



**BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM**

NYS OFFICE OF PARKS, RECREATION  
& HISTORIC PRESERVATION  
DIVISION FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION  
(518) 474-0479

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY  
UNIQUE SITE NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
QUAD \_\_\_\_\_  
SERIES \_\_\_\_\_  
NEG. NO. \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR NAME: Nancy Todd DATE: August 1987

YOUR ADDRESS: E.S.P. Agency Bldg 1 TELEPHONE: 518-474-0479

ORGANIZATION (if any): Division for Historic Preservation

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**IDENTIFICATION**

- 1. BUILDING NAME(S): Parker Farmhouse, Component # 17
- 2. COUNTY: Madison TOWN/~~ENY~~: Cazenovia VILLAGE: na; Cazenovia vic.
- 3. STREET LOCATION: 3981 East Road; west side; south of Number Nine Road
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public  b. private
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: Josie Burdin ADDRESS: 3981 East Road, RFD 3, Cazenovia
- 6. USE: Original: residence Present: residence 13035
- 7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes  No   
Interior accessible: Explain no; private residence

**DESCRIPTION**

- 8. BUILDING MATERIAL: a. clapboard  b. stone  c. brick  d. board and batten   
e. cobblestone  f. shingles  g. stucco  other: \_\_\_\_\_
- 9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM: (if known) a. wood frame with interlocking joints   
b. wood frame with light members   
c. masonry load bearing walls   
d. metal (explain) \_\_\_\_\_  
e. other \_\_\_\_\_
- 10. CONDITION: a. excellent  b. good  c. fair  d. deteriorated
- 11. INTEGRITY: a. original site  b. moved  if so, when? \_\_\_\_\_  
c. list major alterations and dates (if known): \_\_\_\_\_

See item #18

12. PHOTO: N. Todd, 1987;  
Cazenovia Preservation  
Foundation, 1985

13. MAP: See continuation sheets  
Acreage: 44.13 acres

1. East (front) elevation



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COMPONENT #17

14. THREATS TO BUILDING: a. none known  b. zoning  c. roads   
d. developers  e. deterioration   
f. other: \_\_\_\_\_
15. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS AND PROPERTY:  
a. barn  2 b. carriage house  c. garage : non-contributing  
d. privy  e. shed  f. greenhouse   
g. shop  h. gardens  a and j: contributing  
i. landscape features: \_\_\_\_\_  
j. other: wagon shed and corn crib
16. SURROUNDINGS OF THE BUILDING (check more than one if necessary):  
a. open land  b. woodland   
c. scattered buildings   
d. densely built-up  e. commercial   
f. industrial  g. residential   
h. other: \_\_\_\_\_

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:  
(Indicate if building or structure is in an historic district)

**See continuation sheet**

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE (including interior features if known):

**See continuation sheet**

**SIGNIFICANCE**

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: ca. 1820; 1860s; dependencies: late 19th century

ARCHITECT: unknown

BUILDER: unknown

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

**See continuation sheet**

21. SOURCES:

**See cover form, item #9**

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17. The Parker Farmhouse occupies a 44.13-acre farm on the west side of East Road approximately one-half mile south of the village of Cazenovia. The farmhouse is one of several residences scattered along this isolated rural road just south of Number Nine Road. Other buildings in the immediate vicinity are modern or altered older residences. Gently sloping open land and cultivated fields surround the farm complex. The farmhouse, surrounded by mature trees and a manicured lawn, sits close to the road with the outbuildings (including a cattle barn, a horse and carriage barn, a corn crib and a wagon shed, all of which are contributing, and a non-contributing garage) located to the rear (west). The entire acreage currently associated with the farmhouse is included in the nomination as it reflects the historic agricultural use of the property and provides an appropriate farm-like setting for the house and related outbuildings. The heavy black outline on the attached county tax map (107-1-1) identifies the boundary of the nominated property.

Contributing buildings: 4  
Contributing structures: 1  
Non-contributing buildings: 1

18. The Parker Farmhouse, erected ca. 1820, is a one and one-half story, rectangular frame structure sheathed with modern shingle siding. It is covered by a gable roof, the ridge of which is parallel to the street. The rear eave extends to cover the rear lean-to, giving the farmhouse a traditional "salt-box" form. The plain, vernacular building features a symmetrical three-bay facade organized around a central entrance. Windows contain six-over-six double-hung sash and are enclosed by simple wood moldings. The central entrance, surmounted by a simple transom light, is enclosed by a plain wood surround.

The farmhouse was "modernized" in the 1860s with the addition of a variety of picturesque elements, including a prominent center cross gable, exposed rafters under the eaves and a Gothic Revival style inspired front verandah with ornamental woodwork.

Room configurations and some nineteenth-century features survive intact on the building's interior. Organized around a central chimney, the building features two front parlors flanking a narrow, steeply pitched enclosed staircase. A kitchen wing (modernized in the twentieth century) spans the rear elevation. Although some hardware on interior doors appears to date from the early nineteenth century, the doors appear to date from the late nineteenth century; they probably were added when the exterior

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was remodelled in the 1860s. Simple wooden trim around door and window openings also appears to date from the mid- to late nineteenth century. Mantelpieces in the front parlors, designed to accommodate stoves rather than open fireplaces, are believed to date from the late Federal/early Greek Revival period; although slightly altered at some time during the nineteenth or twentieth century, they recall early nineteenth century design and building practices.

There are five outbuildings included on the nominated property, four of which are contributing. The four contributing late nineteenth century frame farm-related dependencies include a cattle barn with vertical sheathing and a gambrel roof (barn #1, photo #4), a gable-roofed horse and carriage barn with vertical board siding (barn #2, photo #4), a gable-roofed corn crib, and a wagon shed with a gable roof and vertical board siding. The non-contributing building is a frame garage with an attached hen house, moved to the property in the twentieth century.

20. The Parker Farmhouse, believed to date from ca. 1820, is architecturally significant as a rare and intact example of an early nineteenth century "salt-box" type farmhouse in the town of Cazenovia. Unique in Cazenovia and unusual in the region, this building form, typified by an attached rear lean-to, is more evocative of New England building traditions during the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries than of those in central New York. The architectural significance of the building is enhanced by the addition of a veneer of Picturesque decoration during late nineteenth century which illustrates the common practice of updating and aggrandizing older, more modest buildings with contemporary ornamentation. Additional significance is derived from the survival of four contributing farm-related dependencies and a substantial portion of the farmstead's original acreage.

The Parker farmhouse embodies a variety of distinctive features commonly associated with the New England "salt-box" house type, including an attached rear lean-to which housed the original kitchen facilities, a one and one-half story, rectangular gable-roofed form and extremely modest decorative details. The central placement of the chimney also recalls New England building traditions; center chimneys and the resulting organization of rooms are atypical in the central New York region. Far more common in Cazenovia and the region during the period are center-hall-plan buildings with end chimneys, a format which allows for a full-length center hall flanked by parlors. Typical examples of Federal period buildings which display

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formal, center-hall plans include the Zephnia Comstock Farmhouse (ca. 1830, Component #6), Evergreen Acres (ca. 1814, Component #8) and numerous village dwellings in the Cazenovia Village Historic District. Several other unusual examples of Federal period buildings with centrally placed chimneys in the town include the Beckwith Farmhouse, ca. 1810, Component #1; the Niles Farmhouse, ca. 1807, Component #2; and the Sweetland Farmhouse, ca. 1825, Component #3.

Additional architectural significance is derived from the evolution of the building's exterior appearance. Dating from a much later period (ca. 1860s) is the overlay of picturesque ornamentation, including the exposed rafters under the eaves, the front cross gable and the front verandah with Gothic-arched woodwork, all attributes associated with the Picturesque movement of the mid-nineteenth century. The "modernizing" of older buildings with contemporary architectural detailing was a common practice during the third quarter of the century, a period in Cazenovia's history when a general economic quiescence precluded widespread new construction. Numerous village dwellings reflect this practice. Scattered throughout the Cazenovia Village Historic District, particularly along Lincklaen Street, are many examples of relatively modest, pre-1850 dwellings enhanced with late nineteenth-century picturesque embellishment. (The dwelling at 44 Lincklaen Street is a typical example.) Most were updated with cornice, window, porch and/or entrance ornamentation, as was the Parker Farmhouse.

The collection of intact, late nineteenth century farm-related dependencies and the survival of much of the acreage of the original farmstead recall the farm's importance over time and the continued importance of agriculture in the town's economy. The dairy barns reflect the shift from reliance on crop production during the first half of the century to the more lucrative dairying with the advent of rail transportation and the refrigerated rail car in the region in the 1870s. The Parker farmhouse and related support structures and buildings remain important reminders of Cazenovia's prominence as a prosperous agricultural region. Comparable examples of rural farmsteads with similar early nineteenth century vernacular farmhouses, all of which provide important information on the history of farming in the central New York region, include the Beckwith Farmhouse (ca. 1810), the Niles Farmhouse (ca. 1807), the Sweetland Farmhouse (ca. 1825), Tall Pines (ca. 1835), Middle Farmhouse (ca. 1820), the Zephnia Comstock Farmhouse (ca. 1830), the Chappell Farmhouse (ca. 1835), Evergreen Acres (ca. 1814) and the Annas Farmhouse (ca. 1832), Components #1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8,

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and 9, respectively. A number of other rural farmsteads which also illustrate Cazenovia's agricultural development are also included in the nomination. See the Maples, Rolling Ridge Farm and the Cobblestone House, Components #10, 11, and 12, for examples of mid-nineteenth century, late Federal/Greek Revival style farmhouse architecture and the Crandall Farm Complex, the Brick House, the Jabez Abell Farmhouse and Barn, the Meadows and Glenwood Farm, Components #13, 14, 15, 16, and 18, for examples of mid- to late nineteenth century Picturesque rural architecture.

The builder and first occupant/owner of the farmhouse is unknown. The 1875 Madison County atlas identifies the owner as J. A. Parker; thus, the nominated property takes its name.

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Continuation Sheet

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Multiple Resource Area  
Thematic Group

Name Cazenovia Town MRA  
State Madison County, NEW YORK

Nomination/Type of Review	Date/Signature
11. Maples, The <i>Entered in the National Register</i>	for Keeper <u>Melrose Byers</u> 11/2/87 Attest _____
12. Meadows Farm Complex <i>Entered in the National Register</i>	for Keeper <u>Melrose Byers</u> 11/2/87 Attest _____
13. Middle Farmhouse <i>Substantive Review</i>	Keeper <u>Linda McClelland</u> 11/2/87 Attest _____
14. Niles Farmhouse <i>Entered in the National Register</i>	for Keeper <u>Melrose Byers</u> 11/2/87 Attest _____
15. Parker Farmhouse <i>Entered in the National Register</i>	for Keeper <u>Melrose Byers</u> 11/2/87 Attest _____
16. Rolling Ridge Farm <i>Entered in the National Register</i>	for Keeper <u>Melrose Byers</u> 11/2/87 Attest _____
17. Sweetland Farmhouse <i>Substantive Review</i>	Keeper <u>Linda McClelland</u> 11/2/87 Attest _____
18. Tall Pines <i>Entered in the National Register</i>	for Keeper <u>Melrose Byers</u> 11/2/87 Attest _____
19.	Keeper _____ Attest _____
20.	Keeper _____ Attest _____

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Parker Farmhouse (Cazenovia Town MRA)  
Madison County  
NEW YORK

SEP 18 1987

Working No. \_\_\_\_\_

Fed. Reg. Date: 2/7/84

Date Due: 10/5/87 - 11/2/87

Action:  ACCEPT 11-2-87

RETURN \_\_\_\_\_

REJECT \_\_\_\_\_

Federal Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Entered in the  
National Register

- resubmission
- nomination by person or local government
- owner objection
- appeal

Substantive Review:  sample  request  appeal  NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria \_\_\_\_\_

Reviewer \_\_\_\_\_

Discipline \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: \_\_\_\_\_ technical corrections cited below  
\_\_\_\_\_ substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

7. Description

Condition	Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> moved
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed	date _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	
	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- alterations/integrity
- dates
- boundary selection

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**8. Significance**

Period      Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates                      Builder/Architect  
Statement of Significance (*in one paragraph*)

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- applicable criteria
- justification of areas checked
- relating significance to the resource
- context
- relationship of integrity to significance
- justification of exception
- other

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**9. Major Bibliographical References**

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**10. Geographical Data**

Acreege of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References \_\_\_\_\_

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Verbal boundary description and justification \_\_\_\_\_

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**11. Form Prepared By**

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**12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification**

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

\_\_\_\_ national      \_\_\_\_ state      \_\_\_\_ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title                                      date

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**13. Other**

- Maps
- Photographs
- Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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2. front (east) and north elevations

3. Complex viewed from north



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4. Barns #1 and 2, viewed from northeast

5. Non-contributing garage, machine shed in background; viewed from east



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6. Door detail, front entrance



7. Door detail, entrance to staircase

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8. Mantelpiece, south parlor

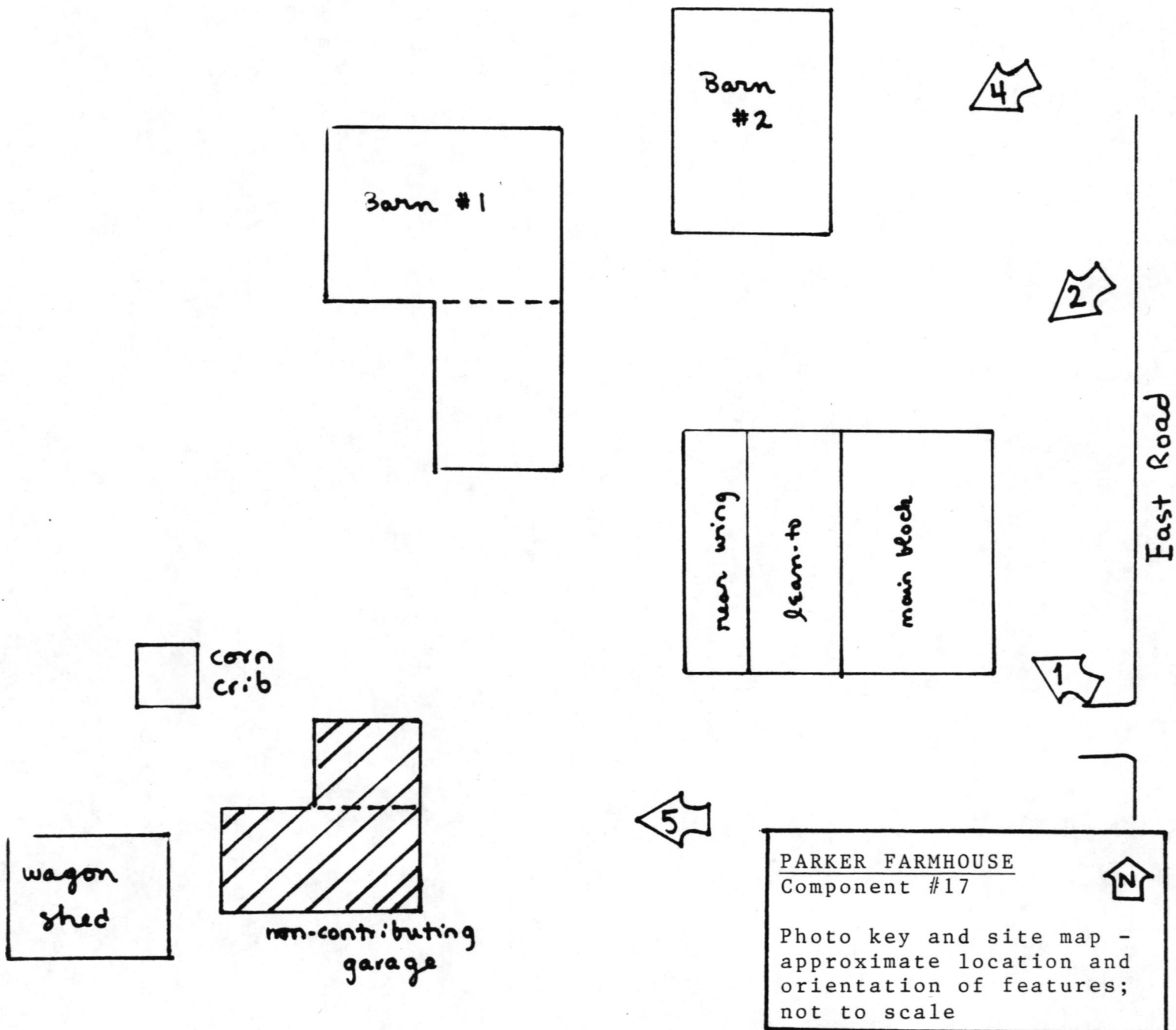
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Multiple Property Cover Sheet  
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000541

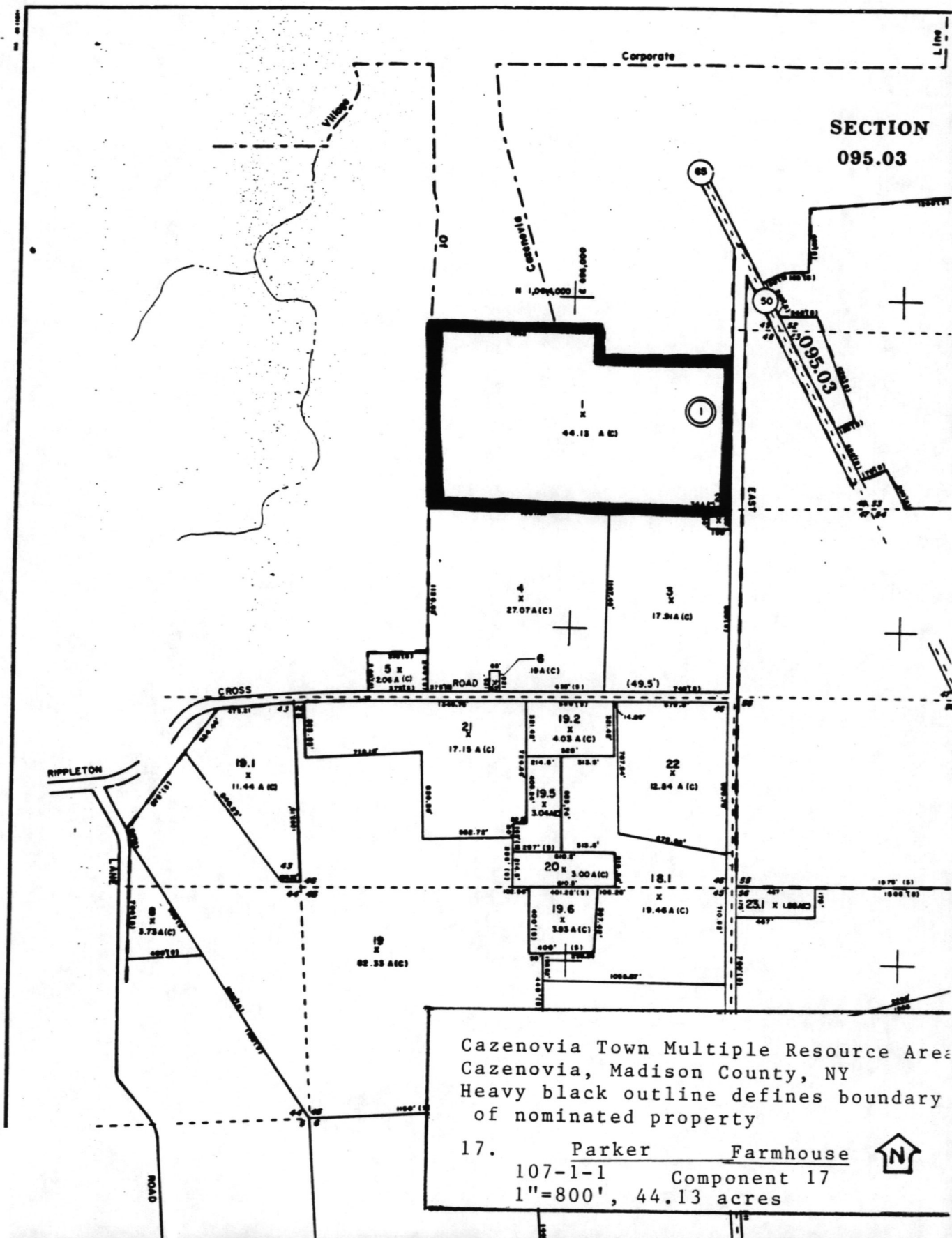
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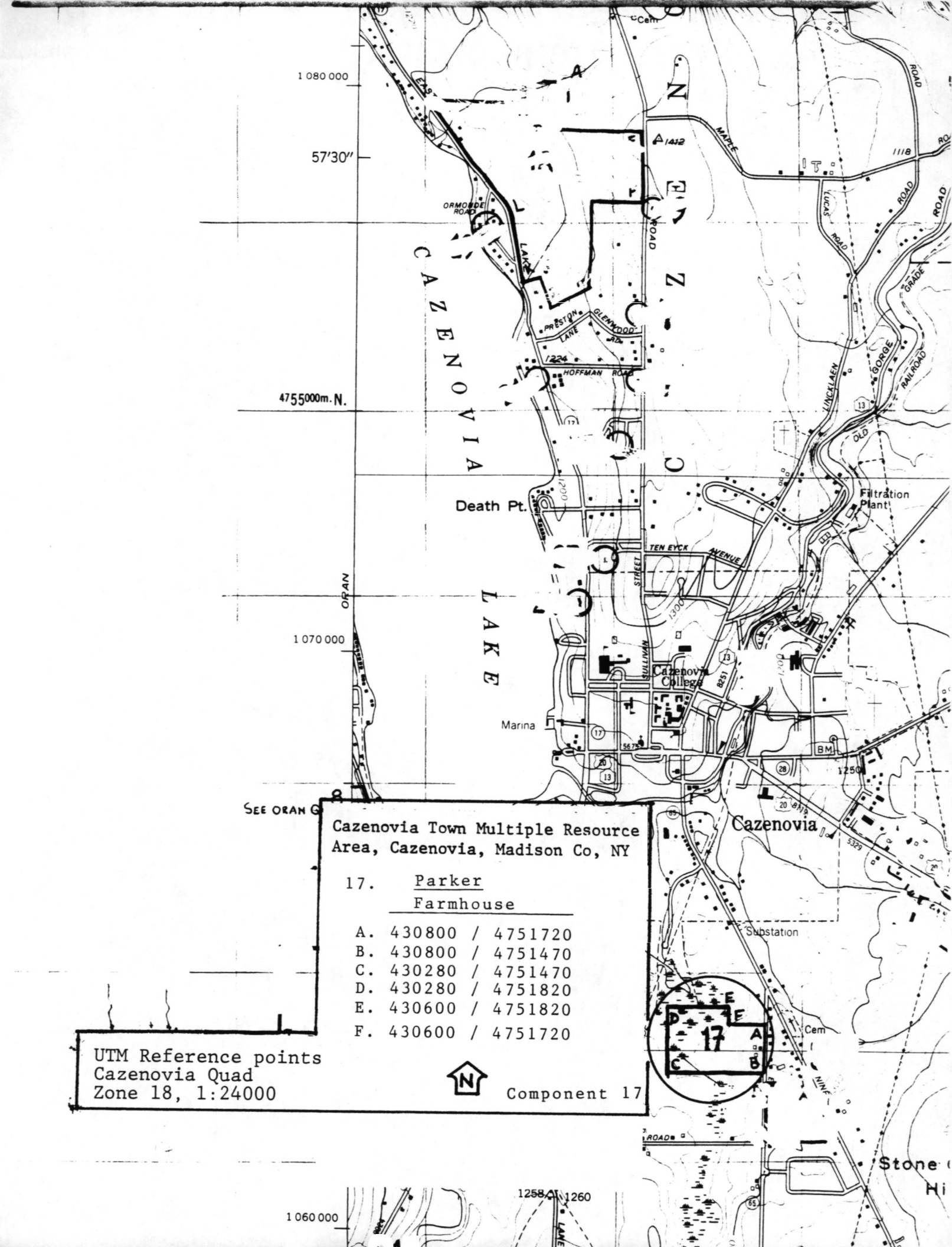
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Cazenovia, Madison County, NY  
Heavy black outline defines boundary  
of nominated property

17. Parker Farmhouse  
107-1-1 Component 17  
1"=800', 44.13 acres





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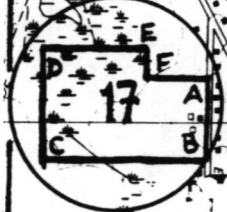
**Cazenovia Town Multiple Resource Area, Cazenovia, Madison Co, NY**

17.	<u>Parker</u>	<u>Farmhouse</u>
A.	430800	/ 4751720
B.	430800	/ 4751470
C.	430280	/ 4751470
D.	430280	/ 4751820
E.	430600	/ 4751820
F.	430600	/ 4751720

UTM Reference points  
Cazenovia Quad  
Zone 18, 1:24000



Component 17



1 080 000

57'30"

4755000m. N.

1 070 000

1 060 000

1258 1260