



COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT

ROME, NY

COMMUNITY PROFILE



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A. GENERAL PROFILE

1. Brief History

Rome, incorporated in 1870, is a city of 72 square miles located in the geographical center of NYS at the foothills of the Adirondacks, 13 miles NW of Utica, 35 miles NE of Syracuse and 174 miles E of Buffalo. The city is considered part of the Utica-Rome Metropolitan Area (MSA). Due to its strategic location along the Mohawk River and the Erie Canal, the City was considered one of the most important transportation points for people and goods during the settling and founding of the nation



Fort Stanwix was a colonial fort built in 1762 to guard a portage known as the *Oneida Carrying Place*, a critical waterway access to the nation's ports, during the French and Indian War. Fort Stanwix National Monument, a reconstructed structure built by the National Park Service, now occupies the site. In 1817, the first shovel of dirt was turned in Rome for the Erie Canal, which further bridged the gap between waterways to enable travel and open access to the American West.

During the Industrial Revolution, Rome gained the reputation as the "Copper City" as its metal industries produced an estimated 10 % of all copper in the US. However, by 1942, as plants began closing or relocating, Rome's early thriving metals manufacturers were replaced by Griffiss Air Force Base as the region's largest employer (9,000 employees at its peak). When Griffiss closed as part of the Air Force realignment in 1995, the City lost 1/4 of its population and the region lost an estimated 30% of its economy.

To help the City recover, Mohawk Valley Economic Development and Growth Enterprise, (EDGE) and the Griffiss Industrial Park, (GLDC) were established to redevelop the former Air Force Base. The Air Force Information Directorate, (Rome Labs) remained at Griffiss site and serves as an attraction to high technology corporations. Today, the City is finally beginning to capitalize on the seventy-six (76) businesses occupying the newly-formed Griffiss Business and Technology Park.

Recognizing the need for more economic diversity, Rome has been working on a variety of strategies - tourism, waterfront, recreation, brownfield redevelopment, mixed-use housing and smart energy – to make the City more attractive to a variety of modern, less environmentally damaging manufacturing and service industries and to new residents. While large-scale new development activity is taking place nearby at SUNY Polytech and the proposed Marcy NANOCENTER - the Rome community is attracting smaller high-tech research and development firms to Rome and the region. The National Park Service Fort Stanwix National Monument and the Rome Main Street Alliance are working with the municipality to help revitalize the downtown and Statewide Canal and heritage tourism initiatives are helping to attract both residents and tourists interested in history and recreation.

2. Local and Regional Planning Efforts and Development Initiatives

Rome Main Streets Assessment (2002)

The National Main Street Center, a division of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, provided Rome an assessment of its downtown in 2001. The project resulted in the identification and classification of three 'Main Street' commercial corridors: James Street; East Dominick Street; and West Dominick Street. The East Dominick Street corridor and parts of the James Street corridor are included in the BOA.

Kingsley Avenue and East Dominick Street Revitalization Plan (2003)

The East Rome Family Merchants Association, with the City and Fort Stanwix National Monument, completed a revitalization plan for East Rome incorporating the East Rome Business Park, East Dominick Street, Kingsley Avenue, and the Mohawk River and Erie Canal waterfront. The Study focused on areas central to the BOA, and

included a market analysis to identify potential market segments, as well as a proposed plan to attract tourists and niche businesses. The study indicated an overwhelming consensus from the community to provide a large-scale recreational component along the waterfront.

City of Rome Comprehensive Master Plan (2005)

With a focus on human, technological, educational, financial and physical infrastructure improvements, this plan has resulted in construction drawings, an urban design and signage plan, Main Streets Initiative and infrastructure improvements.

The Plan identified seven key goals for Rome

- 1) Provide a stable, balanced and productive tax base
- 2) Become the most business-friendly community in the State.
- 3) Train and educate a modern workforce
- 4) Offer higher quality, market-appropriate housing choices
- 5) Develop 21st century infrastructure
- 6) Support a healthy community and environment
- 7) Build and protect rich urban amenities



At the core of the Plan are three detailed Catalyst Projects – all still relevant:

- A) a proposed sports complex in the BOA Study Area, similar to that described in the Kingsley Avenue Study;
- B) gateway development initiatives; and,
- C) a focused plan for downtown development

City of Rome Urban Design Plan & Downtown Design Guidelines (2006)

An Urban Design with Design Guidelines and a Signage Plan focused on the preservation of historic features of buildings, public landscaping, street furniture, period lighting, decorative and functional crosswalks, trails and walkability, public safety, signage and access to improved services resulting from the plans.

Rome-Utica Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (2008)

The Analysis of Impediments report was completed as part of US Department of Housing and Urban Development requirements. The analysis aimed to identify issues, which are facing residents of the City of Rome related to fair housing choices, difficulty receiving loans, housing discrimination and lack of safe housing conditions.

Brownfield Opportunity Area BOA I & II Plans (2015)

NYS - funded development and marketing plans for targeted sites including a mixture of residential, industrial, commercial and retail land uses. The following significant implementation projects have resulted: Construction of American Alloy Steel facility, redevelopment of the Grand Hotel, Canal Village Affordable Housing, Bellamy Harbor Park Improvements, MSP facility construction, etc.

Retooling Rome for Smart Growth (2016)

Updated Zoning Code with the following goals:

- Reduction of barriers to sustainable and energy saving development
- Creation of incentives for new development, as well as flexibilities for the retrofitting of existing development, to incorporate more sustainable development techniques
- Standards that make permissions clear and address potential impacts



Oneida County 2020 Initiative

With NANO Utica (Marcy NANOCENTER) in mind, in 2013, three committees were convened by Oneida County to research and develop a plan focused on positive change for Oneida County. Known as Vision 2020, a group of more than 50 volunteers and government representatives created a blueprint for a first-class workforce, enhanced housing, and accessible job opportunities. 2020 initiatives underway include:

- Comprehensive assessment of English as a Second Language (ESL) resources, and development of programs that will facilitate pathways toward employment and rewarding careers.
- Study of housing needs and adoption of tax incentives to encourage development of the diverse types of housing that the new emerging workforce demands.
- Expansion of student internships and development of a streamlined process for connecting people with job opportunities.

MV Regional Economic Development Council Masterplan (2011)

The City of Rome’s Mayor is a member of the Regional Economic Development Council, which represents 6 counties in the Mohawk Valley. Rome’s projects support the implementation of the Council’s Strategic Plan which is based on the following core principles:

- Building a diverse, integrated and dynamic economy that leverages technology and innovation.
- Driving efficiency, collaboration and inclusiveness for business and local government throughout the region.
- Becoming regionally networked and globally connected if the region is to be a vibrant part of the new economy.
- Cultivating, attracting and empowering skilled workers, to support the development of a knowledge-based economy.
- Fostering an entrepreneurial spirit and renewal of our communities that turns ideas into businesses and reclaim the region’s urban landscape.
- Preserving and building upon our abundant natural, cultural and geographical resources.
- Securing a rewarding quality of life for all.



Cleaner Greener Communities Sustainability Plan - Mohawk Valley (2012)

Rome staff members worked with other representatives from the Mohawk Valley to develop a sustainability plan and implementation projects aligned with smart growth practices to improve the economic development and environmental well-being of the community. The plan focuses on projects and action steps relating to the following:

- Economic Development
- Transportation
- Land Use and Livable Communities
- Water Management
- Materials Management
- Agriculture and Forestry

3. Local Governance

City of Rome

The City of Rome has a strong-mayoral form of government. The Mayor of the City of Rome has clear administrative authority over municipal government (day-to-day operations). Additionally, under this system, the Mayor prepares and administers the city budget, directs departments and department heads, reviews and appoints personnel, and sets city policy in many regards.

The Mayor presides over the city’s Board of Estimate & Contract, which carries out the mayor’s budget, and approves or defeats proposed contracts between the city and vendors or outside organizations. In the City of Rome, the mayor’s proposed yearly budget must be approved by the Common Council.



In the City of Rome, the Common Council is the main elected body. There are eight elected members of the Common Council, seven elected – one from each ward of the city - and a Common Council president elected by residents.

MAYOR

Jacqueline M. Izzo

E-mail: mayor@romecitygov.com

Prior to being elected for her first term in 2015, Mayor Izzo owned and operated Upstate New York Professional Services, Inc., CNY Transcription Service - now in its 20th year of operation. She at one time worked for the Oneida County Social Services Department and was a staff assistant at the Rome Area Chamber of Commerce where she began her long association with the Honor America Days Committee, as Chairperson. Mayor Izzo also served the community as the Director of Tourism and the Erie Canal Village and General Manager of the Quality Inn of Rome during her professional career.



Mayor's Office Contact Information

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COMMON COUNCIL

The Common Council is the lawmaking and governing body of the city. Regular meetings of the Council are held on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Common Council chambers at City Hall. The Council considers legislation, must approve a city budget and makes local laws and rules. The President of the Common Council is elected by the people every four years. The President presides at the Council meetings and does not vote on legislation except to break a tie.

2016 Rome Common Council Meeting & Contact Information

Council President - Stephanie Viscelli, 1734 N. George St., (315) 337-3551, *stephviscelli@gmail.com*

1st Ward - Lori A. Trifeletti, 101 Parkway, (315) 336-0007, *ltrifeletti@aol.com*

2nd Ward - John B. Mortise, 6744 Route 233, (315) 527-4056, *jmkw101904@yahoo.com*

3rd Ward - Kimberly Rogers, 5171 Oswego Road, (315) 404-5322, *krogers66@twcny.rr.com*

Town hall style 3rd ward resident meetings are held the second Monday each month at 6:30 pm in the South Rome Senior Center on Ridge Street.

4th Ward - Sharie Fiorini-Parsons, 927 W. Thomas St., (315) 339-5135, *sparsons1023@yahoo.com*

5th Ward - Frank R. Anderson, 1106 Cedarbrook Drive, (315) 337-0711, *fanderson002@twcny.rr.com*

6th Ward - Riccardo D. Dursi, 6672 Golf Course Rd., (315) 832-2883, *rdursi28@gmail.com*

7th Ward - Louis DiMarco, 109 Dwight Ave., (315) 339-2056, *ldimarco@twcny.rr.com*

2016 – 2017 Common Council Committees

Public Works

Lou DiMarco, Chair
Sharie Fiorini-Parsons
Kim Rogers

Public Safety

John Mortise, Chair
Frank Anderson
Lori Trifeletti

Parks & Cultural Affairs

Lori Trifeletti, Chair
Sharie Fiorini-Parsons
Frank Anderson

Community Development & Human Services

Sharie Fiorini-Parsons, Chair
Lori Trifeletti
John Mortise

Rules & Government Operations

Riccardo Dursi, Chair
Kim Rogers
Lou DiMarco

Special Committees

Kim Rogers, Chair
Lori Trifeletti
Shari Fiorini-Parsons

Economic Development, Land Use & Sustainability

Kim Rogers, Chair
Riccardo Dursi
John Mortise

Finance & Government Performance

Frank Anderson, Chair
Lou DiMarco
Riccardo Dursi

ONEIDA COUNTY

The Oneida County Board of Legislators is the governing, appropriating and policy-making body of Oneida County. It has the power to levy taxes, adopt budgets, incur debt, fix compensation, and approve local laws and resolutions. Its powers and duties derive from the Oneida County Charter and code, and the laws of the State of New York. The Board currently has 23 members representing the citizens of Oneida County.



County Executive Anthony J. Picente, Jr., is the 10th Oneida County Executive. In January of 2015, he became the longest serving County Executive in the history of Oneida County. In 2014, Picente was elected by his peers to be the President of the New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC) and lead advocate for New York Counties as they continue working with the State of New York for mandate relief as well as educating, representing and advocating on Counties behalf.

NEW YORK STATE

Assemblyman Anthony Brindisi represents the 119th Assembly District, which includes the cities of Utica and Rome and the towns of Floyd, Frankfort, Marcy and Whitestown. He was elected to the State Assembly in a special election on Sept. 13, 2011, and re-elected in 2012 and 2014. Brindisi is the Chair of the Subcommittee on Volunteer Emergency Services, and is a member of the Assembly’s Education; Higher Education; Economic Development; Transportation; Veterans’ Affairs; and Aging Committees

Senator Joseph A. Griffo, of Rome, represents parts of Oneida, Lewis and St. Lawrence counties in the New York State Senate, a position he has held since 2007. Griffo serves as chairperson of the Senate Energy & Telecommunications Committee. He also serves on eight other standing committees, including Codes, Economic Development, Crime, Tourism, Finance, Higher Education, Racing & Wagering and Homeland Security. He is a member of the Senate Select Committee on Science, Technology, Incubation & Entrepreneurship. He currently holds the title of Deputy Majority Leader for Policy and Co-chair of the New York State Legislative Sportsmen’s Caucus.

U.S. REPRESENTATIVES

US Congresswoman Claudia Tenney - was first elected to the former 115th Assembly District in 2010 and won re-election in both primary and general elections to the newly formed 101st District. Claudia won the most recent election for New York's 22nd Congressional District. Ms. Tenney is an attorney, businesswoman and advocate for the people of her district. She is currently co-owner and legal counsel to Mid-York Press, Inc., a commercial printing and manufacturing firm started by her maternal grandfather in 1946.

US Senator Charles Schumer - On November 8, 2016, Schumer was reelected to his fourth term in the United States Senate. Subsequently, on November 16, 2016, he was unanimously elected Senate minority leader to succeed the retiring leader. His election as minority leader will make him the highest-ranking Democrat in the federal government with Donald Trump as President.

US Senator Kristen Gillibrand - is serving her second term. Senator Gillibrand serves on the Senate Armed Services Committee, is the first New York Senator to sit on the Agriculture Committee in nearly 40 years, and holds a seat on the Aging Committee.

5. Livability

The City of Rome is recognized for:

- Low Cost of Living (estimates)
- The cost of living in Rome is 26% lower than the New York average
- The cost of living in Rome is 10% lower than the national average
- The cost of housing in Rome is 41% lower than the national average
- New York general sales tax is 21% lower than the national average
- New York state income tax is 80% higher than the national average

Low Crime Rate

- The overall crime rate in Rome is 32% lower than the national average
- Rome is safer than 66% of the cities in the United States

Housing

- The median home price in Rome is 49% lower than the national average
- The median rent asked in Rome is 23% lower than the national average



Local Amenities

- Fort Stanwix National Monument
- Griffiss Business and Technology Park
- Capitol Theatre

- Bellamy Harbor Park
- Delta Lake State Park
- Mohawk River and NYS Canalway Trail System

Environment

- The air quality index in Rome is 31% better than the national average
- The pollution index in Rome is 95% better than the national average
- 2015 NYS Environmental Excellence Award winner (for its commitment to improving water quality while supporting economic development and investment downtown)
- 2015 CNY American Public Works Association Environmental Project of the Year Award winner (for its Water Filtration Plant Improvements)
- Electric vehicle charging stations are located through downtown and at major parks.
- Tree City USA designation for over a decade
- Urban Forestry Growth Award - National Arbor Day Foundation



Employment

- The unemployment rate in the Utica-Rome MSA decreased from 4.9 percent in August 2015 to 4.3 percent in August 2016. This marks the 43rd consecutive month of over-the-year improvements in the jobless rate.
- The Utica-Rome education and health services job sector was at its highest August level on record. Leisure and hospitality is at its highest August level since 2001. Natural resources, mining and construction was at its highest August level since 2008. Although unchanged from a year ago, manufacturing remains was at its highest August level since 2008.



Education

Rome Free Academy (RFA - public high school) offers 20 Advanced Placement College credit courses enabling students to enter college as sophomores. RFA is a \$45 million state-of-the-art high school located on the Griffiss Business and Technology Park campus. Visitors have described RFA as “the finest high school facility between Buffalo and Albany.”

Sources: AreaVibes, US Census Bureau, Google Place, FBI Uniform Crime Reports, Council for Community and Economic Research, US EPA, Rome City School District Website

B. DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE

1. Population

U.S. Census Bureau, 2010-2014 American Community Survey (5-Year Estimates)

Population	United States		New York		Oneida County		City of Rome	
	Estimate		Estimate		Estimate		Estimate	
Total Population	314,107,084		19,594,330		233,944		33,161	

Gender	United States		New York		Oneida County		City of Rome	
	Estimate	Percent	Estimate	Percent	Estimate	Percent	Estimate	Percent
Male	154,515,159	49.20%	9,495,978	48.50%	116,513	49.80%	16,909	51.00%
Female	159,591,925	50.80%	10,098,352	51.50%	117,431	50.20%	16,252	49.00%

Race	United States		New York		Oneida County		City of Rome	
	Estimate	Percent	Estimate	Percent	Estimate	Percent	Estimate	Percent
One race	304,981,333	97.10%	19,046,068	97.20%	228,050	97.50%	32,122	96.90%
2 or more races	9,125,751	2.90%	548,262	2.80%	5,894	2.50%	1,039	3.10%
White or Caucasian	239,576,409	76.30%	13,146,677	67.10%	207,063	88.50%	29,822	89.90%
Black or African American	43,081,695	13.70%	3,329,889	17.00%	17,802	7.60%	2,394	7.20%
Native American or Alaska Native	5,235,224	1.70%	189,658	1.00%	1,988	0.80%	383	1.20%
Asian	18,515,599	5.90%	1,679,693	8.60%	8,685	3.70%	537	1.60%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	1,234,990	0.40%	25,046	0.10%	133	0.10%	39	0.10%
Some other race	16,444,358	5.20%	1,819,527	9.30%	4,681	2.00%	1,127	3.40%
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	53,070,096	16.90%	3,559,644	18.20%	11,677	5.00%	2,021	6.10%
Not Hispanic or Latino	261,036,988	83.10%	16,034,686	81.80%	222,267	95.00%	31,140	93.90%

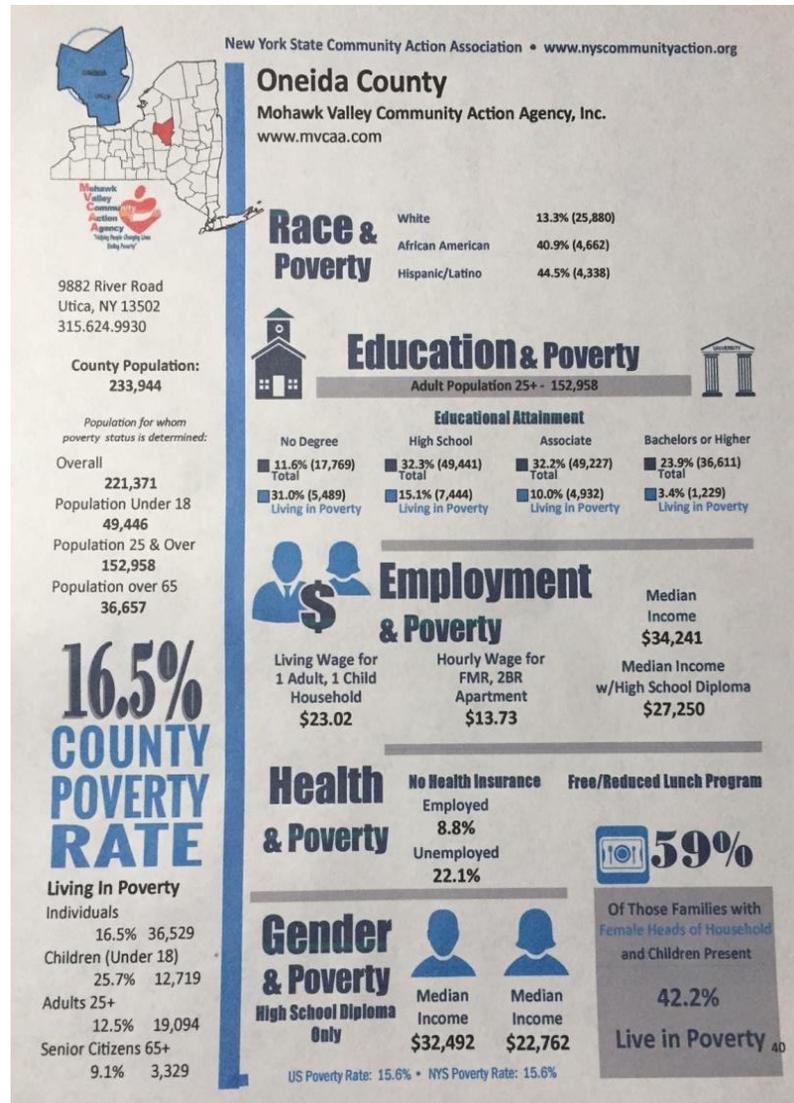
Age	United States		New York		Oneida County		City of Rome	
	Estimate	Percent	Estimate	Percent	Estimate	Percent	Estimate	Percent
Under 5 years	19,973,711	6.40%	1,170,258	6.00%	13,388	5.70%	1,973	5.90%
5 to 9 years	20,460,355	6.50%	1,156,152	5.90%	13,303	5.70%	1,789	5.40%
10 to 14 years	20,698,883	6.60%	1,188,491	6.10%	14,530	6.20%	1,681	5.10%
15 to 19 years	21,510,534	6.80%	1,313,973	6.70%	16,188	6.90%	1,863	5.60%
20 to 24 years	22,407,472	7.10%	1,435,722	7.30%	16,409	7.00%	2,305	7.00%
25 to 34 years	42,310,182	13.50%	2,761,727	14.10%	27,638	11.80%	4,334	13.10%
35 to 44 years	40,723,040	13.00%	2,550,605	13.00%	27,431	11.70%	4,479	13.50%
45 to 54 years	44,248,186	14.10%	2,842,956	14.50%	34,767	14.90%	4,350	13.10%
55 to 59 years	20,623,001	6.60%	1,295,857	6.60%	15,264	6.50%	2,582	7.80%
60 to 64 years	17,973,759	5.70%	1,123,417	5.70%	15,792	6.80%	2,144	6.50%
65 to 74 years	23,993,984	7.60%	1,479,233	7.50%	19,995	8.50%	2,809	8.50%
75 to 84 years	13,364,813	4.30%	865,115	4.40%	11,936	5.10%	1,952	5.90%
85 years and over	5,819,164	1.90%	410,824	2.10%	7,303	3.10%	900	2.70%
Median age (years)	37.4	(X)	38.1	(X)	41.2	(X)	40.9	(X)

18 years and over	240,329,426	76.50%	15,322,098	78.20%	183,545	78.50%	26,531	80.00%
21 years and over	226,673,453	72.20%	14,459,105	73.80%	172,957	73.90%	25,556	77.10%
62 years and over	53,591,845	17.10%	3,405,922	17.40%	48,632	20.80%	6,848	20.70%
65 years and over	43,177,961	13.70%	2,755,172	14.10%	39,234	16.80%	5,661	17.10%

Housing	United States	New York	Oneida County	City of Rome
	Estimate	Estimate	Estimate	Estimate
Total housing units	132,741,033	8,153,309	104,074	15,392

Source: United States Census Bureau American Community Survey 2010-14 5-Year Estimates.

- 17% in Rome live in poverty compared to 15.4% in NYS and 13.5% in the U.S.
- 13.2% of Rome residents under age 65 have a disability (2010-14) compared to 7.3% in NYS and 8.5% in the U.S.
- 16.5% in Rome are 65 years or older compared to 13% nationally.
- An estimated 10% of Rome's population (3,247) are Veterans compared to less than 5% in NYS and 6% in the U.S.
- 3.5% are foreign born compared to 22.3% in NYS and 13.1% in the U.S.
- 56.7% are renters in Rome compared to 53.8% in NYS and 64.4% in the U.S.
- 19.5% of those 25-years or older have B.A. degrees in Rome compared to 33.7% in NYS and 29.3% in the U.S.
- 87.5% of those 25+ years are High School graduates compared to 85.4% in the NYS and 86.3% in the U.S.
- Total retail sales per capita is \$16,429 compared to \$12,834 in NYS and \$13,443 in the U.S.
- Per capita income in Rome is \$24,475 compared to \$32,829 in NYS and \$28,555 in the U.S.
- 11% (201) of businesses are owned by minorities compared to 35% in NYS and 29% in the U.S.
- 33% (607) of businesses are owned by women compared to 36% in NYS and 35% in the U.S.



2. Poverty

Poverty	Rome City	Oneida County	New York	United States
Percent of the population below poverty level	17.6%	17.0%	15.9%	15.99%
Percent of households with cash public assistance income	4.1%	3.4%	3.4%	2.9%
Percent of households with Food Stamps/SNAP benefits in the past 12 months	20.7%	17.3%	15.5%	13.49%

Source: United States Census Bureau American Community Survey 2012 3-Year Estimates. *Prepared by: EMAD

Free Lunches Rome Free Academy (Public high school) is below both the state and district averages for the percentage of its students who qualify for free or reduced-price lunches. On average, 49% of students in New York qualify free or reduced-price lunches, whereas 43% of students at Rome Free Academy are eligible. However, at the district level (including all schools), 50% are eligible for free lunches in the City.

Rome Median Household Income (2014-15 dollars) \$43,323 **Per Capita Income in Past 12 Months** \$24,475



3. Crime

Rome Police

301 North James Street, Rome, NY 13440

Phone: 315-339-7780

The Rome Police Department has a Community Impact Unit with six full time officers dedicated to aggressively and strategically fight crime via partnerships with Rome’s business owners, citizens and visitors. Officers heavily saturate target areas of Rome with intensive patrols on foot and bicycle engaging Rome’s citizens to address quality of life issues, including disorderly conduct, littering, loitering, public intoxication and street narcotics. However, unit members also address crime in residential neighborhoods - areas plagued with persistent burglaries and violations occurring within abandoned homes and lots. Officers distribute direct contact information to citizens who wish to discuss their concerns of crime on an immediate and personalized level.

Local Crime Statistics

Crime	Rome Police Department	New York
Total Violent Crime	46	79,610
Murder	0	684
Forcible Rape	8	2,848
Robbery	21	28,655
Aggravated Assault/Battery	17	47,423
Total Property Crime	468	376,140
Burglary	133	64,553
Theft	310	294,239
Motor Vehicle Theft	25	17,348

Source: 2012 FBI Uniform Crime Reporting Statistics.

C. ECONOMIC PROFILE

1. Economic Development Resources

Mohawk Valley Economic Development Growth Enterprises Corporation (EDGE)

584 Phoenix Drive, Rome, NY
<http://www.mvedge.org/>
315-338-0393



Mohawk Valley EDGE is a vertically integrated economic development organization that can assist business to locate, grow and prosper in Oneida and Herkimer Counties, in the center of New York State. MVEDGE promotes the Mohawk Valley's people, work force, quality of life, infrastructure, sites, and everything else the region has to offer businesses, site selection specialists and industrial developers. EDGE links the area's economic development organizations to streamline projects. EDGE customizes financing and assistance packages to help companies interested in locating or expanding their operations and job base in Oneida and Herkimer Counties.

Griffiss Local Development Corporation

<http://www.griffisslfdc.org/>

Griffiss Local Development Corporation mission is to promote, facilitate and oversee the redevelopment of the former Griffiss Air Force Base, Rome, NY through the implementation of a comprehensive redevelopment strategy (which includes the development of the Griffiss Business and Technology Park) and to maintain, strengthen, and expand the viability of the remaining Air Force and other Federal assets including the Air Force Research Laboratory, the Defense Finance and Accounting Service, and the Eastern Air Defense Sector.



Economic Development Advantages of Griffiss Business and Technology Park

- Vibrant center for private and public enterprise
- Cost-effective airfield alternative to major metros
- Tenants with global recognition and global impact
- Proven strategic Central New York location
- Rare combination of people, resources, and services
- Compelling incentives for relocation and expansion
- Distinctively designed development districts



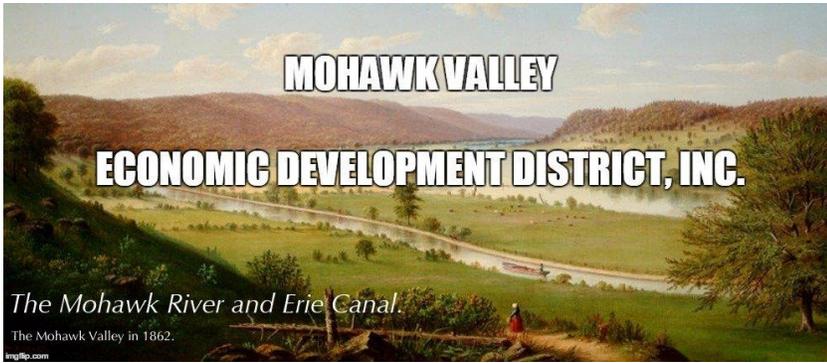
Oneida County Industrial Development Agency (OCIDA)

584 Phoenix Drive, Rome, NY
<http://www.oneidacountyida.org/>
315-338-0393

Oneida County Industrial Development Agency (OCIDA) is a public benefit corporation of New York State offering financial incentives for hands-on manufacturing and other eligible projects through:

- Payments in lieu of taxes
- Tax-exempt Industrial Development Bond financing
- Taxable Industrial Revenue Bond financing
- Relief from mortgage recording tax
- Relief from sales tax on materials, machinery, equipment and furnishings

Using the financing benefits of OCIDA requires public notice, public hearings and disclosure.



Mohawk Valley Economic Development District (MVEDD)
 26 W. Main Street, Mohawk, NY
<http://mvedd.org>
 315-866-4671

Since 1966, MVEDD has been a source of regional action involving business loan assistance and the construction of our industrial infrastructure through grants received from the Economic

Development Administration. In recent years, MVEDD has partnered with its member counties and their local governments when asked for assistance in finding grants and minimizing the tax burden on private sector businesses. MVEDD and its Keep Mohawk Valley Beautiful Committee are working to establish a regional land bank for the Mohawk Valley.

NYS Empire State Development (ESD)
 207 Genesee Street, #1604, Utica NY
<http://esd.ny.gov/MohawkValley.html>
 315-793-2366

ESD is New York’s chief economic development agency, promoting a vigorous and growing state economy, encouraging business investment and job creation, and supporting diverse, prosperous local economies across New York State through the efficient use of loans, grants, tax credits, real estate development, marketing and other forms of assistance.

Mohawk Valley Regional Economic Development Council (MVREDC)
www.regionalcouncils.ny.gov

The Regional Economic Development Council initiative (REDC) is a key component of Governor Andrew M. Cuomo's transformative approach to State investment and economic development. In 2011, Governor Cuomo established 10 Regional Councils to develop long-term strategic plans for economic growth for their regions.



The Councils are public-private partnerships made up of local experts and stakeholders from business, academia, local government, and non-governmental organizations. With assistance from NY ESD, the Councils develop strategic plans and review and score potential projects from their respective target areas.

The Mohawk Valley region represents 6 counties: Oneida, Herkimer, Otsego, Schoharie, Montgomery & Fulton.

MVREDC Co-Chairs

Dr. Dustin Swanger – President, *Fulton-Montgomery Community College*

Lawrence T. Gilroy III - President, *Gilroy, Kernan & Gilroy, Inc.*

2016-17 MVREDC Representatives

Ladan Alomar - Executive Director, Centro Civico of Amsterdam, Inc

Juanita Bass - Owner, Juanita's Soul Classics Inc.

Laura Casamento - President, Utica College

Kathleen Clark (Ex-Officio) - Chair, Otsego County Legislature

Steve DiMeo - President, MVEDGE (Economic Development Growth Enterprises Corporation)

Charles Green - President & CEO, Assured Information Security, Inc.

Joseph Griffo - State Senate, 47th District

Sarah Goodrich - Executive Director, Schoharie Area Long Term Inc. (SALT)

Wally Hart - Div. Director for Business & Community Development Lexington Center

Mark Kilmer - President, Fulton-Montgomery Regional Chamber of Commerce

Dayton King (Ex-Officio) - Mayor, City of Gloversville

Katharine Landers - Senior Vice President, New York Central Mutual Insurance Co.

Carolyn A. Lewis - Regional Fund Manager, Bassett Medical Center

William Magee - State Assembly, 121st District

Mohawk Valley Small Business Development Center

SUNY Polytechnic Institute, Kunsela Hall, 100 Seymour Rd, Marcy, NY

<https://www.sunyit.edu/sbdc/>
315-792-7547

The Mohawk Valley Small Business Development Center on the campus of the State University of New York Polytechnic Institute, serves Fulton, Herkimer, Madison, Lewis, and Oneida Counties. SBDC provides free business assistance to existing & new businesses, including:

- understanding the importance of a business plan
- identifying sources of funding
- preparing for e-commerce
- identifying avenues for exporting goods & services
- developing marketing plans
- assessing an invention's viability
- complying with licensing & regulations



The Genesis Group

www.thegenesisgroup.org
315-792-7187

The Genesis Group is a civic organization that unites Business and Community Leaders working to advance regional economic, social and cultural interests, and to foster unity and cooperation in the Mohawk Valley region.



Working Solutions

300 West Dominick St., Rome, NY

<http://www.working-solutions.org>

315-356-0662

For Job Seekers - Whether you need to find a job, change jobs or build your job skills, Working Solutions can help. to make the search easier with expert guidance and quality resources. They work with area employers and have up-to-date information on who is hiring and what types of jobs are in demand. All services are free of charge.

What You Will Find at a One-Stop Center:

- Get help finding a job
- Take a job readiness assessment
- Get job counseling
- Get support for keeping a job
- Comprehensive skill assessment
- Career planning
- Information on occupations in demand
- Referral to training
- Funding for training
- Adult education
- Literacy training
- Referrals to other agencies
- Take advantage of e-learning opportunities

Free One-Stop Center Resource Rooms

- Workshops held on a variety of helpful topics
- Computers and high speed internet access
- Check job openings, create and email resumes to employers or take aptitude tests
- Office space: Print, fax and mail your resume to employers and follow up on potential jobs
- Library: Extensive collection of books and reference materials
- Recruitment: Meet with area employers currently hiring

Cornell University Cooperative Extension Oneida County (CCE)

121 Second Street, Oriskany, NY 13424

www.cceoneida.com/ www.rust2green.org/

315-736-3394



Eat Smart New York (ESNY) – CCE Food & Nutrition programs work to reduce the incidence of childhood obesity and alleviate chronic disease through improved nutrition. CCE provides science-based health and nutrition advice on topics from recommending healthy snacks to keeping families safe from food-related illnesses. CCE educators work with schools, communities, families and individuals to encourage people to take responsibility for wellness,

healthful eating and active living. By providing high-quality information and programs designed to facilitate positive behavior changes, CCE helps to build caring, safe, and healthy communities.

Ag Economic Development (AED) helps foster an economic climate that supports and promotes the expansion of agricultural business within Oneida County - strengthening Oneida County's farm-based economy

Cornell Rust to Green Urban Studio, CCE has partnered with faculty from Cornell's Department of Landscape Architecture to foster the creation and sharing of relevant knowledge, creative and collaborative problem-solving, co-learning and networking for greater innovation, self-reliance and capacity-building. R2G assists communities with planning, grantwriting, project implementation, placemaking initiatives, and community engagement.



Rust to Green New York Action Research Initiative envisions a shift from a narrative of loss (RUST) to a narrative of potential (GREEN) in New York State's Rust Belt. The initiative is a collaborative and action-oriented and acts to foster positive change that is locally driven, participatory, place-based and innovative. Cornell educators, researchers and students act together with community partners and stakeholders to identify community assets and potential, as well as problems and needs, to design innovative and transformative strategies, solutions and action steps. R2G NY's home base is at Cornell University and is the direct result of USDA Hatch Project entitled From Rust to Green Places and Networks: Mapping a Sustainable Future for Upstate.



Rome Area Chamber of Commerce

Address: 139 W. Dominick Street ~ Rome, NY

Website: <http://www.romechamber.com>

Phone: (315) 337-1700

- **New Business Services** - The Rome Chamber arranges grand openings and ribbon cutting ceremonies and First Dollar of Profit awards and photo with the Rome Sentinel and framed certificate for display. The Chamber's conference room facilities are available to members by appointment.
- **Business Skills** - The Rome Chamber sponsors meetings, seminars and workshops designed to enable businesses and their employees to increase company profitability and improve their bottom line.
- **Business Solutions**- The Chamber works with SCORE, MV SBDC at SUNY Poly, MVEDGE and REDC to help members receive practical, individualized solutions and free business counseling and assistance.
- **Networking**- The Rome Chamber of Commerce regularly hosts, sponsors and organizes a wide variety of programs and events providing opportunities to make profitable new business contacts.
- **Business Before & After Hours** - Members are invited to attend BBH and BAH receptions to showcase their businesses.
- **Legislative Action** - The Chamber does collectively what individual companies cannot do - speak out loudly, clearly and regularly on behalf of business - to encourage approval of laws that will help business and oppose those that are detrimental to business.

National Grid

<http://www.shovelready.com/programs.asp#anchor1a>

The National Grid Economic Development Team provides technical assistance and financial resources from the Public Service Commission-approved Economic Development Plan which places a strong focus on site development, urban revitalization, strategic marketing, and facilitating customer growth through infrastructure assistance, energy efficiency and productivity improvement. The 2009 Plan also reflects an increasing emphasis on sustainable development, the efficient use (and re-use) of existing energy infrastructure, and the strategic deployment of renewable generation technologies.

Oneida County Tourism

Oneida County Welcome Center, NYS Thruway, Exit 31, Utica, NY
http://www.oneidacountytourism.com 1-888-999-6560

Travel and tourism sustains 19.1 percent of all county employment - \$1.3 billion in tourism dollars helped the region's economy in 2015. According to a 2015 study released by Empire State Development and the I Love NY Division of Travel & Tourism, there was an 8% increase from the \$1.2 billion that was spent in 2014. Tourism spending increased about 5% and 1% respectively in the years prior. Tourism supported 19,690 direct and indirect jobs in Oneida County in 2015, generating \$729 million in household wages. Local tax revenues reached \$80.3 million from tourism-generated spending in the county and residents realized \$1,669 in tax savings per household.



Industry Sectors

- Lodging - \$343 million
- Recreation - \$373 million
- Food & Beverage - \$231 million
- Retail & Service - \$295 million
- Transportation - \$42 million
- Second Homes - \$20 million

2. Local Economic Development Initiatives

Marcy NANOENTER and NANO Utica

Marcy Nanocenter, located at SUNY Polytechnic Institute's Marcy Campus, is in the heart of New York's growing Nanoelectronics Manufacturing and R&D Cluster. The Marcy Site is uniquely positioned to attract semiconductor firms. Collaboration by academia, industry and government has built a vibrant nanotechnology ecosystem. Mohawk Valley EDGE in cooperation with ESD are acting as lead developers to advance the Marcy Nanocenter site for the semiconductor industry and further add to New York's position as a major global hub. Partners are building more sustainable community programs that provide solid college and career preparation. Internships, mentorships and apprenticeships are also in the works. The project is also creating a need for urban housing and community services for the new employees.

Other investments helping to advance the Mohawk Valley as a NANO hub:



Indium Corporation, founded in 1934, with offices in Rome. Develops and manufactures materials used in the electronics industry and is planning to invest \$50 million over the next five years and create 105 nanotechnology ecosystem jobs. By expanding their local manufacturing facilities the company is able to in-source operations currently being done out of New York State as well as create a simulation lab in partnership with SUNY Poly to research semiconductor packaging technologies. The lab could provide services that are currently provided by vendors in Taiwan.

SUNY Polytechnic Institute is undertaking initiatives that will expand the capabilities of the Marcy Campus:

The GE Global Research SiC Power Electronics Packaging Center will develop a power electronics facility to package silicon carbide (SiC) chips in the Quad-C. SiC technology would be an alternative to silicon chips and is expected to produce lighter, more durable and more efficient chips that could be used in everything from airplanes

to dishwashers to hybrid vehicles to solar panels. GE is looking to create nearly 500 direct jobs with room to double job growth as the market for SiC power electronic packaging devices grows.

The proposed **SUNY Poly Innovation Center and Advanced Manufacturing Performance (AMP) Center** is part of the developing supply chain growth ecosystem. AMP establishes a testbed site for studying the causes of defects and contamination in manufacturing systems and components and develops methods to improve quality. AMP will initially focus on the semiconductor industry and will expand into nanotechnology, photovoltaic, power electronics, LED lighting, MEMS, bio/medical, IT and big data. 45 jobs will be created over the next three years.

Griffiss Business and Technology Park

Once a US Air Base and national Superfund site, Griffiss Business and Technology Park is now a 3,500 acre employment center with specific focuses in technology, manufacturing, aviation, office, education and recreation. The business and technology park is considered one of the most successful parks in the United States; employing thousands of people associated with public and private enterprise, and will continue to draw in international recognition for innovative research, products and services

\$581 MILLION

Capital Expenditures since Griffiss Park was created in 1995

\$6.1 MILLION

Taxes generated annually from Griffiss

5,778 EMPLOYEES (APPROX)

From 26 counties

76 BUSINESSES

Located in the park

Other New Developments at Griffiss:

NUAIR Test Flights Completed. Aurora Flight Sciences flew multiple unmanned flights of its Centaur - optionally piloted aircraft (OPA) from Griffiss International Airport in Rome. The successful test flights were conducted in collaboration and compliance with the Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) Test Site located at Griffiss and managed by the Northeast UAS Airspace Integration Research (NUAIR) Alliance. This milestone was the first time any large-scale fixed wing aircraft has flown at any of the six FAA designated unmanned aircraft test sites in the U.S. According to MVEDGE, test sites could bring more than 2600 new jobs and nearly \$700 million in economic impact to New York and Massachusetts by 2017.

Pro Drones USA, LLC. In 2015, Mohawk Valley Community College secured its first START-UP NY tenant-located at the newly renovated Rome campus, which aims to attract small technology companies to college campuses in exchange for state incentives. The company was established as the U.S. expansion of a Canadian firm, AVYON, which has the exclusive rights to manufacture, distribute and develop custom solutions for German unmanned air vehicles. Pro Drones, which plans to create five jobs and invest \$1 million locally. The company recently obtained its first authorization from the FAA to conduct test flights in the U.S. Because of the FAA designation of Griffiss as a test site, many companies are looking to expand in the Mohawk Valley.

Griffiss Park Landowners Association Projects. March Street, a popular road for employees to walk during breaks, lacked pedestrian scale amenities (sidewalks, pathways, crosswalks, etc.) The resulting “City Street” aesthetics provide a safe and enjoyable environment for pedestrians, encourages future development along the March Street corridor. New signage on the Griffiss International Sculpture Park and Nature Trail, two new sculptures, and custom-built benches placed at key respite areas along the trail were included.

Commercialization Academy is facilitating tech transfer through the Department of Defense by pairing entrepreneurs with Air Force Research Lab technologies. Each IP technology and entrepreneur goes through an intense vetting process; individuals participate in a 6-month acceleration process to build that piece of IP into a sustainable startup. During the next 6 months, entrepreneurs learn the process of building a startup and personal mentorship and incubation from a venture capital firm - Wasabi Ventures.
(Preceding info and graphics from the 2015 MV EDGE Annual Report)

Oneida Indian Nation

Since 1992, the Nation has invested more than \$5.7 billion in its government programs and business enterprises including the Turning Stone Resort Casino – at the Verona Rome exit of the NYS Thruway and just 9 miles from Rome. Following are their reported highlights of their economic impact on the local and regional communities in fiscal year 2015:



Employment Impact

- Just over \$127 million in wages paid to approximately 4,646 employees
- Employees paid more than \$12 million in federal payroll taxes
- Employees paid \$4.4 million in state payroll taxes
- The Nation contributed more than \$4.4 million to employees' 401(k) retirement accounts
- The Nation paid \$25 million in medical/dental claims and administrative costs for its workers and their families
- The Nation paid \$22 million in other insurances such as health, disability and workers compensation.

Vendor Spending

- The Nation's direct spending with outside vendors totaled more than \$296 million in fiscal 2015.
- Of that number, the Nation spent more than \$46.7 million on capital improvements and construction costs.
- In New York State alone \$179 million was spent on 1,810 vendors.
- More than \$95 million was paid to 940 vendors in Oneida (\$40.8 million), Madison (\$333 thousand), and Onondaga counties (\$54.5 million).
- In total, since 1991 the Oneida Nation has paid out \$1.7 billion in payroll and \$4.2 billion in vendor spending, including \$591 million on capital and construction projects.

Regional Impact According to an economic study by Colgate University, the Oneida Nation's businesses "indirectly create an additional 3,570 jobs in the three-county area (Oneida, Madison, Onondaga) through the multiplier effects of the Nation's employment."

Turning Stone Resort Casino is one of the largest tourism attractions in New York State, drawing more than 4.5 million visitors annually (12,000 per day) creating a boon in local sales and bed tax revenues and spurring several small businesses to locate near the resort. Turning Stone also is mentioned annually as a positive influence on the Fitch Ratings for Oneida County.

The Oneida Indian Nation Enterprises play a major role in the tourism development of the Central New York area. Revenues from Turning Stone and the Nation's other business enterprises support programs for Oneida Members, including educational and housing programs, health services, and programs and services for Oneida children and elders.

Waterfront and Downtown Development



Rome Rises – Downtown Revitalization Initiative

In combination with the Brownfield Opportunity Area planning areas efforts (\$1 million), more than \$10 million in public funding has been invested into streets, connectivity, and other public enhancements. A combination of both private and public/private investment further total more than \$22 million within the downtown area. Public assets that have been created, improved and strengthened include streetscape and connectivity improvements throughout the main streets areas, a new waterfront park, new boat launch and waterfront Navigation Center, upgrades to the historic Canal Terminal 4 building, handicapped kayak access and launch, new green infrastructure parking areas, and the NYS Canalway and Mohawk River Trail networks. Proposed projects:

1. Erie Boulevard / South James Street Connective Waterfront Corridor

An interconnected street network and landscaped streetscapes will allow residents and visitors to walk to nearby destinations, such as the Erie Canal, and improve safety for all users regardless of age or ability. Targeted investment of the Erie Boulevard / South James Street corridor to improve the public realm will lay the groundwork for creating a great walkable downtown that is both a job center and central social district.

2. City Yard Connectivity and Regional Recreation Destination

The redevelopment of the site as a recreation center with supporting retail and residential uses will contribute to the City's efforts to increase outdoor recreation opportunities and create unique gathering spaces that encourages user interactions and camaraderie amongst neighbors.

3. Former Rome-Turney Redevelopment

The City has identified this former manufacturing site, located at the intersection of the Black River Boulevard and Erie Boulevard corridors as a future mixed-use development that will contain residential and retail uses. The redevelopment of the property will provide an important anchor along the corridor with appropriately scaled

architecture, attractive landscaping and streetscape design, and a range of housing opportunities that will support the demand for urban quality living.

4. George Street Transportation Hub Redevelopment

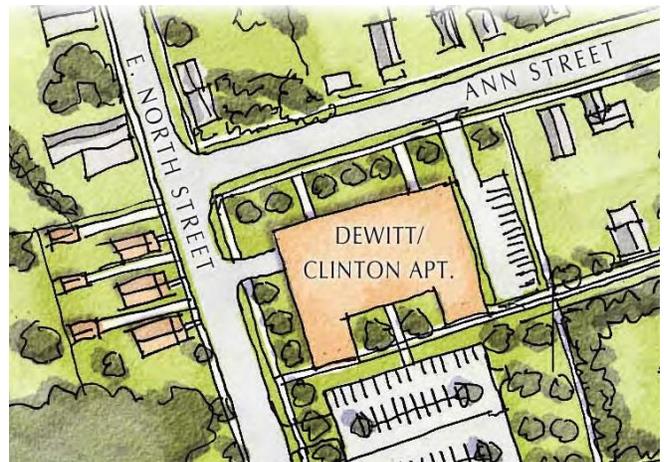
The George Street garage, a 4-story parking structure, was developed as a 1960s urban renewal project that has been determined as unfit for reuse. Located at the edge of the arts and cultural district, the structure encompasses an entire city block that is out of character with the scale and intent of the neighboring districts. The redevelopment of the garage will enhance the visual aesthetic of the corridor, and provide unique housing opportunities that will allow residents to live in a growing and thriving entertainment destination.

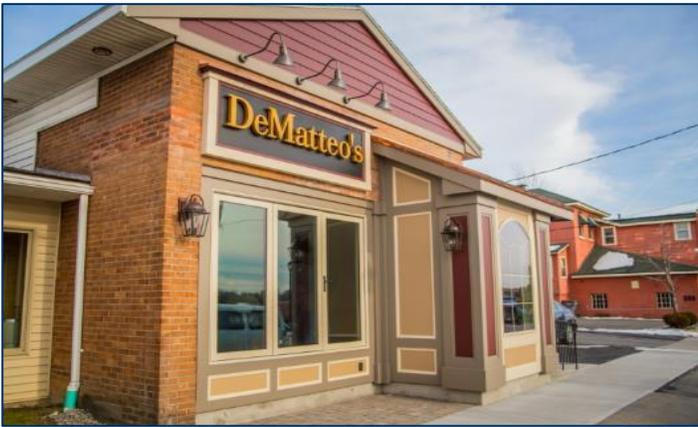
5. Rome Cable Demolition & Shovel Ready

The vacant and underutilized Rome Cable site has resulted in a diminished quality of life for surrounding neighborhoods. The City has successfully removed all but one remaining building, Rome Complex #4, that when demolished will provide future investors with a 40-acre developable site that can support industrial, manufacturing, or mixed-use development that will compliment surrounding land uses, and have a positive impact on nearby residential neighborhoods.

Currently multiple public projects are underway Downtown and along the Waterfront including:

- East Dominick Streetscape project (\$1 million)
- Mill Street and Bellamy Harbor green infrastructure project (\$500,000)
- Navigation Center Phase II (\$500,000)
- Smart Growth Zoning and Comprehensive Plan updates (\$100,000)
- Waterfront form-based Code updates (\$50,000)





The private sector has also steadily been investing into the downtown through both small-scale business developments and large-scale capital investments:

- Small businesses have contributed to a main street façade and building rehab program that totaled nearly \$500,000.
- The REACH Center located within the Arts and Culture district has invested over \$1.5 million in the bricks and mortar building to support cultural arts business incubation and small business development.
- The Capitol Theatre has invested \$1.6 million into capital improvements with another \$4.9 million of additional investments to be made over the next few years to improve the facility, black box theatre expansion, and marketing.
- The Main Streets Alliance has partnered with the City to support main street businesses. Their mission is to stabilize and enhance the main corridors of the downtown through design standards, organization, economic restructuring, and promotion. Over the years, this evolving partnership has helped the City to dramatically change the appearance of its main streets and downtown areas.



Brownfield Development

FROM BROWN TO GREEN: A Revitalization Strategy for the Downtown Rome Brownfield Opportunity Area

The City of Rome's first Brownfield Opportunity Area (BOA) is a 513-acre site that includes a mixture of residential, industrial, commercial and retail land uses. The BOA includes some of the City's primary cultural resources, 529 residential properties, 200 retail businesses and miles of undeveloped land along the Mohawk River and Erie Canal that provide significant opportunities for revitalization and reinvestment.

BOA 1 SNAPSHOT

513 acres

- 24% community service
- 60% public services
- 78% in Investment Zone

991 parcels

- 529 residential
- 298 vacant
- 122 commercial
- 83 publicly-owned

92 brownfields

- 69 developed brownfields
- 23 vacant brownfields
- 272 underutilized properties

22 Strategic Sites

- 17 brownfields
- 9% of BOA parcels
- 29% of BOA acreage

In April, 2015, Governor Andrew M. Cuomo announced the designation of 12 brownfield opportunity areas (BOA's) in economically challenged communities across New York State – including the City of Rome. The Brownfield Opportunity Areas Program helps local communities establish revitalization strategies that return dormant and blighted areas into productive areas to spur economic development. This designation is based upon plans of varying focus that reflect local conditions, and projects receiving this designation are given priority status for grants and additional Brownfield Cleanup Program tax credit incentives.

Prior to the designation, Rome received planning grants financed through New York's Brownfield Opportunity Areas (BOA) Program to complete a nomination that set forth revitalization strategies and promoted sound redevelopment and enhanced environmental quality within the affected areas.

Developers, property owners and others with projects and properties located within a designated BOA will be eligible to access additional Brownfield Cleanup Program tax incentives and receive priority and preference for State grants to develop projects aimed at transforming dormant and blighted areas in their communities and putting them back into productive use.

The NYS Brownfield Opportunity Area program has provided focus and direction for strategic planning of the downtown and waterfront areas. Currently, there are two very active BOA studies that encompass all lands within the target area. The Downtown BOA implementation phase has provided the opportunity for developers to understand how brownfield tax credits can enhance their projects or take them from dream to reality as well as providing clarity on strengths, weaknesses, issues, and opportunities for development.

The BOA plan has led to millions of dollars in public and private funding and investments into identified capital projects to better the quality of life for the community. *(Excerpt from:*

<https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/governor-cuomo-announces-designation-12-brownfield-opportunity-areas>)



3. Employment

Industry Name	Job Count		Net Change in Jobs, 2009-14	Average Annual Wage, 2014	Projected % Change in Jobs, 2012-22
	2009*	2014*			
Total, all industries (all ownerships)	192,300	186,800	-5,500	\$38,400	5.8%
Specialty Trade Contractors	2,700	2,600	-100	\$43,200	18.2%
Food Manufacturing	2,200	2,400	200	\$43,600	5.7%
Warehousing and Storage	4,200	3,500	-700	\$41,100	2.1%
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	5,300	4,700	-600	\$51,000	14.0%
Educational Services	23,100	22,600	-500	\$41,600	4.1%
Ambulatory Health Care Services	7,900	8,100	200	\$49,600	25.7%
Hospitals	12,500	11,400	-1,100	\$57,900	8.1%
Nursing and Residential Care Facilities	11,500	11,000	-500	\$29,900	18.3%
Social Assistance	7,900	8,400	500	\$22,700	22.7%

Significant Industries, Mohawk Valley Region, 2015 – NYS Bureau of Labor Statistics

REGIONAL OVERVIEW

Significant Industries: A Report to the Workforce Development System

Construction

Skilled trades occupations comprise much of the employment within the specialty trade contractors. Although the specialty trade contractors industry declined from 2009 to 2014, looking ahead over the next decade, the impending retirement of many baby boomers will contribute to job opportunities in these industries, especially among the skilled trades.

Manufacturing

Food manufacturing is the only manufacturing industry on the significant industry list. The industry added 200 jobs from 2009 to 2014 and provides a good number (2,400) of relatively high-paying jobs in the region. The average wage (\$43,600) was about 14 percent above the all- industry average wage (\$38,400) in 2014. The most common occupations in the industry include packaging and filling machine operators and tenders, hand packers and packagers, and food batchmakers.

Trade, Transportation and Utilities

Warehousing and storage had been a bright spot in the Mohawk Valley Region until the recent downturn. Although employment is down in the past five years, it is a large sector with over 3,500 jobs paying above-average wages. This sector had also been a good fit for numerous workers dislocated from the manufacturing sector.

Professional and Business Services

In the Mohawk Valley Region, professional, scientific, and technical services is dominated by firms that provide legal, custom computer programming, veterinary, engineering, and accounting services. At \$51,000 per year, the average annual wage in this industry is \$12,600 above the average annual wage for all industries.

Educational Services

With 22,600 jobs between the public and private sectors, educational services has the most employment of any “significant industry” in the Mohawk Valley Region. This sector lost 500 jobs (-2.2%) between 2009 and 2014, but the industry’s large size, high wages (\$41,600) and projected growth, placed it on this list. Leading job titles include teacher assistant, elementary school teacher and secondary school teacher. However, now many local school districts throughout New York State are facing severe budget pressures, and many may need to lay off teachers and support staff; a number yet to be determined.

Health Care and Social Assistance

Growth in health care and social assistance employment is driven more by demographics than by overall economic conditions. Almost all health care and social assistance occupations are expected to be in demand over the next decade as the Mohawk Valley Region’s population continues to age. Four significant industries within the health care and social assistance sector include:

- Ambulatory health care services
- Hospitals
- Nursing and residential care facilities
- Social assistance

Of these industries, social assistance added the most jobs between 2009 and 2014. Ambulatory health care services also added jobs, while employment in hospitals and nursing and residential care facilities declined. Nursing and residential care facilities (\$29,900) and social assistance (\$22,700) have wage levels below the all-industry average. Average annual wage levels at hospitals (\$57,900) and ambulatory health care services (\$49,600) in 2014 were much higher than the regional average annual wage (\$38,400).

Source: The statewide report entitled “Significant Industries in New York State: A Report to the Workforce Development System” <http://www.labor.ny.gov/stats/PDFs/Significant-Industries-New-York-State.pdf>.



Largest Rome Area Employers	
UTC Aerospace	– 240
Family Dollar Distribution	– 350
Indium Corporation	– 346
Revere Copper	– 352
International Wire	– 596
Air Force Research Lab	– 750
Rome Memorial Hospital	- 791
Birnie Bus	– 923
DFAS	– 950
ConMed	– 1,200
Walmart Distribution Center	– 1,400

LARGEST REGIONAL BUSINESSES AND INDUSTRIES

Name of Employer	Nonfarm Payroll Sector	Number of Employees
Oneida Indian Nation	Government	4,646
Mohawk Valley Network	Education and Health Services	2,950
Faxon-St. Luke's Healthcare	Education and Health Services	2,050
Upstate Cerebral Palsy	Education and Health Services	1,950

Source: Economy.com. Note: Excludes local school districts. Includes Oneida and Herkimer Counties

Types of Firms	Veteran Owned	Minority Owned	Women Owned	Men Owned	Total Firms
Rome	181	201	607	1,025	1,835

Source: Quick Facts – U.S. Census

NYS Bureau of Labor Statistics for Utica-Rome, NY Metropolitan Statistical Area

October 2016	November 2016	December 2016	January 2017	February 2017
4.6%	4.7%	5.1%	5.7%	5.9%

Rome Unemployment Career Center Office

*Rome Working Solutions, 300 West Dominick St., Suite 1, Rome, NY
315-336-0662*

Rome NY Unemployment Career Center Office provides individuals seeking employment with tools to find a job and employers with assistance in recruiting new employees including a national job-listing network, applicant screening, and space in the centers to conduct testing and employment interviews.

Other Regional Workforce Resources

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DSS Employment Center
315-798-5015 • Dislocated Worker Assistance Center
315-793-2491 • Human Rights Syracuse
315-428-4633 • Interpretalk:
1-800-305-9673 • JOBS Program
315-798-5618 • Labor Standards
315-735-6198 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oneida County Workforce Development
315-798-5908 • Utica ACCESS Center
315-738-7300 • Womens' Employment Center (WERC)
315-793-9700 • Workers Comp / NYS Disability
1-800-353-3092 • Workforce Investment Board
315-798-6462 • VESID
315-793-2536 |
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4. Income

Median Household Income	Rome	Oneida County	New York	United States
2015	\$43,323	\$48,931	\$58,687	\$53,482

Source: 2011-2015 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

Subject	Rome city, New York							
	Households		Families		Married-couple families		Nonfamily households	
	Estimate	Margin of Error	Estimate	Margin of Error	Estimate	Margin of Error	Estimate	Margin of Error
Total	13,238	+/-452	7,514	+/-295	4,745	+/-282	5,724	+/-440
Less than \$10,000	8.1%	+/-1.8	5.5%	+/-1.7	1.9%	+/-1.2	13.3%	+/-3.3
\$10,000 to \$14,999	6.2%	+/-1.1	3.7%	+/-1.3	0.8%	+/-0.6	11.0%	+/-2.3
\$15,000 to \$24,999	12.6%	+/-1.8	10.3%	+/-2.3	4.4%	+/-1.6	16.0%	+/-2.8
\$25,000 to \$34,999	13.8%	+/-1.8	8.4%	+/-1.9	6.7%	+/-2.1	20.0%	+/-3.5
\$35,000 to \$49,999	15.1%	+/-1.6	16.1%	+/-2.5	14.8%	+/-3.2	15.3%	+/-2.6
\$50,000 to \$74,999	18.2%	+/-2.0	20.9%	+/-2.7	23.3%	+/-3.8	14.0%	+/-3.0
\$75,000 to \$99,999	11.2%	+/-1.5	14.5%	+/-2.2	18.7%	+/-2.8	5.6%	+/-1.9
\$100,000 to \$149,999	9.6%	+/-1.3	13.4%	+/-1.9	18.4%	+/-3.0	2.8%	+/-1.7
\$150,000 to \$199,999	3.0%	+/-0.9	4.8%	+/-1.3	7.4%	+/-2.0	0.8%	+/-1.0
\$200,000 or more	2.1%	+/-0.8	2.6%	+/-0.9	3.7%	+/-1.3	1.4%	+/-1.2
Median income (dollars)	43,323	+/-1,764	55,989	+/-3,362	71,966	+/-5,569	29,505	+/-2,191
Mean income (dollars)	57,459	+/-2,273	69,054	+/-3,053	N	N	38,998	+/-4,276

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2011-2015 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimate

D. HOUSING PROFILE

Housing Units	Rome		Oneida County		New York		United States	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Total housing units	15,512		103,784		8,118,921		132.4	
Occupied housing units	13,456	86.7%	90,720	87.4%	7,214,163	88.9%	115.7	87.4%
Vacant housing units	2,056	13.3%	13,064	12.6%	904,758	11.1%	16.7	12.6%
Owner-Occupied Units	7,499	55.7%	59,945	66.1%	3,872,385	53.7%	74.1	63.9%
Homeowner vacancy rate (percent)	1.9		1.7		1.8		2.1	
Rental vacancy rate (percent)	6.6		6.3		4.3		6.9	

Housing Stats	Rome	Oneida County	New York	United States
# Housing Units	14,893	104,180	8,108,103	131,704,730
Owner Occupied	56.7%	66.4%	53.8%	64.4%
Median Value of Owner Occupied	\$89,700	\$111,900	\$283,700	\$175,700
Median Gross Rent	\$710	\$707	\$1,117	\$920

Source: United States Census Bureau American Community Survey 2011-2013 3-Year. Estimates: * In millions



1. Fair Housing & Equal Opportunity

A joint Rome/Utica Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing study completed in 2008 noted a lack of understanding of fair housing law, who is protected under the law and what to do in the event of an alleged fair housing violation. Fair housing dialogue is often confused with affordable housing, landlord/tenant issues and local politics. As a result, more education and outreach was provided to staff to affirmatively further fair housing.

Over the years, the City has had a contractual relationship with the Fair Housing Council of Central New York (FHC). Under this arrangement, the FHC has provided staff to make presentations to various community groups on the subject of Fair Housing. Staff of the FHC has also been available to take Fair Housing complaints from residents. Provided services include:

- Education and Outreach
- Enforcement and Litigation
- Predatory Lending and Foreclosure Assistance Project
- Research and Contractual Services

Legal Aid Society of Mid New York, Inc., a not-for-profit law office also is available to provide free information, legal advice, and representation to those unable to afford a lawyer.

2. Rental Housing

In 2014, the City of Rome completed a Rental Housing Market Study to review the need for rental housing.

A need for rental housing units was identified in the Primary Market Area at different income levels with a varying mix of bedrooms. Rome has undergone significant changes from the time of the Griffiss Air Force Base closing to the present. Together with the region, Rome has been working to reshape its reshaped its economy. The City has reduced unoccupied housing by 47.8% and vacancy rates by 42.9%. The following key indicators support a demand for rental housing at various levels of income and bedroom mixes:

- **Population Growth:** The primary market area grew 8.7% between 2000 and 2010, absorbing the losses from Griffiss AFB closing.
- **Declining Vacancy Rates:** Vacancy rates have dropped by 42% along with the number of unoccupied housing units by 50%.
- **Ageing Housing Stock:** Almost 70% of all housing units were built prior to 1970 and would not meet current building codes for new dwellings. The cost to upgrade older properties may be greater than building new housing units. The higher income segments may choose to seek out units they can purchase.
- **Expanding Economy:** With declining unemployment and an increase in jobs, there are strong indicators of a stabilizing market and an increased demand for more housing opportunities for rent and sale, including increased economic development initiatives at Griffiss.
- **Rising Home Sales:** In 2012, there were approximately 1,489 real estate closings in Oneida County, representing an 8.9% increase from 2011. Listed homes sold in about 103 days on average and sellers received 94% of their asking prices. The average selling price of a home in 2012 was \$112,900, an increase 2.7% over 2011 and a 7.5% over 2008. Three- and four-bedroom homes sold better, receiving an average of about 94.7% on their asking prices.
- **Access to Regional Amenities:** Rome is considered a gateway to the Adirondacks, Oneida Lake, and the Erie Canal. Another recreational amenity to be considered is Turning Stone Casino and Resort, within a 20-minute drive of the City of Rome.
- **Transportation Corridors:** With I-90 dissecting the Rome-Utica MSA and former Griffiss AFB, Rome has become a logistical center for Walmart and the Family Dollar Store, along with other companies, moving inventories worth millions of dollars throughout the northeastern United States.

3. Public Housing

The Housing Authority was organized on or about 1948 to address the needs of housing for low to moderate-income families. Governed by five commissioners appointed by the Mayor, and two Tenant Commissioners that are voted in by a group of their peers, they oversee an Executive Director and staff that carry out the daily duties and responsibilities of the Authority. Their mission is to provide decent, safe, sanitary and affordable housing to low and moderate-income citizens. The employees provide the day-to-day operational support (admissions, maintenance, property management, administrative, and resident service duties for 385 public housing households and over 632 Housing Choice Voucher Program participants living in private accommodations.

Liberty Gardens, located off North Levitt Street, is a development of adjacent buildings that offer 180 apartment units. This property was originally built in the 1950's and is currently under reconstruction. New energy efficient units will continue to offer decent, safe housing to low income families with children. Housing available include one, two, three, and four bedroom units, as well as senior housing and handicapped accessibility units. A community center offers tenants an area for group activities. A strong tenant association works together to maintain a safe environment for all who reside there.



Colonial Apartments, these high-rise facilities are designed to meet the needs of those adults that are either elderly or disabled. This quiet setting, overlooking a beautiful pond area, offers many amenities to residents such as complete accessibility, security system to maintain safety, 24-hour emergency maintenance, kitchen appliances, community room area for entertainment, socialization, recreational opportunities, common outdoor patio area with grills, and is located on the city bus line for convenience. Colonial I & II Apartments are located off Floyd Avenue. Colonial I, located at 205 St. Peter's Avenue, was built in 1966 and features 9 efficiencies, 70 one bedroom and 4 two bedroom apartments. Colonial II located at 310 Cottage Street was built in 1972 and contains 99 one-bedroom apartments.



Valentine Apartments, located on Turin Street, is a seven story high rise building that was constructed in 1977 and contains 99 one bedroom furnished units with an electric range and refrigerator. The facility is dedicated to providing decent, safe housing to low-income adults who are elderly or disabled. It offers a community room, laundry facilities, and security - conveniently located on the City Bus Line.



Section 8 - Housing Choice Voucher Program

Funded by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program helps low-income families to rent decent, safe and sanitary housing in the private rental market. Families are responsible for finding their own housing and Section 8 families pay a portion of their monthly income - generally, between 30% and 40%. The difference between the family's portion of the monthly rent and the total rent is paid directly to the owner by Rome Housing Authority.

75% of The City of Rome Public Housing vouchers are allocated to families below 30% average median income and 25% are below 50% of the area median income. 40% of occupancy for public housing by income falls below 30% income, 50% fall below 50% income and 10% fall below 80% area median income.

The average Annual Income for Public Housing occupants is an estimated \$12,820 and \$12,373 for recipients of Section 8 Vouchers. Currently the Section 8 program is closed – they are not accepting applications. At present, there are over 800 individuals and families on waiting lists for Public Housing or Section 8 vouchers.

HUD Review: Each year HUD reviews and scores the housing authority’s Section 8 program management based on 14 different criteria. This score is a reflection of how well the housing authority manages the Section 8 waiting list, the physical quality of housing assisted with Section 8 and the financial management of the program. The housing authority had a high score of 100 in 2009 and a low score of 83 in 2002. The average SEMAP Score for Housing Authorities in New York is 76.39. The Rome Public Housing Authority assessment score for 2016 was 94, making the public housing authority a “High Performer”

Rome Housing Authority has administered the Section 8 program since the 1970's. Currently there are 354 landlords receiving rental assistance checks on behalf of 632 Section 8 families in the City of Rome. The section 8 management score for 2016 was 78, making the section 8 housing voucher program a “Standard Performer.”
(Source President's Open Government Directive/HUD Buffalo Office)

4. Homelessness

HOMELESSNESS	New York
Total	88,250
Sheltered	84,228
Unsheltered	4,022

Source: Point-In-Time Count, January 2015

The majority of homeless individuals in Rome have been adults and on an average given night, there could be approximately 10 unsheltered and 51 sheltered adults and children in/from Rome.

In Rome, homeless families have both emergency and transitional housing options and homeless households with children are most quickly assisted by the Rome Rescue Mission or by Lucy’s House if they are victims of domestic violence. At present Rome has three program options for homeless veterans. Two VA SSVF programs serving Rome veterans and their family members provide outreach and immediate emergency housing and the Rome Housing Authority manages 35 VASH (permanent supportive housing) vouchers for homeless vets and other members of their household.

PROGRAMS

MV Housing and Homeless Coalition

The Coalition’s mission is to prevent and end homelessness in the Mohawk Valley. Their work includes sustaining an inclusive, community wide, system-level planning, program development and program integration process that targets public and private, local, state, and federal resources to the areas of greatest need.



They prioritize and are committed to developing and sustaining programs that have a research base that indicates that they will reduce unnecessary and expensive emergency medical, behavioral health treatment, hospital, and criminal justice system costs. Their vision is that all residents of Oneida, Herkimer, and Madison counties have a safe, decent, affordable home that supports their physical and behavioral health, their social wellbeing, and their economic independence.

Steve Darman, the founder of the coalition, has been the Mohawk Valley Housing and Homeless Coalition's Chair for the past twelve years. This HUD-sanctioned Homeless Coalition – which HUD calls a “Continuum of Care”- is one of the strongest in NY State and has succeeded in attracting over \$40 million in federal and state funding for a wide variety of emergency, transitional, and permanent supportive housing programs serving several thousand homeless and formerly persons and families in Oneida, Madison, and Herkimer Counties, NY.

Emergency Housing for Homeless Persons and Families

The following services are available to Rome residents, but only two are actually located in Rome.

**Requires DSS Referral*

- **Utica Rescue Mission (315) 735-1645**
Emergency housing for adult men; Transitional Housing for adult men in recovery; housing for men and women with a mental health disability.
- ***Emmaus House (315) 797-3339,**
Emergency housing for adult women with/without children.
- ***Johnson Park Center (315) 734-9608**
Emergency housing for families and for adult women with/without children
- **Rome Rescue Mission (315) 337-2516**
Emergency housing for women with/without children & emergency housing for adult men.
- **YWCA Domestic Violence Shelters (315) 797-7740**
Emergency housing for domestic violence victims and their children: Utica and Rome locations.
- **American Red Cross-Utica (315) 733-4666**
Emergency Housing for disaster victims- short term
- **Oneida County Dept. of Social Services (315) 798-3696**
Public assistance and referrals to obtain emergency housing in Oneida County shelters



Transitional Housing (up to 2 years) for Homeless Persons and Families

- **Kids Oneida - Evelyn's House (315) 733-0236**
Transitional housing for pregnant or parenting youth age 16-21
- **YWCA- New Horizons (315) 732-7032**
Transitional and permanent supportive housing for female youth age 16-21
- **YWCA- Willow Commons (315) 724-3924**
Transitional housing for women who are domestic violence victims and their children
- **John Bosco House (315) 733-1506**
John Bosco House Transitional Housing for Homeless Young Men Age 16-21.

Permanent Supportive Housing for Homeless Persons and Families

- **CNY Services, Inc. Shelter Plus Care (315) 732-4202**
Permanent Supportive housing for persons in recovery
- **Johnson Park Center (315) 734-9608**
Permanent Supportive housing for women in recovery, and their children
- **UCP-Dual Recovery Network (315) 266-0627**
Permanent Supportive housing and case management for homeless individuals in recovery
- **Catholic Charities Oneida-Madison (315) 735-7541**
Variety of supportive housing programs for persons with a mental health or substance abuse diagnosis- requires SPOA/A referral- homelessness not required: call 798-5903 for SPOA/A
- **AIDS Community Resources, Inc. (315) 793-0661**
Permanent Supportive Housing for persons with HIV/AIDS

Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Services

- **CNY Veterans Outreach Center (315) 982-7508**
Homeless prevention, rapid re-housing and case management services for veterans and their family members
- **Johnson Park Center (315) 734-9608**
Rapid Re-housing services for City of Utica only (includes security deposit and short term rental assistance)
- **UCP-Dual Recovery Network (315) 266-0627**
Permanent Supportive housing and case management for homeless individuals in recovery
- **MV Community Action Agency, Inc. (315) 624-9930**
Homeless prevention services

Mohawk Valley Point-In-Time Census of Homeless Persons and Households (1/27/2016)

- Sheltered Individuals Only
- Overall, the homeless population in our Continuum of Care has declined in recent years, but the sheltered homeless count is up between 2015 and 2016.
- Our one-day point in time census went up from 182 total persons in 2011 to 200 total persons in 2013 after Recovery Act funds for homelessness prevention and rapid re-housing projects expired in 2012 while the great recession was still affecting our region. The total one-day count went down to 140 total persons in January 2015, but the sheltered homeless count went up in 2016 to 143 (from 123 in the previous year).
- A complete report of our 2015 Sheltered and Unsheltered PIT count results is available at <http://www.mvhomeless.org/researchdatalocal.html>

Highlights of the **2016 Sheltered-Only Point-in-Time Count** relative to the previous year show:

Increases in the number of:

- Unaccompanied homeless youth age 18-24 (from 26 to 40)
- Adult women in shelters (from 13-29)
- Adults with a serious mental illness
- Adult victims of domestic violence

Decreases in the number of:

- Families in emergency housing/shelters (both households and people)
- Chronically homeless persons (under HUD’s new definition of “chronically homeless”)
- There were no major changes this past year in the number of children under age 18 or in the number of sheltered homeless veterans (none in 2015, only 1 in 2016).

E. COMMUNITY PROFILE

1. Federal Government and HUD Investments in the Community

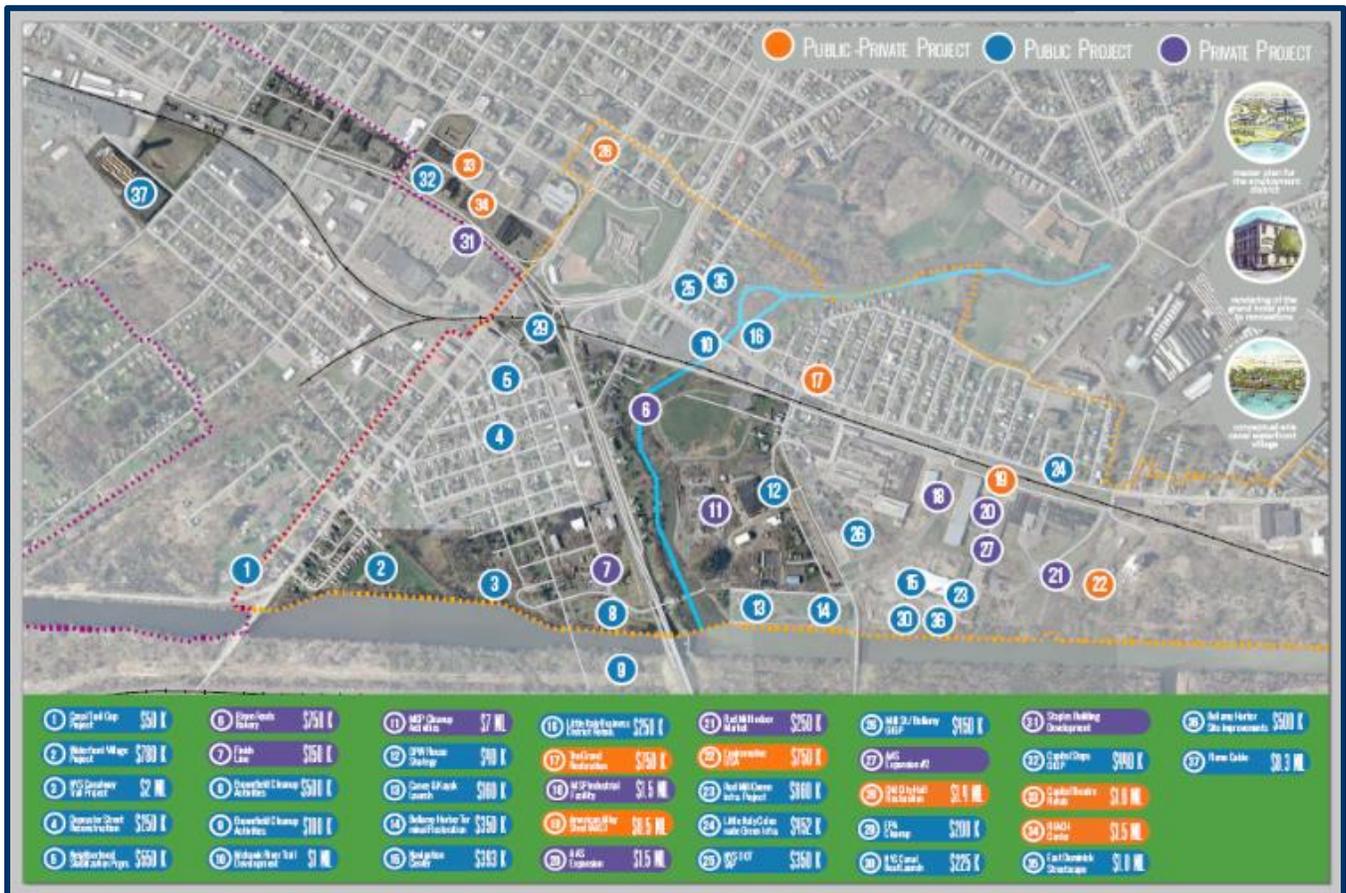
Major HUD & Interagency Initiatives

- Community Needs Assessment
- Mayoral Challenge to End Veteran Homelessness
- NANO Utica Initiative

HUD Funding (2016)

- \$926,572 in CDBG program funds
- \$4.6 million in operating subsidy for the seven elderly and Multifamily Projects in Rome
- \$2.8 million in FHA mortgage insurance for the seven Elderly and Multifamily projects
- \$338,413.00 in operating subsidy for the public housing units
- \$299,026 in capital funds for public housing units
- \$2.4 million in Section 8 Housing voucher subsidies

Other Public/Private Community Investments



2. Community Organizations

Rome has a myriad of programs and organizations to meet the needs of its residents, including but not limited to:

- Welcome Hall
- Mohawk Valley Community Action Agency
- Rome Housing Authority
- Rome City School District
- Mohawk Valley EDGE
- Ava Dorfman Senior Center
- South Rome Senior Center
- Oneida County Department of Social Services
- Working Solutions, One Stop Center
- Mohawk Valley Housing & Homeless Coalition
- Rome Clean & Green
- Rome Chapter American Red Cross
- Rome Family YMCA
- Rome Salvation Army
- Neighborhood Center of Utica, NY, Inc.
- Rome Arts & Community Center
- Office for the Aging
- Griffiss Federal Employee Child Care Group
- Boys and Girls Club
- Rome Rescue Mission
- Catholic Charities of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Syracuse
- Center for Family Life & Recovery
- Hospice Care
- Revolutionary Trails Boy Scouts of America
- Legal Aid Society of Mid-New York
- Senior Citizens Council of Rome
- Upstate Cerebral Palsy
- YMCA of the Greater Tri Valley
- YWCA of the Mohawk Valley
- Rome Marine Corp League
- Central New York Veteran's Outreach Center
- United Way "211" and Literacy Coalition
- Cornell Cooperative Extension Child Care Council
- South Rome and Ava Dorfman Senior Centers
- Community Recovery Center
- Rome Community Foundation
- Dollars for Scholars

COMMUNITY CHALLENGES & OPPORTUNITIES

Language and Cultural Barriers

The influx of refugees has positively affected the region through the stabilization of the population decline in the area following the economic decline experienced by many northeastern rust-belt cities that left vacant buildings, factories, and homes. However, while the region has positively supported the resettlement of refugees, there remain a number of challenges including the cultural gap between the newer refugee and immigrant populations and the indigenous community. Refugees and immigrants face daunting barriers to integration into the community, which include learning English, attaining job skills, as well as navigating a new culture and complex systems necessary to build a new life – and the County and cities face challenges to meet their unique needs.

Oneida County is culturally diverse, and in its largest city Utica, 18.3% of the population is foreign born (2009-2013 American Community Survey 5-year Estimates) and it has one of the highest percentages of refugees of any city in America. The Mohawk Valley Resource Center for Refugees (MVRRCR) has resettled over 15,000 refugees from more than 31 nations since its establishment in 1979. MVRRCR's provides resettlement services for refugee families and those displaced by persecution with a renewed certainty of home and life.

Aging Housing Stock

While Oneida County Health Lead prevention efforts have reduced the number of children with the highest levels of lead poisoning by 72% since 2006, according to DOH statistics, the area still has the most critical lead poisoning problem in the state. Other health issues including higher asthma rates may be related to aging housing conditions and triggered by poor heating and ventilation, mold, single pane windows (that create moisture issues), pest control issues (such as cockroach droppings, mice and rat droppings), dust mites and exposure to other contaminants. All are major concerns in Rome's poorest neighborhoods where over 70% of homes were built before 1950.

Housing Affordability

According to US Census data, an estimated 40.7% of households in Rome have incomes below \$35,000 - they are cost burdened.

Contaminated Properties

Brownfields have increasingly become a greater priority as a steadily improving economy combined with the potential of the NANO Utica initiative has resulted in renewed interest by developers in new retail, commercial and industrial space. The City is spatially constrained with very few greenfields available for new development, making brownfield redevelopment an absolute necessity.



Vacant and Abandoned Housing

More than 300 houses in the city of Rome are in some stage of foreclosure, and roughly, half of those are what officials refer to as "zombie properties. In July 2016, State Senator Joseph A. Griffo of Rome and Assemblyman Anthony Brindisi of Utica announced \$1.5 million in state funding for the demolition of the Woodhaven Housing Complex (former military housing) in Rome. The State’s Economic Transformation Fund will be used to demolish existing abandoned houses in the former Woodhaven development and the former Wright Park Manor housing development, for new housing and potential light retail projects. With the site’s proximity to the Griffiss Park and the newly renovated MVCC campus, this will be an important neighborhood mixed-use redevelopment project for the City of Rome.

Aging Public Infrastructure

Water Systems, parking garages, sidewalks, utilities, trees and other amenities are old and need to be replaced.

Challenging Advanced Education Rates & Educational Attainment

Percentage of estimated population aged 25 years and over	Rome	Oneida County	New York	United States
With at least High school diploma or equivalent and higher	87.9%	87.2%	85.3%	86.3%
High school graduate (includes equivalency) and HS graduate plus some college	68.8%	63.9%	51.8%	57.2%
Bachelor's degree	11.1%	14.0%	19.0%	18.2%
Graduate or professional degree	8.0%	9.3%	14.5%	10.9%

Source: United States Census Bureau American Community Survey 2011-2013 3-Year Estimates.

Median Earnings in Rome

(past 12 months for residents 25+ years)
 Less than High School Graduate: \$16,435
 High School Graduate and GED: \$23,397
 Some College or Associates Degree: \$32,234
 Bachelor’s Degree: \$43,432
 Graduate or Professional Degree: \$62,660

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2011-2015 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

Lack of Soft Skills for Viable Employment

Many new employees, the unemployed or underemployed lack skills necessary to be become resilient, successful, valued employees. Many find it difficult to think critically and creatively, solve problems and make decisions - and very basic skills - proper attire, non-electronic communications, and time management, are foreign to many entering programs.

Health and Wellness Barriers

Support services for those facing addiction and behavior health problems - such as supported housing, crisis services, care coordination and case management, home and community-based services and peer support services – are critical to promoting health and recovery. Regulatory barriers, overuse of emergency services, and the lack of “integrated” accessible healthcare are also major barriers. Historically, there has been very little collaboration so necessary to solve such critical issues.

3. Transportation



Rome is located off New York Interstate 90, with the downtown of the city 9 miles from the thruway exit. Mean Travel time to work for Rome workers age 16+ is 17.8 Minutes The closest major airport is located in Syracuse, NY (Distance: 55 miles).

Passenger Rail Service

Amtrak has train stations in Utica and Rome. The Historic Rome Train Station Building, with an indoor waiting room and restroom, but no on-site ticketing or services, is located at 6599 Martin Street.

Taxi Service

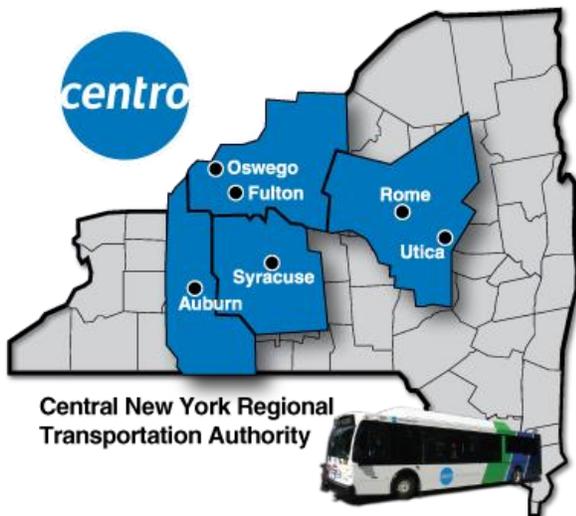
Rome has four taxi/limo services located in the City.

Bus Service

Centro Public Bus Service Transit Center is located at the Liberty George St Parking Garage is the main transfer point for Centro buses serving the City of Rome, including the following locations:

- Rome Train Station
- Ava Dorfman Senior Center
- Griffiss Business and Technology Park
- Mohawk Acres
- Mohawk Glen Medical Center
- Mohawk Valley Community College
- Rome Hospital
- South Rome Senior Center
- Walmart
- Liberty George St Garage
- DFAS

<u>CENTRO BUS FARES</u>	
Adult Fare Adults (10-64)	\$ 1.00
Reduced Fare Children (6-9)	\$ 0.50
Seniors (65+)*	\$ 0.50
Persons with Disabilities*	\$ 0.50
Children (Under 6) **	FREE
*Must show a valid Centro Reduced Fare ID Card or a Medicare card and Photo ID.	
** Must be accompanied by an adult.	
<u>Ride Passes</u>	
Ride Pass - Adult Fare	\$10.00
Ride Pass - Reduced Fare	\$ 5.00
Transfers	FREE



Birnie Bus Service Inc., founded in 1947 has continued to grow at a steady rate, employing 1400 people with a fleet of over 900 school buses. Birnie transports over two million passengers and covers more than 700 million miles annually as the 18th largest bus company in the United States. Now, with 18 locations throughout New York State, the Corporate Headquarters still flourishes in Rome, NY - 36 motor coaches are stationed, and over 300 school buses are maintained. Birnie Bus provides transportation for the Rome City School District and also provides services for tour groups, corporate travel, public transportation and handicapped services.

Bike Share

Positively Rome and Zagster are operating Central New York's first public bike-share program, providing a convenient, affordable and healthy way to get around Rome. 16 cruiser bikes are available at 3 stations for members to use for on-demand for local trips. Riders, who must be 18 or older, join the program by signing up for daily or annual passes via smartphones. Rates for daily pass-holders are \$1 for the first hour, and then \$3 per hour after. Rides for annual pass-holders are free for the first hour and \$3 per hour after. The program provides access to the Mohawk River Trail, downtown business district, and waterfront.



4. Infrastructure

Water & Sewer

The Department of Public Works maintains the water and sewer system in the City of Rome. Water or sewer problems call 315-339-7772 or after hours, emergencies call 315-339-7777

The City of Rome's public water system and sanitary sewer system serves inside and outside districts. The water system has adequate supply capacity and water quality is generally good even prior to treatment. The City's drinking water is in compliance with all applicable State and Federal regulations.

As with any infrastructure in an older community, the City must continue to maintain and upgrade its water & sewer systems as needed; however there are no significant issues or foreseeable limitations resulting from the systems. Though capacity of the infrastructure is not an immediate concern, the age of the equipment is something that will need to be addressed in coming years, particularly to support expanded commercial and industrial activity.

The City's sewer collection system has more immediate needs to address issues along Erie Boulevard West. Older pipes in the collection system require frequent repair. Similar to older systems in other communities around the country, stormwater infiltration and inflow (I&I) remains a significant issue for the City particularly in this area.

Trash & Recycling

Rome City Yard, 132 Race Street, Rome, NY 13440, 315-339-7778
Bliss Environmental Services Inc., 315-339-777

The City's contractor provides collection service to qualified properties within the inside district of the City:

- Collection: Waste is collected between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.
- Holidays: If collection days are changed due to a holiday, an advertisement in the Rome Daily Sentinel for two consecutive days prior to the holiday. The advertisement will appear on page 2, 3 or 4.
- Garbage: Residential properties can place 100 gallons of garbage per residence per week. It must be properly contained and each container cannot exceed 50 pounds. Commercial properties are limited to eight regulation containers per collection.
- Recyclables: All groups of recyclables properly placed out for collection will be collected each week. No limit on the amount placed out for collection.
- Bulk: one bulk item (i.e. couch, mattress, table, refrigerator, car or small truck tire, etc.) will be collected each week. The item must be of weight and size that two adults can carry.
- Construction and Demolition Debris: Residential properties can place one container of construction and demolition debris out for collection per week. Containers cannot weight more than 50 pounds. Lumber or metal cannot exceed 4 feet in length. Any material generated by a contractor is not acceptable.
- Green Waste: The City provides this service during the months of April – October. The start and end dates and specific rules are announced in the Rome Sentinel in the spring and fall.

- **Electronic Waste:** Electronic waste is defined as any corded appliance (lamps, televisions, computers). Residents and businesses can bring e-waste to the Western Transfer Station on Perimeter Road at no charge.

Gas and Electric Utilities

Niagara Mohawk, a National Grid Company, provides natural gas service to the City. To provide needed high pressure to specific industrial sites, Niagara Mohawk works with customers to determine the most appropriate and cost efficient options.

Niagara Mohawk also provides electric power distribution to Rome. The network, with redundant sources, provides more reliable and constant power; a selling point for technology based businesses with sensitive electronic equipment and energy needs. For certain industrial or other special users who require higher delivery voltages, Niagara Mohawk will work with individual customers to study the most suitable and cost efficient options for providing such power. The company also works with local economic development officials to identify opportunity sites for development/redevelopment, and to ensure that special power needs can be met.

Telecommunications

The City of Rome’s telecommunication network includes the availability of fiber optic cable and broadband to most areas. Certain residential neighborhoods could be enhanced with better or faster internet speeds. Wireless internet service in the downtown and waterfront areas should be considered as part of future economic development initiatives.

5. Parks and Recreation

PLAYGROUNDS & PARK FACILITIES

The City of Rome Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Activities operates and maintains twenty five (25) parks, twelve (12) playgrounds, five pools and one civic arena.



Playgrounds

- ✦ Crescent Park
- ✦ Franklyn’s Field
- ✦ Gryziec Field
- ✦ Guyer Field
- ✦ Haselton-Wright Playground
- ✦ Liberty Gardens/Thron Park
- ✦ North Glendale (Eddy) Park
- ✦ Pinti Field
- ✦ Ridgewood Heights
- ✦ Steven’s Field
- ✦ Triangle Park
- ✦ Uvanni Park

Rome Dog Park - Rome’s “Bark Park” is where local dogs come for exercise and socialization. The mission is to support and foster a leash-free, clean and protected area for owners and their canine partners.

Indoor Park at Pinti Field is the Recreation Department’s award-winning facility designed to encourage play and to help stimulate motor, social and psychological development among children ages 1 to 6.

J.F. Kennedy Civic Arena is one of the City of Rome’s most popular venues. Construction began in 1963 and was completed in 1964. – Renovation on the arena started in 2008. The arena hosts figure skating and ice hockey



events, as well as learn to skate programs for area youth. The Arena is home to the Rome Free Academy Varsity Hockey Team, which plays its home games at the 1,200-seat facility. Other users include the Rome Grizzlies, a not-youth hockey organization; a local figure skating club; and various groups and organizations as well as the general public.

City Pools - Rome maintains two full-sized pools and three wading pools for the enjoyment of our citizens. The city pools are generally open five days a week for seven weeks in the summer, starting in late June through mid-August.

PARKS

In addition to award-winning playgrounds, the City of Rome is filled with a wide variety of parks to provide citizens and visitors with the perfect spots to take a walk, enjoy nature, special events or just relax

- Bellamy Harbor Park, located on Race Street along the Erie Canal
- City Hall/Liberty Plaza, located behind City Hall, 198 N. Washington St.
- Dyett Park, 50 acres of land donated to remain forever wild, Turin Road
- Fort Stanwix Park, located in the 500 Block of N. James Street
- Gansevoort Park, historic park located next to St. Peter’s Church, corner of N. James and E. Court Streets
- Veteran’s Park, historic park across the street from Rome City Court, corner of N. James and W. Court Streets
- Vogel Park, beautiful tree-lined circle along N. George Street
- Wiggins Park, small but beautiful with elegant decorative lighting, corner of West Thomas and East Bloomfield Streets

RECREATION FACILITIES

Bellamy Harbor Park & Kayak Launch is a community waterfront park located off East Whitesboro Street in Rome owned by the NYS Canal Corporation. The park is designed to serve residents and travelers along the Erie Canal. It is open from morning to dusk and is well equipped for evening activities and hosts some citywide events during the year. The fully accessible kayak launch is free and open to the public.



Larry Delutis Baseball Field Complex is one of the premier baseball complexes in the Mohawk Valley. DeLutis Field was built and is managed by the Rome Baseball Association. The complex includes two large lighted baseball fields as well as two Little League size baseball fields. The complex hosts high school, American Legion, collegiate and adult baseball as well as youth baseball games

RFA Stadium is one of the area’s best sports facilities for football, soccer, lacrosse, field hockey, or Drums Along the Mohawk, the stadium is host to many of the area’s events. The stadium features lighting for night

events and newly renovated artificial turf and track. The RFA Stadium is owned and operated by the Rome City School District. Contact: Athletic Director Michael Stamboly (315) 338-6500, www.romecsd.org.



The YMCA of the Greater Tri-Valley serves nearly 7,000 members in Rome, Oneida and the surrounding communities. It is a 501(c) 3 charitable non-profit organization and has two primary branches: The Rome branch which was founded in 1871, houses the agency’s administrative offices. The YMCA offers a variety of programs and services to people of all ages: infants, teens, adults, seniors and families. Its facilities are clean, comfortable and include state-of-the-art equipment and friendly, qualified staff members. The YMCA offers the community many different innovative programs, including youth sports, adult sports, swim lessons, adult water exercise, wellness and strength training classes, aerobics, yoga, summer camps, school-aged childcare, senior social adult day care, special events and much more. For membership information, call (315) 336-3500 or visit the YMCA of the Greater Tri-Valley’s website, www.ymcatrivalley.org.

TRAIL SYSTEMS

The Mohawk River Trail (MRT) begins at its southern terminus and trailhead at Bellamy Harbor Park. From there, the trail extends north and connects Rome’s waterfront with historical sites, commercial districts, public services, local schools, city parks, the Griffiss Business and Technology Park, and residential neighborhoods, all while offering a unique multi-use trail recreational experience. The trail offers excellent scenic vistas of the Mohawk River and connects multiple greenways.

The Griffiss International Sculpture Garden and Trail includes 21 pieces of art in the collection at the Griffiss Sculpture Park - a unique outdoor sculpture garden located in an industrial development park in Upstate New York, is located on the grounds of the Griffiss Business and Technology Park.

NYS Canlaway Trail - is a network of approximately 300 miles of multiple-use trails across upstate New York, which follow the towpaths of both active and historic sections of the New York State Canal System as well as adjacent abandoned

Griffiss Business and Technology Park
HOME TO
Griffiss International Sculpture Garden

Transforming a 1,500-acre former Air Force Base into the vibrant business and technology park is a bold vision. A major first with dramatic success. Since 1985, the Park has aligned with its vision to develop its seven zones. It also has been recognized over 70 businesses and over 100 employees in the park.

Griffiss International Sculpture Garden continues to grow and is developing with permission and resources an installation, walking paths, viewing areas, and signage. We are to visit and watch us grow!

www.GriffissBusinessPark.com
www.GriffissSculptureGarden.com

Griffiss Local Development Corporation

EDGE CMVH GPLA SculptureSpace

rail corridors. Major portions of the Canalway Trail follow the legendary Erie Canal route from Buffalo to Albany. Along the way, the Erie Canalway Trail links the cities of Rochester, Syracuse Rome and Utica. Over 75% of the Erie Canalway Trail is completed off-road. The Canal guide by Parks & Trails New York provides recommended on-street links that complete the trail route across the state.

DESTINATIONS

Leisure

- Rome Sand Plains
- Delta Lake State Park
- Rome Sports Hall of Fame
- Trail Systems

Arts, Culture & Education

- Jervis Public Library
- Capitol Theatre
- YMCA Center for the Creative Arts
- Mohawk Valley Community College
- Rome Art & Community Center
- Rome Community Theater
- Artistree Studio and Gallery
- SUNY Poly
- Griffiss Institute

Historic Attractions

- Zion and other Historic Churches
- Oriskany Monument
- Rome Train Station
- Erie Canal Village
- Sears Oil Co. Museum
- Rome Historical Society
- Fort Stanwix National Monument and Marinus Willett Center



6. Health & Care Facilities



Rome Memorial Hospital – An Affiliate of St, Joseph’s Health

1500 N. James Street

<http://www.romehosp.org>

315-338-7000

For more than a century, Rome Hospital has served the historic Central New York community. What began as a small "cottage" hospital - serving 19 patients in 1884, its first year of operation - has evolved into the busy Rome Memorial Hospital it is today. They care for about 6,000 patients a year in 129 acute care beds and are home to 80 residents in a skilled nursing facility. In a year's time, the community's residents make more than 100,000 visits to outpatient facilities for diagnostic testing and treatment. Rome Hospital provides the following services:

- Ambulatory Surgery
- Cancer Care
- Cardiopulmonary
- Community Recovery Center
- Corporate Health
- Emergency Services
- Endoscopy
- Griffiss Surgery Center
- Laboratory
- Lungs4life
- Lymphedema Therapy
- Medical Imaging
- Maternity Care
- Nursing Care
- Nutritional Counseling
- Orthopedics
- Prenatal Care
- Pulmonary Rehabilitation
- Sleep Disorders Center
- Residential Health Care Facility
- Retail Pharmacy
- Senior Behavioral Health
- Short Term Rehabilitation
- Surgery
- Therapy Services
- The Women's Imaging Center
- Wound Care

Oneida County Health Department (Website: www.ocgov.net) - Programs and Services include:

- Cancer Services Program
- Children with Special Healthcare Needs
- Creating Healthy Schools and Communities
- Early Intervention
- Emergency Preparedness
- Health Promotion
- Healthy Neighborhoods Program
- Lead Prevention
- Maternal Child Health
- Physically Handicapped Children's Program
- Immunization, TB, Lead Screening & Rabies Clinics



Community Health Assessment, Community Health Improvement Plan, and Prevention Agenda

Oneida County Community Health Assessment 2013-2017 The Community Health Assessment (CHA) for Oneida County was developed within the framework of the New York State Prevention Agenda and drew upon a variety of data sources, both qualitative and quantitative. Faculty and staff from the Central New York Master of Public Health provided technical support to a team made up of representatives of the Oneida County Health Department, local hospitals and community agencies. This workgroup also included representatives of neighboring Herkimer County because many of the services accessed by residents of Herkimer County, particularly acute care hospital services, are in Oneida County and many community service agencies serve both Herkimer and Oneida Counties.

Oneida County Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) Focus Areas (2014-2017) The Oneida County Health Department (OCHD), Hospitals, and representatives from Community Organizations have met regularly over the last twelve months to plan for the Community Health Assessment and Community Health Improvement

Plan. The health department facilitated the planning group and worked collaboratively with a team of professors and students from Syracuse University. The planning group hosted a large community forum with over sixty stakeholders, and collected information on community strengths, weaknesses, and priority areas for improvement. The planning group continued to meet monthly to discuss the data, community input, and priorities. Collectively, they identified two focus areas for the next four years – to reduce smoking and increase breastfeeding.

- Close to a quarter of adults (24%) in Oneida County smoke, compared to 16.8% for New York State.
- Fewer infants are exclusively breastfed in the hospitals in Oneida County as compared to other NYS Counties.
- Less than a quarter (15%) of Oneida County WIC infants are breastfed at least 6 months.

Prevention Agenda 2013-2018: New York State's Health Improvement Plan

The Prevention Agenda 2013-2018 is the blueprint for state and local action to improve the health of New Yorkers in five priority areas and to reduce health disparities for racial, ethnic, disability, and low socioeconomic groups, as well as other populations who experience them.

Child Care - **Child Care Council of Cornell Cooperative Extension** educates parents and families by providing information and a comprehensive list of New York State regulated childcare programs in Herkimer, Madison, and Oneida counties. Their referral specialists match child care needs to local licensed/registered child care programs (near their homes or work) and they provide information and education on how to select the child care program that will best meet their family's needs.

Rome Nursing Home Facilities

- Rome Memorial Hospital
- The Grand Rehabilitation and Nursing
- Barton Place
- The Terrace at Woodland
- Colonial Park
- Bethany Gardens
- Betsy Ross Nursing Home

Methadone Clinic and Opioid Treatment

The Beacon Center is, 303 W. Liberty St., opened in 2017 to combat the heroin epidemic in Rome and beyond. The program focuses on medication assisted therapy for opioid dependence in a judgment-free environment, allowing the patient to make and maintain long-term behavioral changes without suffering major withdrawal symptoms or further medical consequences, according to the Beacon Center website.

F. EDUCATION PROFILE

1. Public and Private Schools

Rome City School District

<http://www.romecsd.org/contact>

Rome City School District Office: 315-338-6500

Superintendent's Office: 315-338-6521

409 Bell Road

The District offers a wide range of programs and services, including Advanced Placement and college level courses. Rome has one high school, six elementary schools serving grades K-4, one upper elementary school for grades 5-6, and one middle school for grades 7-8. There are two Early Childhood Programs, pre-kindergarten and Forever Growing. The District is currently undertaking a \$30 million capital project to renovate and upgrade five elementary schools



Rome Free Academy (grades 9-12), one of 17 free-academies formed in the 1860s, was one of the first public schools in upstate New York. In 2002, a new Rome Free Academy opened on the Griffiss Business and Technology Park. The modern facility currently enrolls about 1,454 students, with an estimated capacity of 2,100 students. The district serves approximately 5,600 students. Ninety-one percent (91%) of graduating students pursue higher education at four- and two-year colleges.
(Source: Graphic Rome City School District website)

Rome Free Academy
 High School
 (9-12, 1454 students)
 95 Dart Circle
 Phone: 315-334-7203

Early Childhood Programs
 Forever Growing/
 Pre-K, 409 Bell Road
 Phone: 315-334-1250

Francis Bellamy
 Elementary School (KG-4)
 7118 Brennon Avenue
 Phone: 315-338-5260

Gansevoort
 Elementary School (KG-4)
 758 West Liberty Street
 Phone: 315-334-5180

John E. Joy
 Elementary School (KG-4)
 8194 Beilby Road
 Phone: 315-334-1260

Louis V. Denti
 Elementary School (KG-4)
 1001 Ruby Street
 Phone: 315-338-5360

Lyndon H. Strough
 Middle School (7-8)
 801 Laurel Street
 Phone: 315-338-5202

Ridge Mills
 Elementary School (KG-4)
 7841 Ridge Mills Road
 Phone: 315-334-1280

George R. Staley
 Upper Elementary School (5-6)
 620 E. Bloomfield Street
 Phone: 315-338-530

Stokes
 Elementary School (KG-4)
 9095 Turin Road
 Phone: 315-334-1220



Local Private School Options

Rome Catholic School is a private school that encompasses Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 6. Tuition is required
 400 Floyd Avenue, Rome, NY Phone: 336-6190

Notre Dame is an independent and private school system that encompasses Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 12, including Universal Pre-K and Montessori Pre-K to more than 400 students. Tuition is required

Notre Dame - Elementary School
 11 Barton Ave, Utica, NY 13502, Phone: 315-732-4374

Notre Dame - High School
 2 Notre Dame Lane, Utica, NY 13502, Phone: (315) 724-5118

Rome School District Points of Pride

- Fifth and sixth grade chorus, band, and orchestra programs are the largest in Oneida County.
- 20 Advanced Placement College credit courses are offered, one of the highest in the area.
- More than half of juniors and seniors are enrolled in college credit courses - students can graduate from RFA with enough credits to begin their sophomore year in college.
- 91% of graduates attend either a two-year or four-year college and Mohawk Valley Community College offers free tuition to the top 10 % of our graduating class.
- The district showcases a \$45 million state-of-the-art high school at Rome Free Academy (RFA) located on the Griffiss Business and Technology Park campus. Visitors have described RFA as “the finest high school facility between Buffalo and Albany.”
- Rome City School District provides families with free innovative Early Childhood programs. Currently serving more than 300 children in both general and special education settings.
- Rome’s average class size Pre-K to 12 is 21.
- The 2015 RFA VEX Robotics Team was world ranked in the top 3%.
- Staley students are National Champions in Dimension U Math Tournaments - virtual adventures to help reinforce math skills.
- Rome has 33 sports, 70 Interscholastic Teams (modified, freshmen, JV and varsity).

Oneida Herkimer Madison BOCES - Board of Cooperative Education Services

- Adult and Continuing Education
- Alternative and Special Education
- Career and Technical Education
- Early Childhood
- Management Services
- Mohawk Regional Information Center
- Staff and Curriculum Development

2. Colleges and Universities



- Mohawk Valley Community College & Educational Opportunity Center
- State University of New York Polytechnic Institute
- Utica College
- Pratt at Munson Williams Proctor Art Institute
- St. Elizabeth College of Nursing
- Colgate University
- Hamilton College
- Herkimer County Community College
- Morrisville State College

MVCC - The Rome Campus offers eight unique programs, including several hospitality programs, Surgical Technology, and the Airframe and Powerplant Technology program, which also operates at the Griffiss Business and Technology Park where students receive practical hands-on training on such aircraft as the Boeing 727-100 and Gulfstream V. The Rome Campus is currently the site of a 48,000-square-foot renovation and construction project.

G. DATA SOURCES

- Council for Community and Economic Research
- Oneida County Community Health Report
- Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Uniform Crime Reporting Statistics
- Mohawk Valley Community Action Program Needs Assessment
- Mohawk Valley Housing and Homeless Coalition (CoC)
- Mohawk Valley Regional Economic Development Council
- Mohawk Valley EDGE
- New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services
- New York State Education Department: School Report Card
- New York State Department of Labor
- Rome Chamber of Commerce
- Rome City School District
- U.S. Census Bureau, U.S. Department of Commerce, U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Envirofacts
- Rome Sentinel & City of Rome

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