How to Use the DECinfo Locator Map

Legend
In the legend window, you can activate categories of data to be displayed on the map, turning each on and off by clicking the associated check box. Layers become visible when you zoom in to your area of interest.

Pop-up Windows
Clicking on an icon, shaded area, or trail within a data layer will open a pop-up window with more information about that location. When more than one record is available, an arrow will appear at the top of the window. Clicking on the arrow lets you scroll to
additional information. Links will be provided to data available for each record related to the selected location.

Information layers and terms are described on our layer description web page.

**Navigation**
You can zoom in using the scroll wheel on your mouse, by using the + or – buttons in the upper left of the map, or by left clicking on an item of interest and clicking on “zoom to.” You can also pan around the map by holding down a left click and dragging the mouse cursor in any direction.

The **Zoom in** and **Zoom out** buttons are located at the upper left corner of the map.
Pressing the **+** button will zoom in to the center of the map
Pressing the **—** button will zoom out from the center of the map

The **Home** button is located at the upper left corner of the map under the zoom tools.
Pressing the home button will re-center the map on New York State

The **Reset** button is located at the upper left corner of the map under the home button.
Pressing the reset button will reset the map to its initial state, displaying only the default layers and centering the map on New York state.

**Search**
The search tab in the left-hand window allows you to search for information by:

- Address
- Municipality
- Place Name (such as “Seneca Lake” or “Mount Marcy”)
- County

Once you select a search criteria, type in what you are looking for. You can then choose from the list of search results or, if you don’t find what you are looking for, try searching by a different name or criteria.
Search Near Me
You can search for facilities and locations, or you can set a location pin to search within a radius of as large as 10 miles. You can access documents and information by clicking on the facility name in the category drop-down list.

Measure Tool
You can measure by:

- Point – lat/long
- Line – distance
- Polygon – area

Printing the Map
To print a map, use the Printing Tool found under the tools tab in the left-hand window. Pick a title for your map, include your name, if you want, and then select a size from the drop-down menu before clicking on “Generate Map.” If you would like to print the legend window, you can click Ctrl + P or right click and select “Print” from the menu. NOTE: Printing from DECinfo Locator may require you to disable any pop-up blockers you are using, depending on your browser.

- Printout Title (optional)
- Author information (optional)
- Printout template

Active Layers Window
With more than 75 interactive layers, it can be helpful to see, without clicking through legend window tabs, which layers are active on your map.

Clicking or tapping the **Show Active Layers** button opens a window that displays all active layers.
You can move this Active Layers window around and resize it. If there are too many layers to display in the window, a scroll bar appears. You cannot deactivate a layer from the active layers window. That must be done from the legend.

The link at the bottom of the Active Layers window allows you to print a legend of active layers on the map.

Close the Active Layers window by clicking on the “x” in the upper right.

**Basemap Gallery**

You can change the background map view. If you zoom in to a particular location, switching to the Imagery with Labels view will show more detail, including land boundaries and buildings. The default is set to topographical.

**Contact**

If you run into difficulty using the map, please call 518-402-8013. If you find errors in the data, please email us at DECInfoLocator@dec.ny.gov and identify the data layer and location. We will work with program staff to correct the information.