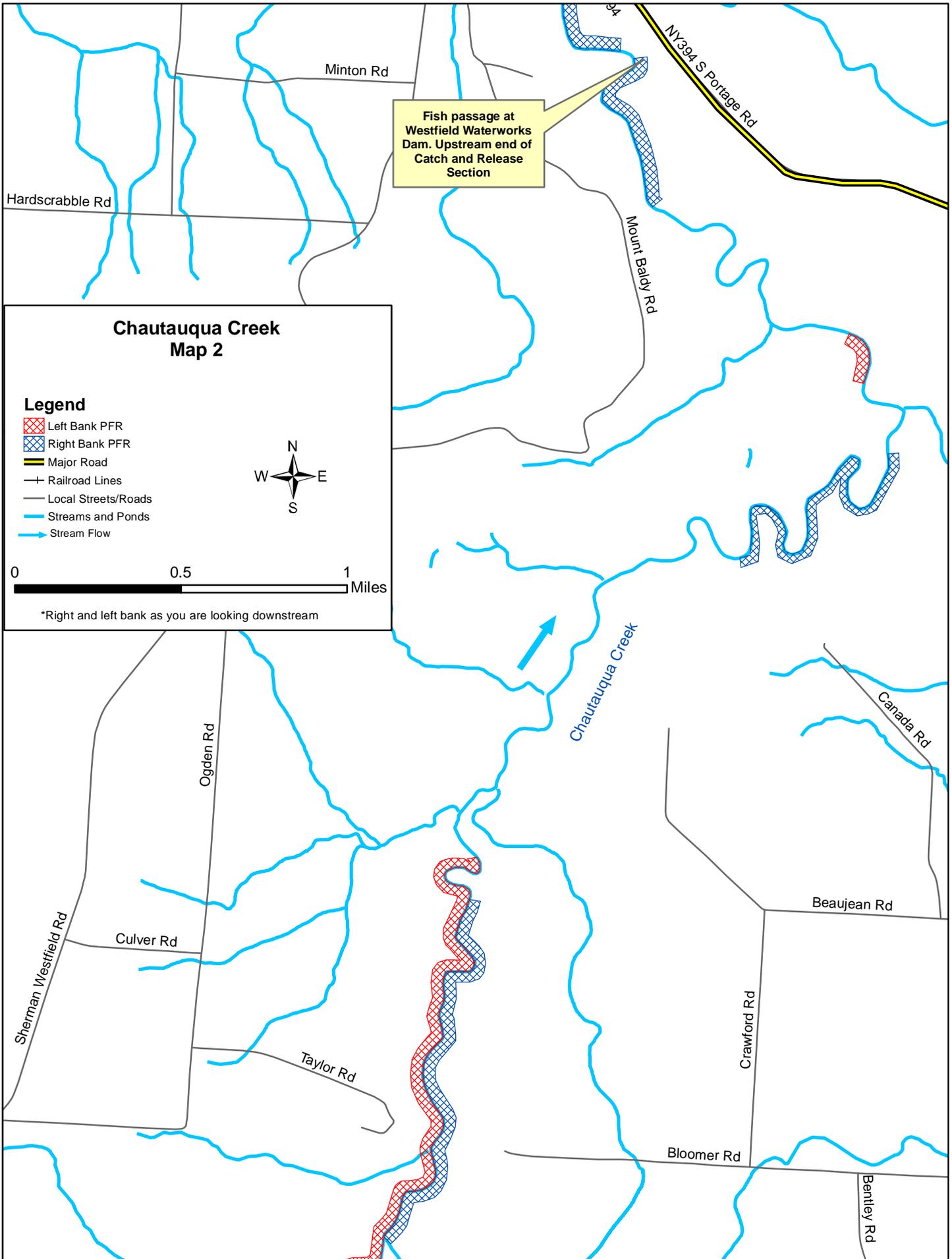
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## Legend

- City/Village
- ▬ Major Road
- ▬ Streams



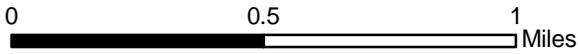




# Chautauqua Creek Map 3

## Legend

- Left Bank PFR
- Right Bank PFR
- Major Road
- Railroad Lines
- Local Streets/Roads
- Streams and Ponds
- DEC Lands
- Stream Flow



\*Right and left bank as you are looking downstream

