



# Online Map Shows 1,500 Potential Wireless Spots to Facilitate Broadband Development

Project is Potential 'Game Changer' for the Region

**PLATTSBURGH, NY -- The Wireless Clearinghouse Project just launched an interactive, web-based map that will help facilitate the expansion of wireless telecommunications in the Adirondack Park - a key to economic development in the region.**

Available at

[www.giswebhosting.com/wirelessclearinghouse](http://www.giswebhosting.com/wirelessclearinghouse),

the map is an inventory of existing structures that are suitable for housing wireless antennae. It uses Google Earth to show more than 1,500 potential sites in all but a few of the towns in the park.

Paid for through a New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Smart Growth grant to the Town of Saranac and administered by the Research Foundation of SUNY, with SUNY Plattsburgh handling project implementation, the Wireless Clearinghouse database will serve a resource for private companies and Adirondack Park municipalities, as they look toward expanding wireless telecommunications across the region.



**"Wireless service is key to the economic growth and sustainability of Adirondack communities," said Howard Lowe, project director from SUNY Plattsburgh. "The DEC Smart Growth program enabled us to create a new resource that can be of great benefit to towns in the park and the wireless providers who may establish additional services there."**

## Game Changer for the Region

The New York State Wireless Association has recognized the Wireless Clearinghouse as being "potentially a game-

## Participating Towns

Adirondack towns that participated in the Wireless Clearinghouse as of June 30:

Arietta  
Bellmont  
Black Brook  
Chester  
Dannemora  
Edinburg  
Fine  
Franklin  
Hadley  
Hope  
Horicon  
Lewis  
Long Lake  
Mayfield Village  
North Hudson  
Ohio  
Otter Lake  
Parishville  
Port Henry Village  
Saranac  
Speculator Village  
Thurman  
Ticonderoga  
Tupper Lake Village  
Warrensburg  
Webb  
Wells  
Willsboro

All participating towns were entered into a drawing to win a free customized online mapping application. Mark Hall, the supervisor from the Town of Fine, said he was excited to hear that the town had won

changing tool for site selectors to use in seeking existing transmission sites within the Adirondack Park."



Fountains Spatial, Schenectady, NY, was contracted by the Research Foundation of SUNY to provide research, database development and online mapping services. The project took advantage of the latest broadband mapping resources created by the New York State Office for Cyber Security.

Austin Fisher, vice president of Fountains Spatial said, "The Wireless Clearinghouse Mapping Application provides telecommunications companies, local government officials, and the general public with an easy-to-use and powerful tool to review an extensive inventory of potential antennae sites. Procedures are also in place to allow for updates to the inventory by authorized individuals from each municipality."

## About the Project

Twenty eight Adirondack Park municipalities actively participated in the project from August 2010 to June 2011. They helped by reviewing and qualifying likely antenna locations in their community, looking at factors like existing electrical, structure height, high site elevation, easy road access, good line of sight visibility and ability to be leased.

Efforts were then made to identify potential sites in all municipalities in the park. Using tax parcel data, sites were identified in 81 of these municipalities. Finally, all Adirondack Park municipalities were invited to review, modify and add sites using a Web-application based on Google Maps.

the Municipal Mapper and has begun gathering data to get it up and running.

Project partners are the Town of Saranac, SUNY Plattsburgh, Fountains Spatial and the Adirondack North Country Association.

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