

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Using the guidelines for survey and documentation established by the U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service, the *Genesee-Finger Lakes Historic Transportation Gateway Inventory and Assessment* is a thematic historic resource survey that identifies and evaluates properties in the Genesee-Finger Lakes Region as they relate to transportation, such as railroad depots and stations, interurban and trolley stations, industrial buildings, and automobile facilities. A reconnaissance-level survey has been conducted within the boundary of the Genesee-Finger Lakes Region, which includes: Genesee, Livingston, Monroe, Ontario, Orleans, Seneca, Wayne, Wyoming, and Yates Counties. The survey data identifies historic properties suitable for specific transportation improvements in the region, such as rehabilitation and adaptive reuse for welcome centers and/or pedestrian, bicycle, boater, mass transit, and/or motor vehicle facilities. Survey data will assist in future transportation-related projects that may include acquisition of scenic easements and scenic or historic sites, historic preservation, and the rehabilitation and operation of historic transportation buildings, structures, or facilities.

Chapter 1: Introduction addresses the rationale to conduct this thematic historic resource survey and identifies the project's field survey team and how the public was involved in planning the survey.

Chapter 2: Conducting the Survey provides the kinds of information gathered for the inventory and documentation, explanation of the criteria used in evaluating the properties, general description of the survey area, and a description of the historic contexts and methodology used in selecting the identified sites.

Chapter 3: Organization of Survey Data features the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (NYS OPRHP) Historic Resource Inventory Forms completed for select transportation-related buildings located in all nine counties of the Genesee-Finger Lakes Region. Each form provides a brief architectural description of the property, historic research and statement of significance, one or two digital photographs (existing condition and/or historic), and a map showing the location of the property.

Chapter 4: Use of Survey Data summarizes the inventory and provides recommendations based on the field survey and historical research. Recommendations include ways the data can be used in regional and local planning efforts, how the existing survey can be improved upon, and identifies potential funding sources for the preservation, restoration, and rehabilitation of historic transportation-related buildings.

Overall, sixty-six buildings were identified by the *Genesee-Finger Lakes Historic Transportation Gateway Inventory and Assessment* including two air-related, 45 rail-related, 14 road-related (vehicular), and five water-related buildings.

A tabular list of transportation-related resources that are listed on the New York State and National Register of Historic Places and criteria used to evaluate properties listed on the National Register can be found in the report's appendices. Two regional maps are also provided at the end of this report: one portrays the major historic transportation systems of the Genesee-Finger Lakes Region and the other depicts historic transportation-related buildings identified by this survey.