

**APPENDIX D:
EMERGENCY RESPONSE
PLAN (ERP)**

FOR

Highbridge Wind Farm



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Introduction

It is our goal to maintain the safest projects in the industry. Although we do everything we can to provide an Injury Free Environment, the possibility of a crisis occurring on one of our projects still exists. The Crisis Management Plan is designed to help project teams react to crisis situations should one arise.

It is expected that these emergency response procedures be made familiar to every employee on the project through the New Employee Orientation, jobsite postings, Safety Kickoff/Pre-construction Meetings, and reinforced at The Wesson Group Staff Meetings, Subcontractor Meetings and as a topic for Weekly Safety Meetings.

A copy of this plan will be maintained on-site at all times at the: **Site Safety Office** or The Wesson Group's Main Office

This plan will be reviewed upon implementation, whenever revisions are made and at least monthly by TWG personnel.

Physical Address: The Wesson Group Laydown Yard

313 County Rd 37 (opposite side)
Guilford NY 13780

Internal Key Contacts:

Project Manager: Matt Schuler

Project Site Superintendent: Mike Delaney

Site Safety Manager: Gary Vagg

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External Key Contacts

Provider	Address	Phone Number
Chenango County Sheriff's Department	279 County Rd 46, Norwich, NY 13815	911 or (607) 334-2000
Guilford Fire Department	110 Mechanic St, Guilford, NY 13780	911 or (607) 895-6814
Tri-Town Regional Hospital	43 Pearl St W, Sidney, NY 13838	(607) 563-7080
UHS Chenango Memorial Hospital	179 N Broad St, Norwich, NY 13815	(607) 337-4111
LifeNet	199 River St Sidney, NY 13838	(607) 563-8166
DigSafe	Underground Locator	811
Department of Public Service	Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY 12223-1350	(518) 486-7847
Department of Environmental Conservation	625 Broadway Albany, New York 12233-0001	(800) 457-7362

Additional Local Government Key Contacts

County	Gov. Name	Contact	Address	City	Email	Phone
Chenango	Emergency Management	Matthew L. Beckwith	279 County Rd 46 Norwich NY 13815	Norwich NY	mbeck301@roadrunner.com	(607) 337-1862
Chenango	Sidney EMS		8 Patterson St. Sidney NY 13838	Sidney NY	director@sidneyems.org	(607) 561-2316

Responsibilities

In the event of an emergency, the following responsibilities are assigned:

Emergency Contacts FOR MEDICAL EMERGENCYS

Task or Duty	Primary Person	Back-up Person
Notify Appropriate Rescue Personnel - Administrator	Gary Vagg	Matt Schuler
Notify The Wesson Group Corporate	Scott Lewis	Erich Brown
Notify Owner	Scott Lewis	Erich Brown
Spokesperson	Owner	N/A
Incident Commander	Mike Delaney	Greg Manzer
Evacuation Director	Gary Vagg	Greg Manzer
Care for Injured Worker(s)	Foreman/Crew Lead	Designated Management Representative
Crowd Control	Incident Commander	Designated Management Representative
Coordinate Emergency Gathering area	Gary Vagg	Designated Management Representative
Accompany Injured to Hospital (TWG)	Mike Delaney	Designated Management Representative
Accompany Injured to Hospital (Contractor)	Contractor Supervision	Contractor Supervision
Obtain List of Hazardous Chemicals/Materials	Gary Vagg	Foreman/Crew Lead

Emergency Procedures

- All employees and visitors will sign in upon arrival to the project site. The sign in sheet will be maintained in the main office for reference in the event of an emergency.
- TWG has an Emergency Response Team designated for the Highbridge Wind Farm project.
- In a large-scale emergency, all affected personnel will be required to observe the following procedures in the event of an evacuation:
 - Stop all work activities
 - If possible, shut down all equipment, energy sources and ignition sources
 - Project Management Team members will communicate via cell phone calls or the use of UHF Radio as needed, as they sweep their area.
 - All employees will proceed, if safe to do so, to their designated assembly areas.
 - Upon reaching the designated evacuation assembly area, all workers will check in with their immediate supervisor. Employee accountability will be determined utilizing the badge report and communicated via cellphone or radio to the Incident Commander (IC).
 - Project management will ensure that every superintendent has given a headcount.
 - Project management will assess the need for a further evacuation or site sweep.
 - No one will be allowed to re-enter secured areas until the all clear is given by the authorities (Fire Department, etc) and project management.

- Local Emergency Services all have site maps with WTG coordinates. Landing Zones (LZ) will be established throughout the site.
- Emergency services have been briefed on scope of project and have done site visits to become acclimated to the project locations.

Each assigned person must be made aware of his or her designated assignments. The success of an effective emergency response is based on each individual's ability to carry out his or her task swiftly and knowledgeably. The following section outlines the step-by-step procedures, which should be followed in any situation where an emergency response is necessary. It will be the decision of the IC to judge whether any member of the emergency response does not need to respond

Incident Commander (IC)

- The Incident Commander (IC) is the center point for all emergency communications and coordination. This person will direct the emergency response measures and ensure that all team members are assigned to the appropriate people and that these people are aware of their responsibilities. The IC will arrive on the scene of an incident and will remain in charge of that incident until relieved by someone better qualified. The IC will:
 - Proceed immediately to the affected area
 - Call appropriate emergency personnel. Notify Administrator of appropriate response personnel to call.
 - Secure scene and clear away unnecessary bystanders. Barricades will be put in place to isolate the area.
 - Communicate hazards to responding personnel.
 - Notify Emergency Response Team
 - Establish means of access for emergency personnel and removal of any victim/victims
 - Instruct all witnesses of event to stay until after they have been interviewed by those investigating incident
 - Notify Project Owner of incident
 - Continue to secure scene until emergency personnel leave and/or hazard is mitigated
 - Coordinate with incident investigator to start the Root Cause analysis/investigation.
 - Coordinate with Superintendents and owner if it is necessary to close off the jobsite
 - Provide information and status updated to Project Owner and project management
 - Notify all workers when it is safe to return to work or leave the site

Throughout the incident, the IC must ensure that all members of the emergency response team are fulfilling their roles and responsibilities.

Public Information Officer (PIO) - Spokesperson

Project employees will refrain from speaking to the media and all media relations requests will be referred to the appointed The Wesson Group point of contact.

Project Management Team(s)

Onsite supervision will be the Project Management Team and will be knowledgeable of these emergency response procedures. They will also be prepared to assist those responding in the event of an emergency. The Wesson Group project management is primarily responsible for ensuring that everyone understands the Emergency Response Plan, that they are trained properly, and in the event of an emergency, ensure all appropriate measures are being taken.

Supervision

During an emergency, TWG supervision will ensure worker safety and take all necessary steps to protect the site and assist in all emergency procedures deemed necessary by the Incident Commander. They will provide notification to project management that all personnel are accounted for. No one will talk to any media personnel and all media will be politely referred to The Wesson Group Point of contact.

Workers

- Workers will be expected to follow all emergency response procedures.
- Workers will immediately respond to instructions from supervision, incident command and emergency response agency personnel.
- No worker will talk to any media personnel and all media will be politely referred to The Wesson Group point of contact.
- If workers witness an accident or incident, they will:
 - Immediately call out for first aid or other needed assistance. If possible/safe, trained personnel should provide first aid
 - Obtain access to radio or telephone and contact the appropriate emergency response contacts
 - Protect the worker or situation and secure the area from further harm
 - Verify TWG is immediately advised of the situation
 - Evacuate to the Emergency Assembly Area
 - Notify supervision in order establish an accurate headcount
 - Will not leave site or return to work until The Project Manager has given them the all clear.

First Aid and Medical Services

- Local medical facilities will provide medical and emergency care for all work-related injuries. Employees are to only use these designated facilities.
- A map outlining the project location, location of the medical facility, address of the medical facility, medical facility contact information and working hours will be posted.
- Any transportation to a hospital to treat injured persons will be done by the local EMS.
- TWG will hold a pre-construction meeting with local EMS to develop further plans as necessary during all phases of the project.

Care for Injured Workers (Designated First aid provider)

In the event of an emergency, personnel will be in place to effectively deal with emergency medical care. The responsibilities of this individual will include:

- Proceeding to location of victim(s)
- Establish an area for injured workers with signage and flagging

- Triage as necessary
- Attend to injured workers
- Utilize first aid trained personnel to assist in taking care of injured
- Document the name, company, and vital information of injured workers
- Relate any relevant information regarding injured workers to rescue personnel
- If transported via ambulance, the site safety professional and/or site project manager will accompany employee to the hospital.
- Recommend the appropriate means of evacuation and short term care
- If the injury does not warrant the need for an ambulance, the employee will be transported to the established Clinic/Hospital via company vehicle by the Site Safety Professional and/or Project Manager.

In addition, a number of personnel trained in first aid, CPR and AED will be pre-assigned to report to and assist the individual in charge of the care of injured workers.

Coordinate Emergency Evacuation Area

A designated individual will be in place to organize the emergency assembly area. That area will include space to separate individual subcontractors, access of emergency personnel, and a specifically designated area for injured workers and medical supplies. The responsibilities of this individual include:

- Reporting immediately to assembly area
- Assist Evacuation Coordinator and Crowd Control
- Ensure evacuees are being moved to the correct assembly area
- Direct contractors to areas at which they can do headcounts
- Ensuring that no one leaves assembly area or returns to work without explicit permission from the Incident Commander
- Ensuring injured workers are sent to designated injured workers section of assembly area
- Ensuring that assembly areas are not over crowded
- Emergency Assembly Area –
 - Point A – All Other Individuals
-Laydown yard outside of TWG Trailers
 - Point B – Backup Location
-Designated turbine location

Directing Emergency Vehicles

- In order to ensure a prompt response of emergency services, personnel will be put in place to direct rescuers to the affected areas of the jobsite.
- These individuals will be knowledgeable of all accesses and egresses of all areas of the jobsite. Employees will have a radio and be stationed at sequential points in order to direct emergency vehicles onsite. One will always be at the gate.
- Responsibilities will include:
 - Ensure emergency vehicles have been called
 - Know the location of incident and the best means of access to incident
 - Ensuring that access to facility is clear for emergency vehicles
 - Ensure emergency vehicles are given basic directions to the affected area
 - Lead emergency vehicle to site of incident

Communications

In case of an Emergency:

Internal communications will be conducted using cell phone calls. UHR Radio communication will be used as a back-up system.

Emergency Response Procedure for Utilities

These systems include steam, natural gas, and electricity

If an accident occurs, The Wesson Group is authorized to request the shutdown of any utility serving the project at any time in the event of an emergency.

In case of an Emergency:

1. Contractors, to contact TWG by either:
 - a. Cell Phone Call
 - b. TWG Office Trailer

Radio

All personnel will be informed of an evacuation by cell phone or radio. During this time, all communication and traffic over the radios should stop. **If The Wesson Group initiates an evacuation, they will have the site safety manager broadcast the following phrase:**

‘Emergency...Emergency...Emergency’

Responders should then proceed to their designated positions. After broadcast is complete, only emergency traffic may be broadcast. All other traffic should be halted until emergency is over. Once the hazard has been eliminated, the IC will broadcast the message “All Clear” at which point normal communication may recommence.

Phones

Phone usage by any personnel responding to an incident should be avoided. The only people that should be making any calls at this point are the IC, Spokesperson and Project Management as they are responsible for notifying specific parties about the incident.

Investigation

An investigation of injuries and significant events will begin immediately. Personnel should be designated to quickly gather all pertinent information regarding names, statements and contact numbers of witnesses as well as a complete individual account of the events. In addition, photos must be taken of the scene for documentation purposes. This should include the Project Photo Log Sheet. Investigators should:

1. Gather forms and camera
2. Proceed to site of incident
3. Confer with IC

4. Ensure witnesses are identified
5. Do all interviews
6. Take all pictures
7. Fill out appropriate documentation within by their designated deadlines.

Damage to an Existing Pipeline or Utility

- Damage to any existing pipelines and the response actions shall be in accordance to Certificate Condition 55
- If damage has occurred to an existing pipeline, the contractor shall immediately secure the immediate area to the pipeline and restrict any access to the area of the pipeline.
- The site safety manager shall immediately contact the appropriate personal representative for the pipeline operation and notify them of damages.
- Once the site has been thoroughly inspected by qualified personnel, the pipeline operator and the site safety manager shall coordinate to determine safety of the site and continuation of work.

Fire

- Planning for a fire-related emergency is a required part of Highbridge Wind Project Emergency Response Plan.
- All fires will be reported. The local fire authority will be contacted to review plans and notification requirements.
- An emergency plan will be developed for the Highbridge Wind Project to include:
 - The Incident Command System and designated backup person as defined previously.
 - Details in how to activate the Emergency Response Plan at the Highbridge Wind Project location.
 - A Map or Plot Plan drawing will be marked in to identify the locations of the temporary fire extinguishers along with type and size and special hazard (e.g. Type A,B,C,D).
 - Maps, routes to hospital, notification numbers, will be posted at job site.

Weather-Related Incident(s)

A SEVERE WEATHER or LIGHTNING WARNING is an urgent announcement that a severe storm or lightning has been reported or is imminent in the area and will warn individuals to take cover. Local NWS offices issue severe weather warnings.

- Notification system(s) for adverse weather, which may include NOAA radio, AM/FM radio, lightning detectors, wind speed indicators, will be maintained at the project safety office.
- In addition, weather will be monitored utilizing <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/>
- Severe weather events that may damage wind turbines include: high winds, tornadoes, and hurricanes.
- Once a severe weather or lighting event has passed and an “all clear” is given, safety staff shall inspect the turbine sites for damages or potential hazards. Once the inspection concludes, the site safety manager can give permission for employees to continue work.

Thunderstorms

Upon hearing the sound of thunder, personnel are close enough to a storm to be struck by lightning. Employees will be instructed to go to a designated safe shelter immediately! In addition:

- Crane activities will be shut down at 20 miles away.
- All ground activities will shut down at 10 miles.
- Workers will be removed from elevated areas.
- If no shelter is nearby, workers will be instructed to get in a vehicle and keep the windows up.
- If indoors, unnecessary appliances will be unplugged and phone use will be strictly for emergencies.
- If personnel are caught outside and no shelter is available, they will be instructed as follows:
 - Find a low spot away from trees, fences, and poles
 - Squat low to the ground on the balls of your feet, place your hands on your knees with your head between them, make yourself the smallest target possible and minimize your contact with the ground.

Hazardous Substance Release or Spill

Immediately upon a release or a spill, DEC shall be contacted via the Spills Reporting Hotline and the following steps should be taken to implement procedures for containment, control and cleanup of the spill. These procedures should comprise the following basic steps:

- Ensure the safety of all individuals in the area and evacuate the area as necessary
- The area is to be secured
- If possible, identify the hazardous material released
- If the material can be identified, use the Safety Data Sheet (SDSs) for detailed procedures.
- If the release is an airborne vapor spill, gas or a large uncontrollable spill of liquid, the proper Health Department, Fire Department and 911 dispatch should be notified immediately; these authorities will mobilize assistance and commence public evacuation in the immediate vicinity if necessary.
- In the event that the Hazardous Material enters a sewer or storm drain, the Office of Emergency Services, the Environmental Protection Agency must also be notified in addition to the aforementioned public services.
- In most cases, clean-up procedures should start as soon as possible to prevent further spread of the substance into flowing water, ground water or sewer systems.
- Consult the SDS and the Chemical & Environmental Management Appendix for more information.
- Consult "Incident Report" for Hazards Materials form and complete all documentation.

For all fluid spills, follow the guidelines and procedures set forth in the Safety Data Sheets (SDS) for proper clean up and disposal. Ensure Incident Report for Hazardous Material is filled out and complete.

Tower Rescue Plan

Employee shall utilize Emergency Rescue Plan (ERP) procedures announcing Emergency and Emergency Communications

Under an extreme emergency situation, Turbine Manufacturer rescue system may be utilized.

As per TWG's Emergency Response Plan, management personnel will respond to the immediate area and establish incident command.

- Individuals will be trained on site's rescue devices.
- Rescue personnel will have contact with Incident Commander via cell phone call or UHF radio.
- Employees shall adhere to The Wesson Group's Emergency Response Plan procedures when calling for additional help.
- All additional emergency responders will be staged outside the tower and shall only enter when it's safe to do so and at the discretion of the IC.
- All work will stop in the immediate area until rescue operations are completed and have the all clear from the incident commander.

Tower Rescue

Supervisors trained in First Aid shall evaluate the injured employee and shall ensure that the injured employee's spinal cord is not compromised. If the employee has potential threat of spinal cord injury, the rescuers must confer with outside rescue personnel as to the best way to reduce further injury to the spinal cord.

Inspection of Equipment:

- The Site Superintendent shall complete daily visual checks of the rescue equipment.
- A table mock run should be completed with top off crew to ensure that all employees understand our procedures.
- Employees shall inspect the equipment every week to ensure they are familiar with its contents unless the equipment is sealed.
 - If seals are broken, Safety will be notified and a full inspection will be required.

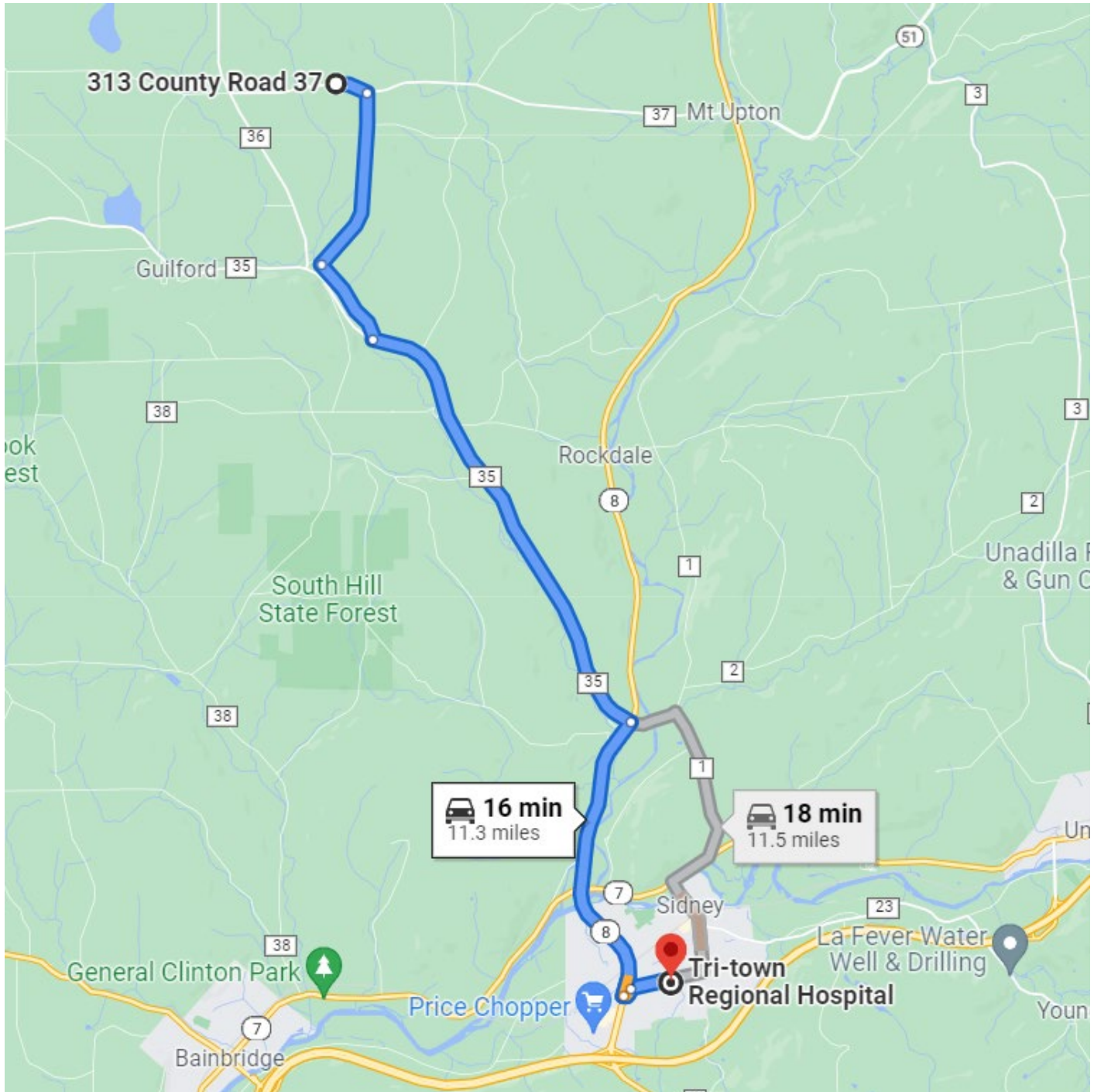
Final Addresses for the High Bridge Wind Farm are as follows:

Wind Turbines	Address
Turbine 101	655 CR36 (opposite side) Guilford NY 13780
Turbine 102	655 CR36 (opposite side) Guilford NY 13780
Turbine 103	583 CR36 (opposite side) Guilford NY 13780
Turbine 104	222 Whites Hill Road Guilford, NY 13780
Turbine 105	161 Whites Hill Road Guilford, NY 13780
Turbine 106	222 Whites Hill Road Guilford, NY 13780
Turbine 112	210 Miller Road Guilford NY 13780
Turbine 113	210 Miller Road Guilford NY 13780
Turbine 115	420 Crandall Road Guilford NY 13809
Turbine 117	420 Crandall Road Guilford NY 13809
Turbine 118	420 Crandall Road Guilford NY 13809
Turbine 120	673 CR 37 Mt Upton NY 13809
Turbine 121	673 CR 37 Mt Upton NY 13809
Turbine 122	313 CR 37 Guilford NY 13780
Turbine 123	313 CR 37 Guilford NY 13780
Turbine 124	313 CR 37 Guilford NY 13780
Turbine 126	673 CR 37(opposite side) Mt Upton NY 13809
Turbine 127	673 CR 37 (opposite side) Mt Upton NY 13809
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Turbine 131	673 CR 37 (opposite side) Mt Upton NY 13809
Turbine 133	673 CR 37 (opposite side)

	Mt Upton NY 13809
Turbine 135	673 CR 37 (opposite side) Mt Upton NY 13809
Lay Down Yard	313 CR 37 (opposite side) Guilford NY 13780
Substation	583 CR 36 (opposite side) Guilford NY 13780
MET-B	673 CR 37 (opposite side) Mt Upton NY 13809

DESIGNATED MEDICAL PROVIDER CLINIC: Tri- Town Regional Hospital

43 Pearl St. W,
Sidney, NY 13838



Directions to Tri-Town Regional Hospital**313 County Rd 37**

Guilford, NY 13780

- ↑ 1. Head east on County Rd 37 toward Keach Rd
24 s (0.3 mi)


Continue on Keach Rd to County Rd 35

- 4 min (2.7 mi)
- ↘ 2. Turn right onto Keach Rd
1.8 mi
- ↙ 3. Turn left onto Marble Rd
0.9 mi

Continue on County Rd 35 to Sidney

- 10 min (7.6 mi)
- ↙ 4. Turn left onto County Rd 35
4.7 mi
- ↘ 5. Turn right onto NY-8 S
3.0 mi

Take Pearl St W to your destination

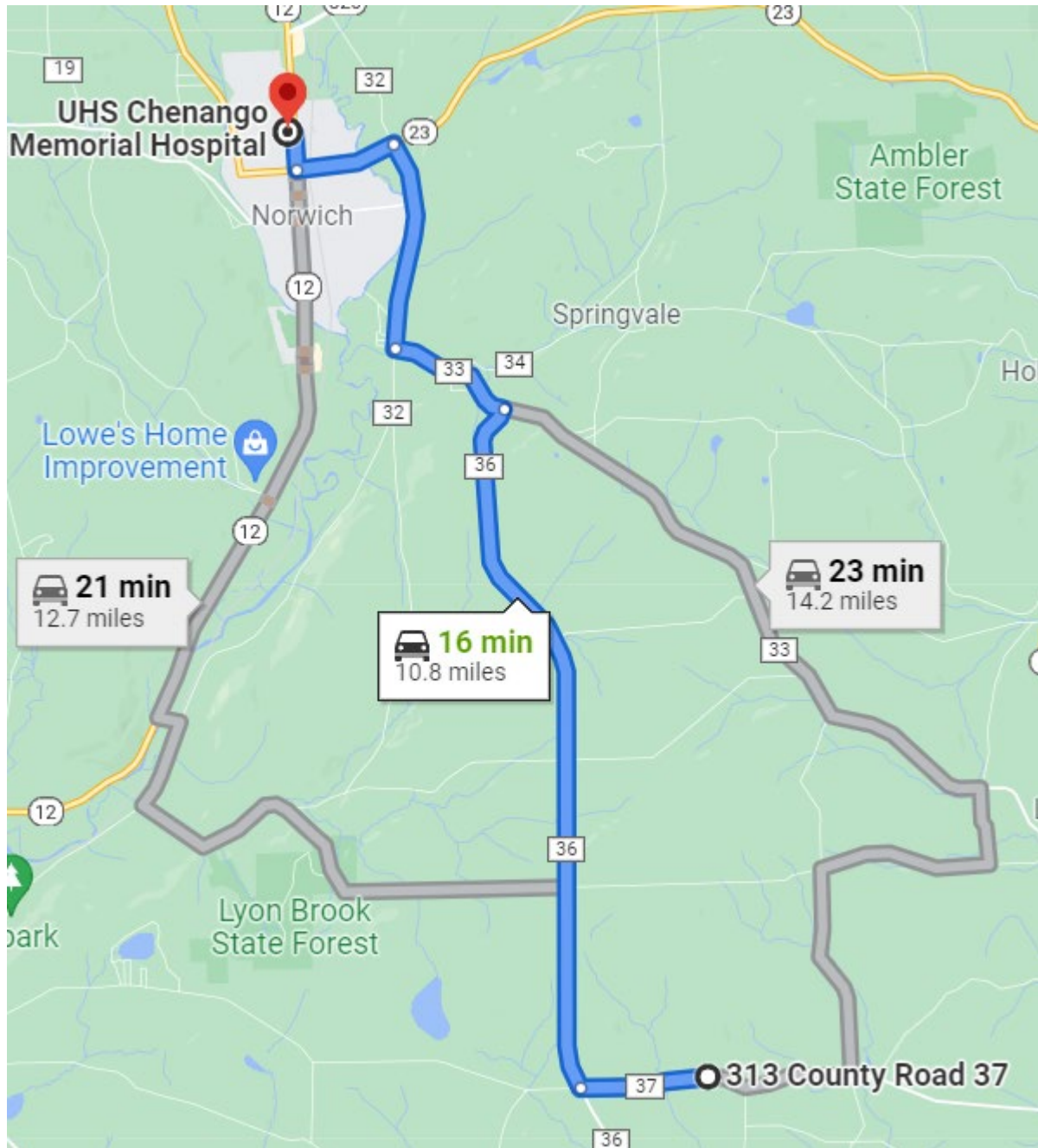
- 2 min (0.6 mi)
- ↙ 6. Turn left onto Delaware Ave
0.1 mi
- ↘ 7. Turn right onto Pearl St W
0.4 mi
- ↘ 8. Turn right
 Destination will be on the right
220 ft

Tri-town Regional Hospital

43 Pearl St W, Sidney, NY 13838

HOSPITAL: UHS Chenango Memorial Hospital

179 N Broad St.
Norwich NY 13815
(607)-337-4111








Directions to UHS Chenango Memorial Hospital

313 County Rd 37

Guilford, NY 13780





Take County Rd 36 to Parking Lot in Norwich

16 min (10.7 mi)

-  1. Head west on County Rd 37 toward County Rd 36
1.0 mi
-  2. Turn right at the 1st cross street onto County Rd 36
5.8 mi
-  3. Turn left onto County Rd 33
1.1 mi
-  4. Turn right onto E River Rd
1.7 mi
-  5. Turn left onto NY-23 W
0.8 mi
-  6. Turn right onto N Broad St
0.3 mi

Continue on Parking Lot to your destination

39 s (312 ft)

-  7. Turn left onto Parking Lot
125 ft
-  8. Turn right to stay on Parking Lot
46 ft
-  9. Turn left
 Destination will be on the left
141 ft

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179 N Broad St, Norwich, NY 13815