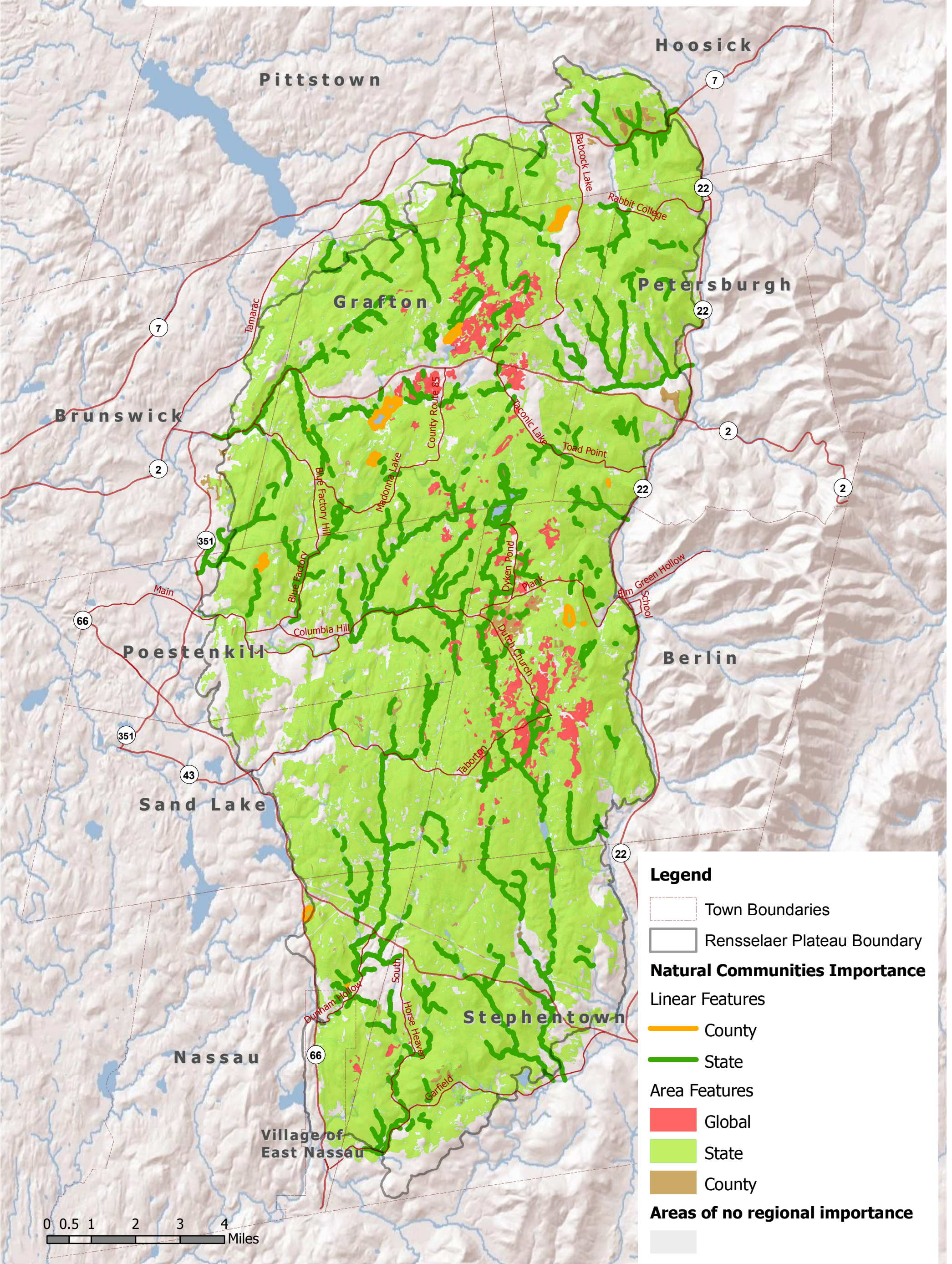


Natural communities represent specific plant and animal habitat types that repeat across a landscape or large region. They range from small-scale features like a spring to matrix forest types that blanket large areas of the Plateau like hemlock-northern hardwood forest. This map displays important occurrences of natural communities that have been identified from among the 63 type delineated on the comprehensive plateau database. Many exemplary sites for natural community types are also outstanding within our Eastern New York bioregion. The large number of important examples for the Plateau reflects its regional importance as an intact forest landscape with high ecological integrity.



**Important Natural Communities**

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