

## **Seneca County**

### Public Transportation

Seneca County, at this time, has no public transportation. A collaborative consisting of The United Way, NYS Department of Transportation, Seneca County, and the Genesee Transportation Council is currently assessing the possible role of public transportation. The rural nature and low density of population throughout the county as a whole limits the possibility of extensive public transportation. However, it appears certain areas of Seneca County could benefit from limited public transportation to major centers of activity within Seneca County and its neighboring counties. A study is underway to evaluate possible transit from Interlaken at the Southeast corner of the county to Ithaca in Tompkins County. The possibility of Ontario's CATS running a service to the Finger Lakes Outlet Mall between Geneva and Waterloo is also being discussed. Both services would initially be available one or two days a week with the possibility of increased frequency if enough interest in the services is shown to justify the additional cost.

### Disadvantaged Population

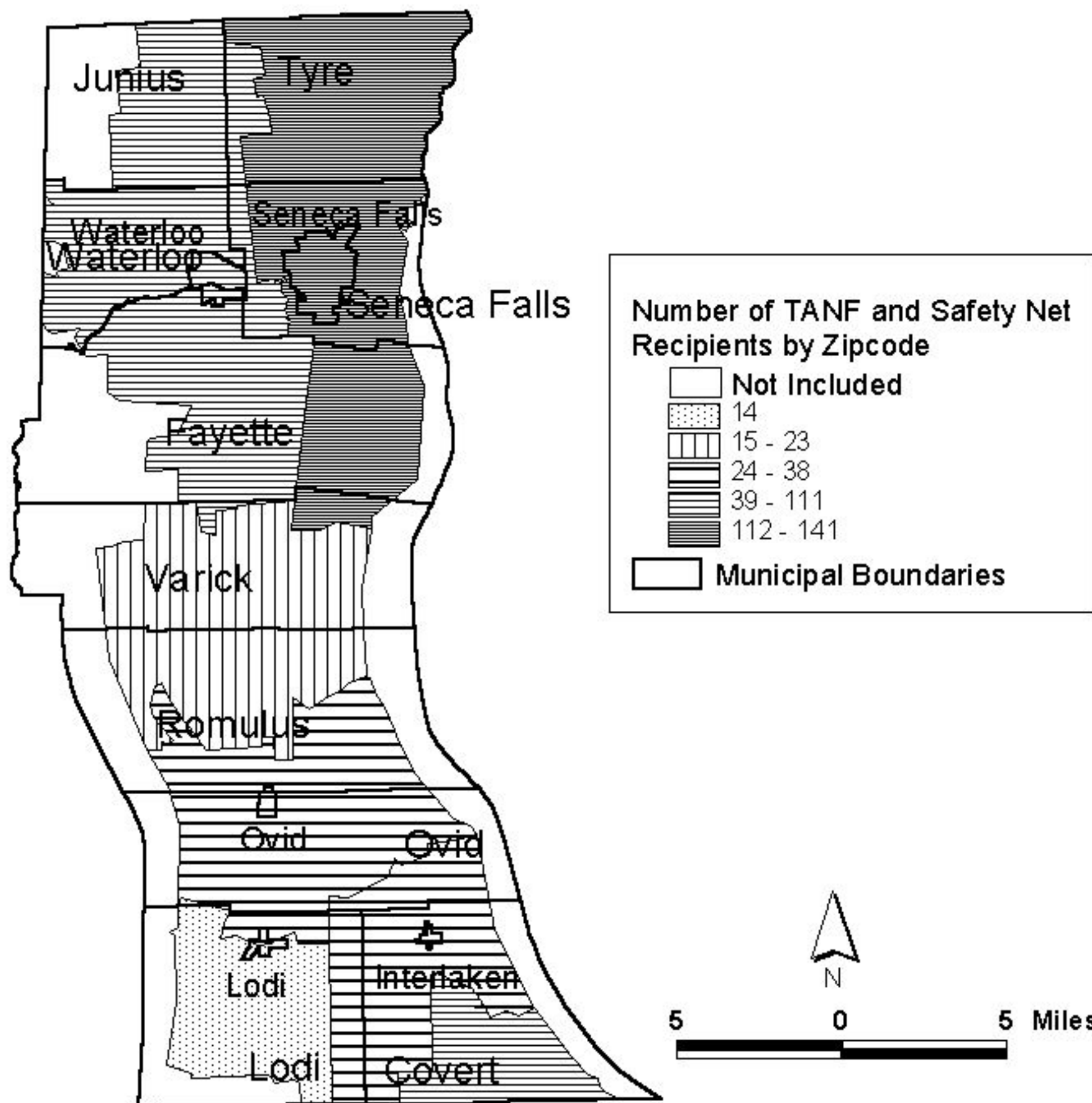
According to the Seneca County Department of Social Services, the largest numbers of persons receiving Temporary assistance in any area (as of December 1998) reside in the Town and Village of Seneca Falls. Waterloo and Junius (combined) have the second highest concentration of Temporary assistance recipients. This concentration of jobseekers receiving temporary assistance in the northern portion of the county can also be seen in Map 37, which displays the number of TANF and Safety Net recipients, by zipcode. In the southern portion of Seneca County, the greatest number of Temporary assistance recipients resides in the Village of Interlaken.

### Training Activities and Services

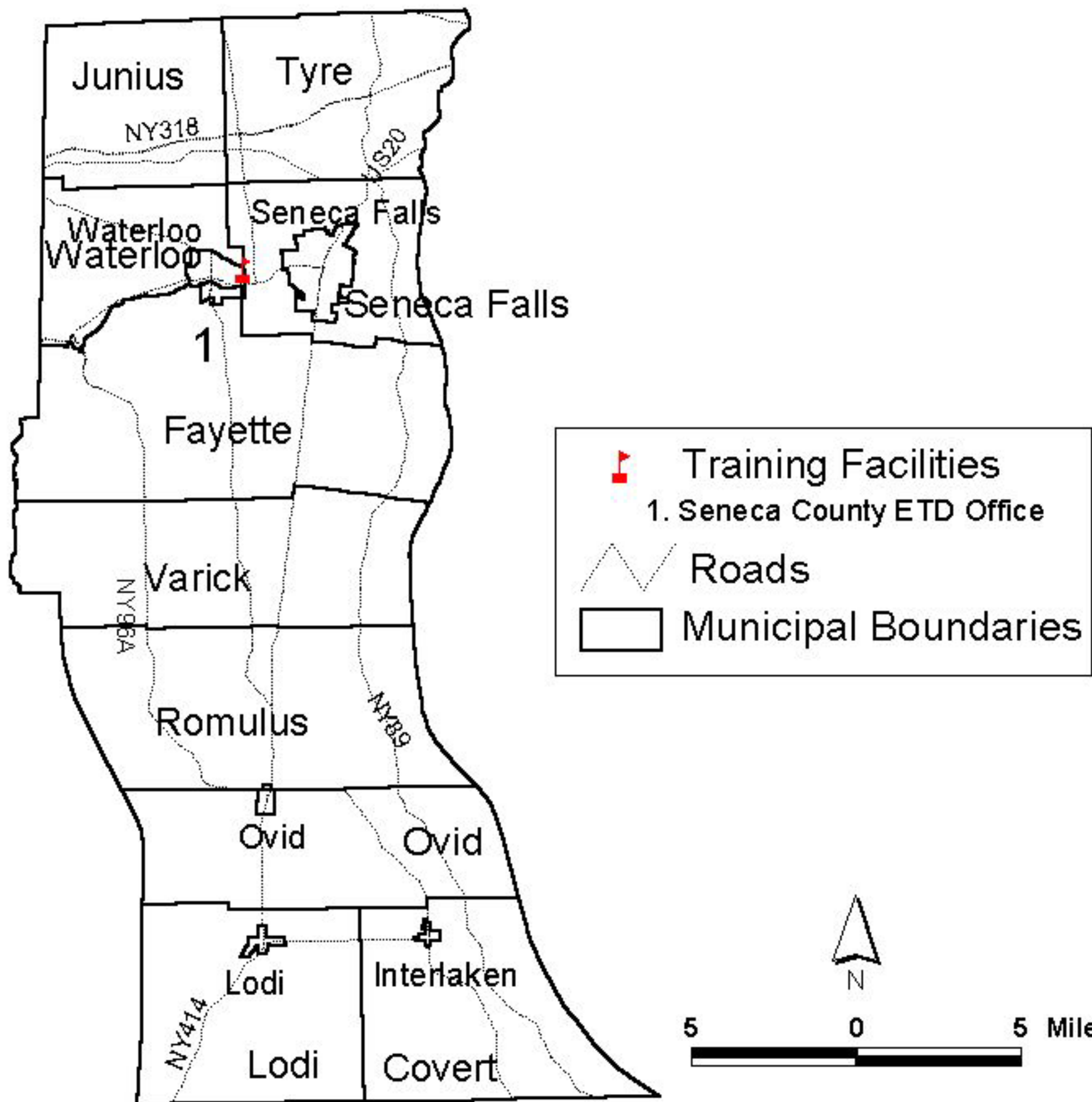
The Seneca County Employment and Training Department (ETD) offers weekly job clubs on Wednesdays, an orientation to the department and their services, and individualized workshops that run between two and three weeks. The training takes place at Stanley BOCES in Ontario County. Transportation to the workshops and training takes on various forms and the county DSS and ETD currently use a mobile work crew, a private dial-a-ride service, local school buses, and programs to aid jobseekers in the purchase and upkeep of private automobiles. Map 38 shows the location of the Seneca County ETD office where the job club meetings, orientations, and workshops are held.

The mobile work crew currently uses older DSS vans that have been replaced. The mobile work crew usually has four to five participants at any given time and is one of the first exercises TANF recipients participate in upon entrance into a customized ETD work plan. The work crew operates Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. The driver of the van is funded through *Work Now* funds and there is currently discussion about the possibility of a second mobile work crew. The private dial a ride-service operates by subsidizing private taxi and van services. The cost of such a service most likely makes it a temporary solution until some other arrangements can be made. Local school buses are used to transport jobseekers to training at the BOCES facility in Stanley when room is available. A program that will allow TANF recipients and others to purchase cars is being developed. Not-for-profit agencies have been unable to serve as a conduit for such

# Seneca County TANF and Safety Net Recipients by Zipcode - May 1998



# Sites Used by the Seneca County Employment and Training Department to Train and Assess Disadvantaged Jobseekers



a program. The DSS and ETD have been in contact with GTC and are currently investigating possible funding sources for such a program.

### Employment Opportunities

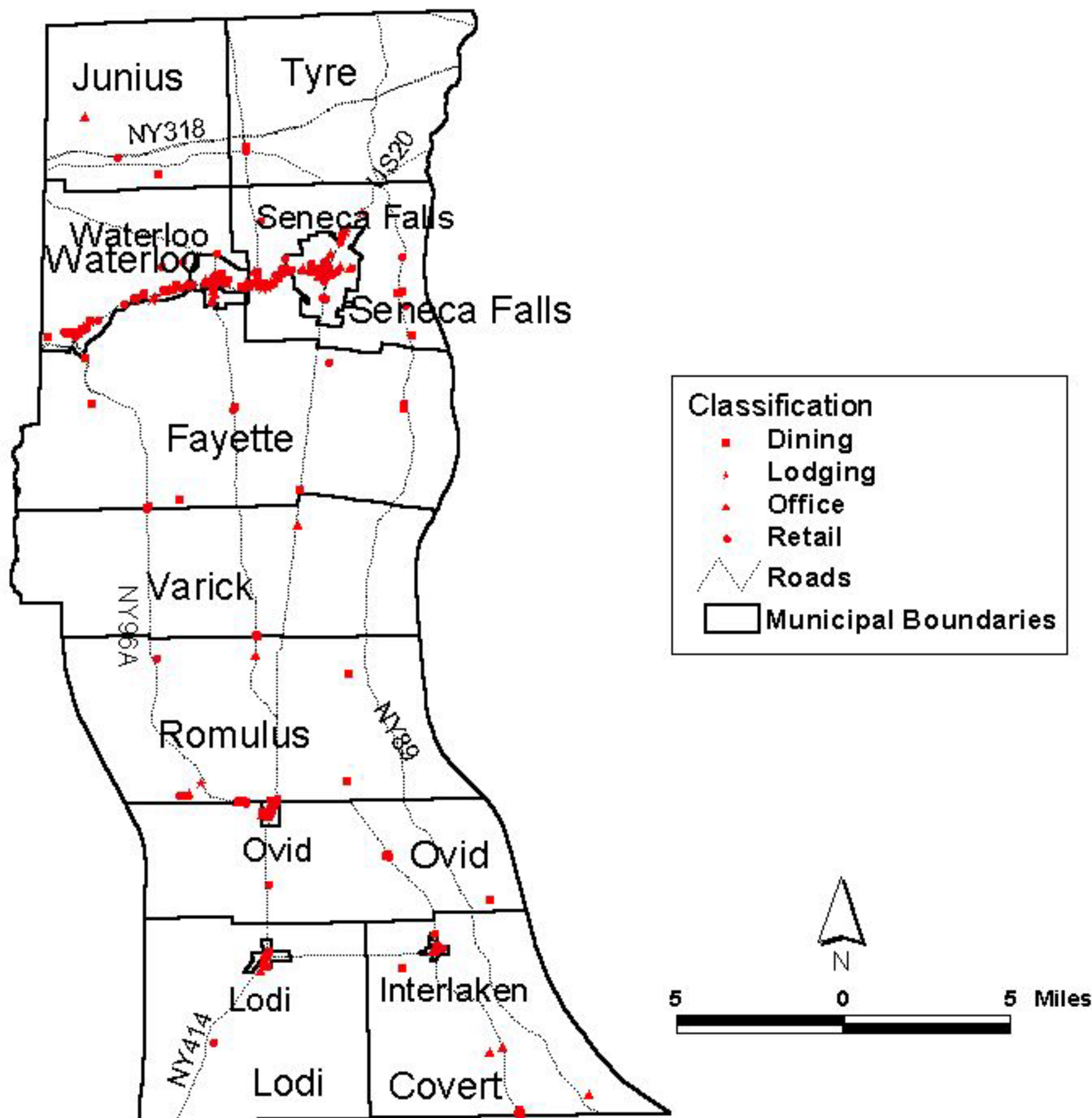
The locations of commercial and community service businesses and agencies in Seneca County are shown on Maps 39 and 40. The majority of these companies are located in the northern half of the county extending along Routes 5 & 20 from the Ontario County border on the west to the Village of Seneca Falls. There are also clusters of development in the villages of Interlaken, Lodi, and Ovid in the southern half.

The Finger Lakes Outlet Mall currently employs over 900 workers, many of them part-time. The majority of these are probably entry-level retail or janitorial positions that could be filled by jobseekers on temporary assistance. The Seneca Army Depot was also mentioned as an area that could see increased development and the creation of new jobs in the future. While the south end of the depot may become a correctional facility, there has been no public mention of any solid commitments by a firm or firms to occupy the north end. Still the potential for redevelopment of the Army Depot may signal the arrival of entry-level jobs into the county. Waterloo and Seneca Falls both have a number of establishments in service producing industries that may also yield entry-level employment opportunities for jobseekers. Map 41 displays the locations of these expected growth areas in Seneca County.

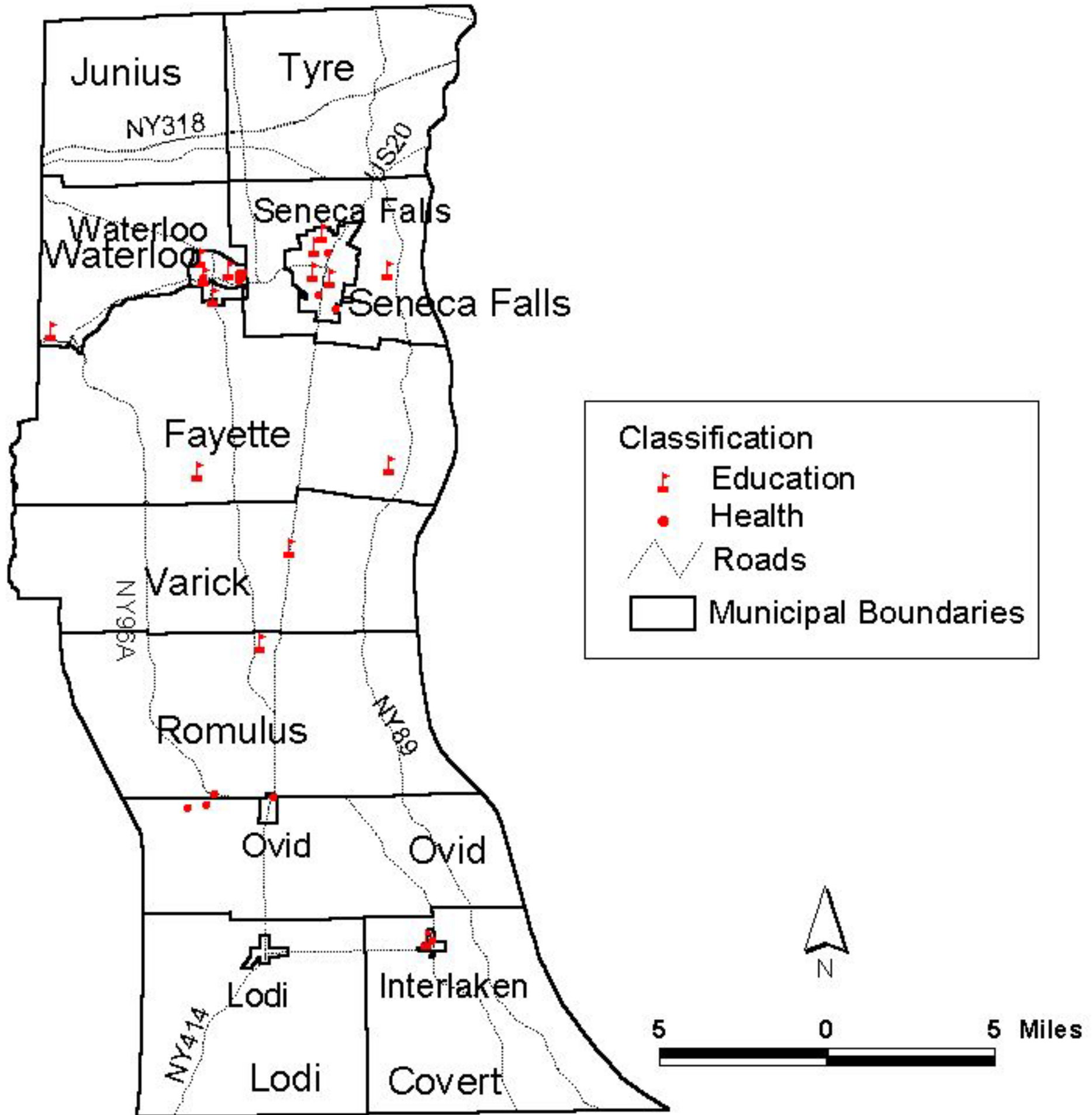
### Child Care Centers

Few licensed child care centers are located in Seneca County. Of the three existing as of November 1998, there is one each in the Village of Seneca Falls, the Town of Romulus, and the Town of Ovid. Map 42 shows the locations of these facilities.

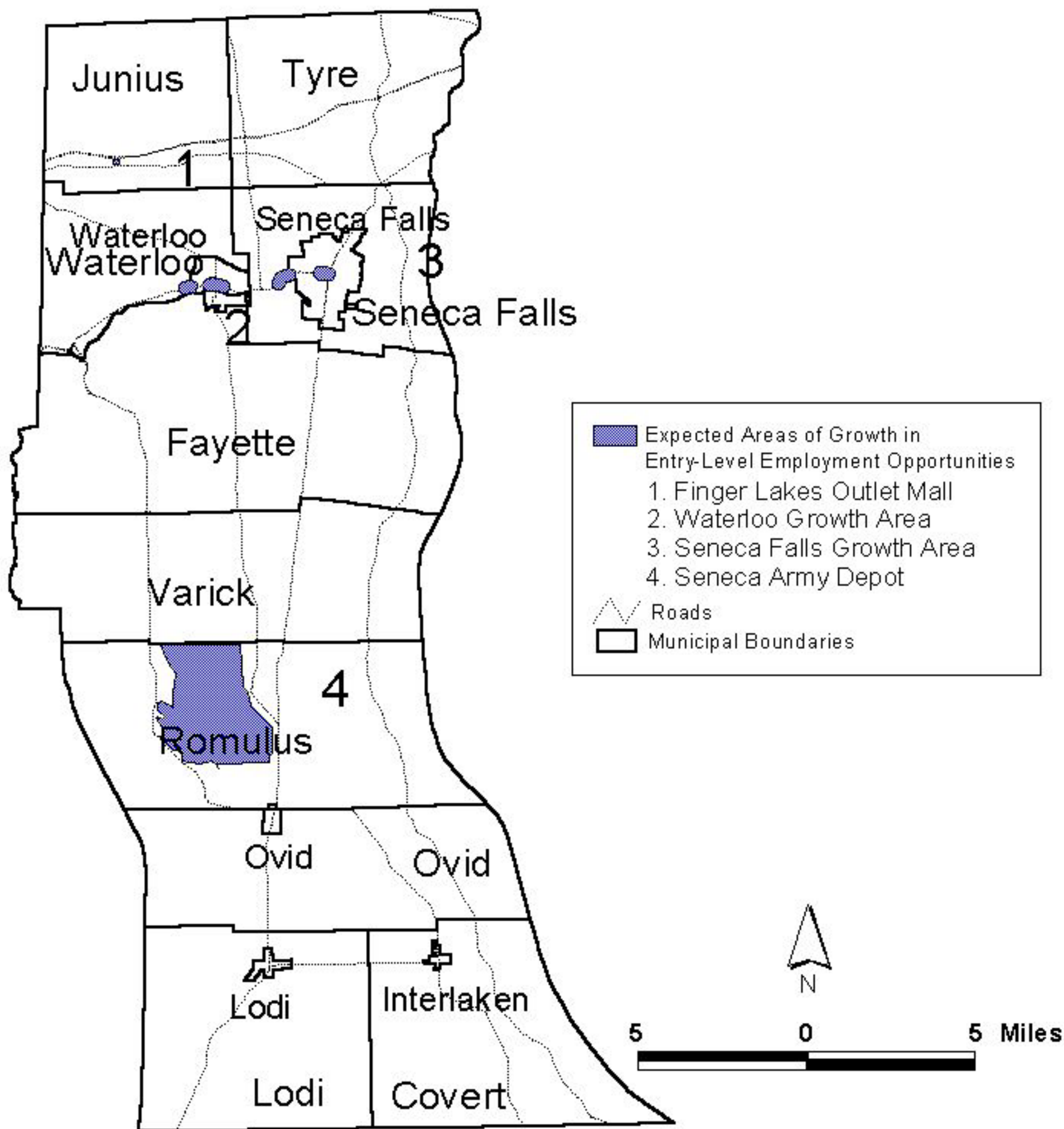
# Commercial Firms with Potential Entry-Level Employment Opportunities in Seneca County



# Community Service Firms with Potential Entry-Level Employment Opportunities in Seneca County



# Expected Areas of Growth in Entry-Level Employment Opportunities in Seneca County



# Licensed Child Care Centers in Seneca County

