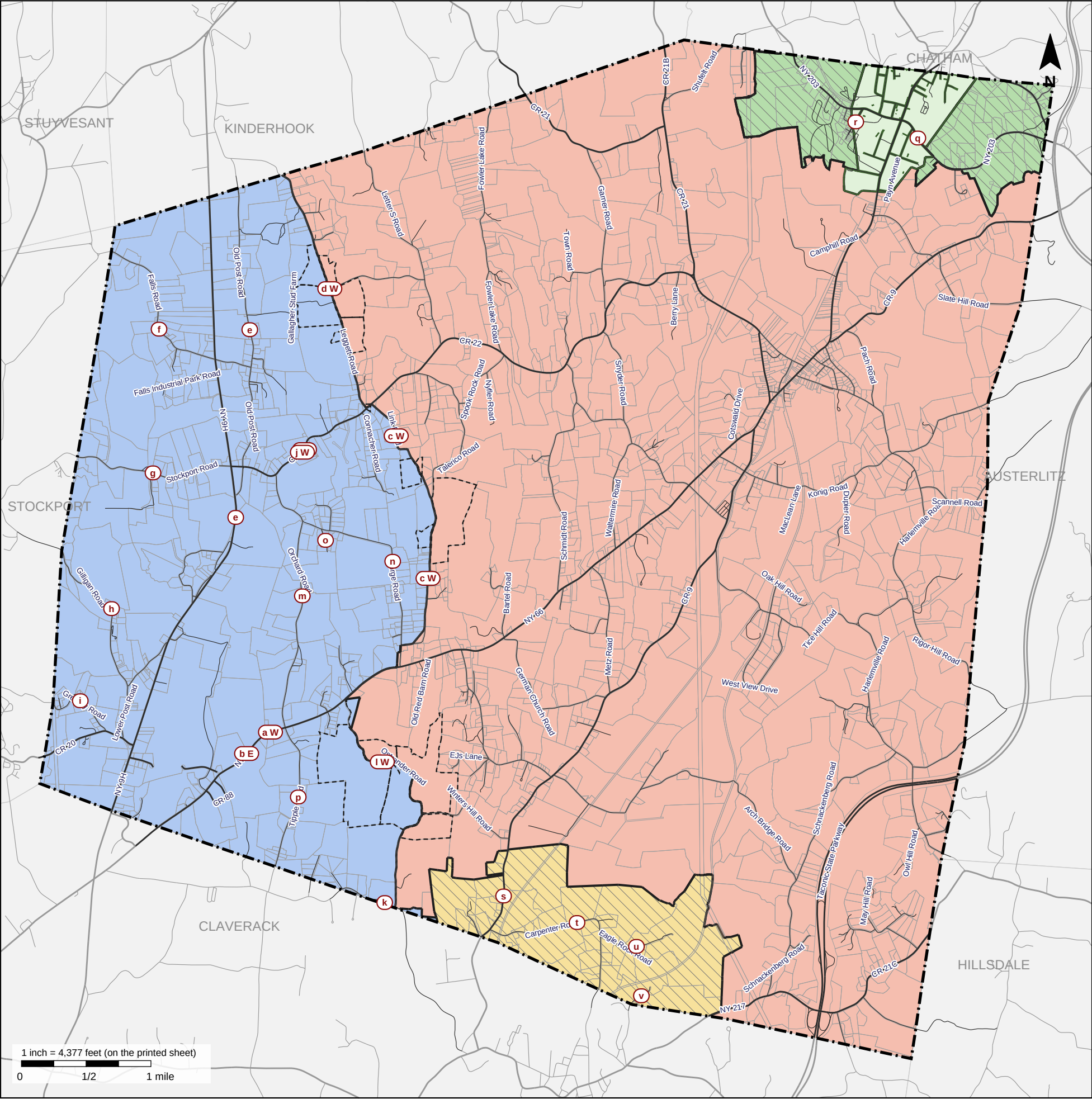


Fire Protection Districts, Town of Ghent, Columbia County, New York

From the Town of Ghent's 2026 fire protection contracts. Built 2026-10-20. DRAFT: Chatham and Mellenville are provisional (hatched) until their maps are found.

Letters on the roads are the Ghent contract's items (West Ghent's items i to xvi are the same text as a to p); W / E = the side of the road the item names. Contract text: page 2.



- Ghent Volunteer Fire Co. No. 1 (18,954 acres)**
Ghent contract 1: all areas of the town outside the Village other than items a to w
- West Ghent Volunteer Fire Co. (7,643 acres)**
West Ghent contract items i to xvi (= Ghent contract exclusions a to p)
- Chatham Fire Protection District No. 2 (Village of Chatham Fire Department) (775 acres) PROVISIONAL**
Ghent contract exclusions q (Route 203) and r (Houseman Avenue); the Chatham contract's map is missing
- Mellenville Fire District (1,110 acres) PROVISIONAL**
Ghent contract exclusions s to v (County Route 9 south of Starks Farm, Carpenter, Eagle Rock, Eagle Street); no contract with Ghent
- Village of Chatham (village fire department) (394 acres)**
Ghent contract 1 (outside of the Village of Chatham) and item w
- district line
- town line
- lot cut by a district road (the road is the line; the assessor decides how to code it)
- contract item on that road (here: item c, the west side of Talerico Road)

How the lines were drawn: where an item names a side of a road the line is the road's centerline; where it names a road only, the area takes the lots on that road and the lots enclosed by them, so the line follows back lot lines. Everything the Ghent list does not exclude is Ghent's. Road strips are split down the middle. Sources: Columbia County tax parcels and town boundaries, NYS street centerlines, the 2026 contracts. Accuracy is that of the tax maps; this is a service-area map, not a survey. Rebuilt by gis/fire_districts.py; the parcel table is fire_districts_2026-10-20.xlsx.

The contract text (word for word) and how each line was drawn

Built 2026-10-20 from: Proposed Ghent Vol. Fire Co. Contract - 2026.pdf, Proposed West Ghent Fire Contract - 2026.pdf, Proposed Chatham Fire Contract - 2026.pdf (the copies posted on townofghent.org with the 2026 hearing notice).

Contract for Fire Protection, Town of Ghent and Ghent Volunteer Fire Company No. 1, Inc. (2026, proposed)

Ghent Volunteer Fire Company No. 1, Inc. (hereinafter the "Fire Company"), hereby undertakes to furnish fire protection to a portion of the Fire Protection District of the Town of Ghent described below, upon the following terms and conditions:

1. The said Fire Company shall, during the period of this Contract, answer and attend upon all calls of fire or other emergency occurring in all areas of the Town of Ghent, (outside of the Village of Chatham) other than in the following areas:		
a.	From the George Road, New York State Route 66 intersection, south on the west side of New York State Route 66 to the Ghent/Claverack town line.	West Ghent (its item i)
b.	From Ostrander Road south on the east side of New York Route 66 to the Ghent/Claverack town line.	West Ghent (its item ii)
c.	The west side of Talarico Road; thence proceeding on the west side of Link Road to County Route 22.	West Ghent (its item iii)
d.	The west side of Leggett Road to the Kinderhook town line.	West Ghent (its item iv)
e.	Old Post Road and Route 9H from the Kinderhook town line to the Claverack town line.	West Ghent (its item v)
f.	From Falls Road to Yeager property (Stuyvesant Falls line).	West Ghent (its item vi)
g.	From Stockport Road to Stockport town line.	West Ghent (its item vii)
h.	From Gilligan Road to Stockport town line.	West Ghent (its item viii)
i.	From Gregory Road to Town line.	West Ghent (its item ix)
j.	The east side of County Route 22 from New York State Route 9H to Link Road and the west side of Route 22 from New York State Route 9H to Leggett Road.	West Ghent (its item x)
k.	Gahbauer Road.	West Ghent (its item xi)
l.	The west side of Ostrander Road from Route 66 to Winter Hill Road.	West Ghent (its item xii)
m.	Orchard Road.	West Ghent (its item xiii)
n.	George Road.	West Ghent (its item xiv)
o.	Ben Ganson Road.	West Ghent (its item xv)
p.	Tipple Road.	West Ghent (its item xvi)
q.	New York State Route 203 from the Ghent/Kinderhook town line to the Ghent/Austerlitz town line.	Chatham
r.	Houseman Avenue (outside of the Village of Chatham).	Chatham
s.	County Route 9 (Ghent-Mellenville Road) from Starks Farm south to the Ghent/Claverack town line.	Mellenville
t.	Carpenter Road.	Mellenville
u.	Eagle Rock Road.	Mellenville
v.	Eagle Street (Philmont).	Mellenville
w.	Village of Chatham (within the Town of Ghent).	Village of Chatham

Contract for Fire Protection, Town of Ghent and West Ghent Volunteer Fire Company (2026, proposed)

West Ghent Volunteer Fire Company hereby undertakes to furnish fire protection to a portion of the Fire Protection District of the Town of Ghent described below, upon the following terms and conditions:

1. The said West Ghent Volunteer Fire Company shall, during the period of this Contract, answer and attend upon all calls of fire or other emergency occurring in the following areas of the Town of Ghent:

Items i to xvi follow, word for word the same as the Ghent contract's items a to p above (i = a, ii = b, ... xvi = p).

Fire Protection Contract, Town Board of the Town of Ghent and Board of Trustees of the Village of Chatham (2026, proposed)

WHEREAS, there has been duly established partly in the said Town of Ghent a Fire Protection District known as CHATHAM FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 2, embracing in part territory in said Town, as such territory is more fully described in the Resolution establishing such District; and

4. The territory covered by this Agreement is set forth in the Resolution establishing Chatham Fire Protection District No. 2. A copy of the map showing the general area covered is annexed.

No map is attached to the posted contract. Until the map or the establishing resolution is found, Chatham's area here is the Ghent contract's exclusions q and r.

How the lines were drawn

A lot is in an item's area when it fronts the named road on the named side and stretch. West side = the left side driving the road from its south end to its north end (Route 66 and County Route 22 run northeast, so their west side is the northwest side). Corner lots go by their address road. Lots on roads the contracts do not name take the district around them. Everything else is Ghent's (item 1: all areas other than the list). A lot on both sides of a district road is cut at the road (the building inspector's ruling, 2026-10-20). **Mellenville** is the Ghent exclusions s to v (Mellenville has no contract with Ghent); "Starks Farm" is read as 300 County Route 9 (102.-1-30.1), sold by John and Carolyn Stark in 2011.

Lots the district lines cut (acres in each district)

SBL	Address	Parts
74.-1-25	190 Leggett Rd	West Ghent 60.27, Ghent 38.36
74.-1-26.112	134 Leggett Rd	Ghent 24.37, West Ghent 4.22
74.-1-37	4 Leggett Rd	West Ghent 0.45, Ghent 0.40
74.-1-6.12	Leggett Rd	West Ghent 25.32, Ghent 11.71
83.-1-26	144 Link Rd	West Ghent 17.57, Ghent 2.52
83.-1-55.100	331 Talerico Rd	Ghent 98.34, West Ghent 9.64
92.-2-49.3	114 Ostrander Rd	West Ghent 179.19, Ghent 24.84
92.-2-51	300 Ostrander Rd	Ghent 141.61, West Ghent 63.17

The road centerline is the district line; how to code a split lot on the roll is the assessor's decision.

Points the text leaves open

Item q: Route 203 never meets the Ghent/Kinderhook town line (in Ghent it runs from the Town of Chatham line at the Village to the Austerlitz line). Item f: Falls Road ends at the Stockport line, not Stuyvesant's; no "Yeager property" is in the owner or sale records near it, so all of Falls Road is taken. Item l stops at Winters Hill Road and no line is given from there to the Claverack line. The full list, with the lots each point moves, is in the workbook's Inconsistencies and Calls sheets.